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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2020



Dig Deeper Summer Reading Program May 14 - July 4



Who's ready to dig deeper with summer reading? This year we have decided to utilize an online tracker with READSQUARED AND we've opened it to all ages (Including adults)! Our eight weeks of events will begin May 14th, but registration is open now:

<http://rochesterlibrary.readsquared.com/>

To use the app with your Apple devices: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/readsquared/id1455248996>

To use the app with your Google Play compatible devices: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.readsquared.R2&hl=en_US

Opening June 1st



We care about the safety and well-being of our patrons and staff. While we have been closed we have worked to develop and implement a plan to open our building to ensure social distancing and restrictions to keep everyone safe. As per the governor's Restore Illinois Plan, as our Central Illinois region enters Phase 3 the Rochester Public Library District will open our building on Monday, June 1st. Proactive measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including where possible:

- Designate six-foot distances. The library now has vinyl floor signage at the circulation desk. We have also installed plex glass barrier guards at our circulation desk.
- Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products. The library will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant products readily available for employees and patrons.
- Elderly and vulnerable populations. The library asks that patrons call when they are in the parking lot for curbside pickup of materials.
- Online and remote access. Posting online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.
- Face Coverings and PPE. The Library is providing employees with appropriate face coverings and requiring that employees wear face coverings where maintaining a six-foot social distance is not possible at all times. Staff will also be provided with disposable gloves for handling materials.
- Deep Cleaning of the Library – Deep cleaning of the library will happen prior to our opening date. Additional weekly sanitation cleaning will happen during this phase.

Opening the Rochester Public Library June 1, 2020 with the following restrictions.

- Library Building Hours of Operation. We will be open 10:00am-6:00pm Monday through Thursday and 9-5 on Friday until the pandemic virus numbers decline.
- Patrons will be required to wear masks while in the building.
- Reciprocal Borrowing. IHLS Delivery is still suspended so there will not be interlibrary loans.
- Returned Materials. All items returned will be quarantined for 48 hours before checking them in.
- Gatherings of 10 or less. We will limit the number of patrons in the building 10.
- Patron Use Computers. No access to patron use computers during this phase.
- Newspapers. No patron access to in-house use newspapers during this phase.
- Coffee Bar. No patron access to the Coffee bar which will be removed during this phase.
- Toys in the youth area. No shareable toys will be placed in the youth area.
- In-House Programs. No in-house programs will take place until the county is in phase 4 (groups of 50) per the governor's Restore Illinois plan.

Online Summer Reading Performers

All of our performances will be available online only this year due to Covid-19. Please refer to our website, Read Squared, or our Facebook page for the links. All of the videos will be available until July 4th.

May 14th — Wild Times Exotics

May 18th — Juggling Jeff The Family Friendly Juggling Jeff Comedy Show is full of explosive energy, audience interaction, improvisation, silly stunts, utter ridiculousness and a bit of juggling! Jeff Koziatek is an award winning international performer who has appeared in over 4000 shows across the country. Now he's virtual! Tune in and have an outstandingly awesome, amazing good time with Jeff!

May 25th — Absolute Science

June 1st — Mr. Taylor Sings Literacy Contest Join Mr. Taylor as he shares his love of reading, music and exploration as he "Digs Deeper" into books through silly songs and stories. This literacy based concert is fun and will get kids excited about reading.

June 8th — Leonardo Bring your dancing shoes and air guitar moves.. it's time to go **ROCKIN' and READING** with **LEONARDO**. He is a Parents' Choice Award winning family musician performing a humorous high energy musical program that inspires little rockers to become big readers! This highly interactive performance has plenty of sing-a-longs and dance moves to inspire imagination, creativity and a love of reading in audiences of all ages and abilities.

June 15th — Bubble Show hosted by Absolute Science.

New Day!

Sundays from 12:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.

May 31st—September 27th

Customers have the option of contacting vendors directly for pre-order pick ups! Check out our Facebook page for vendor information to contact them and order ahead, or come shop with us outdoors in our parking lot! Restrictions will be in place - see our Facebook page for updates.



Some may say that I am prejudice when it comes to the library and all the efforts Janet and her staff have been accomplishing in this strange and unprecedented time. They supported the schools e-learning by purchasing additional Wi-Fi hot spots, creating support programs for all grade levels that were recognized by Facebook, using the 3D Printer to help Memorial Hospital, providing numerous e-books for new readers, and answering (from home) the questions of patrons, etc. etc.

All this was done while keeping the day-to-day efforts of the library up to date with an eye on being ready to open when the day comes when we can reopen. We are all looking forward to again smiling and greeting our library users. Keep the faith! And stay healthy.

Fred Roese
Proud President of the Library

What we've been working on...

- Since the closure of the library, we have added 15 new Sprint WiFi Hotspots.
- Staff have been printing ear savers for the local hospitals on our 3D Printer.
- FitBit Inspire HR, from the Network of Libraries of Medicine grant are now available for checkout.
- New online resources on our website.



- <http://www.rochesterlibrary.org/covid-19/>
- <http://www.rochesterlibrary.org/at-home-education-2/>
- <http://www.rochesterlibrary.org/careerresources/>



The Youth Services department was awarded a grant from Dollar General in the amount of **\$2,000** to be used for Summer Reading!



Patrons are able to come to the library and "check-out" seeds at no cost to them. After you grow the vegetable or flower, we ask that you harvest the seeds, keep some of the seeds to plant next year and return some to the library. We will then place them back into the collection for other patrons to "check-out."

YOUTH SERVICES



STORYTIME

Toddler Time Live

Mondays from 10:10 - 10:30 a.m.

This storytime is for kids aged 19-35 months with an adult. Siblings are welcome as well! This energetic storytime is just right for your tot. No registration required. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

June: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

July: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

August: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st

Baby Lapsit Live

Thursdays from 10:10 - 10:30 a.m.

Lapsit storytime is for kids aged 0-18 months. Join us for songs, simple stories, movements, and play. No registration required. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

June: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

July: 2nd, 8th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

August: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Morning Storytime Live

Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Morning Storytime is for children aged 2-5 years old. We have fun listening to stories, singing songs, making simple crafts, and sensory play. No registration required. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

June- 3rd — *Healthcare Worker* | 10th — *Grocery Worker* | 17th — *Father's Day* | 24th — *Garbage Worker*

July- 1st — *Postal Worker* | 8th — *Police Officer* | 15th — *Firefighters* | 22nd — *Trucks and Buses*

NO STORYTIME IN AUGUST.

Every Tuesday via Zoom!

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BOUND BY YARN

EVERY TUESDAY @ 6 p.m.

To join our weekly Zoom crochet/knit along message the library on our Facebook page and we will send you a link every week to join us. We will be making hearts for loved ones.



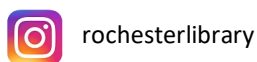
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Tuesday: 10a.m.—6 p.m.
Wednesday: 10a.m.—6 p.m.
Thursday: 10a.m.—6 p.m.
Friday: 9a.m.—5 p.m.
Saturday: CLOSED
Sunday: CLOSED

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CLOSURES

July 3rd & 4th — Independence Day

OPENING JUNE 1ST

SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

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