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public library district



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DECEMBER 2020, JANUARY, FEBRUARY '21

## Reindeer for Rochester



The Rochester Public Library is humbled to partner with the Rochester Schools' Parent Teacher Organization for a new, local, charitable cause. All donations for Reindeer for Rochester will bene-

fit those in need directly in the community. If you are in need this winter please email [adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org](mailto:adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org) for an application (deadline December 8th) or if you would like to donate please email [tgsutter1@gmail.com](mailto:tgsutter1@gmail.com) for an updated wish list (deadline December 12th).

*The library was awarded a \$500 grant from the Illinois Secretary of State in support of Patron and Staff Safety During a Pandemic for PPE, to be used in 2021.*

## Holiday Book Boxes



Get in the holiday spirit with our book box! You'll receive a personalized package with a surprise book, DVD, and CD, as well as some treats to enjoy with your entertainment. Book Boxes are available for all ages. Just fill out a request form (available both electronically and physically at the circulation desk) and we'll notify you when it's available for pickup. Keep the treats, just return the library items and the box! Ends **Friday, December 18th**.

## VIRTUAL FAMILY TRIVIA

Saturday, January 16 @ 1:00 p.m.

Step through the wardrobe into a world of magic, mythical beasts, and talking animals. Test your knowledge as one of

Aslan's warriors of Narnia in this well-known fantasy series. Our top three families will win a treat!

\*Registration required

[Register](#)



## Sojourn Peace Tree

All of the peace "ornaments" list an item needed at Sojourn Shelter such as PPE, supplies for the shelter, or gifts for our clients. Take a peace ornament and purchase the item. ALL items must be NEW. Return the purchased item unwrapped to the tree. Donations will be accepted until December 16th.



# THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge those who helped sponsor the Rochester Fall Festival. Thank you for helping make this event a success!

- ◆ Friends of RPLD
- ◆ The Strick Family
- ◆ Russ Ramsey—State Farm

## Honoring Fred Roese Rochester Library Board President

Kind, thoughtful, committed, and a true servant to the Library and community--this was Fred Roese. Serving on the Rochester Library Board for five years, Fred was a



tireless advocate for the Rochester Library who knew what an important role the Library plays in the Rochester community. The Rochester Library would like to continue to honor and remember Fred through the creation of a virtual memorial wall. Please visit the wall at <https://www.forevermissed.com/fredroese> and share your favorite Fred story. The Rochester Library Staff, Friends of the Rochester Library and Rochester Library Board miss his energy, welcoming smile, and how he saw himself as serving the Rochester community by seeing the endless potential the Rochester Library has to serve so many. Rest in Peace Fred.

# Adult Programs

## Crafts

Find our TikTok account @RochesterLibrary for instructions

**Winter Wreath—Craft Bags—** Supplies available December 7<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup>

**Reverse Canvas—Craft Bags—** Supplies available December 14<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup>

Follow our Facebook Page for more take-home craft bag releases!

## RULES OF THE ROAD

Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> | 1:30– 3:30 p.m.

Rochester Community Room | Registration Required |

Time & Date subject to change due to Covid-19.

[Register](#)



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has helped low-to-moderate income individuals for more than 40 years in every state and the District of Columbia. The Tax-Aide is offered in cooperation with the IRS.

**The Rochester Public Library will start taking (socially distanced) appointments on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please call 217-498-8454 to register.**

\*Please note that living in uncertain times can cause your appointment to be canceled or postponed, so have a backup plan!



Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> | 3:30—6:00 p.m.

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be on site with their Bloodmobile. To schedule an appointment please call the Community Blood Center at (217) 241-7550 or register online at [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org)  
Blood donation appointments will not be canceled due to COVID-19 flares in the area.

## Emerging Adult Virtual Class

### Adulting 101: Financial Independence

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> | 1:00 p.m.

Registration required by 1/8/21 at 5pm.

In this virtual class you will learn how to...

- Make a suitable budget for your income
- Open a bank account at the best bank for you
- Save while you shop
- Save for and maintain large purchases

[Register](#)

### Renting your First Home

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> | 1:00 p.m.

Registration required by 2/5/21 at 5pm.

In this virtual class you will learn how...

- To figure out what you can reasonably afford without being "house poor"
- How much you should save up before moving out!
- Important home purchases
- Items to always keep well stocked in your home

[Register](#)

## National Ugly Sweater Day

Send photos of you in your favorite ugly sweater by **December 17<sup>th</sup>** to [adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org](mailto:adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org) to have your photo shown off on our bulletin board!



All book clubs will be held on Zoom until further notice. Please email Jazmyn at [adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org](mailto:adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org) for the Zoom link!

### Day Book Club 10:30 a.m.:

Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, *Days Without End* by Sebastian Barry

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, *The Queen of Hearts* by Kimmerly Martin

### Evening Book Club 6:30 p.m.:

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, *The Other Einstein* by Heather Terrell

Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

## Black History Month 2021 Choices

### Books:

*We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For* by Alice Walker  
*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker  
*Stamped From the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi  
*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

### Movies:

*Rooted*  
*The Butler*  
*13th*  
*Malcolm X*  
*Hidden Figures*  
*Selma*



# Family Programs

## Holiday Diorama Showcase



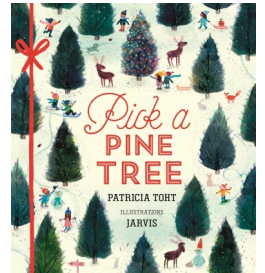
Join us in creating a diorama about your favorite holiday! We will have them on display in the library and on our website for the community to enjoy. We will begin accepting them on December 7th. The last day to turn one in will be on December 30th. We will hand out a winter cozy kit for everyone who participates.

## Holiday Story Walk



Come out to the library and enjoy our StoryWalk® featuring the book *Pick a Pine Tree* by Patricia Toht. Follow our story around the library ending in the back where your little one will find a magical Holiday themed garden complete with a take home surprise. The walk will be open for three weeks beginning **December 4th through December 24th**. Several Rochester businesses have made this possible by donating decorated trees and goodies for your little ones to take home.

Thank you to: Cocoa Blue, The Alibi, Jack's Auto Body, Operation Hometown Santa, Rochester State Bank, Rochester True Value, Twin Bee Apiaries, Bank and Trust, Hubbell's Grove, AGM Graphics & Media, Cooper Jets 4H, Girl Scouts of America



## 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.

**December:** 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
**January:** 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
**February:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>



### 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.

**December:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>  
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## 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.

**December-** 2<sup>nd</sup> — Sign Language | 9<sup>th</sup> — Silly Books | 16<sup>th</sup> — Airplanes | 23<sup>rd</sup> — Winter Holidays | 30<sup>th</sup> — New Years

**January-** 6<sup>th</sup> — Cookies | 13<sup>th</sup> — Dress up your pet | 20<sup>th</sup> — Penguins | 27<sup>th</sup> — Library Shelfie Day

**February-** 3<sup>rd</sup> — Sports | 10<sup>th</sup> — Rain | 17<sup>th</sup> — Doughnuts | 24<sup>th</sup> — Chips & Salsa



# YOUTH SERVICES Homeschool Day Programs



REGISTRATION REQUIRED—NO EXCEPTIONS

These programs will be held in an online format using Zoom. The kits will be available to pick up at the library the week before the program. Registration is required. 20 participants max.

This newsletter cycle we will be focusing on Native Americans using history pockets to organize the different tribes. History pockets make learning fun by using arts and crafts, picture dictionaries, and short reading booklets in order to incorporate different learning styles.

### Native Americans

Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00—2:00 p.m.

This pocket will give each student a brief background of the tribes of North America.

[Register](#)

### The Inuit of the Arctic

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00—2:00 p.m.

This pocket will discuss the life of the Inuit tribes of the Arctic.

[Register](#)

### The Tlingit of the Northwest

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00—2:00 p.m.

This pocket will discuss the life of the Tlingit of the Northwest.

[Register](#)



Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics

These programs will be held in an online format using Zoom. The kits will be available to pick up at the library the week before the program. Registration is required 20 participants max.



The Illinois State Treasurer's Money Minded curriculum ties into the Social Studies theme of "Families, Neighborhoods, and Communities." By the end of the lessons, students should be able to explain how money can be spent or saved on goods and services and learn how choices can have both positive and negative impacts on their lives.

### History of Money

[Register](#)

Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00—5:00 p.m.

### Workers in my Community

[Register](#)

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00—5:00 p.m.

### I Want That

[Register](#)

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00—5:00 p.m.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

(For ages 13-19 unless otherwise specified)



Please contact Denise Rainford:  
[youth.services@rochesterlibrary.org](mailto:youth.services@rochesterlibrary.org)  
for more information.

The library is Hosting Poetry Out Loud this year. We will meet weekly via Zoom to practice for no longer than an hour. We will discuss how to memorize the poems and discuss the elements of a successful recitation. **\*Homeschool Students Only\***

### *Student Eligibility*

- **Grade Level:** Only currently enrolled students in grades 9-12 are eligible, with an exception made for 8th -grade students participating in a 9th- through 12th-grade class.
- **State Finals:** A student may not advance to the state finals without competing in a lower-level competition.
- **Legal Participation Requirements:** No student may be excluded from participating in Poetry Out Loud on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.

Poetry Out Loud begins at a classroom level. Winners advance to a schoolwide competition, then to a regional and/or state competition, and ultimately to the National Finals.

### **State Awards:**

Each winner at the state level will receive \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip (with an adult chaperone) to Washington, DC, to compete at the National Finals (this year the Washington DC Finals will be virtual so there will not be a trip). The state winner's school/host will receive \$500 for poetry materials. One runner-up in each state will receive \$100; their school/host will receive \$200 for the purchase of poetry materials.

### **National Awards:**

A total of \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be given at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, including a \$20,000 award for the National Champion.

# TEEN PROGRAMS

(For ages 13-19 unless otherwise specified)



## 1st Friday of the Month [hosted virtually] @ 5:00 p.m.

Looking for something to do outside of school? Have some great ideas with your friends for projects or activities you'd like to share with the community? Look no further than your local library! We are looking for any voices aged 13-18 to help us help you make those involvements come true! Please join us for a discussion on how the library can provide services for what you want to do. We look forward to hearing your voice!

## TEEN HOMESCHOOL

Third Tuesday of the month, 3:00-4:00p.m.

These programs will be held in an online format using Zoom.

The kits/learning packets will be available to pick up at the library the week before the program. Registration is required; capacity of 20 unless otherwise indicated.

### Art History of the Prehistoric Eras



**Thursday, December 10th - Paleolithic Period** [Register](#)

We will be examining "cave art" to determine that which early artists deemed worthy of articulating through expression.

**Thursday, January 14th - Mesolithic Period** [Register](#)

In this era, artists moved some of their creations outside of the traditional cave and began depicting more scenes of human interaction. We will discuss this development parallel to the changes in quality to their lives as the human species develops.

**Thursday, February 11th - Neolithic Period** [Register](#)

Did you know that the creation of needed tools and weapons is part of the history of art? We will be looking at some of these tools to see how expression had progressed through this era.

## Escape 2020! [Virtual Escape Room]

Friday, January 15th @ 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we host a virtual escape room with the trials and tribulations of this comically, disastrous year. Working with your fellow attendees you will solve puzzles, sort anagrams, and more to escape into a new year! Please email or Facebook message us for the correct link and passcode.



## College Nights

Teens and parents, mark these dates on your calendars for our upcoming college visitor nights! These will be streamed on Facebook Live. You can Zoom in or watch live and ask questions using FB comments. Bring all your questions regarding new practices and policies regarding COVID and college life.

**December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. - Southern Illinois University (SIU)**  
**December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. - Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU)**



## VIRTUAL GINGERBREAD CONSTRUCTION NIGHT

Friday, December 18th @ 6:00 p.m.

Come by the library the week of the event to pick up your gingerbread house kit and join us on a Zoom party as we build our own edible creations! Base supplies and some decorating items will be provided, but you may add anything you have on hand.



## VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Friday, February 19th @ 6:00 p.m.

Who's ready to play some games?! Without leaving the comfort of your own couch test your wit, cleverness, and maybe some drawing abilities. We will play a variety of



games with the Jackbox platform, all from your own device. Please email or Facebook message us for the correct link and passcode.

# friends of ROCHESTER public library district



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## Membership Drive for NEW Friends!

The *Friends of the Rochester Library* are recruiting NEW members. We're a non-profit organization that supports and promotes the library. We sponsor fundraising activities and spread the word about ALL the programs and events happening at our fabulous library. During this past year, (which was rather challenging due to the pandemic), the *Friends* organization persisted and provided:

- **Monetary support to the Rochester Public Library in the amount of \$3,725!!!**  
This money helped with the Library's summer virtual program, a *Hoopla* data base and E-books to provide much needed digital resources for patrons.
- **Safe, Successful Fundraising Events that followed public health guidelines** with face masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing.
- The **Farmer's Market** had record attendance, lots of produce vendors and food trucks. The Oscar Mayer Weiner and Planter's Nut mobiles visited the market with favorable news coverage for the *Friends*.
- The annual **Book Sale** moved **Outdoors** during September and raised over \$700 for Friends!
- **Friends Meetings** met via Zoom and returned to in-person with social distancing held in the Community Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

We're happy to invite you to become a member of your Library's *Friends* group! The attached Membership Form has a list of volunteer opportunities. Won't you be our Friend? Please join us in supporting a library and staff that the Rochester community is proud of in the upcoming year. We look forward to having NEW Friends! Bob Tepatti, President



## FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

The *Friends of the Rochester Public Library District* is a non-profit group dedicated to promoting and supporting Rochester Public Library. Funds raised through membership fees, annual book sales, Farmer's Market and other activities, support the library in a wide variety of ways including: adult and children's programs, books/e-books, equipment for library patrons and other library needs.

Please consider supporting the library through membership in the Friends.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to be a member of the *Friends of Rochester Public Library District*.

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR (over 60)     \$10.00                      \_\_\_\_\_ CORPORATE     \$50.00

\_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL                      \$15.00                      \_\_\_\_\_ BENEFACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY                              \$25.00

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home/cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER OPTIONS:** Friends' membership offers rewarding volunteer opportunities. Please mark the area(s) of most interest:

Bi-annual Book Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Farmers/Holiday Markets \_\_\_\_\_ Other Sponsored Events \_\_\_\_\_

Marketing/Social Media \_\_\_\_\_ Officer/Committee Leader/Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Member Recruitment \_\_\_\_\_ Other Ways I can help/support \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this form with check payable to:** *Friends of Rochester Public Library District*.

Drop off Membership form and check at the Library or mail to:  
*Friends of the RPLD, PO Box 83, Rochester, Illinois 62563.*

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND!**

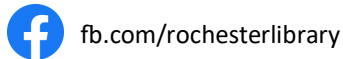
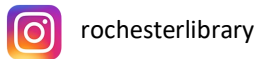
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### CLOSURES

**Winter Holidays**—December 24th & 25th  
**New Years**—December 31st  
& January 1st  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**— January 18th  
**President's Day**—February 15th

# In Memory of Fred Roese

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BOARD PRESIDENT**

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AND LEAVE A MEMORY OR A STORY YOU HAVE OF FRED.**

