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MARCH, APRIL, & MAY 2021

Rachel's Garden Renovation

We are excited to announce that the library will be renovating Rachel's Garden with the help of our community. When complete, we will have a child-friendly play space that will provide ongoing programming for children and adults. There will be a community workday on March 13th from 2pm-6pm. You can register your family or group for a time slot that will work for you. This event is BYOT, Bring your own tools.

***Registration required**

[Register](#)



We will have many projects that will need to be completed such as, bush removal, replacing pickets, painting, spreading mulch, and placing new raised beds. We are planning a ribbon-cutting reopening celebration on June 3rd to coincide with the beginning of our Summer Reading Program, "Reading Colors Your World"!

A big thank you to Jerry from Hare's Concrete for giving his time and equipment to break up and remove the warped concrete in the garden free of charge!



Cops For Kids

May 8th | 10:00 a.m.

Are you tired of being locked up? Do you miss having fun with your local police officers? You won't want to miss Bicycle Safety with Officer Shea of the Rochester Police Station. This event will be held outside in the parking lot. Bring your bike and helmet to learn about bicycle safety.



SUMMER REC 2021

LOOKING FOR OUTDOOR & VIRTUAL INSTRUCTORS.

Email Lorachelle at circulation.manager@rochesterlibrary.org if interested!



The Rochester Public Library's Farmers Market will be returning for the summer starting **Sunday, June 6th at 12:00pm!**

The market features local vendors with produce, crafts, and lots more. If you're interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmers Market, please contact Jazmyn Jarrett by email at

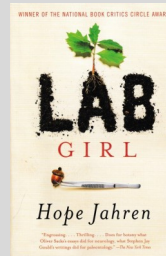
adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org. *Covid safety guidelines will be in place for both vendors & shoppers*

Big Read 2021

Participate in the Central Illinois community-wide event by reading *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren and attending programs & having discussions on the issues and themes presented.

Free limited copies of book!

- Rachel's Garden Reno - **Saturday, March 20th from 12:00 - 4:00 pm**
- We are inviting adults and families to come out and help us dig up Rachel's Garden to help make room for improvements! You will need to provide your own gardening/weeding gear.
- The Book Clubs will meet virtually to discuss *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Please email Jazmyn at adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org to find out how to participate.



The Rochester Public Library District invites local Girl Scout Troops on Saturday, March

13th from 9am-1pm for an honorable and fun volunteer opportunity to help renovate their garden! The library is ask-

ing Girl Scouts to help refresh and brighten the Rachel Sperry Memorial Garden with this renovation as a way to celebrate the 109th birthday of the Girl Scouts. Families interested in discovering Girl Scouts are welcome to join in on the fun too. Please register for the event

[Register](#)

or call the Rochester Library for how to get involved. This event is BYOT, Bring your own tools.


girl scouts
of central illinois

Adult Programs

Find our TikTok account @RochesterLibrary for instructions

SPRING CRAFT SCHEDULE

March 1st - March 12th

Easter Tabletop Bunnies

March 15th - March 26th

Easter Carrot Gnomes

March 29th - April 9th

Wood Spring Wreath

[Register](#)

April 12th - April 23rd

Mini Plant Holders

[Register](#)

April 26th - May 7th

Wood Candle Holder

[Register](#)

May 10th - May 21st

Modern Clay Ring Dish

[Register](#)

May 24th - June 4th

Clay Keychain

[Register](#)



Wednesday, April 14th | 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. Blood donation appointments will not be canceled due to COVID-19 flares in the area.



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

Day Book Club First Friday of the Month @ 10:30 a.m.:

March 5th | 10:30 a.m. | *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren

April 2nd, *The Ashford Affair* by Lauren Willig

May 7th, *Circling the Sun* by Paula McClain

Evening Book Club Third Monday @ 6:30 p.m.:

March 15th, *Lab Girl* by Heather Terrell

April 19th, *The Address* by Fiona Davis

May 17th, *The Lost History of Stars* by Dare Boling

TECHNOLOGY CLASS

Free Ebooks at your Library | Tuesday, April 13th | 1pm

Registration Required by April 6th

Please call the library at (217) 498-8454 to register.



The library will be taking appointments in March & April for Tax Aide! We are limited to how many we can take, and appointments will be available on Monday's & Fridays. First come, first serve. Please call 217-498-8454.



BOOK BOX

The Book Box is back for spring! Request the box online or in-person at the library's circulation desk. Just let us know your favorite books and authors, and we'll curate a box for you! The box will include a book, your choice of tea or hot chocolate, and a few extra treats to enjoy along with your read! Make sure to return the book and box, but keep the treats! The first twenty book boxes will also have bookmarks donated by Barbee Dream Designs, Keshia Barbee.

March 1st—April 30th. Available for all ages.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

[Sign Up Today](#)



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.

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

April: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

May: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

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.

March: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

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

May: 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.

March- 3rd — *Strong Women* | 10th — *Names* | 17th — *Submarines* | 24th — *Puppies* | 31st — *Parks*

April- 7th — *Libraries* | 14th — *Look up at the Sky* | 21st — *Earth Day* | 28th — *Astronomy*

May- 5th — *Cinco de Mayo* | 12th — *Limerick* | 19th — *Bicycles* | 26th — *Sun*

Family Programs

All family programs will be held outside this year. Registration will be required so that individual stations can be set up for the craft projects. Each station will have the supplies needed so there will be no need to share items. Make sure you watch the weather and dress accordingly. Maximum of 10 children registrations. Parents are expected to stay and help their children.

Hummingbird Garden | March 20th | 10:00 a.m.

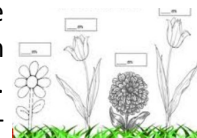
[Register](#)



During this program we will be planting some flowers that will bloom and draw hummingbirds and butterflies. After which we will make some hummingbird feeders using recycled materials.

Plant Math Fun | April 10th | 9:00 a.m.

Let's have some fun in the garden while planning where plants will go based on how tall they get and how wide they are. Come dressed for the weather as this program is outside and if we are lucky maybe a puddle to jump in.

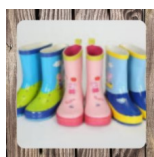


[Register](#)

Container Gardening for Kids

May 8th | 1:00 p.m.

[Register](#)



This program will introduce ways to recycle by using different containers for planting. The plants will remain in Rachel's Garden behind the library that will now become part of the renovation for the whole community to enjoy.

Donation Request & Family Program

Happy Spring! We are honored to collaborate with IDOT as a donation location for **clean** half-gallon beverage cartons to help build nestboxes for the uncommon Prothonotary Warbler (see pictures). Donations will be accepted through March and April; then we will have kits and instructions available to assemble your very own nestbox starting in April!



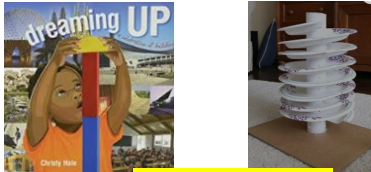


YOUTH SERVICES Homeschool Day Programs

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH | 1:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION REQUIRED—NO EXCEPTIONS

These programs will be held in a zoom format. In this newsletter cycle, we will be focusing on building things by reading three different children's biographies and learning about lesser known people in history. The library will supply learning kits for you to pick up the week before the program. **Registration is required with a 20 student maximum.**

Dreaming Up | March 11th



[Register](#)

Sweet Dreams Sarah | April 8th



[Register](#)

Dream Builder | May 13th



[Register](#)



Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics

Third Tuesday of the month | 4:00 p.m.

These programs will be held in a zoom format. In this newsletter cycle, we will be focusing on three different children's biographies that will teach us about famous Black people in STEAM. The library will supply learning kits for you to pick up the week before the program. Registration is required with a 20 student maximum.

TickTock Banneker's Clock | March 16th



In this program we will be investigating how gears work by making cardboard gears and observing how they work together.

[Register](#)

Patricia's Vision | April 20th

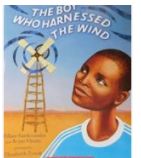
In this program we will be learning about the eye and how it works. We will be diagramming the different parts of the eye.



[Register](#)

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind May 18th

In this program we will be building your very own electric fan. We will be discussing renewable energy focusing on wind energy.



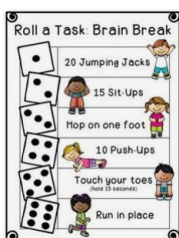
[Register](#)

Health

This new program will focus on the health and well being of the family. These programs will be held via zoom, a kit will be provided for pick up at the library. **Registration is required. Maximum registration of 10 families.**

Movement | March 9th | 4:00 p.m.

During this program we will be exploring movement using dice. Are you ready to walk like a bear, jump like a frog, or slither like a snake? We will find out. Let's get outside and get all your wiggles out. You too adults!



[Register](#)

Self-Talk Necklace | April 6th | 4:00 p.m.

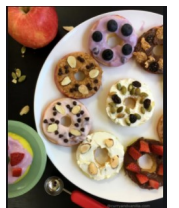
[Register](#)



During this stressful year, there is no better time to think about our children's mental health as well as our own. Register for this program so we can build a kit that will contain all the supplies necessary to build a self-talk necklace for you and every member of your family that will be joining this zoom program.

No-Bake Snack | May 11th | 4:00 p.m.

What better way to help kiddos get comfortable with some independence than by learning how to put together a yummy, healthy snack?



No Bake Apple Donuts, please let us know when registering for the program if there are any peanut allergies.

[Register](#)

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!

****May meeting will take place at Lincoln Memorial Gardens**

TEEN HOMESCHOOL

Second Thursday of the month, 3:00-4:00p.m.

These programs will be held in an online format using Zoom. In this newsletter cycle, we will be focusing on different elements tied together by STEAM. The library will supply learning kits for you to pick up the week before the program. Registration is required with a 20 student maximum unless otherwise specified.

Thursday, March 11th - Zoetrope

We will discuss illusions in motion and create one of these pre-film animation devices.

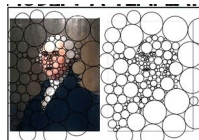
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Thursday, April 8th - Technology of Integrated Art

In this lesson we will examine how to create minimalist art from famous paintings by using technology and color placement.

[Register](#)



Thursday, May 13th - Flexangle Construction

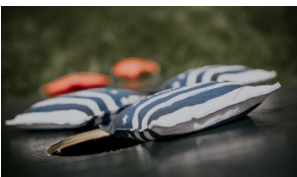
Let's examine the integration of geometry with three dimensional art by creating this personalized paper puzzle.

[Register](#)



Outdoor games

Friday, May 21st | 6:00 p.m.



Lawn games galore! We will have several stations set up to enjoy a little friendly competition safely distanced outside. Grab a friend and test your skills with ladderball, can slam, bean bag toss, and more! Feel free to bring any of your favorites too. *Sanitizing supplies will be provided

Teen Volunteer Day

Saturday, March 20th | 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Help us complete the renovation of this special space in remembrance of a beloved library patron. We will have many projects that will need to be completed such as bush removal, replacing pickets, painting, spreading mulch, and placing new raised beds. We are planning a ribbon-cutting reopening celebration on June 3rd to coincide with the beginning of our Summer Reading Program, "Reading Colors Your World"!

*Please bring whatever gardening tools you have and dress appropriately for the weather and getting dirty.



VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 23rd @ 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 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!

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 3rd 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

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CLOSURES

Memorial Day—Monday, May 31st

Grant Winner!

The library was awarded the Illinois Heartland Library System Cargo Surplus Van Grant for outreach programs in the community! We are so excited to be able to be in the community making a difference so very soon! More info to come!