

ROCHESTER CONNECTION



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Rochester Public Library District
March, April, & May 2022

Virtual Youth Art Show

Submissions accepted March 1 - April 31.
Winners announced May 16.

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SPRING 2022

BOOK SALE

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I READ 400
BOOKS



#1000BooksRPLD

Benjamin celebrating reaching the 400 level for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

2022 VIRTUAL ART SHOW

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Calling all artists age 19 and under, we want to see your best work! We will be organizing a virtual art show complete with voting and awards. There will be 1st - 3rd place winners in each of the following grade levels: K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and Highschool Art I-II, Art III-IV. Each first-place winner will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card, each second place winner will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card, and each third-place winner will receive a special prize. We will accept any 2-D work. Your choice of medium. All artwork should be photographed and emailed to us in either .jpg or .png format. Please tell us the name of the artist and grade level. Please only one entry per student. You may also use the form on our website to enter the contest. We ask you to also fill out a Social Media Release form. All contact information and winner announcements will be on our library website and Facebook page. We will accept art beginning March 1. The last day to submit artwork will be April 31. We will announce all award winners on May 16. The prizes will be held at the front desk until June 1.

rochesterlibrary.org
Denise Rainford
youth.services@rochesterlibrary.org



*Examples of entries from 2020



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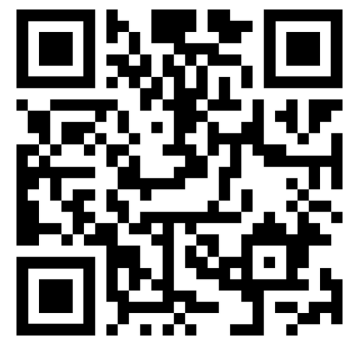
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2022

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APRIL 3-9, 2022



BEGINS JUNE 2022!



NOW ACCEPTING INSTRUCTORS FOR OUR SUMMER PROGRAM

WE ARE NOW SEEKING INSTRUCTORS FOR ALL AGES! PAID OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH YOUR FAVORITE SKILL- ART/CRAFTS, SPORTS, ETC. EACH INSTRUCTOR WILL SET THE DATE/TIME/LOCATION/FEE AND THE LIBRARY WILL FACILITATE THE REGISTRATIONS.

TO BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ROCHREC](https://tinyurl.com/rochrec)

The Friends of Rochester Library is always looking for new members and happy to welcome the return of past friends! The Friends is an organization whose purpose is to support the library with their time during special occasions and with monetary contributions for its many programs. We have a great library and it can always use a little help from its Friends. Please see the membership form below to sign up for 2022.



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 and annual book sales support the library in a wide variety of ways including, but not limited to, the purchase of books, materials and equipment, and programming.

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

_____ SENIOR (over 60) \$10.00

_____ CORPORATE \$50.00

_____ INDIVIDUAL \$15.00

_____ BENEFACTOR

_____ FAMILY \$25.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Application Date: _____

Friends' membership offers rewarding volunteer opportunities. Please indicate interest in helping with any of the following.

_____ Bi-annual Book Sales

_____ Farmer's Market

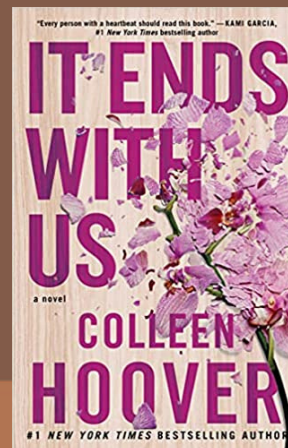
Completed form with check payable to the Friends of the Rochester Public Library District may be dropped off at the Library or mailed to PO Box 83, Rochester, IL 62563

STAFF PICKS FOR SPRING



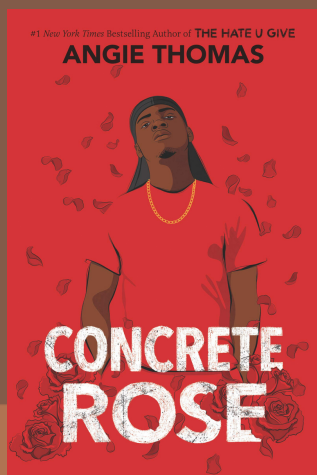
Denise's pick: "A very special book for discovering what it means to make some room for yourself."

*Find it on our E fiction shelves



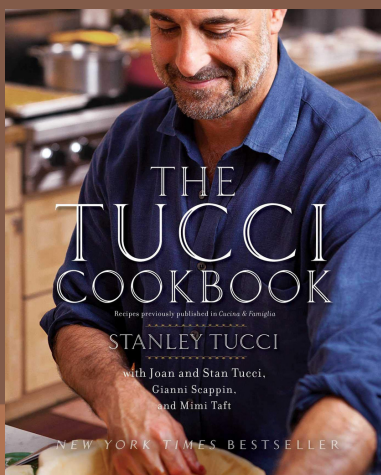
Lorachelle's pick: "Brave and heartbreaking novel that digs its claws into you and doesn't let go."

*Available on our Adult fiction shelves



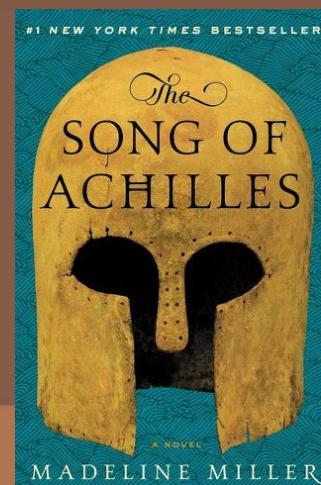
Ayla's pick: "A beautifully written tale of emotion from an underrepresented point of view."

*Find it on our YA shelves



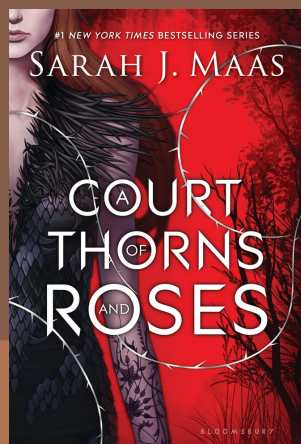
Jacob's pick: "This cookbook presents recipes for some delicious Italian cooking."

*Available to request with SHARE



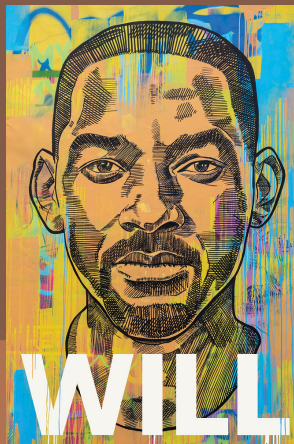
Ben's pick: "A must read for any fan of Greek mythology! Heart wrenching ending, but totally worth it."

*Available on Hoopla or request with SHARE



Amanda's pick: "If you like stories about the Fae, magic and curses to be broken, this one's for you."

*Find it on our YA shelves



Lorachelle's pick: "This book traces Will Smith's career and the hoops he had to jump through to get where he is today."

*Audio available on our shelves



Beth's pick: "A fantastic tale of love and betrayal."

*Available on Cloud Library or request with SHARE

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register online at rochesterlibrary.org/programs or by calling 217-498-8454. For virtual events, you'll receive instructions on how to participate once registered.

Tech Class

Digital Couponing 101

Tuesday, April 19th | 6:00 p.m. | Max. 10 Participants

Gone are the days when clipping paper coupons was the only way to save money! In this crash course to digital couponing we will go over some of the basics of using your smartphone to find the best deals for everyday items including toothpaste, groceries, and more. We will also go over some store-specific tricks, trips, and highlights for places such as Walgreens, Hy-Vee, and Dollar General. Please bring your smartphone ready to connect to the library WiFi to download apps and get a firsthand view to some of the easiest ways to save during every shopping trip.

[Register](#)

BOOK-TO-MOVIE BOOK BOX

Are you waiting on a rain check for those spring plans? Well look no further! Come rain or shine, request a Book-to-Movie Book Box, and you'll receive a mystery box that contains a movie and the book that inspired it! The box will also be filled with lots of snacks to enjoy while you read the book or watch the movie. Available for ALL ages.

*Requesting a box is free, but please return the book, the movie, AND THE BOX. Available from March 1st to April 15th. (Limited quantities available)

Homebound Delivery

If you love to read, but are unable to visit the library, we can deliver your books to you! If you are ill (short term or long term), homebound, have transportation issues, or are elderly with limited mobility, please call us to discuss your qualification for this service. The goal of the Community Outreach Program is to develop relationships with members of the community who have special needs and may be unable to visit the us. Let us bring the library to you!

Please call the library at 498-8454 for more information.

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Friday, April 29th from
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Members Only

Saturday, April 30th from

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 1st from

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

Fill a bag for \$5

The friends are needing assistance with set up/tear down.

Set up will begin Wednesday, April 27th. Please contact: Chris Humphreys at humphreyscm@hotmail.com

We are taking donations for the book sale starting March 1st. Please make sure they are in a box/bag that you do not need returned.

***There is a limit of 2 boxes per donation.**

All fiction items need to be published within the last 10 years. Only stipulation is best sellers/classics.

Items we do not accept: VHS Tapes, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Readers Digest Condensed Books, Textbooks, Magazines, or any dirty/moldy items.

Our patrons saved...

\$1,372,534.41

BY USING THEIR LIBRARY CARD IN 2021

ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK CLUB

Day Book Club

Third Friday of the month | 10:00 a.m.

Join the Day Book Club! We are meeting on the third Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the library. There will be early morning treats and great discussions.

March 18th : A Slow Fire Burning

April 15th : Hidden Valley Road

May 20th : The Maidens

Evening Book Club

Fourth Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m.

Evening Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Drop in on the discussion for great conversation and treats provided by the club members!

March 28th : The Personal Librarian

April 25th : All Creatures Great and Small

May 23rd : Vanderbilt

Outreach

Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 20th | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Save lives by donating to the Blood Center's blood drive on April 20th. The Center's mobile unit will be in the library's parking lot with appointments available that afternoon. To schedule an appointment, please contact the library.

Register at:

<https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/101362>

AARP Tax Aide

Fridays through April 8th | Community Room

Registration Required

AARP volunteers will be providing free tax assistance to older and low-income patrons every Friday through April 8th. Participants must pick up a Tax Aide envelope from the library and complete the forms inside prior to their appointment. To schedule an appointment, call the library, visit the link below or scan the QR Code:

<https://tinyurl.com/rochtax>



An Evening with Jenny Lawson

In Conversation with R. Eric Thomas

March 30 at 7PM

This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

Virtual Book Talk

Jenny Lawson Virtual Book Talk

Wednesday, March 30th | 7:00 p.m.

Registration Required https://bit.ly/ILP_JennyLawson

Join author Jenny Lawson in a virtual discussion about her bestselling book, *Broken* (in the Best Possible Way). You can submit a question during registration that may make it into the discussion. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

NEW RESOURCE!



Featuring recorded storytimes and video tutorials of digital resources, Microsoft Suite, social media platforms and more! Just a few examples include:



Google Photos – Save and Share Your Favorite Memories



Britannica Library – Articles, Multimedia, and eBooks



OverDrive | Libby – eBooks, Audiobooks, and More

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Registration Required

Don't forget to sign up for a thousand books using our READsquared app! Your little one will receive a small reading buddy and a necklace when they sign up. Each time they read 100 books they will receive a new tag to hang on their necklace. When they complete the program they will receive a larger reading buddy (plushie). Scan QR code to register.



LOTUS FLOWER LANTERN ZOOM WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 11th | 10:00 am
Ages 10 & Up

Registration
Required \$8 a kit
Deadline to order
kit is May 12



The members of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will show you, step by step, how to make a lovely lotus flower lantern using colored paper and wire frames. This is a 70-minute program including a documentary film. Once we have 20 people registered, you may stop by the library to pick up your packet of supplies for this unique craft or join us in person in the Community Room. Registration is required for this Zoom program.

[Register](#)

Storytimes

Toddler Time

19-35 months

Mondays, March 7th to May 23rd

10:10 to 10:30 AM

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 is required. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

Baby Lapsit

Birth to 18 months

Thursdays, March 3rd to May 26th

10:10 to 10:30 AM

Lapsit storytime is for kids aged 0-18 months. Join us for songs, simple stories, movements, and play! No registration is required. Drop-ins welcome.

Morning Storytime

2 to 5 years old

Wednesdays, March 2nd to May 25th

10:30 to 11:15 AM

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 is required. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Women's History Month

During the Month of March come in and pick up a pennant to color telling us about your favorite woman in history. If you have more than one feel free to take another. Receive a piece of candy for each pennant returned completed.



Family Programs

Second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Registration Required

Saturday, March 12th | 10:00 a.m. [Register](#)

DIY Plant Starters

Saturday, April 9th | 10:00 a.m.

Narnia Trivia

[Register](#)

Saturday, May 14th | 10:00 a.m.

Worm Composting

[Register](#)

Bound by Yarn

Knitting 101 - Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 15- April 19 | Registration Required

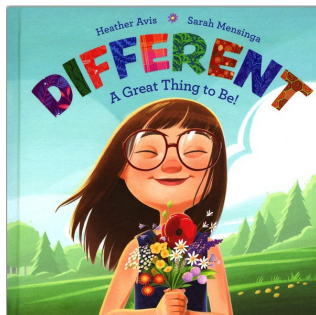
Denise Rainford has been taking a Certified Instructor Program with the Craft Yarn Council. She will be teaching a beginner-level knitting class that will span six weeks. Each class will be one hour long with one-half hour of questions and answers at the end. All supplies will be free of charge. This will be a tween program, for kids ages 10-14.

[Register](#)

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, April 9th | 11:30 a.m.

Rochester Public Library District invites you and your family to join us at the Rochester Community Park for our ribbon cutting for the new Storywalk! The Storywalk will feature the book "Different -- A Great Thing to Be!" by Heather Avis.



STEAM

Ages 10-13

[Register](#)

Registration Required

During the spring we will be offering a series called The Great Stone Age STEM Challenge. This challenge will have the students figure out how to survive after their cave was destroyed by an earthquake

Tuesday, March 15th | 4:00 p.m.

The Medicine Woman

Tuesday, April 19th | 4:00 p.m.

The Gatherer

Tuesday, May 17th | 4:00 p.m.

The Hunter



Homeschool Programs

Ages 5-11

[Register](#)

Registration Required. 15 participant max.

This homeschool series will focus on adventurous people who took on the western movement and changed the face of America. These pockets will be bound and engaging. Your child will love showing off what they have learned. Second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 10th | 1:00 p.m.

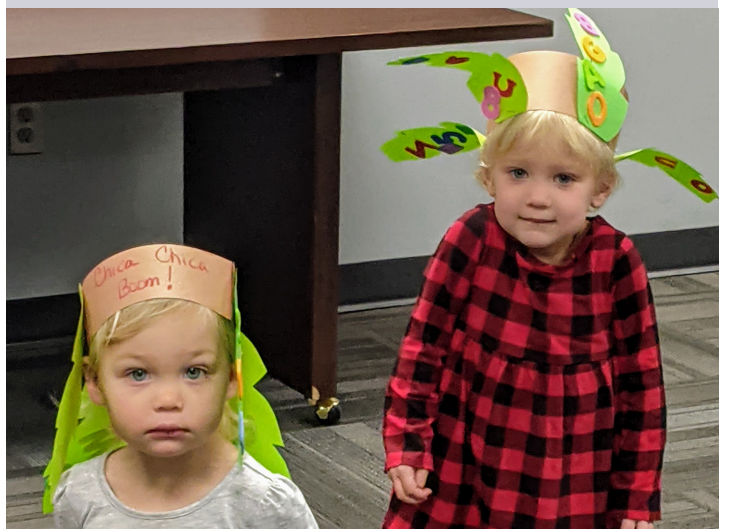
Moving West

Thursday, April 14th | 1:00 p.m.

The New Frontier

Thursday, May 12th | 1:00 p.m.

Exploring the Wilderness



TEEN PROGRAMS

Grades 8-12

Teen Homeschool Programs

In this series we will be taking an introspective look at just some of the groups most renownedly affected during the westward expansion of the United States. Max 10 participants.

Registration Required. [Register](#)

Thursday, March 10 | 1:00 p.m.

Life of the Settler

What would you pack if you attempted to move across the country via covered wagon? We will discuss reasons as to why you may have wanted to move and what it would take to be successful.

Thursday, April 14 | 1:00 p.m.

Life of the Native Americans

Unfortunately, with great expansion also came devastating relocation. In this lesson we will touch on the topics of the Indian Removal Act and the Trail of Tears.

Thursday, May 12 | 1:00 p.m.

Life of the Miner

Let's take a dive into the life of those in pursuit of riches during the 1849 gold rush. We will be doing an activity to see if you could survive at least 21 days as a miner.

Board Game Night

Friday, March 18th | 6:00 p.m.

Games?! ✓

Snacks?! ✓

Grab a friend (or two or three) and come to the library for some fun and friendly competition. Feel free to bring your favorite game as well.



DIY Terrariums

Friday, April 22nd | 6:00 p.m.

Happy Earth Day!!! Come put together a happy little plant environment to liven up your room. Worried about how green your thumb may be? Both living and artificial plant options will be available.



First Friday of the month @ 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 and Tween Volunteers

Training sessions and check-ins will occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Looking for volunteer credit? We've got you covered! We're looking for individuals aged 11-18 seeking to gain valuable experience in a work-based environment with regularly scheduled hours. Training will be provided; no prior experience is required. Tasks may include but are not limited to, shelf reading, shelf straightening, craft prep, and program assistance. Scheduled hours will be based on your availability. Must submit a volunteer application; applications will be available at training sessions and upon request at the circulation desk or youth services desk. This type of volunteering is great to put on college and job applications.

YARA (Young Adult Readers' Advisory)

Are you a book fiend? Love YA? Need some easy volunteer hours? Then we need your help! We are looking for avid YA readers to review our collection! Check out a new YA book (fiction, nonfiction, or graphic novel) and sign up to create an online, written book review or book talk video in whichever field you're comfortable and be rewarded with 1-6 hours** volunteer credit. Review training resources can be provided upon request. Reviews will be posted and shared on our social media platforms and website.

*Under age 16 will require parental signature if wishing to do video content

**Contingent on quality of work



Finals Study Cafe

Saturday, May 14th | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

You bring the books and laptops, we'll bring the caffeine and snacks! We'll create a relaxed, cafe-style atmosphere for your Saturday studying before finals week. Snacks will include hot and cold beverages as well as some brain-stimulating and comfort foods.



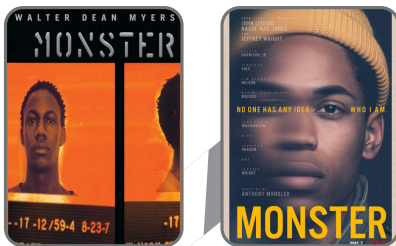
Teen Book to Movie

Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

Find our book to movie display in the teen area to pick up a copy of the titles that helped inspire these films. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

March 25th

Monster



April 15th

Little Women



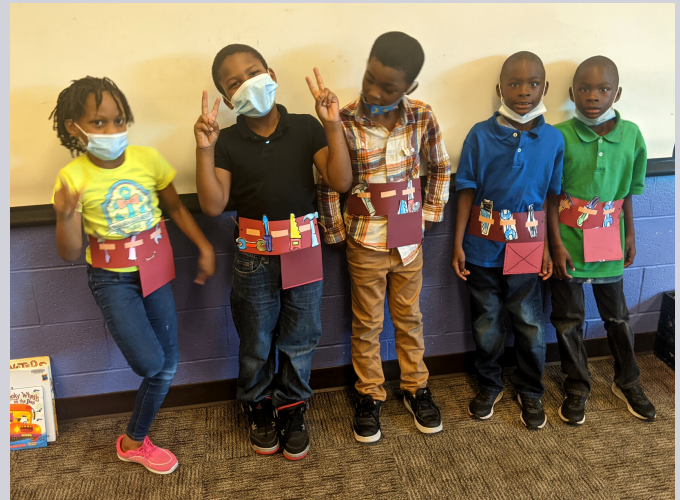
May 27th

The Miseducation of Cameron Post



COMMUNITY Outreach

The new library van has enhanced our abilities to do outreach. Not only is our Youth Services Director, Denise, able to read to children in the greater community, but bring them a whole program. These programs consist of music, movement, crafts, and books. The children are eager for the visits, and the feedback from teachers has been positive. The library used the grant to purchase \$500 in books and \$1000 in STEM kits to check out and use with the students. The teachers are looking forward to checking them out.



Our Adult Outreach Coordinator will also be making an appearance at the new Carriage Crossing Assisted Living facility and giving those residents something to look forward to every month! We have purchased large print book copies as well as audio books for these visits, thanks the van sponsors in our community!



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Monday - Thursday

10:00AM to 8:00PM

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Contact Us

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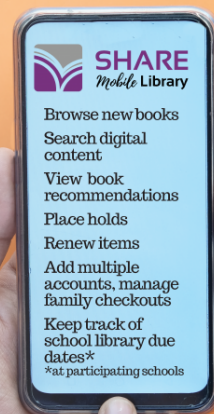


LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Your library
now has a
mobile app!



Brought to you by your library and the SHARE library consortium,
a division of Illinois Heartland Library System



hoopla

Tap into Discovery.
Instantly Read, Listen, and
Watch with Your Library Card.

hoopladigital.com

