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Rochester Public Library District
December 2021, January & February 2022

Holiday Story Walk

Join us starting Friday, December 3rd for our Holiday Story Walk!

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WINTER 2021-22

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The Horstman family at our First Annual
Holiday Story walk in 2020.

Grant Recipient

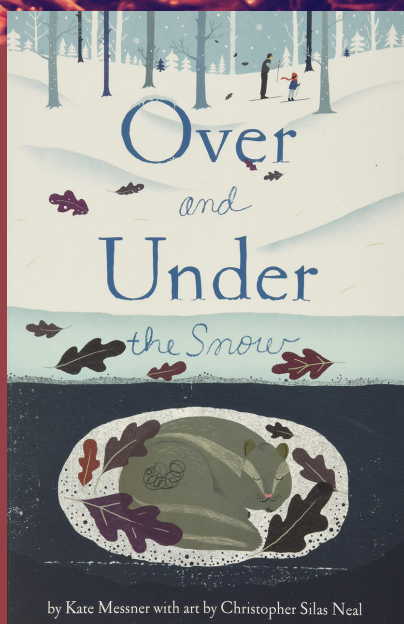
Good news: Your library is the lucky recipient of several state and local grants! We here at Rochester Public Library District feel very fortunate to be offered these funds on the back of a crazy couple years of the pandemic, which has created some obvious difficulties with reaching and serving our community. These funds will give us a lot of headway to adapt to our current situation by financing investments in computer technology and our StoryWalk® program, among other informational things such as increasing awareness of the COVID19 vaccine. The three grants we have been awarded are:

- The **Illinois Humanities 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grant**, for \$5,000. The library is proud to note that it was just one of seven humanities organizations in Sangamon County to be awarded COVID-19 relief funds.
- The **Communities for Immunity Grant**, for \$1,500. This money will enable the library to spread accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccination, with the goal of increasing vaccine confidence in our immediate community. This grant was made possible through an initiative sponsored by the non-profits Association of Science and Technology and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, in accordance with the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- The **American Rescue Plan On the Road to Recovery: In Your Community Grant**, which awarded us \$22,399. Distributed by Illinois State Library, this considerable investment will go a long way towards reaching the two demographics that were hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic: our youth and our seniors. Our preschoolers who had a hard time connecting with the virtual storytime will benefit from this grant, as we will put it towards taking story time outside via our StoryWalk® program. Meanwhile, our seniors who were reluctant to visit us during the height of the pandemic will now be able to independently check out items and utilize our computers in a sanitized, socially distanced environment.

HAPPY
holidays
FROM

*the staff & library
trustees at*

ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY



holiday storywalk

Our StoryWalk® is now live! Come stroll through a forest of Christmas trees and enjoy a story about the forest in winter by Kate Messner. Follow the 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 3rd through December 31st. Our StoryWalk® is in memory of beloved Library Board President, Fred Roese.

*Lights come on at sunset

CABIN FEVER

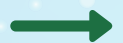
december 1 - february 14



Adults

Cabin Fever Book Bingo

Join our Winter Reading Challenge! This year, we're playing Cabin Fever Book Bingo. Pick up a bingo card at the library, on the next page of this newsletter, or you can download it from our website to track your reading through the winter. Each bingo square lists a unique category or genre. Once you've read a book within the category, you can mark off the spot on the bingo square. Read five books in a line (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) to get bingo. You can earn multiple bingos - complete the entire card to get 5 bingos! Each bingo earns you a bingo chip that can be used to enter the prize drawings. Participation prizes will be given to everyone who turns in their bingo card with at least 1 bingo!



Visit rochesterlibrary.org/cabinfever to register.



CABIN FEVER BOOK BINGO

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

First in a series	Current Bestseller	Classic	Set in Illinois	Thriller / Suspense
Comedy	Made into a film	Attractive cover	Debut author	Winter theme
Romance	Historical Fiction	Any book (Free space)	Biography	True Crime / Crime Fiction
Young Adult	Mystery	Cabin setting	Sci-fi / fantasy	Non-fiction
Multiple authors	DIY (cooking, crafting, etc)	Recommended to you	Self-published	Graphic novel



CABIN FEVER BOOK BINGO READING LOG

MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14!

CATEGORY	TITLE	AUTHOR
FIRST IN A SERIES		
CURRENT BESTSELLER		
CLASSIC		
SET IN ILLINOIS		
THRILLER / SUSPENSE		
COMEDY		
MADE INTO A FILM		
ATTRACTIVE COVER		
DEBUT AUTHOR		
WINTER THEME		
ROMANCE		
HISTORICAL FICTION		
ANY BOOK (FREE SPACE)		
BIOGRAPHY		
TRUE CRIME / CRIME FICTION		
YOUNG ADULT		
MYSTERY		
CABIN SETTING		
SCI-FI / FANTASY		
NON-FICTION		
MULTIPLE AUTHORS		
DIY (COOKING, CRAFTING, ETC.)		
RECOMMENDED TO YOU		
SELF-PUBLISHED		
GRAPHIC NOVEL		

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

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.

Holiday Outreach

Sojourn Peace Tree

Runs through December 16

Help adult and child victims of domestic violence this holiday season. Visit the library and pick an ornament from the Peace Tree. Each ornament lists an item the shelter is requesting. Once the item is purchased, bring it back to the library (unwrapped please) with the ornament. All donations will be given to Sojourn on December 17th, 2021.



Forever Home Feline

Ranch Wish Tree

Runs through December 23

Forever Home Feline Ranch is a no-kill shelter run by volunteers located just outside of Springfield. This holiday season, FHFR will be setting up a Wish Tree at the library. Visit the library and pick up an ornament listing an item the shelter needs. Donations will be collected from November 29, 2021 to December 23, 2021. Thank you for your generosity in helping FHFR continue our mission in helping rescue and adopt out cats and kittens in the community.



Holly Jolly Book Box!



When the weather outside is frightful, a holiday themed book is so delightful! In the Holly Jolly Book Box, you'll receive a special holiday themed book tailored to your favorite genre, a heartwarming bookmark, some hot chocolate or tea, and lots of fun surprises to make your holidays truly magical!

This is FREE, and is available for ALL ages! (Yes, even adults deserve presents this holiday season!)

Request on our website or at the circulation desk. Requests must be submitted by Dec. 31st.

Crafts **Register** Dollar Tree Crafts

Thursday, December 2, 6:00 PM

Registration Required | Community Room

Join Janet McAllister for an evening of crafting. During this free class, you'll take a few items from the Dollar Tree and make a stunning holiday decor piece. You can choose which variation of the craft you'd like to make - classic red poinsettia or white and green rustic farmhouse. Registration required (limit 6 each variation, total 12 for the class).



Drop Spindle Beginner Course

Thursdays: 12/16, 1/20, 2/17 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join Denise Rainford for a beginner-level class in drop spindling. Each participant will receive a beginners kit. The kit contains, one top whorl spindle, 1 OZ combed top wool, & an instruction sheet. Denise will walk you through the park and draft method. She will also show you how to build your own inexpensive Turkish spindle. There will be light refreshments. This is a relaxed class. Spinning should bring you some peace and joy. Registration Required. \$3.00 for class.

Register

Careers with the State

Thursday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Registration Required.

In this virtual program, patrons will watch a presentation from the Illinois Department of Human Services as they explain the process of applying for jobs at the state. This meeting is synchronous, and the presentation will be live on Thursday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. The state employees will be able to field any questions you have after the presentation. Register at the link provided and you'll receive an invitation link to attend the virtual presentation.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK CLUB

Day Book Club

Friday, January 21 & February 18 | 10:30 a.m.

Day Book Club will begin meeting again in 2022! Join us on January 22 to discuss future book club picks! Then, we'll discuss our first selection on February 18!

Evening Book Club

Monday, January 24 & February 28 | 6:30 p.m.

The group will be taking a break during December, but they'll be back to discuss their 2022 selections beginning in January. Join in on the discussion!

January 24 - Red at the Bone by Jaqueline Woodson
February 28 - Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

Tech Class **Register**

Share App & Self Check-Out

Friday, January 14 | 2:00 p.m. | Community Room

Registration Required.

Learn to use our SHARE mobile app! In this class, we'll teach you to use the various features of the app including browsing items, placing holds, renewing your materials, and more! You'll also learn to use the library's self check-out! Please bring your mobile phone, tablet, or other device you plan to use the app on.

Outreach Blood Drive

Wednesday December 15 & **Register**

Wednesday, February 23 | 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration Required.

Save a life by donating blood to ImpactLife's blood drive. Register for an appointment and stop by the organization's blood drive in the library parking lot. Donors will be given a voucher for a free shirt or gift card. Masks are required during donation. Call or visit our website for more information on how to register.

Rules of the Road

Wednesday, January 26, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Community Room **Register**

Registration Required.

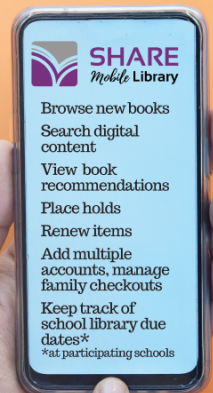
The Rules of the Road Review Course gives drivers -- especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities -- the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver's license. The course combines an explanation of the driving exam with a practice written exam. Social distancing will be put into effect and we ask that all participants wear masks.

SELF CHECK-OUT



Cajun, Leo, & Lily using the Self Checkout for the first time!

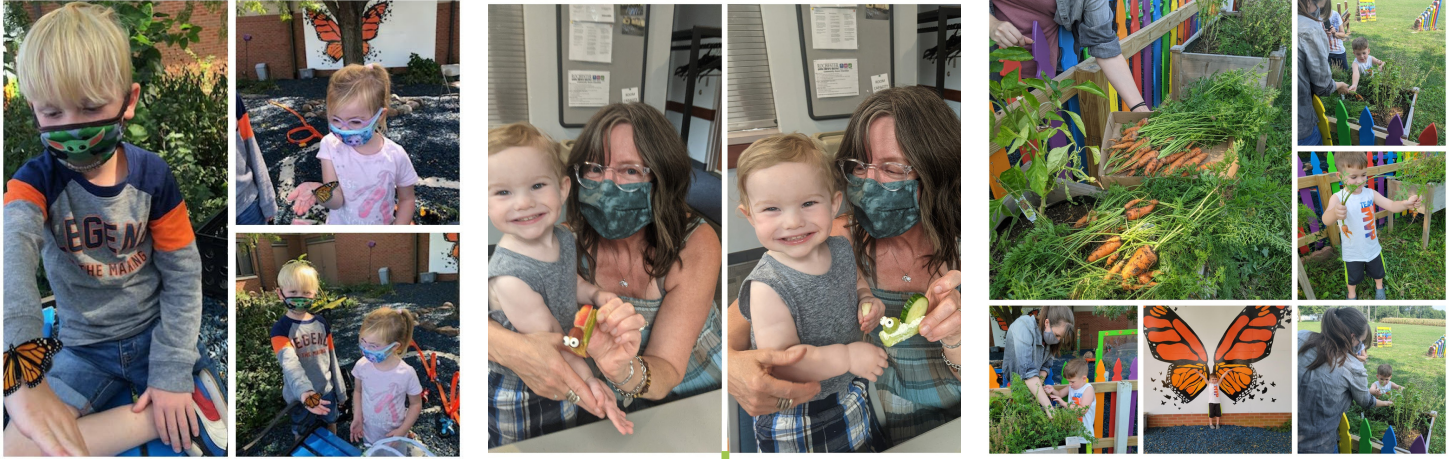
Your library now has a mobile app!



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



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Pet Therapy

Call to Register

Registration Required

Live reading buddies are back! That's right, Cole, a black lab, and Pixie, a black poodle, are back this year yearning for your kids to read to them. Register for a fifteen-minute slot to read either after school or after dinner. They will have times available in January and February.

January: Pixie-Tuesday the 11th from 6:00-6:45 pm

February: Cole- Tuesday the 8th from 4:30-5:15 pm

Pixie- from 6:00-6:45 pm



COLE



PIXIE

Movies in December

We will be showing a movie daily during the holiday break beginning on December 27th @ 1:00 pm.

Popcorn will be provided. Please feel free to bring a blanket and pillow.

Trolls Holiday: 27th at 1 p.m.

How to Train your Dragon: Homecoming: 28th at 1 p.m.

Luca: 29th at 1 p.m.

Raya and the Last Dragon: 30th at 1 p.m.



Storytimes

Toddler Time

19-35 months

Mondays, December 6th to February 28th*

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.

**Library closed January 17th & February 21st*

Baby Lapsit

Birth to 18 months

Thursdays, December 2nd to February 24th

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, December 1st to February 23rd

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

February Black History Month

Friday, February 11

4:00 p.m.

Bring your whole family! Sunshine Clemens of Springfield will be joining us to give a presentation on Social Justice Warriors in history.

Black History Month Banners

During February come in and pick up a banner and do a little research on one of a list of African American leaders and turn it in for a piece of chocolate. We would love to decorate the library with your banners!



Tuesday, December 14th | 4:00 p.m.

Dark Chocolate Pistachio Holiday Bark



Tuesday, January 11th | 4:00 p.m.

Balloon Volleyball



Tuesday, February 8th | 4:00 p.m.

Mindful Jar



Homeschool Programs

Ages 5-11

Registration Required. 15 participant max.

We will be focusing on Greek mythology in this series. We will be analyzing character traits and what myths were meant to teach. We will also be discussing how to summarize a story and what makes a myth a myth?

Thursday, December 9th | 1:00 p.m.

Heracles and the Twelve Labors

Register

Thursday, January 13th | 1:00 p.m.

Pandora's Box

Register

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

Persephone & Demeter

Register

STEAM

Ages 10-13

Registration Required

These programs were designed with tweens in mind. We know kids of all ages would benefit from these programs, however we are limiting them to 10-13 year olds.

Tuesday, December 21st | 4:00 p.m.

Register

Zoetrope Animation

Do your kids love art, science, and engineering? We have the perfect challenge for them. Let us have fun with simple household items to take a look at moving pictures. Zoetropes pre-date film animation. Let's consider how our brain perceives motion when there is a break in frames.



Tuesday, January 18th | 4:00 p.m.

Foosball

Register

We will be using household items to create this fun foosball game. "So what if you can't go out and play, I know what I'll do today! I'm going down to the library..." Join us for this fun engineering challenge.

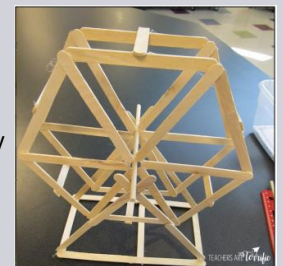


Tuesday, February 15th | 4:00 p.m.

Ferris Wheel

Register

Did you have fun over the summer? Are you already planning on a trip to an amusement park for next summer? Let's take a look at how Ferris Wheels work. Do you think you can build one? In this challenge we will be using craft sticks and glue to make a spinning wheel.



Staff at Grand Reopening for Rachel's Garden



TEEN PROGRAMS

Grades 8-12

Teen Homeschool Programs

In this series we will be learning about some of the original Greek myths that are still a common part of our vocabulary today. Max 15 participants. Registration Required.

**Thursday, December 9
1:00 p.m.**

The Story of Achilles **Register**

Where did the phrase "Achilles heel" come from? We will answer this question as we read the tale of the Greek hero Achilles and see, not only where he failed, but how he originally succeeded.

**Thursday, January 13
1:00 p.m.**

The Story of King Midas **Register**

What would you do if everything you touched turned to literal gold? Let's see what King Midas did in this original tale of wealth and unexpected tragedy.

**Thursday, February 10
1:00 p.m.**

Fox and the Grapes **Register**

Has anyone ever told you to not have a case of the "sour grapes"? With this story we will read one of the classic Aesop's [arguably one of the most popular Greek authors of all time] fables and explore what it means to despise what we fail to achieve.

Teen Holiday party and Interactive Movie

Saturday, December 18 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon of gingerbread house building, snacks, and an interactive showing of Home Alone!



Teen Trivia: Popular Music

Friday, January 21 | 6:00 p.m.

Calling all music lovers! Do you have what it takes to strike the right chord? Come test your knowledge of some of the most popular songs, artists, and events of the last five years. Prizes will be awarded for 1st-3rd place.



First Friday of the month @ 5:00 p.m.*

Looking for somewhere to share your voice?

Do you and your friends have some great ideas 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 or achieve. We look forward to hearing you!

**December meeting will be December 10th*

Writing Type

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome to our teen writing workshop! Come as you can for writing exercises and unique prompts, as well as time to seek constructive feedback from fellow writers. Like any good writing workshop, these practices will be designed around what you are looking to put into and get out of them. *Please note that this program is planned around those within a YA maturity reading level.

Teen Paint Night **Register**

Friday, February 18 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Registration required and \$10 supplies fee.*

*10 seats maximum**

Paint with us as we follow along with YouTuber Art Sherpa to create this colorful jellyfish masterpiece! At the end of the night you'll be taking home a 9"x12" painting of your very own. Snacks will be provided too!



Teen Book to Movie

Fourth Friday of Every Month at 6:00 p.m.

**No B2M In December*

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.

January 28

Words on the Bathroom Walls



February 25

Love, Simon



Teen Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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



COMMUNITY Outreach

The Rochester Public Library District was awarded a van through an **IHLS Surplus Vehicles Grant** during the summer of 2021. Our logo shows that we want to be here to Connect, Discover, and Create with our community and beyond. With the use of grant money, we have purchased \$500 in books and \$1000 in S.T.E.A.M. kits to utilize with the van's outreach efforts. Our youth services director, Denise Rainford, uses the van to go off-site and read to Beginning Steps and Silver Leaf preschool/daycare in our community each month. The teachers there are able to check out books. Ms. Rainford also reads monthly and does a craft with the Boy's & Girl's Club of Springfield. New this year, the youth services director was able to partner with the Springfield Urban League. She makes weekly trips to read to four different classrooms, each on a five-week rotation totaling 20 distinct groups of children. The teachers are very welcoming and appreciative of the books that the Rochester Library offers for check out.

The van has also been a big help in transporting items for Summer Reading and the Fall Festival. It is large enough to move tables, chairs, stages, etc. We are so thankful to our sponsors who have helped make this program a success. The van has increased our ability to serve our community, and we are always looking for innovative ways to be a part of the larger picture for Rochester and Springfield.



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Monday - Thursday

10:00AM to 8:00PM

Friday

10:00AM to 5:00PM

Saturday

10:00AM to 4:00PM

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Fall Festival 2021 - Drone Footage

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, December 3

Staff Training

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Saturday, January 1

New Year's Day

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 21

President's Day