

ROCHESTER CONNECTION



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Rochester Public Library District
September, October, November 2022

FALL 2022

FALL FESTIVAL

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Youth Programs Return!

Storytime! STEAM! Homeschool! They're all back for the fall and we can't wait to see you!

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The Beck Family took advantage of our in-house Cricut to create some fun cups!

SAVE THE

date

SAT. OCTOBER 22
9 AM - 3 PM

ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

FALL
FESTIVAL



We Run Blue 5K

Car Show

Vendor Market

Family Fun

Food Trucks

Stone House Tours



Vendor application on the website at
www.rochesterlibrary.org/fallfestival/

SEPTEMBER IS FOOD FOR FINES MONTH

Beginning September 1 and running all month, the Library will be accepting food items in lieu of fines. Items must be non-perishable and unexpired.

For each item, \$1 in fines will be forgiven, up to \$10.00 total per card. This applies to fines only, not to lost or damaged items or fees.

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LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL

Driving downtown to the License Branch and waiting in line is a thing of the past (unless you enjoy that type of activity). Rochester Public Library is now ready to renew your license plates here! Stop by the library from 10 am to 5 pm Monday – Friday, or Tuesday evenings until 8 pm. You will need your renewal postcard or the vehicle's VIN# and a valid driver's license.

FREE COVID-19 SELF-SWAB TESTING NOW AVAILABLE

We are excited to partner with ARSL, Color Health, and the CDC to offer free, easy to access COVID-19 testing for our community. Rochester Public Library will provide self-swab PCR test kits onsite beginning August 1, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Patients can sign up, get a free test kit, swab themselves, and drop off their kit at our site collection bin all in the same visit – and receive their results via text in less than 48 hours. For more information please visit the library website or call the library.



HOLIDAY PARTY WITH SANTA

SATURDAY DEC. 3



2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars! Santa will be arriving on the fire truck Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 pm. Have your cameras ready to capture your 2022 greeting card picture. There will be light refreshments, crafts, games, and a reading nook. All of Santa's helpers will be ready and waiting for you!

Santa will arrive promptly at 2pm
on the fire truck.

⋮⋮⋮ Brownie Troop 6021 ⋮⋮⋮



Lylah, Kate, Abigail, Sydney, Peyton, and Jazmyn, Rochester's very own Brownie Troop 6021, have completed their first of three journeys, "The Brownie Quest." The Brownie Quest was an extraordinary journey to discover what it means to be a leader. The Girl Scout leaders guided the girls through this experience to understand their skills and values as they teamed with others, identified a community need, and then acted to better their community while doing their best to inspire others along the way. The girls identified Rochester Community Library as a community partner needing their help. Several of the girls love to read and thought the library could benefit from some new books for the youth department. In order to complete their journey to be leaders, they needed to "Take Action." The brownies decided to make crafts, including soaps and photo boards, as well as a variety of baked goods, including cookies, brownies, cake pops, Trix treats, and cupcakes to sell. It was a unanimous decision that the money earned would go directly to fulfilling the wish list of the youth department. The girls participated in the season's first Local Farmers Market on June 12th. With the community's support, they earned \$281.00, allowing the purchase of thirty-four new titles.



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.

Technology Classes

Card Catalog and Self-Checkout Class

Tuesday, September 6th | 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to browse the "card" catalog to see what's available at our library, it's all online - and this card catalog has every book in the Illinois Heartland Library System. You can log in to your account, place holds, renew books, and more. All this is possible from the comfort of your own home. We also have a self-checkout kiosk at the library. Learn all about it at this free class.

Readers' Advisory Class

Tuesday, November 29th | 6:00 p.m.

Christmas is coming! If you want bookish gift ideas, we have a list. We will discuss where to find new titles for adults and kids, how to keep track of what you have already given to others, and what you have already read. There are all kinds of resources out there to help and we've curated the best.

Rules of the Road | Registration Required

Wednesday, September 28th | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

This is a review course for those who wish to renew or obtain a license.

[Register](#)

Get Caffeinated | Registration Required

Thursday, September 29th | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | \$5

It's National Coffee Day and we're going to celebrate! Join us at the library for all things coffee! Try new roasts, learn to make different specialty drinks with a barista, and make art with coffee.

[Register](#)

Big Hair-y-Deal!

Tuesday, October 4th | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | FREE

Hey Ladies, do you want to learn some easy, fun braids or twists? Let's learn some of TikTok's hair trends and one or two original creations. Denise Rainford is offering a women's night of hair fun. If you desire, bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share. Light refreshments will be offered. Adults only.

*Please bring your own hair brush and supplies.

Fiber Arts Series

Tuesdays | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

September 27 - Picking & Washing

October 25 - Combing or Carding

November 15 - Blending

Have you ever wondered how the fiber from animals and plants turns into yarn? In this three part series Denise Rainford will show the process of choosing fiber, cleaning it, and preparing it for spinning.



The Rochester Public Library's Farmers Market will continue on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month through

Sunday, October 9 at 12:00 p.m.! 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

Beth Nelson by email at

adult.programs@rochesterlibrary.org.

AUTUMN COLORS BOOK BOX

As the leaves start to change, so could your reading habits!

Let us choose your next book for you by requesting an Autumn Colors Book Box! Choose a fall color (red, orange, or yellow) and then choose a genre and we will pick out a book tailored to you! Request an Autumn Colors Book Box and receive a surprise book, a bookmark, tea or hot chocolate, and other great surprises.

Requests can be made online through our website, or in person at the circulation desk.

Available from Oct. 17th-Nov. 30th for all ages.

October is Library Crawl Month!

Stop in the library and pick up a passport. Take it along on your Library Crawl and receive a stamp or initials from the libraries you visit. To show off where you've traveled, use #IHLSLibraryCrawl2022 and #RochesterPLD on social media! Then return the passport to the Circulation desk for some swag and an entry in our prize drawing.



Marty Fairchild Donation

"When I was first elected to the Rochester Fire Protection District, Board of Trustees, I decided to save my Trustee's paycheck with the idea that it would be donated back to the community. Since that decision was made, I decided to donate \$5,000.00 dollars that has ACCUMULATED after nine years of my RFPD Trustee elected service to the Rochester Public Library because of the wonderful job that they have DONE and are STILL doing for the community."

T H A N K Y O U

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 conversation.

September : Black Cake

October : River of the Gods

November : The Catch

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 a great discussion and treats provided by the club members!

September : Bloomsbury Girls

October : A Woman of No Importance

November : Beautiful Little Fools

Outreach

Blood Drive | Registration Required

Wednesday, October 12th | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Did you know each donation you make can save up to four lives? 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 or register at:

login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/101365 for the October date.

Library on Wheels

Our outreach program has started up again. If you or someone you know is homebound, please call the library at 217-498-8454. We would love to bring books to anyone who needs them.

We are also taking large print books to Carriage Crossings once a month. We will set up the traveling library in the bistro area. Residents can get a card and check out books that can then be returned at Carriage Crossings. There is no need to visit the library to check out or return books.



Passport Saturday

Saturday, September 17th | 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Don't want to go downtown to the Circuit Clerk's office? Sangamon County Circuit Clerk Paul Palazzo's office will be at the library to process passport applications. For more information on fees and required documents, visit www.sangamonpassports.org.



friends of
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BOOK SALE

Friday, September 23rd

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Members Only

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25

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, September 21st.

Please contact: Chris Humphreys at humphreyscm@hotmail.com

We are accepting book donations Tuesdays and Thursdays unless otherwise arranged with circulation staff. Items must be in boxes/bags that will be kept.

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

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

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

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.



Family Programs

STEM Family Games

September 10th | 10:00 a.m.

[Register](#)

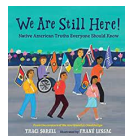
Join us for an hour of family fun! You will have the opportunity to build the tallest cup sculpture, build a boat that can hold the most weight in crayons, and build the tallest tower that can hold a tennis ball. Do just one challenge or all three.



Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 8th | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Pastor Danira Parra from the Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church in Peoria will be offering us a wonderful program featuring drummers, storytelling, and a variety of crafts including a wooden name necklace with the child's name in Cherokee on the back.



Family Reading Games

November 5th | 10:00 a.m.

If you can't make it to Family Reading Night on November 17, don't worry we have you covered! We will have bingo, a scavenger hunt, and a reading corner all set up for you!



Storytimes

Toddler Time

19-35 months

Mondays, September 12th to November 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.

**Closed 9/5 for Labor Day*

Baby Lapsit

Birth to 18 months

Thursdays, September 1st to November 17th

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, September 7th to November 30th

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.

Always check our website or Facebook for library closures & date changes.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



November 17 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Register on READsquared



THERAPY DOGS

Pixie and Cole are returning this fall, anxious to hear you read!
Register to save your reading time.



Therapy Dogs

**Pixie - Saturday September 10, October 8, & November 5
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Cole- Monday September 26 6:00 - 7:00 pm, and Tuesday
October 25, & November 29 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

[Register](#)

Homeschool Programs

Registration Required / Max 12

In this three-part series, we will be investigating meteorology, the science of weather. We will build three meteorological instruments, a barometer (to measure atmospheric pressure), a rain gauge (to measure rainfall), and a thermometer (to measure temperature).

Thursday, September 8th | 1:00 p.m.

Brilliant Barometer

[Register](#)



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

Rain Gauge

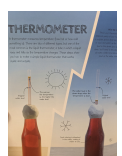
[Register](#)



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

Thermometer

[Register](#)



STEAM Ages 10-13

Registration Required

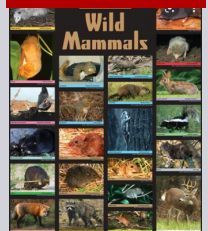
These programs were designed with tweens in mind. We know kids of all ages would benefit from these programs, however we are limiting them to 10-13 year olds unless otherwise specified.

Tuesday, September 20th | 4:00 p.m.

Mammals of Illinois

What is a mammal? Examine pelts and skulls to learn what makes this group of animals special, and discover the kinds of mammals you can find right here in central Illinois.

[Register](#)



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

4H



[Register](#)

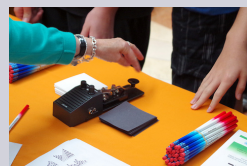


4-H Creativity Lab is coming to the Rochester! University of Illinois Extension 4-H invites youth ages 8-12 to join us to make, build, and create their own FUN! The makerspace education movement blends the physical world with technology, engaging students in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) through hands-on creation with various low and high-tech materials and tools. The event is FREE!

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

Telegraph - Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum

ALPLM's Civil War Tech programs allow students to explore the process and effects of evolving technologies in America during the Civil War. These programs meld science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with historical events and encourage students to get hands-on to understand the impact of technological advancements during the war. During our lesson on telegraphs, students will get to practice writing and deciphering messages in Morse code as well as try their hands at sending messages on the telegraph machines.



[Register](#)

TEEN PROGRAMS



Teen Homeschool

Second Thursday of the month | 1:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Weather Tools Series

What's the Deal With Humidity?

[Register](#)

Thursday, September 8th

We'll be building and examining a psychrometer to test and discuss what humidity percentages mean.

How does a Thermometer Work?

[Register](#)

Thursday, October 13th

Sure, we understand that it takes a change in temperature to change the level of a thermometer, but what else is happening? You'll be making your own basic thermometer.

Which Way Does the Wind Blow?

[Register](#)

Thursday, November 10th

You'll be able to tell the direction and speed of wind with your very own wind vane and anemometer we'll make while discussing one of the most basic meteorological phenomena.



September 18-24

Find our displays on censorship and join us for a special edition book-to-movie!

Saturday, September 24th | Banned-Book Double Feature

5:00 p.m.



7:15 p.m.



Banned Books Trivia

Friday, September 30th | 6:00 p.m.

Grab a friend [or an enemy] for some friendly trivia competition! As our final celebration of Banned Books Week, we will be striking up questions about the authors, the stories, and the reasons for challenges to titles throughout the years.

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. No prior experience is required. Tasks may include but are not limited to, shelf reading, shelf straightening, craft prep, and program assistance. 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.

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! **October meeting will be held at Skateland South - follow our Facebook page and/or sign up for our Biblio Buzz newsletter for reminder updates!

*October meeting admission to Skateland South is covered. \$4 for skates. Registration is required. Max of 10 Teens.

Halloween Party with Interactive Movie - CLUE

Friday, October 28th | 6:00 p.m.



NEW WEEKLY PROGRAM!

Magic: The Gathering | Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks to a generous donation from MagiKids by Weirdcards Charitable Club, we will be starting a new weekly tween/teen program with the famous collectible card game, Magic: The Gathering! Players (ages 11-19) of all expertise levels welcome. Come help sort the cards we were gifted, build a deck, learn the game, and battle it out!

*Please note that while members as young as 11 will be allowed to participate, the distributors of Magic: The Gathering do recommend their items for ages 13+.



College Nights

Friday, October 21st | 6:00 p.m. | UIS

Sarah Adams from the University of Illinois Springfield will be in-house to discuss and answer your questions about college life from dorms to classes to student life and more! Parents are welcome to join with their teen(s).



Blackburn College
Learn. Work. Earn.

Friday, November 18th | 6:00 p.m. | Blackburn College

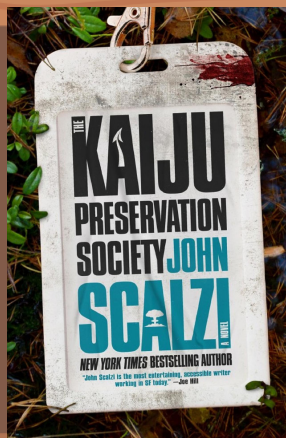
An admissions advisor from the Blackburn College will be in-house to discuss and answer your questions about college life from dorms to classes to student life and more! Parents are welcome to join with their teen(s).

STAFF PICKS FOR FALL



Denise's pick: "A beautiful and heart-wrenching story about adventure, loss, and the courage it takes to look for the bright places of the world."

*Find it on our YA Fiction shelves.



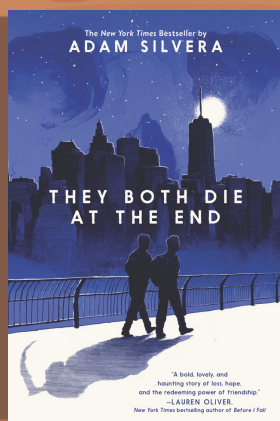
Amanda's pick: "A fun Sci-Fi about Godzilla-like creatures on an alt Earth and the scientists trying to protect them."

*Available on our Adult Fiction shelves



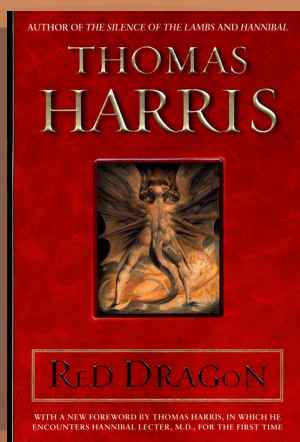
Lorachelle's pick: "Light hearted, funny and just a fun read."

*Available on our Adult Fiction shelves



Ayla's pick: "The title will break your heart every time you pick it up."

*Find it on our YA Fiction shelves or listen on Hoopla



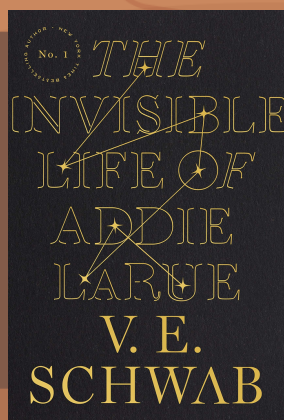
Jacob's pick: "Often gets overshadowed by its much more successful sequel, The Silence of the Lambs. You get introduced to one of the most famous villains of all time, Hannibal Lecter."

*Available on our Adult Fiction shelves.



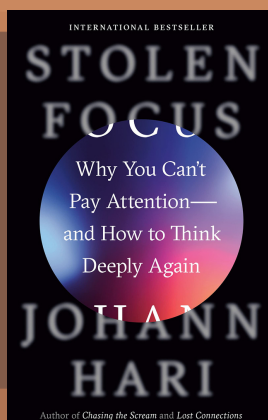
Kaylee's pick: "A great bridge between cozy mysteries and more traditional mysteries!"

*Find it on our Adult Fiction shelves.



Ben's pick: "With memorable characters and an intriguing story line, this is a great book that showcases the beauty of life, through all its ups and downs."

*Find it on our Adult Fiction shelves



Beth's pick: "This book got me thinking about my use of digital media and what it's doing to my brain and my ability to process information."

A good read for anyone with a device."

*Available on our Adult Non-Fiction Shelves



Claire's pick: "A story of love, betrayal and sacrifice that will make you never want to put it down."

*Available on Cloud Library or request with SHARE

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Monday - Thursday

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REGISTER FOR EVENTS HERE:



LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, September 5

Labor Day

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 24

Friday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday



Now Available at
the Library



SAT, OCTOBER 22
9 AM - 3 PM

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PARK