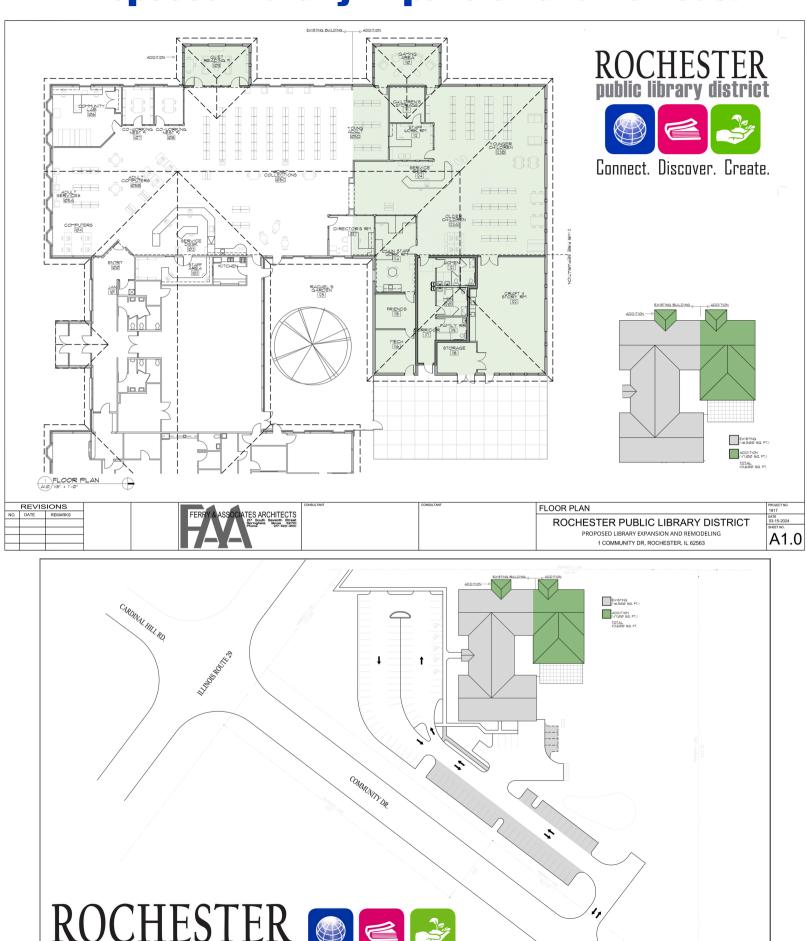
ROCHESTER CONNECTION



Rochester Public Library District September, October, & November 2024



Proposed Library Expansion and Remodel



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ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FESTIVAL



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PARK

SAT. OCTOBER 19 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

SHOPPING, FOOD, KIDS ZONE. CAR SHOW. AND LIVE MUSIC

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

CAR SHOW

with DJ Boombox Dave

Registration:

8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

NO LATE ENTRIES For more information.

contact Grover

Schrock: 217-638-0905

Categories

Best of Show Best Engine **Best Interior** Best Paint Best Ford Best Chevrolet Best MOPAR Best Foreign Car Jim Bennett Award People's Choice Top 3 Motorcycles

Top 25

*Judging begins at 12:00 p.m. Awards at 3:30 p.m.

OLD STONE HOUSE

The Old Stone House, a project of the **Rochester Historical Preservation Society, will** be open to the public all day.

PAGEANT

The 2024 Fall Festival Pageant is now accepting applications for its event on Thursday, October 17th! Open to girls ages 3-18 from Sangamon County or within a 30-mile radius of Rochester, the pageant features five age divisions and a People's Choice Award. Proceeds benefit the Rochester Library, with last year's pageant raising over \$500. To enter, email participant's name and age (as of the event date) to rochesterpageants@gmail.com to receive an informational packet. A \$30 entry fee is required. For questions, contact Pageant Director Jennie Harris at the same email.

OVER 40+ VENDORS

FOOD TRUCKS

5 food trucks with loads of variety!

LIVE MUSIC

Alex Pearce will be performing live 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



KIDS ZONE

Storvtimes

Live Storvtimes with various community members and local authors. Times TBD.

Pumpkin Ring Toss Sack Races Pop a Pumpkin







Pumpkin Art | 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

While supplies last.

Bounce Houses

5 different bounce houses including an obstacle course and a game.

Wristbands:

\$5/15 min - \$10/1 hour - \$25/Jump all day



Stay tuned for a detailed schedule of

events and activities.









Library Card Sign-Up Month September 1-30

For the entire month of September, we are hosting a gift card giveaway to kickoff Library Card Sign Up Month! When you sign up for a new Rochester Library card, you will be entered into a raffle for a gift card to Razzo's! Three winners will be drawn.



Return on Investment Calculator See how much the library saves you!



Have you checked out the savings calculator on our website yet? Try it out at

www.rochesterlibrary.org/savings

Visit our website for a virtual tour that includes expansion images!

Passport Saturday

Saturday, October 5 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Need a passport, but don't want to go downtown to the Circuit Clerk's office? Sangamon County Circuit Clerk Joe Roesch's office will be at the library to process passport applications. For more information on fees and required documents, visit

www.sangamonpassports.org

MONSTER MASH BOOK BOX

We are thrilled to invite patrons to experience our latest Book Box, Monster Mash; a spine-tingling journey through the realm of monster stories! Running October 7 - November 7, this unique offering is perfect for those who revel in the eerie and extraordinary. Whether you're delving into a romantic tale of a friendly witch or unraveling the mystery of a nocturnal phantom, enjoy a specially curated drink and snack to set the perfect atmosphere. Don't miss out on this bewitching experience reserve your Monster Mash Book Box and let the monstrous fun begin! Available for library card holders of ALL ages.



FRIENDS MEMBERS: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 5:00-7:00 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 10:00-3:00 PM

FILL A BAG: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 12:00-3:00 PM

The friends are needing assistance with set-up/tear down. Set-up will begin on Wednesday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m. and September 19-23 as needed. Please contact: Chris Humphreys at humphreyscm@hotmail.com

Laminating Services!

Starting this fall, the library will offer laminating for patrons. Stay tuned for more information.

Library on Wheels

If you or someone you know is in need of home delivery services, please call the library at 217-498-8454. We would love to bring items to anyone who needs them.



REMAINING DATES OF THE **SEASON: SEPTEMBER 8 & 22** 12:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Don't forget to turn in your completed Produce Passport to win a prize at the library tent!



At our library, we're committed to empowering our community through civic engagement. In preparation for the upcoming election, we are excited to offer voter registration assistance to all patrons. Whether you prefer the convenience of filling out a mail-in form onsite or would like personalized support from one of our librarians, we've got you covered. Visit us today to get registered and make your vote count!

6th Annual Library Crawl

Embark on an exhilarating adventure with the Library Crawl! Journey beyond the familiar shelves of your home library, and explore five or more unique libraries in the As you navigate these literary wonderlands, collect stamps in your special Passport. Once your quest is complete, come into Rochester Library, where your passport stamps become golden tickets, offering you

October 1 - 31st a chance to enter a thrilling raffle drawing.

Looking to make a difference in your community? Want to get rid of any overdue fines? Beginning September 1 and running through the 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 total per card. This applies to fines only, not to lost or damaged items or fees. At the end of the month, all donated items will be given to the Rochester Food Pantry. FOOD FOR FINE \$

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Sweater Weather Sublimation Class

Our sublimation classes are back by popular

demand! Fall into a new craft project with us

as we create custom fall-themed designs on

sweatshirts pre-ordered by the library! Join

us for a cozy, creative evening and get ready

Register by Friday, September 13th to

secure your spot!

Registration Required | \$10 class fee

Adult Programming Events

Tuesday, September 24 @ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m.

to embrace the season in style.

Register online at rochesterlibrary.org/programs or by calling 217-498-8454.

Tech Classes

Canva For Educators I: Flyers and Posters

Wednesday, September 25 | 6:00 p.m. | FREE

Registration Required REGISTER NOW Canva

Did you know that public K-12 educators have free access to Canva Pro? Join our class to learn how to use this amazing tool to design flyers for upcoming events and fun posters for your classroom!

Drop-In Tech Support

Wednesday, October 23 | 5:00 p.m. | FREE

Need some assistance with technology? Come to the library for help with using your smartphone, laptop, tablet, and more!



Canva for Educators II: Presentations

Wednesday, November 13 | 6:00 p.m. | FREE

Registration Required REGISTER NOW

Want to use Canva in your classroom but no idea where to start? Join us for tips and tricks to make customized presentations for your students!



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REGISTER NOW

Pumpkin Sign Paint Night with

REGISTER NOW **Brenda Geisen** Thursday, September 26 @ 5:30 p.m. | \$40

Registration Required

Join us for a cozy evening at our Pumpkin Sign Paint Night with Brenda Geisen! Embrace the spirit of fall as you unleash vour creativity and paint your very own wooden pumpkin sign. Whether vou're an experienced artist or just looking for a fun night out, this event promises to be a delightful way to celebrate the season.

Outreach

Blood Drive | Registration Required Wednesday, Oct. 16 | 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11 | 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Many variables can impact the blood inventory: weather, holidays, tragic events. Every day, patients who need blood are in crisis and you can help by volunteering to donate. Less than 10% of the population gives blood, so donors that give on a regular basis are important to meet these needs. Now in the community room! To schedule an appointment, please contact the library or register at: https://bit.ly/October16 Drive https://bit.ly/December11 Drive

Monthly Outreach

Visit our table at Carriage Crossing and Rochester Estates Senior Living to check out books, order items, register to vote, and talk with a librarian!

Carriage Crossing

September 20 | October 18 | November 15 @ 11:30 a.m.

Rochester Estates Senior Living

September 16 | October 21 | November 18 @ 4:00 p.m.







Fall Dance Series REGISTER NOW

Wednesdays, September 11 & November 6 6:00 p.m. | FREE | Registration Required

Dance the night away with Young Dance Inc. at the library! Join us in September for a Swing class that will have you jitterbugging and jiving to your heart's content. In November, feel the rhythm and let the music guide you for our sizzling Salsa class. No partner or prior experience is required.



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

Day Book Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the library. There will be early morning treats and a great discussion about a wide variety of books.

September: Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

October: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

November: There There by Tommy Orange

Evening Book Club Fourth Monday of the month | 5:30 p.m.

Evening Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Drop in for a great discussion and treats provided by the club members! September: *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim M. Richardson

The Rose Code by Kate Quinn October:

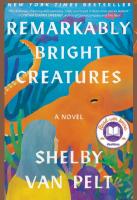
November: Lady Tan's Circle of Woman by Lisa See



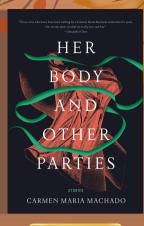
STAFF PICKS FOR **FALL**



"Finding Me reads like Davis is sitting you down for a one-on-one conversation about her life. Such an amazing storyteller." Large Print shelves.



"Adorable! The audiobook version on Libby has such a distinct voice for Marcellus the octopus. It had me cracking up and crying within the span of 5 chapters" *Find it on our Adult Fiction



"A collection of short stories deal for fans of speculative fiction, ghost stories, or the original Grimm fairy tales. A perfect read for the spooky season!" *Find it in our SHARE Catalog

Lorachelle's Pick

Kendall's Pick

Colette's Pick



Jaina's Pick

TV makeover show for plus-sized individuals that champions selfacceptance and the belief that size doesn't limit your dreams. It's an emotional journey as the main character learns to embrace herself and lets others do the same. *Find it in our SHARE Catalog.



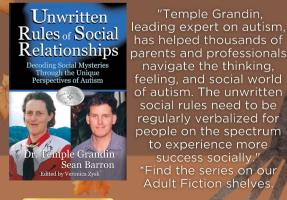
Denise's Pick

"This book is beautiful for any three uniquely designed hats that capture the National Parks through the art of knitting." *Find it in our SHARE Catalog



"A classic YA series set in medieval-style fantasy with a ferociously independent female lead." Find it on our YA Shelves.

Ayla's Pick



feeling, and social world of autism. The unwritten social rules need to be regularly verbalized for people on the spectrum to experience more success socially. *Find the series on our Adult Fiction shelves

Cassie's Pick



THANK YOU ROCHESTER

Thank You for Another Successful Season at the Farmers Market!

As we reflect on this year's Farmers Market, we are filled with immense gratitude for our incredible vendors and the wonderful attendees who made this season such a success. On average, we welcomed more than 250 people each week, with around 20 vendors offering fresh produce, handmade goods, and more. That means over 2000 community members have come out to support local businesses and enjoy all that the market has to offer.

For the past 8 years, the library has been proud to host this vibrant community event. However, due to financial constraints, we regret to inform you that we will no longer be able to continue providing the Farmers Market without additional funding.

We deeply appreciate the support and enthusiasm you've shown, and we encourage you to join us for the final two markets of the season on September 8 and September 22 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Let's make these last two events ones to remember!

Thank you for being a part of this journey and for supporting your local community.

Thank you to our Friends of the Library's generous donation of \$3,600 to make this year's Farmers Market and Fall Festival available to the community.



Mark your calendars for October 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. as we gear up for the 5th Annual Rochester Fall Festival! This cherished event has become a staple in our community, bringing together local vendors, families, and friends for a day of fun and festivities that we all look forward to each year.

This year promises to be our best yet, with over 40 vendors expected and the return of our popular car show, now in its third year! Last year, we were thrilled to welcome over 1800 attendees and we're eager to see even more of you this time around.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the vendors, pageant participants, car show enthusiasts, and everyone who has attended in previous years. Your support and enthusiasm have made the Rochester Fall Festival the success it has become.

Unfortunately, we are sad to announce that this may be our final year hosting the Fall Festival. Due to financial constraints, the library is faced with difficult decisions, including the possibility of cutting hours, staff, and beloved programs like this one. Without additional funding, we simply cannot continue to provide this service to the community.

It has been our pleasure and privilege to bring the Rochester Fall Festival to life each year. We hope you will join us on October 19 to celebrate and make this year's event the most memorable one yet.



WELCOME TO

PEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS

We are excited to announce a new program that encourages us to stretch our comfort zone and bring us together for conversation. Our hope is to foster new friendships by participating in the Open Hearts ~ Open Minds Book Club. Join us in a safe space for this youth book club on the second Saturday of each month to discuss diversity. Each month we will cover a different, nationally-recognized, diversity acknowledgment.

We will be reading picture books to our Pre-K kids ages (0-5). For kids ages (6-10), they can either read on their own or you can enjoy the book as a family. We will have several copies of each book available at the library beginning a month before the scheduled conversation date.

On the second Saturday of each month, we will get together to talk about what we have read. Did the children enjoy it? Did you? Did you learn anything new? Did it make you laugh or cry? During the discussion, we will assemble an easy craft related to the books or let kids play while we talk.

Middle Grade (ages 10-14) and Teens (ages 15-19): Read the title(s) before our meeting date and come prepared with an open heart and open mind to have a conversation with your peers, encouraged by your youth librarians. See our website for the list of scheduled topics or log in to READsquared.

SATURDAY FRIENDS SHARING CIRCLE Second Saturday of each month unless there is a conflict.

SEPTEMBER PICKS

Pre-K ages (0-5 w/ parents) Kids ages (6-9 w/ parents) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Middle Grade ages (10-14) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Teens ages (15-19) 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.





CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS







Storytimes

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

Toddler Time 19-35 months Mondays

No Toddler Time: 10/14, 11/11

10:10 to 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 is required. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

Baby Lapsit Birth to 18 months

No Baby Lapsit: 11/28

Thursdays

10:10 to 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.

Morning Storytime

2 to 5 years old Wednesdays

**Sensory-friendly tools openly available for anyone who might need them.

10:30 to 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 is required. Follow our Facebook page for more information. No Storytime: 9/4

September: 11 - Apples, 18 - Disabilities, 25 - Seasons

October: 2 - Hispanic Heritage Month, 9 - Move & Play,

16 - Earth Science, 23 - Day of the Dead, 30 - Halloween

November: 6 - Story Stones, 13 - The Library Book, 20 - Elephant &

Piggie, 27 - Cake

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



Don't forget to sign up for 1000 books using our READsquared app! Incentives awarded at every level!

Homeschool Programs

Ages 6-12 Meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 1:00 p.m.

Registration Required



Join us for some fantastic fall-building fun! Throughout the fall months, we will be tackling various building challenges. In September and October, each child will work on an individual project. In November, we will break into two or three teams to build a foosball game together.

September 12

Engineer Launchers

What can we do with craft sticks, Qtips, and hot glue? Build engineer launchers - which are a cross between a crossbow and a slingshot. Supplies will be provided with minimal instruction. The goal of this project is to make mistakes, learn from them, and make the necessary adjustments until you have a working model.



October 10 **Geometric Design**



Art is for everyone! Together, we will fulfill that need to create. Don't worry if you feel that you don't excel at figurative art. We will use symmetry and axes to create beautiful paper tiles worthy of display. The style will be reflective of Spanish and Islamic art.

November 14

Foosball Challenge

The goal in November is teamwork! There are many parts to a team and everyone is important to the successful completion of a project. We will take the time to identify what part of the project each team member is responsible for before we start planning and then building. Remember mistakes are an essential part of creating. So come prepared to have some fun while acquiring essential skills that will serve you well in the future.





MIDDLE GRADE PROGRAMS AGES 10-14

Middle Grade Programs (Ages 10-14)

Officially announcing middle grade programs!

We are adding a new age bracket to our regularly scheduled programming to help bridge the gap between our storytime age kiddos and our older teens. These programs are designed with ages 10-14 in mind to come to the library for some engaging activities outside of school and home. Programs will be drop-off only; no parents/guardians are required outside of library staff.



First Friday of the Month
Middle Grade Advisory Board 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Ages 10-14

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! 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!



Book to Movie

Friday, September 20 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. A Wrinkle in Time (*Banned Books Pick*) Team gore or team glamor? Springfield Theatre Centre and Muni costume makeup aficionado Gwen Cribbett will be here to teach you both! Come learn some amazing tips and tricks to bring this year's costume to the next level. Afterwards take home your own face paint palette and application supplies. *Allergy warning: we will be using liquid latex for some of these skills.



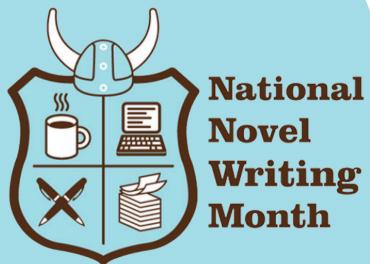


Friday, November 15 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Test your knowledge of all things Disney, from classic movies to modern favorites, with fun and challenging questions. Gather your friends, dress as your favorite characters, and get ready for a magical evening filled with laughter, prizes, and Disney magic. Don't miss out on this exciting adventure!

FALL LITERARY CELEBRATIONS FOR ALL AGES

November is...



National Novel Writing Month is a fun, empowering approach to creative writing. The challenge: draft an entire novel in just one month. For 30 wild, exciting, surprising days, you get to lock away your inner editor, let your imagination take over, and just create!

THIS LIBRARY PARTICIPATES IN

BANNED BOOKS WEEK SEPT. 222-28, 2024



ALA - "We can find freedom in the pages of a book — but book bans and censorship threaten that freedom, along with many other rights and institutions. During Banned Books Week 2024 and beyond, let's share our love of right to read and the freedom found in books. Let's be Freed Between the Lines!"



OLDER TEEN PROGRAMS

AGES 15-19*



unless otherwise indicated

First Friday of the month @ 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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! 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!

*Email our teen coordinator Ayla to receive updates on teen programs or to send in ideas: ysassistant@rochesterlibrary.org

Board Games Night | Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Grab a friend and grab a game for our weekly board game night! Interested in Magic: The Gathering? We have lots of cards donated by MagiKids and local players for you to choose from and build a deck of your own!

*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+.



Book to Movie

Friday, September 27 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

The Giver (*Banned Books Pick*)



Fall Painting Class REGISTER NOW

Friday, October 25 | 6:00-8:00 PM | \$12 | Max 10 Teens



Paint with us as we follow along with YouTuber Art Sherpa to create this whimsical pumpkin 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!



Friday, November 22 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Prove your might at our Marvel Trivia event! We will test your knowledge on everyone from the X-Men and Avengers to Veda and Outlaw Kid. Prizes for highest scores! Superhero T-shirts encouraged!





Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival

Fill out our volunteer application to receive a link for volunteer openings during our Fall Festival.



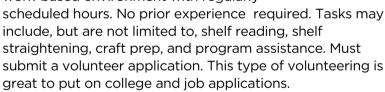
Application

Volunteer Application

Volunteens

Fill out our volunteer application to be contacted for a volunteer orientation

We're looking for individuals aged 11-18 seeking to gain valuable experience in a work-based environment with regularly







Ages 13-19 | Second Thursday of Each Month | 1:00 PM **Registration Preferred**

Crafting for a Cause; no prior experience required! Come meet and mingle with fellow homeschoolers while we work on small projects to benefit our community. This will be a great series for learning how even the small things can make a big difference. We will sign for volunteer credits if needed for other endeavors.

September 12

Flannel Hearts for **Preemies**

October 10 **Blankets for Linus**

November 14 **Family Fleece Hats**









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Monday - Thursday

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10:00AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday

10:00AM to 4:00PM

Contact Us

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

Monday, October 14 - Indigenous Peoples' Day

- Staff Training

Saturday, October 19 - Fall Festival

Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day

Thursday & Friday, November 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday



REGISTER FOR

