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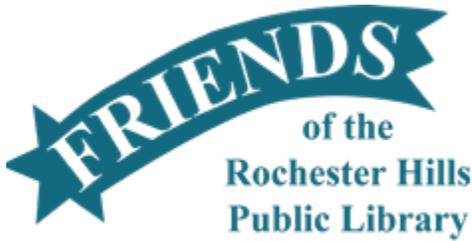


A LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

In this edition of *News & Views*, we invite you to learn more about our enterprising Outreach Department and celebrate 20 years of bookmobile service at Rochester Hills Public Library. Outreach is a key cornerstone of this institution and fully embodies the philosophical principle of “connecting people to ideas.”

Outreach services at RHPL allow patrons to experience the full-fledged library out in the community with materials for checkout, access to librarians, WiFi connectivity, and programming right where our patrons need it most. Did you know that Rochester Hills Public Library maintains five mini-branches in local senior living facilities and at the OPC Social & Activity Center? Library staff and volunteers manage these mini-branches and stock them with new materials and contemporary collections for members of the community who may not have easy access to the main library. Outreach staff also maintains an electric cargo vending bike that we affectionately call the “Book Peddler” to travel around the community. Be it the Rochester farmer’s market, Wet & Wild Wednesdays at the RH Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, or concerts in the park, the library provides a collection of popular materials for patrons to check out and enjoy outside our four walls. Our student virtual card program maintained by Outreach allows each kindergarten through college student in the area access to RHPL premium databases for homework and advanced research from the comfort of school, home, or work.

The Outreach Department is as dynamic as it is hard-working and is so much more than rolling in the hills with a bookmobile (but we do relish that endeavor as well). It is being daring with library services and unapologetically solution-oriented when turning all the reasons for not visiting the library into opportunities for access and delight. Outreach at RHPL is not defined as reaching out only to pull in, but as reducing or eliminating any friction in the library experience to meet patrons exactly where they are.



Wine, Wit, and Wisdom

Saturday, April 27, 6-9:30 p.m.

The 9th annual Friends of RHPL Wine, Wit & Wisdom fundraiser is sure to wow you this spring with a Roaring 20s theme in honor of RHPL's 100th anniversary. Attendees can choose from speaker presentations on jazz, distilling spirits, fashion, and local history and enjoy a buffet dinner and drinks (wine, beer, and soft drinks), a silent auction, and 50/50 raffle. 1920s attire is encouraged!

Tickets go on sale March 1 and are \$80 (or \$90 after April 17). Registration forms may be picked up at the circulation desk. Completed forms may be dropped off into the Wine, Wit, and Wisdom box on the Circulation Desk along with a check made out to Friends of RHPL. Online registrations may be completed at rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl.

Tickets will be emailed to registered guests. If an email address is not indicated on the form, guests' names will be on a list at the entrance upon arrival.



*Wine Wit
& Wisdom*

Hundredth Anniversary Raffle

Early bird drawing dates: February 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

2024 is RHPL's centennial year and we are celebrating with an anniversary raffle. Over the years, the Friends have donated well over \$1 million to support library needs and year 100 is a special opportunity to beat that total. Winning tickets from each drawing will remain eligible for all subsequent drawings and will have the potential to be a multi-drawing winner!

The grand prize drawing will be held on Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Friends annual meeting for 40% of all ticket revenue minus total early bird winnings. You could win big!

Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased online at rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl. Early bird drawings will take place at the beginning of the Friends board meetings.

Friends Spring Used Book Sale

Thursday, April 18-Sunday, April 21

The Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library is getting the new year off to a big start with its Spring Used Book Sale. From history books to popular fiction to puzzles and games, the bargains are all in the upstairs used book sale room. Presale opportunities for Friends members will be Wednesday, April 17 from 5:30-8 p.m. (New member sign-ups and renewals are available at the door. See rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl for details.) All proceeds benefit the library.

Thursday, April 18, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, April 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

(Bag Day - all you can fit in a standard grocery bag for \$5)

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"The Bookmobile is the best! The staff know us and it is easy to pick up our holds and browse for books. Going to BoB is one of the kids' highlights each week."

"It's a much appreciated service... kudos to you all."

"Bookmobile personnel have been exceptionally helpful and friendly."



Bringing the library to you since 2004

November 8 through November 13, 2004, 544 people toured our new bookmobile. At the dedication ceremony on November 13, David Bates, President of the Friends presented Madge Lawson, President of the Library Board of Trustees, with a check for \$30,000 as an installment on payment for the bookmobile. Then together they proudly cut the blue ribbon to officially dedicate the bookmobile... Watching the people come in and admire our new mobile library, it was interesting to see how comfortable people appeared on the vehicle and how excited they were about the service."

"To help identify the bookmobile driver or other attendants, they should have some identifying clothing such as a short cape, etc. which would be a take off on Batman."

"This was my first time hearing about/ using the bookmobile service, and it was wonderful."

"I have learned so much, not just about big trucks and generators, but how to enhance service to anyone who might not be able to come into the library easily. I honestly think I have the coolest job in libraries."

**Mary Davis,
Head of Outreach Services**

"Mondays at All Seasons have never been better since the bookmobile resumed service!"

"I love the convenience."

Chances are you've sat behind it in traffic. You may have seen it sitting in the parking lot during your last grocery run. You may have even spotted it parked at your child's school during the summer months. While it seems like the RHPL bookmobile is everywhere all at once, it actually follows a strict schedule and pops in and out of a total of 24 weekly stops all over the community. And it isn't just there to look cool (although it does) its main job is bringing the public library directly to the public.

Since 2004, Rochester Hills Public Library has provided mobile service to Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township. Our original bookmobile was purchased in 2003 with a generous donation from the Friends of RHPL and our new vehicle—named BoB (Books on Board) by our enthusiastic patrons—began service on March 6, 2023. This mobile branch of the library covers our nearly 72 square mile service area and is a frequent special guest at community events, summer school clubs, and a neighborhood near you. With nearly 30,000 visits from patrons last year and over 40,000 checkouts, the bookmobile is an indispensable part of the library and provides a convenient and fun way to visit.

And if all of that wasn't amazing enough, the bookmobile is just one in a fleet of vehicles maintained by the Outreach Department. Our book bike regularly attends the farmers market and leads historical tours throughout downtown Rochester in the summer. Our early literacy bus—known affectionately as "The Blue Bus" because of its cheerful exterior—has been visiting local preschools to provide storytimes and mobile browsing collections for some of our littlest patrons since 2012.

While our mobile service has gone through many changes over the years, its purpose remains the same. No matter what it looks like, we'll continue to provide service to our patrons, even when that means hitting the road to bring the library to you, wherever you are.

To celebrate the bookmobile's 20th year of service, we've shared quotes and observations from our patrons collected over the last two decades. Whether they are glowing or sartorial (capes?), one thing remains constant, patrons can't get enough of our mobile service.

"I never dreamed they would have anything like this. I come in and get large print books sometimes; I like detective novels."



To find bookmobile stops and sign-up for updates, visit rhpl.org/bookmobiles

Where can I find the bookmobile?

You can find our schedule online at rhpl.org/bookmobiles or you can pick up a copy at the Main Library.

Can I visit any stop I want to?

Yes! You can visit any stop on the schedule; one near home, one on your errand route, one after work, whatever works for you!

Can I renew bookmobile materials?

Yes, as long as no one else has them on hold.

Do you have stuff for kids on the van?

You bet! Picture books, board books, youth and teen fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, audio-enabled books, video games, and movies are always available.

Can I return Main Library items to the bookmobile?

Yes. They will be checked in once they are brought back to the Main Library.

Can I pick up items from the Main Library on the bookmobile?

Absolutely! You can place a hold through our website and select "Bookmobile (van)" as the pick-up location or give us a call at 248-656-2900 to place your items on hold.

Can patrons come on the van?

You can! It can be a tight squeeze, so we like to keep a limit of about five patrons at a time.

Can I place a hold on bookmobile items?

All the items that are currently physically on the van may be placed on hold, but they have to be picked up on the bookmobile.

Can I return bookmobile items to the Main Library?

Yes. We will make sure they're routed back to the van.

FAQs



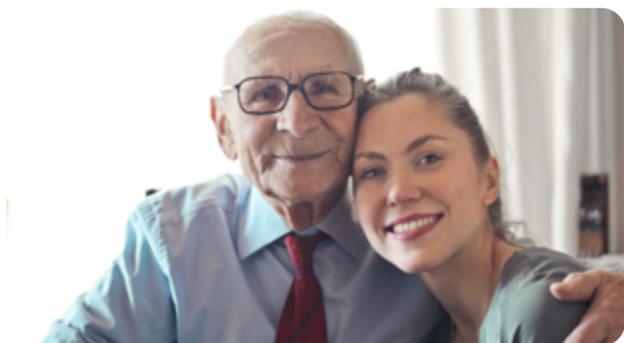
OUTREACH SERVICES

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Memory Café

Thursdays, February 29, March 28, April 25, May 23, 2-3 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Memory Café is a welcoming place for people with memory challenges and their care partners to socialize in a safe and friendly environment. Please note that this is not a respite program. Questions? Call Outreach Services at 248-650-7150 or send an email to outreach@rhpl.org. Registration is required.



Beginner ELL Book Club: *London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd

Wednesdays, March 6-May 29, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference Room B

If you have tried the book club before and it was too hard, this group is for you. Meet with Rebecca and other English language learners to read and discuss a book in a friendly setting. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting. Contact rebecca.lafave@rhpl.org with questions. Registration is required.

ELL Book Club: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Thursdays, March 14-May 30, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference Room B

Meet with Rebecca and other English language learners to read and discuss a book in a friendly setting. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting. Contact rebecca.lafave@rhpl.org with questions. Registration is required.

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

Tuesdays, April 2-May 28, 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, April 4-May 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 6-June 1, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference Room A

Our conversation groups are a time to come together and discuss hometowns, food, hobbies, jobs, and other informal topics. Joining a group will introduce you to new friends and a great time! Classes are ongoing, join any time. For further information, contact Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org. Registration is required.

Libby 101

Friday, April 12, 2 p.m. Conference Room A

Learn how to use Libby to borrow ebooks, e-audiobooks, and magazines using your RHPL card. Bring your mobile device. Registration is required.



American Culture

Mondays, May 6-May 27, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference Room A

Join Mariano for an informal group discussion. This group is open to all ELL students and newcomers. We will discuss and share our own experiences and observations regarding the customs and manners of American culture. For further information, contact Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org. Registration is required.

Books From BoB

Friday, March 1-Tuesday, April 30. All ages. Bookmobile

Read this spring with Books From BoB! To participate, visit the bookmobile to check out your books. Track your reading of any four books from BoB on the Beanstack app or at rhpl.beanstack.org (or pickup a paper form from the bookmobile) and enter to win fabulous prizes in our spring reading raffle.



ADULT PROGRAMS

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Basic Technology Help for Seniors

Saturdays, March 9, April 20, May 18, 12-1 p.m.
Conference Room A

New to computers, smartphones, tablets, email, or Microsoft Office? Meet up with a group of patient and friendly teen volunteers who can show you the basics here at the library, on your device or a library computer. Registration is required.

Vaping 101

Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Gain insights on e-cigarettes, health risks, and resources for effective student guidance from experts from the Oakland County Health Division. Registration is required.

What She Left Behind: Uncovering the Stories of Rochester Women

Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Archivist Samantha Lawrence explores the stories of local women who have played a significant role in shaping the history of the greater Rochester area through photographs, diaries, and scrapbooks stored in the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm archives. Registration is required.

Prescription Drug Disposal & Technical Support

Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn about opioids, the opioid crisis, statistics on opioid misuse in Oakland County, and how to properly dispose of unwanted medications from experts at the Oakland County Health Division. Registration is required.

RAYA Speaker Series

Thursdays, April 11, and May 2, 7 pm.
Multipurpose Room

The Rochester Area Youth Assistance League's Family Education Committee presents speakers relevant to Rochester community parents and caregivers. Visit our program calendar for more information. Registration is required.

What You Want to Know About Your Retirement

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn about retirement planning items such as income planning, when to take social security, Medicare decisions, tax implications, and estate planning from private wealth advisory experts.



Lifelong learning for all. Join RHPL and community partners Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester University, Oakland University, and Ascension Health for a series of lectures from community experts. Events take place in the Multipurpose Room. Registration is required.

Patton, American Warrior General

Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Learn the history of General Patton's military career and the successes and failures in WW II that lead to a career as a 4-Star General.

Auto Industry History

Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.

We know about the auto barons of the past, but do you know of the unsung heroes who helped make these auto giants successful? Join Chris Maliszewski for an evening of auto history that you may have never heard before.

The Man Who Never Was

Thursday, May 30, 7 p.m.

Hear the story of the incredible British deception that convinced the Germans that the invasion of Europe would advance through Greece or Sardinia rather than through Sicily.

HISTORY, ART, & CULTURE

Drop-In Genealogy Help

Saturdays, March 9, April 13, May 11, 2 p.m.

Conference Room B or Virtual

Need a little help jump-starting your family research? Stop by and get tips and tricks from our volunteer genealogist, Heather! Registration is required.



Hudson's: Detroit's World-Famous Department Store

Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Join architect and historian Bruce Allen Kopytek as he leads you on an intoxicating journey of exploration through this lost

Detroit landmark. Along the way, you'll discover the rags-to-riches story of Joseph L. Hudson, the culinary delights of Hudson's restaurants, and the stories of people who made it all happen. Registration is required.

The First 100 Years of Jewish Detroit: 1850-1950

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

In the span of a century, Detroit's Jewish population grew from 51 people to more than 80,000. Join Archivists Laura Gottlieb and Robbie Terman from the Joan Meyers Jampel Center for Michigan Jewish Heritage as they explore why Jewish people flocked to Detroit and how they created a thriving community. Registration is required.

Bridgerton Costume Tea Party

Saturday, April 20, 1-3 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Dearest Readers: Please join us for the Bridgerton Costume Tea Party (dressing up is optional, but highly encouraged). Enjoy a discussion, create a craft, visit the photo station, and of course, drink tea! Registration is required.



National Poetry Month with the Rochester Poet Society

Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Enjoy a poetry recital from the Rochester Poet Society. There will also be the opportunity to recite your own poetry during their open mic session. Registration is required.

Film: Cross Culture and Religion: Indian Christians in America.

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Fourth in the *Peoples of India* series, this documentary tells the personal story of Indian Christians in America and focuses on their identity emerging from a unique combination of race, religion, and culture. Registration is required.



CONCERTS

In the Multipurpose Room.

Registration is required for each concert.

*Please note that concerts will start at 3 p.m. beginning in April.

Terra Voce Ensemble: A Lyrical Afternoon

Sunday, March 24, 2 p.m.

Celebrating Women in Music. Join the Terra Voce Ensemble for a concert featuring works by female composers such as Clara Schumann, Amy Beach, Cecile Chaminade, and others.

The Music of New Orleans & Swing with Matthew Ball The Boogie Woogie Kid!

Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m.

Matthew Ball, aka The Boogie Woogie Kid, performs New Orleans songs, boogie-woogie piano, and swing dance era favorites from the Great American Songbook.

Sweet Beats

Sunday, May 19, 3 p.m.

Enjoy great music and fun vibes from the OPC ukelele group.

BOOK CLUBS

Between the Lines

Tuesday, March 19, April 16, May 21 at 2 p.m.
Thursdays, March 21, April 18, May 23 at 7 p.m.
Tuesdays in Conference Room A and Thursdays in Conference Room B

Join RHPL's lively monthly book discussion. Pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Reference Desk or download an audiobook edition using the Libby app. Registration is required.

March 19: *Natural Disaster: I Cover Them. I am One.*
by Ginger Zee

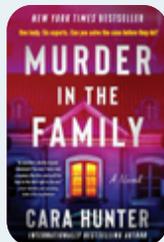
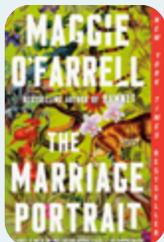
March 21: *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

April 16: *Rabbit Hutch* by Tess Gunty

April 18: *Murder in the Family* by Cara Hunter

May 21: *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

May 23: *Natural Disaster: I Cover Them. I am One.*
by Ginger Zee

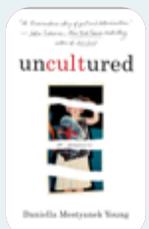


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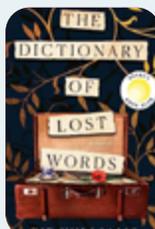
Monday, January 8, 7 p.m.

Main Street Billiards, VIP room

Meet at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St) for a casual book club in a relaxed setting. We'll talk about books and enjoy Main Street Billiards' delicious food and drinks. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference desk upon registration. Registration is required.



March 11:
Uncultured: A Memoir
by Daniella Mestyanek Young



May 13:
The Dictionary of Lost Words
by Pip Williams

SCIENCE & THE ENVIRONMENT

Pickling Around the World

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Pickling season is almost here! Join us for an overview of pickling recipes and techniques from around the world. Guests will be able to sample a few recipes and will go home with a recipe book. Registration is required.



The Art of Caregiving and Prevention of Burnout

Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Caregiver burnout is the mental, emotional, and physical exhaustion that may develop along with the responsibilities of supporting and caring for another individual. Registered Nurse Vicki Klanke shares how caregivers can take care of themselves and practice how to ask for assistance and support. Registration is required.

WRITING & BOOKS

50 Books in a Year

January 2024 - December 2024

Make 2024 your best reading year ever by challenging yourself to read more. Keep a log of your reading using the Beanstack app or rhpl.beanstack.org to win prizes.



Extra challenge for 2024: Celebrate 100 years of RHPL and unlock more prizes by reading 100 books! Registration is required.

Scribes Writers Workshop

Wednesdays, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, 1-4 p.m. Conference Room B

This drop-in workshop is for those who love to write, want to learn from experienced writers, or want to let their writing ideas flow. Members will write on a given topic or thought starter and give and take positive feedback. No registration required.

POP CULTURE & GAMES

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

Monday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Main Street Billiards, solarium area

Meet up with us at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St) with your team of up to 6 people and see if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! The top team will win a prize. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Registration is required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, March 16, 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Grab some family or friends and join us for a jigsaw puzzle tournament! Teams of no more than 6 people will compete to see who can finish a 1000-piece jigsaw. Refreshments and prizes provided! Registration is required.



Open Board Gaming

*Sundays, March 10, April 14, May 12,
1:30-5:30 p.m., Conference Room B*

Calling all tabletop board gamers! We will have different games available to play but feel free to bring one of your favorites from home! No registration required.



CRAFTS

Paint with Your Pet Take & Make

Monday, March 4, 9 a.m.

Your pet can become an artist! Each kit comes with a mini canvas, paint, ziplock bag, and a mini easel to display your pet's artwork. Registration is required.



Learn how to make a spring-themed potpourri using dried flowers, herbs, and essential oils. All supplies provided. Registration is required.

Make Your Own Potpourri

Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m. Conference Room A

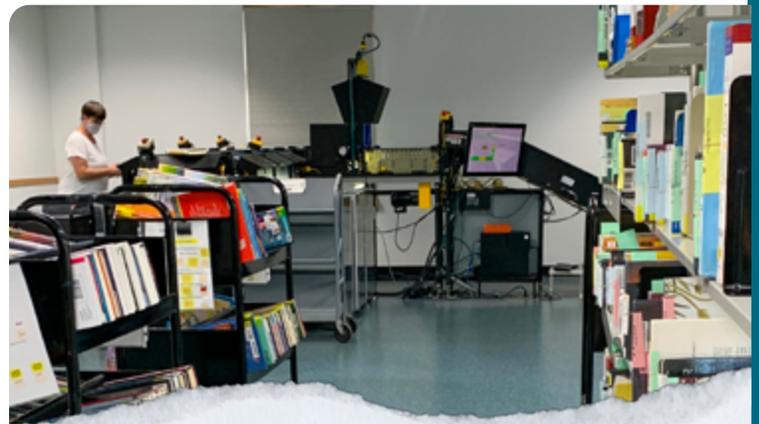
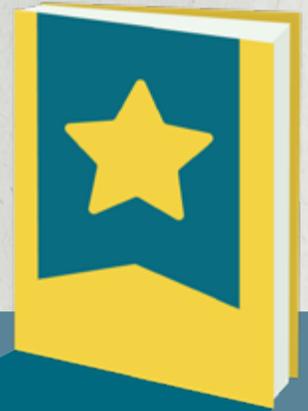
Favorite Authors Club



Are you withering without the latest Ware?
Are you ravenous for the next Roberts?
Are you scared to miss the latest Steel?

Worry no longer! Sign up online to automatically be placed on hold for new books by some of your favorite authors.

See rhpl.org/adult-services for more information.



Behind the Scenes Tour

Thursday, March 14, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 2:00 p.m.

Join library director Juliane Morian for a behind-the-scenes look at RHPL's inner workings. Registration is required.





TEEN PROGRAMS

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code. Registration opens one month in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7130 or email help@rhpl.org

REGULAR TEEN PROGRAMS

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Email teen@rhpl.org for more information. No registration required.

Video Game Evening

March 6, April 3, May 8. Multipurpose Room/
Conference Room A

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

March 13, April 10, May 15. Conference Room A

RHPL Players Guild (RPG)

March 27, April 24, May 29. Conference Room A

Basic Technology Help for Seniors

Saturdays, March 9, April 20, May 18,
12-1 p.m. Conference Room A

Interested in earning community service hours for NHS or Key Club? Contact the teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org to volunteer.

School Aged Mental Health Series

Saturdays, March 9, April 6, May 4, 1-3 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Come learn about the mental health issues facing high school and college students from a professional specialist. Each Saturday will focus on a different topic for students and parents to learn. Registration is required.

Murder Mystery Party

Friday, May 10, 6:45-9 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

It's an 80's themed whodunnit. Enjoy a murder mystery show where you're part of the show. Round up the usual suspects and deduce who the murderer is. Registration is required.



Did you know that before 2005, RHPL didn't have a dedicated teen section?

Through the hard work of our very first teen librarian, Megan Johnson, and a group of teens that met monthly to advise library staff on programming, events, and collections (sound familiar?), this special place came to be a fixture for RHPL patrons. Read some of the historical comments below and celebrate the fact that the library is for everyone!

"The Teen Programs at RHPL have gotten a lot cooler recently. Megan's tried to make teen programming appeal to a wider range of teens and to bring more teens to the library. That's awesome."

April 2007

"The Book-Loving Teens make up the library's Teen Advisory Group and Teen Volunteers. The group was formed to give teens the opportunity to participate in and influence teen services at RHPL. BLTeen meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month during the school year. Registration forms are available in the Youth Room."

November 2004

"We recently added two new collections, video games and Anime DVDs...During the month of February we owned 157 video games and 287 Anime DVDs in our Teen Collection. The video games had 525 checkouts and the Anime had 713 checkouts for the month of February."

February 2006





the Makerspace

at Rochester Hills Public Library

The Makerspace houses tools, software, and technology to help you learn a new skill, grow your hobbies, or build pieces and parts from scratch. Visit rhpl.org/makerspace for a list of equipment, a 360° tour, and to make an appointment.



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Creating Your Own Personalized Mugs

Wednesday, March 6, 6-8 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

Make your own personalized ceramic mugs! Come with access to a digital photo, either on your phone or something you have access to through a computer. Registration is required.

Creating Laser Cut Puzzle Pieces

Wednesday, March 20, 6-8 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

Build your own puzzle from your favorite fandoms. We will be creating these using the new Xtool laser cutter and 1/8" thick birch plywood. Come prepared to share your favorite nerdy passion! Registration is required.

Adults Only Paper Folding

Wednesday, April 3, 6-8 p.m. Ages 18 and up.

Leave the kids at home and join us for this adults-only event making origami or folded book art. Registration is required.

Candle Making

Wednesday, April 17, 6-8 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

Make some candles and use our Cricut to give them cool see-through labels. Registration is required.

Creating Your Own Photo Puzzle

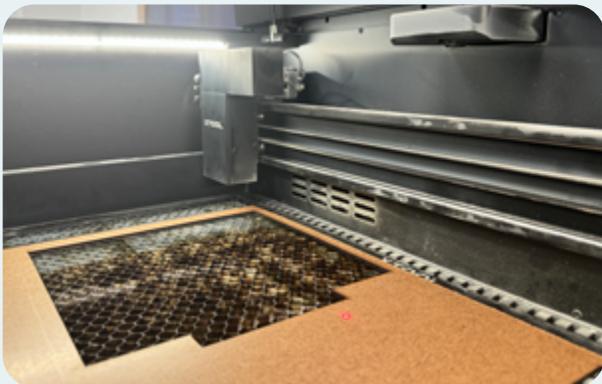
Wednesday, May 1, 6-8 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

Learn how to create a puzzle out of a photo. Come with access to a digital photo, either on your phone or something you have access to through a computer. Registration is required.

Color-Changing Vinyl Glasses

Wednesday, May 15, 6-8 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

Make a cool design on color-changing vinyl to add to a provided glass. Registration is required.



Check out the Makerspace's laser cutter upgrade!

Our new Xtool P2 55W CO2 laser cutter can engrave objects like drinking glasses, rings, and Yetis. It can also engrave items up to up to 119 inches long! Sign up for an appointment at rhpl.org/makerspace.



YOUTH SERVICES

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code. Registration opens one week in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7140 or email help@rhpl.org.

Dramatic Play for Literacy

Saturdays, March 9 and May 11, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Multipurpose Room

Join Ms. Kim in this hour of play where preschoolers discover literacy concepts with their caregivers via themed dramatic play. Younger siblings are welcome, but the activity will be limited to those ages 3-5. Separate registration is required for each date.



Early Lit Group: Big Fun in the Big Room

*Mondays, March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 10:30 a.m. OR
Tuesdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 10:30 a.m. OR
Wednesdays, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 10:30 a.m. OR
Thursdays, March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 10:30 a.m.*

Ages Birth-5 with a caregiver.

Multipurpose Room

Join your favorite Youth Librarians in the big room for some big fun! We'll read stories, sing songs, and enjoy a lot of active play & movement! Registration is required.

PAWS for Reading

*Wednesdays, March 13, 27, April 10, 24,
May 8, 22, 6:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up. Youth Room*



Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Registration is required.



Tween Book Club

Wednesdays, March 27, April 24, May 22, 6 p.m.

Ages 9-12. Storyroom

Join our new Tween Book Club. Talk about books, eat snacks, and play a game. Pick up books at the Youth Services Desk one month in advance. Registration is required.

March 27: *Long Distance* by Whitney Gardner

April 24: *Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate

May 22: *Fish In a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Space Scavenger Hunt

Monday, March 25-Saturday, March 30, all day.

All Ages. Youth Room.

Join us for a space-themed scavenger hunt just in time for the solar eclipse! Receive your complimentary eclipse glasses upon completing the hunt (while supplies last). Stop by the youth reference desk for directions. No registration is required.



Open Spot Theater

*Friday, March 29, 11 a.m. Ages 5 and up.
Multipurpose Room*



A theater class for all abilities. Learn singing, acting, and dancing from the professionals at Open Spot Theater and put on a showcase at the end of the program. Registration is required.

Letter Hunt!

April 1-30, all day. All ages. Youth Room

Can you find all 26 letters of the alphabet that are hiding around the youth room? Locate them all and claim a cute reward! Stop by the youth reference desk for directions. No registration required.



Lego Club

Saturday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, May 14, 6 p.m. Ages 4 and up with a caregiver. Multipurpose Room

Calling all LEGO™ lovers! Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or a first-time builder, everyone is welcome. The Library provides the LEGOs™, please leave your bricks at home. Separate registration is required for each date.

Earth Day Bird Feeder

Wednesday, April 17, 6 p.m. Ages 7-12. Storyroom

Paint a bird feeder to celebrate Earth Day. Registration is required.

Authors in April Autograph Party

Wednesday, May 1, 4-6 p.m. All Ages. Multipurpose Room

Our 2024 authors, Mika Song (K-1), Kevin Sherry (2-3), Jessica Khoury (4-5), and Steve Sheinkin (Middle School) will be on hand to sign books. Limited quantities and titles will be available for purchase. Visit authorsinapril.org for more information. No registration required.



Mother's Day Craft Kit

Wednesday, May 1-Tuesday, May 7, all day. Ages 5-12. Youth Room

Create the perfect flower arrangement for your Mom with our Mother's Day Craft Kit. Pick up your kit at the Youth Services Desk. Registration is required.

Storytime @ Rotary Park

Monday, May 6, Tuesday, May 14, Wednesday, May 22, Thursday, May 30, 11 a.m. All Ages. Rotary Park

Join your favorite youth librarians for a fun storytime in the park! No registration required.

Free Play Saturday!

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. Ages 1-5 with a caregiver. Multipurpose Room

Join Wendy for a fun-filled hour of play-based learning for toddlers and preschoolers. Registration is required.



Feather Pens Take & Make

Monday, May 20-Sunday, May 26, all day. Ages 5-12. Youth Room

Collect a kit to make your own feather pen. Instructions will be provided. Registration is required.





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