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An RHPL patron uses a public
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A Letter from the Library Director

This past summer, I had the good fortune to represent Rochester Hills Public Library at a national conference focused exclusively on trends in library design. Our library was selected as a spotlight project by a national architecture firm to explore what is possible in our current space, given the community's commitment to modernization.

A Minneapolis-based firm offered pro bono consultation ahead of the conference and once on-site, they led attendees through a design charrette—a participatory design exercise that reimaged spaces within our library. Using large floor plans, building blocks, Sharpies, and sticky notes, participants shared ideas for how we might fulfill our strategic goals through refreshed spaces.

Suggestions included a commons area for concerts and author talks, a gallery space for art exhibits, oversized reading chairs that support solo work, and vibrant gaming areas for both teens and adults. The session was enriched by insights from library professionals across the country, including colleagues from Florida, Georgia, Maryland, and Ohio. The exchange of ideas was inspiring and reinforced the potential we have within our existing footprint.

The key trends identified for Rochester Hills Public Library were the library as a community hub, a destination for learning, studying, and working, and a provider of interactive and flexible spaces by empowering a balance between quiet and social zones.

As part of our centennial celebration in 2024, RHPL began a thoughtful journey toward modernization, which will continue in measured, meaningful ways, reflecting what you want in a library. This fall, we invite your input through an interactive display in the rotunda called "Find Yourself Here." The name reflects both the physical experience of being at the library and the deeper idea of lifelong learning and self-discovery.

We want to hear what matters most to you in a modern library. The ideas collected this fall will inform our biennial community survey in the spring, ensuring we continue to reach all patrons. Your feedback is essential. Read on in this issue to find more ways RHPL is listening and more opportunities to share your thoughts. After all, the library belongs to the people—and it should reflect the needs, dreams, and values of the community it serves.


Juliane Morian



You Wouldn't Believe What We Find!

While the Friends organize used book sales, they have accrued various items that have very little to do with books.

Patrons have dropped off china, silverware, picture frames, dolls, marionette puppets, tape players, doll house furniture, jewelry, and art, just to name a few. We even came across a Purple Heart and a family Bible. As grateful as we are for the gesture, and as much as we would like to find homes for these donations, we just don't have the space to store them. Please visit rhpl.org/friends for guidelines on what we can accept.

While all donations are thoughtful, some are unintentional. We make every attempt to find donors to return precious mementos like marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, gift cards, family photos, passports, driver's licenses, coupons, love letters, and money. Finding the owner can prove nearly impossible sometimes, so please thumb through the books you give us to make sure you are not accidentally donating a priceless item.

Fall Used Book Sale

Thursday, October 23, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, October 24, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 26, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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 on Wednesday, October 22, from 5:30–8 p.m. (New member sign-ups and renewals are available at the door. See rhpl.org/friends for details.) All proceeds benefit the library.



Find that Special Something at the Friend Store

Friends Store shoppers know they can always find unique items—like our white glass vases—to add a pop of personality to their home décor. Each hand-blown vase is uniquely crafted by a skilled artisan, creating a functional piece of art that complements any interior design style. Select one to elevate your own space, or to give as a stunning and memorable gift.

Volunteer at the Friends Store

We're seeking volunteers who have a few hours each week to work in the Friends Store. Get the first look at new merchandise and the satisfaction of supporting your favorite library. Stop by soon for a store volunteer application.

Save the Date! Friends of RHPL Holiday Home Tour

Saturday, December 6, 12-5 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our annual fundraising tour of festively decorated homes and entry to the model train exhibit at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Interested in being a featured home on a future tour? Call 586-524-9582.

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A REIMAGINED RHPL.ORG

Comment cards, Share your Story submissions, behind the scenes tours, phone calls, emails, face-to-face conversations, RHPL gives you endless ways to share your thoughts, and we are listening!

Thanks to your feedback, RHPL has spent the last year improving your web experience and is pleased to share the redesign of our website and the launch of our new app. Our catalog (where you search for books and other materials) hasn't changed, but read on for details about making your search better.

REFRESHED WEBSITE

Based on extensive user testing and patron and staff feedback, our website has new features meant to help you find what you need, right away. A quick links menu houses all the most-used features of our site, right in one convenient dropdown, and new menus neatly organize what we offer with easy to understand headings and prompts.

Our Makerspace and Innovative Items Collections pages have gotten a complete makeover so you can see at a glance everything we have to offer for your next project.

Departmental pages have been streamlined so the content you want is front and center. And we've added more to our news page to keep you updated on the latest library happenings, services, and features at RHPL.

MOBILE LIBRARY

For a library experience that fits in your pocket, our mobile app houses all the most-used features of our site so you are only ever one tap away from reserving a room, registering for a program, or checking your account. Whether you use the app or the mobile-optimized rhpl.org, you can take RHPL with you wherever you go.

STRETCHING YOUR DOLLAR

With all improvements, RHPL always keeps an eye on the bottom line. All website and app development and design was completed in house by our Graphic Designer, IT department, and Communications team. The result is a site designed just for RHPL patrons by the people you interact with every day.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME

It can be confusing to understand the difference between the catalog and the website. The website is something we design to show you what RHPL has in addition to the items you search for and check out. The catalog is a packaged product we host so you can easily find the items you want and navigate your account.

While we don't design the catalog in-house, we are always collecting feedback from patrons and passing it directly to developers to help improve it. New features and updates that are valuable to RHPL patrons are added the second they are available. RHPL is proud to be one of the leading libraries in the country for proposing and testing improvements and features to our library system, and our IT department works tirelessly to see that patron needs are met with new suggestions and products.

Check out the new and improved rhpl.org and download the app today. We hope you love what you find.

Here are a few more ways to share your thoughts and learn more about RHPL:

FIND YOURSELF HERE

This November, RHPL will debut a new way to give feedback. Look for our Find Yourself Here board, a fun way to tell us what you want to see at RHPL. No idea is too big or too small. Stop by the library starting Tuesday, November 4, and submit your ideas for display. Thank you for helping drive the future of RHPL.

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

Join library director Juliane Morian for a behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of RHPL. Get an overview of the building and departments, services, and programs, see what goes on behind the desks, and get a chance to ask your questions in real time. Sign up at calendar.rhpl.org.

Thursday, September 18, 2-3 p.m.

Monday, October 13, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 10-11 a.m.





Outreach 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 month in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7150 or email help@rhpl.org.

ELL Book Club: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

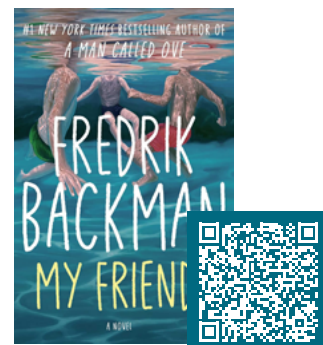
Thursdays, September 4–November 20, 10–11:30 a.m., Conference Room B

Meet with Kari 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 Kari.Bryson@rhpl.org with questions. Registration is required.

ELL Beginning Book Club: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon

Mondays, September 8–November 17, 10–11:30 a.m., Conference Room B

This group will read easier books— if you've tried the book club before and found it too challenging, this group is for you. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting. Contact Kari.Bryson@rhpl.org with questions. Registration is required.



Scan the QR Codes or visit rhpl.org/outreach to see what books we've read in the past!

ELL Conversation Groups

Tuesdays, September 9–December 2, 10–11:30 a.m., Conference Room A

Thursdays, September 11–December 4, 7–8:30 p.m., Conference Room A

Saturdays, September 13–December 6, 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!

For further information, contact Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org. Registration is required.

The group will meet in Conference Room B on October 16 and 30.

American Culture

Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 10–11:30 a.m., Conference Room A

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.

RHPL For All

If you need accommodations for programming or services, please contact us at outreach@rhpl.org or call 248-650-7150.



Scan the QR codes throughout this issue for recommendations inspired by our events and keep learning long after the program ends.



Adult 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.

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RHPL & OU Center for Public Humanities

Cultivating social connections and civic engagement through humanities programming



The White Bonus: Five Families and the Cash Value of Racism in America

Tuesday, September 23, 12 p.m. 242 Kresge Library, Oakland University***

Author Tracie McMillan examines the economic and social losses experienced by Black Americans due to segregation and discrimination while exploring how white Americans benefit. Presented with support from the Judd Family Endowed Fund.

***This lecture will be held at Oakland University. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for a map. Registration is required.

Movers, Shakers, and Music Makers:

A Tribute to Six Michigan Women Who Changed History

Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

This one-woman show by Kamryn Marck will leave you inspired by the legacy of women activists in Michigan and hopeful about building a better world in your backyard. Presented with support from the Judd Family Endowed Fund. Registration is required.



unjudge someone.



RHPL will be hosting a Human Library on Saturday, February 28, and we are looking for people who feel comfortable having open conversations with members of the public. RHPL will be conducting interviews for "Books" this fall.

Books are people who represent a marginalized or stigmatized group and can openly discuss their personal experiences and answer questions from readers. Conversations with Books are meant to challenge stereotypes and beliefs, not promote agendas or political missions. These are human stories from human beings.

For more information about the event, please visit humanlibrary.org.

To be considered for an interview, please fill out an application at rhpl.org/humanlibrary by Monday, November 3.

You will be contacted if selected for an interview. All selected Books will be required to attend training provided by Human Library and RHPL prior to the event.

Your DTE

Presented in Partnership with RHPL

7 p.m. Multipurpose Room. Registration is required.

Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions about your service.

Budgetwise Billing

Thursday, September 18

Learn why your amount due can fluctuate, and plan ahead for the weather's impact on your bill.

Energy Assistance and Payment Programs

Thursday, October 16

Learn about different energy assistance programs, qualifications, and payment programs, including the Senior Winter Protection Plan, which helps avoid service shutoffs for vulnerable populations.

Energy Efficiency

Thursday, November 20

Get energy saving tips, resources, and rebates, and learn more about DTE Marketplace and the DTE Insight app.

Spooky Writing Contest

Tuesday, September 2. Online.

Submit your spookiest short story for a chance to be featured on our website! Sign up for more details. Registration is required.

The Why, the How, and the What of the U.S. Constitution

Tuesday, September 2, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Professor Emeritus John R. Todd discusses the Founding Fathers completing the final draft of the U.S. Constitution in September 1787. Registration is required.

Spice Club

Tuesday, September 2, Thursday, October 2, Sunday, November 2. Take & Make

Registrants will receive a small amount of a spice and accompanying recipe(s) to take home. Registration is required.

Spice up your TBR pile with these great cookbooks.



Cut the Cloth! Costume Design Process for Theatre, Cosplay, Halloween, or Reenactment

Tuesday, September 9, 7 p.m. Multipurpose room

Leslie Littell will demonstrate the steps used to create costume for a character using visual examples from her work. Attendees are invited to bring or wear their own costume. Registration is required.



Drop-In Genealogy Help

Saturdays, September 13, October 11, November 8, 2 p.m. Conference Room B or Virtual

Get tips and tricks from our volunteer genealogist, Heather! Registration is required.

Open Board Gaming

Sundays, September 14, October 12, November 9, 1 p.m. Conference Room A

We will have different games available, but feel free to bring one of your favorites! Sign up for reminders. No registration required.

Self Defense for Women

Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m. Ages 13 and up. Multipurpose Room



Participants will engage in hands-on practice of multiple evasion and defense techniques in a safe, structured environment. Registration is required.

Scribes Writers Workshop

Wednesdays, September 24, October 22, November 12, 1 p.m. Conference Room B

This drop-in workshop is for those who love to write, want to learn from experienced writers, or who want to let their writing ideas flow. No registration required.

Visiting Michigan Cider Mills

Wednesday, September 24, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Michael Dwyer shares insights to help you maximize your own cider mill visits. The evening will wrap up with a sweet cider tasting. Registration is required.

The Science of Global Warming

Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Meteorologist Paul Gross discusses the impartial science behind climate change. Presented in partnership with AAUW. Registration is required.

Cryptids Decrypted

Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Historian Andrew Kercher will share intriguing stories where bizarre and mysterious creatures turned out to be surprisingly real. Registration is required.

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

Monday October 13, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards, Solarium Area

Meet up with your team of up to 6 people and see if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! Food and drinks available for purchase. Registration is required.

Make a Mardi Gras Pumpkin

Thursday, October 16, 6 p.m. Conference Room A

Come join us for this festive DIY craft session and craft your own pumpkin adorned with shiny Mardi Gras beads! Registration is required.

Doll Head Cameo Jewelry

Tuesday, October 28, 7 p.m. Conference Room A

Bring in your least favorite Barbie or Monster High Doll to be deconstructed and crafted onto a necklace or pin. We will have extra dolls on hand. Registration is required.

Introduction to the Art of Henna

Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room

An introduction to the history, uses, and traditions of henna, a hands-on art activity, and one henna cone to practice with at home. Registration is required.

Dinner and a Movie:

Back to the Future

*Wednesday, November 5,
6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of *Back to the Future*. Pizza and snacks provided. Registration is required.



Great Scott! Scan the QR code or visit calendar.rhpl.org for recommended reads.

Speed Friending for Adults!

Monday, November 10, 6 p.m. Multipurpose Room

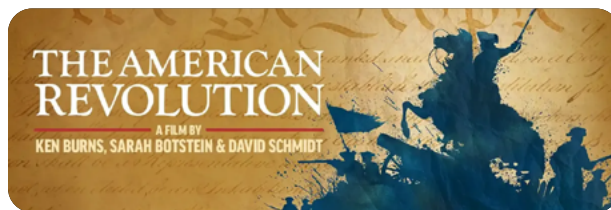
Come and expand your social circle while building meaningful connections! Registration is required.

Sneak Peak Preview:

The American Revolution

Tuesday, November 11, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Get a sneak peek at *The American Revolution*, a film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt, in advance of its PBS premiere on Sunday, November 16. Presented in partnership with PBS Books. Registration is required.



Free Magazine Day

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Last year's magazines are free on a first come, first served basis. There is no limit on the number of magazines each person may take. No registration required.

RAYA Family Education Speaker Series

7 p.m. Multipurpose Room. Registration is required.

The Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) League presents expert speakers and information crucial to Rochester Community parents and caregivers.

Visit calendar.rhpl.org for more information.

Tuesday, September 30

How to Help Kids and Teens Handle Stress with Diana Jennings, MS, LLP

Tuesday, October 14

Understanding the Functions of Emotions with Alyssa Jesselaitis, LMSW

Thursday, November 13

Meet Me Where I'm At: Addressing the Impact of Trauma Across the Lifespan with Laura Azoni LMSW-Clinical

Concerts

2 p.m. Multipurpose Room. Registration is required.

Double Play Flute and Tuba

Sunday, September 28

Selections from the world of opera, instrumental music, and popular song.

Blue Water Ramblers

Sunday, October 12

Enjoy unique takes on some songs old, some new, some borrowed, and some blues.

Ben Traverse

Sunday, November 9

Explore traditions old and new with this folksinger, multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, and archivist of sound.

In the Makerspace

Electrical Soldering Intro for Adults

Wednesdays, September 3, October 1, November 12, 6–8 p.m.

Learn some basic skills in soldering electronics as we assemble a small circuit board. This event will require a lot of dexterity as we will be manipulating small pieces. Registration is required.

Intro to Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Wednesdays, September 10, October 8, November 19, 6–8 p.m.

Discover the magic of Dungeons & Dragons in this fun introductory event! Get an overview of character creation, storytelling, and gameplay, followed by a mini-adventure led by an experienced Dungeon Master. No prior experience needed—all materials provided. Beginners only. Registration is required.

Makerspace for Family Historians

Wednesday, October 15, 6 p.m. Makerspace

Learn about the tools and technology available to tell your family's story. View projects and learn how to book an appointment to bring your own ideas to life. Registration is required.

RHPL Digital Services

Kanopy 101

Wednesday, September 10, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn how to use Kanopy to watch movies, documentaries, and TV shows for free, courtesy of your RHPL card. Registration is required.

Hoopla 101

Wednesday, October 8, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn how to use the Hoopla app to download and stream eBooks, e-Audiobooks, magazines, music, and TV shows. Please bring your device with you. Registration is required.

Introduction to GetSetUp

Tuesday, November 11, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn how to access GetSetUp, a web resource for older adults, and discover fun and interactive ways to stay engaged and connected! GetSetUp is available to all Michigan residents through the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services. Registration is required.

Introduction to MeLCat

Friday, November 21, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn to use MeLCat to loan titles from libraries across the state of Michigan and hear about key features and databases. Registration is required.

Greater Rochester History Online

Introducing our new digital local history platform!

Explore our digital collections including historical photographs, the Ray Russell Postcard Collection, oral histories, and yearbooks.

Look for ongoing additions, including digital artifacts and materials from the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

Start Searching! rhpl.org/local



BOOK CLUBS

50 Books in a Year

January 2025 - December 2025. rhpl.beanstack.org

Read and earn badges to win prizes and be entered into grand prize drawings at the end of the year.

Books on Tap

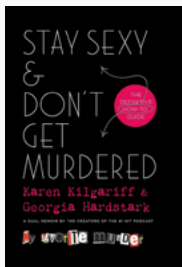
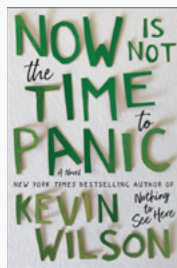
Monday, September 8, November 10, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards, VIP room

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.

Registration is required.

September 8: *Now is Not the Time to Panic* by Kevin Wilson

November 10: *Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered: The Definitive How-To Guide* by Georgia Hardstark and Karen Kilgariff



Reading Rainbow

Mondays, September 29, October 27, December 1, 7 p.m. Conference Room B

A book group for people interested in reading and discussing fiction, memoirs, and graphic novels that reflect the diversity of the queer experience. Titles will be selected with participant input; see calendar.rhpl.org for more information. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference desk or through Libby or Hoopla. Registration is required.

Between the Lines

Tuesdays, September 16, October 21, November 18, 2 p.m. Conference Room A

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

September 16: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

October 21: *Pets and the City: True Tales of a Manhattan House Call Veterinarian* By Dr. Amy Attas

November 18: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Bookends Book Club

Saturday, November 22, 1 p.m. Grades 6-Adult. Conference Room A

Create cross-generational connections and enjoy a slice of pizza! Moderated by an Adult and Youth Librarian, kids and adults can speak on equal footing as they discuss the Middle School novel, *Ophie's Ghost* by Justina Ireland. Copies are available at the Adult and Youth desks. Registration is required.



After Hours Library

Friday, October 10, 6-9 p.m.

Choose your own adventure! Take advantage of extended library hours to enjoy an introvert reading party, PowerPoint party, refreshments, or just an abbreviated, self-serve library experience. Sign up to present your PowerPoint at calendar.rhpl.org. No registration 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.

Monthly Programs

Wednesdays 7 p.m. No registration required.

Video Game Evening

September 3, October 1, November 5.

Multipurpose Room/Conference Room A

Show your skills in one of our monthly video game tournaments!

Teen Advisory Board

September 10, October 8, November 12.

Conference Room A

Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays, and other library matters. Please fill out the Teen Volunteering application at rhpl.org/teen or contact the teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org.

College Essay Writing Workshop

September 17, October 15, November 19.

Conference Room A

Come together to help one another complete college admission essays and tackle the next chapter of your life.



Teen Tabletop Game Night

September 24, October 22. Conference Room A

Join other teens for tabletop games, including board games, card games, role-playing games, and more! If you are interested in becoming a dungeon master for D&D or leading a specific board game, email teen@rhpl.org for more information.

Yo-Yo Demonstration and Workshop

Saturday, September 20, 1 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Come watch a yo-yo show with professional yo-yo players and have them teach you some of the tricks you'll see during the show. Registration is required.



Halloween Crafts

Wednesday, October 29, 7 p.m. Makerspace

Make festive holiday crafts and a tote with our vinyl cutter and heat press. Registration is required.

Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Basic Technology Help for Seniors

Saturdays, September 6, October 18, November 15, 12 p.m. Conference Room A

Meet one-on-one with seniors to offer tech help in a patient and friendly environment. Contact the teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org to volunteer.





Youth 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 two weeks in advance of the program for residents, one week in advance for non-residents. Questions? Call 248-650-7140 or email help@rhpl.org.

Authors in April Kickoff

Wednesday, September 3, 7 p.m. All ages.

Multipurpose Room

Join us to celebrate the "Authors in April" kickoff and discover who has been named the mystery author! The public is welcome to attend. No registration required.



Fall Storytime Session I

Fall Storytime Session I will begin on Monday, September 8, and continue for 5 weeks, with registration beginning on Monday, August 25 at 9 a.m.

There are many different groups offered during this session; detailed descriptions and registration information on each group can be found online at calendar.rhpl.org.

PAWS for Reading

Wednesdays, September 10, 24, October 8, 22, November 12, 6:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up. Youth Room

Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Registration is required, each date has a separate registration. Scan the QR code for book recommendations about therapy animals.



Evening Family Storytime

Mondays, September 15, October 13, November 10, 7 p.m. All ages. Storyroom

Join Miss Kim for a special monthly themed storytime for the whole family. Separate registration is required for each date.

LEGO® Club

Tuesdays, September 16, October 7, November 18, 6 p.m. Ages 4-12. Multipurpose Room

We'll provide the bricks—you bring the imagination! Your masterpieces will be proudly displayed in the Youth Room for everyone to enjoy. Separate registration is required for each date.

Tween Creative Writing Club

Thursdays, September 25, October 2, November 6, 6 p.m. Ages 9-12. Storyroom

Do some creative writing and hang out with your peers. Separate registration is required for each date.

What's Your Story?

Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. Ages 8-12. Multipurpose Room

Pick up supplies September 1-26

Celebrate Family History Month in October by designing your own artwork to display in the library. Pick up a poster board to create a one-of-a-kind design that represents your family and share your project and story on Saturday, September 27 at 11 a.m. Registration is required.



Tiny Tailgate

Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. Ages 0-3 years. Storyroom

Come dressed in your favorite team gear and enjoy playful activities tailored for our youngest patrons. Siblings are welcome to attend, but activities are limited to registered participants ages 0-3. Registration is required.

Super Mario Bros. Scavenger Hunt

October 6-13. All Ages. Youth Room

Stop by the Youth Room and see if you can complete a super fun scavenger hunt in honor of The Super Mario Bros.' 40th anniversary. Make sure to watch out for the Koopa Troopas! No registration required.



Ghost Portraits

Monday, October 13, 3 p.m. Ages 6 and up.
Storyroom

No school? Join us for a ghostly good time! We will be trying our hand at painting ghost portraits. Dress for a mess. Registration is required.

Toddler Drum Circle

Wednesday, October 15, 10 a.m.
Ages 2-4. Storyroom

Drum along to fun songs with our toy percussion instruments! Registration is required.



2nd Annual Halloween Dance Party!

Saturday, October 18, 12 p.m. Ages Birth-12.
Multipurpose Room

Come in your costumes for a costume contest, festive fun, a photo booth, and cider and donuts. Registration is required.



Check out RHPL's recommendations inspired by this program.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party

Thursday, October 23, 6 p.m. Ages 8-12.
Multipurpose Room

Celebrate the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series and the newest book, *Partypooper*! Registration is required.

After Hours Ghost Hunting

Saturday, November 1st, 6 p.m. Ages 10-14.
Storyroom

An after-hours ghost hunting tour of the library! Work together to learn about and make an ofrenda to a beloved member of the Rochester Hills Public Library's history. Registration is required.



DINovember

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

An epic celebration of dinosaurs in November. We will have scavenger hunts, coloring sheets, and more in the Youth Room all month long. No registration required.



Parent Tween Crafternoon

Monday, November 3, 2 p.m. Ages 9-12.
Storyroom

Enjoy quality time together while creating some beautiful crafts and memories. Registration is required.

DINovember Take & Make

November 10-17, all day. Ages 5-12.
Youth Room

Create a dinosaur for your collection. Pick up your craft kit at the Youth Services Desk. Registration is required.

Parent Child Workshop

Wednesdays, November 12, 19,
December 3, 10, 17, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 1-3. Multipurpose Room

A five week toddler playgroup where families can play, relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. Registration is required.



Dog Man Button-Making

Saturday, November 15, 12-2 p.m. All ages.
Storyroom

Celebrate the November release of *Dog Man* #14: *Big Jim Believes!* Make a *Dog Man*-themed button using upcycled books and tools from the RHPL Makerspace. No registration required.

Fall Storytime Session II

Fall Storytime Session II will begin on Monday, November 17, and continue for 5 weeks, with registration beginning on Monday, November 3 at 9 a.m.

There are many different groups offered during this session; detailed descriptions and registration information on each group can be found online at calendar.rhpl.org.



Battle of the Books Kickoff

Wednesday, November 12, 6 p.m. Grade 5 and caregivers. Multipurpose Room

Discover this year's 12 battle titles! Battle of the Books is a reading competition for all 5th graders who are residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, or Oakland Township. Students form their own team of 3-5, then read the assigned list of books as a team and battle in March (answer questions about the books). The kickoff will be recorded if you are unable to attend. No registration required.

YOUTH BOOK CLUBS

Picture Book & Movie Club

Thursday, September 4, Wednesday, October 1, Monday, November 17, 6 p.m. Ages 5-8. Storyroom

Dive into classic stories with us as we read a picture book and then watch the movie based on that book! Separate registration is required for each date.

K-1 Explorers Book Club

Fridays, September 12, October 3, November 14, 4:30 p.m. Grades K-1. Storyroom

Explore the world with Miss Lisa! Hear a story, chat about the books, and have creative fun. No preparation required! Separate registration is required for each date.

September 12: Beaches

October 3: Dragons

November 14: Wombats

Grades 2-3 Book Club

Thursdays, September 18, October 16, November 20, 6 p.m. Grades 2-3. Storyroom

Join Miss Lisa to chat about books, do activities, and have fun! Stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up a library copy of the book up to one month in advance. Separate registration is required for each date.

September 18: *The Pirate Pig* by Cornelia Funke

October 16: *How to Promenade With a Python (And Not Get Eaten)* by Rachel Poliquin

November 20: *Race to the South Pole (Ranger in Time #4)* by Kate Messner

Mom & Baby Book Club

Monday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. Moms with infants birth - 12 months. Storyroom

Read or listen to *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein (for mom) and read *Go Dog, Go* by P. D. Eastman (for baby). Meet up at the library to talk about both books with other moms and create a dog keepsake with your baby. Titles available on Hoopla and Libby. Registration is required

Tween Book Club

Wednesdays, September 17, October 15, November 19, 6 p.m. Ages 9-12. Storyroom

Talk about books, eat snacks, and play a game. Pick up books at the Youth Services Desk one month in advance. Separate registration is required for each date.

September 17: *Witches of Brooklyn* by Sophie Escabasse

October 15: *Frazzled* by Booki Vivat

November 19: *Witch Boy* by Molly Knox Ostertag

Bookends Book Club

Saturday, November 22, 1 p.m. Grades 6 - Adult. Conference Room A

Create cross-generational connections and enjoy a slice of pizza! Moderated by an Adult and Youth Librarian, kids and adults can speak on equal footing as they discuss the Middle School novel, *Ophie's Ghost* by Justina Ireland. Copies are available at the Adult and Youth desks. Registration is required.



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