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A Letter from the Library Director

In this edition of News & Views, we invite you to embrace the joy of spring—and perhaps a little spring cleaning. I tend to skip New Year’s resolutions and instead view winter as a time to rest and recharge before the burst of energy that spring inevitably brings. It seems many of you feel the same way, as our remodeled Adult Services section has been bustling with activity. Visitors are enjoying the cozy new seating and fireplace and we’re thrilled to see it become such a popular space.

My spring cleaning often involves evaluating which of my subscription services have gone unused or become redundant. If you’re considering doing the same, you might find inspiration in the incredible resources RHPL provides for free with your library card!

We’re excited to introduce *PressReader*, a one-stop destination for popular newspapers from around the globe. While your library card already gives you access to premium content behind the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* paywalls, *PressReader* takes it a step further by offering an easy way to browse daily editions of numerous publications, from *The Independent* to *The Economist*, all from a single website or app with one simple login.

In addition to premium news sources, RHPL offers free access to streaming music through the Hoopla app. Whether you’re a fan of Taylor Swift, Chappell Roan, Kidz Bop, or the *Wicked* soundtrack, we’ve got you covered. Stream your favorite tracks in the car, on a walk, or through a smart speaker with no subscription fees.

And when it’s time to relax, why not curl up with a great magazine? Our eMagazine collection on OverDrive includes popular titles like *Vanity Fair*, *Rolling Stone*, and celebrity gossip favorites like *Us Weekly*.

No matter how you like to spend your time when spring arrives, we hope you’ll take advantage of the premium content at RHPL available to you for the low price of free.

Juliane Morian
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Wine, Wit, and Wisdom

Saturday, April 26, 6-9:30 p.m.

The annual Friends of RHPL Wine, Wit & Wisdom fundraiser is back with a new slate of engaging and informative speakers. Attendees can choose from presentations on coffee, local history and culture, space exploration, and forensics while enjoying a buffet dinner and drinks (wine, beer, and soft drinks), a silent auction, and 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are \$80 (or \$90 after April 14) and can be purchased online at rhpl.org/friends or in person beginning March 1. Registration forms may be picked up at the Circulation Desk and can be dropped into the Wine, Wit, & Wisdom box along with a check made out to 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. Registrants must be at least 21 years old.



Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library Spring Used Book Sale

Thursday, May 1, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, May 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, May 4, 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Bag Day - all you can fit in a standard grocery bag goes for \$5)

Celebrate the warm weather with a great deal. 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 30 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.



Volunteers Needed!

Did the long, cold winter leave you wanting more? Ready to get out for something fun and worthwhile? The Friends Store needs YOU.

We have immediate openings for Friends Store volunteers. The commitment is for a once a week, three-hour shift. New volunteers are paired with someone from our seasoned team to help you learn the ropes. It's easy, fun, and so rewarding!

Please stop in to the store to pick up an application or call 248-650-7179 for more information. Must be at least 18 years old.

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SIGNS OF SPRING

It's a little-known fact that the staff at RHPL begin planning programs and events at least a full season ahead of their debut. So while everyone else was shoveling snow and wrapping up holiday preparations, RHPL was thinking spring and preparing the library to welcome you during the warmer months.

We know Michigan winters can be long, so here are some ways you can find signs of spring at RHPL.

AUTHORS IN APRIL AUTOGRAPH PARTY

These author visits always herald warmer weather. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for details and meet this year's group on Wednesday, April 30 at 4 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

This edition of News & Views is chock full of thoughtful lectures, garden crafts, Spring Break Break Out, and outdoor events all inspired by our librarians shaking off the cold and warming up our program offerings. Read more in this issue and sign up for our digital newsletters at rhpl.org/news to get reminders sent right to your inbox.

BRIGHT DISPLAYS

Visit the library to participate in our Eye Spy display case and see if you can spot the differences as we shift from winter to spring.

PICNIC TABLES

The newest way to tell that sunny days are here again is the return of the umbrellas to our garden picnic tables. Settle in with a good book and enjoy the view when the warm weather comes to stay.

SUMMER READING PLANNING

If spring arrives at RHPL, can summer be far behind? Stay tuned for summer reading details and mark your calendars for our kickoff party on Saturday, June 14.

NEW OFFERINGS IN BLOOM

Browse this issue for more details about spring news and our newest events, After Hours Library, Kanopy & Coffee, and Intergenerational Book Club.

Fill up your calendar with RHPL events and celebrate the best of what spring has to offer. And when that late frost threatens your garden and you don't think you can spend another minute of your mornings scraping your windshield, take a cue from RHPL and think forward to the warm sun, long days, and leisurely reading of summer. It'll be here before you know it!





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.

eLearning at the Library

Thursday, March 13, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn how to use Gale Courses and Learning Express to pick up a new hobby, brush up on your skills, or further your career. Registration is required.



Hoopla 101

Tuesday, April 8, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn how to use the Hoopla app to download and stream eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, music, and TV shows on your cell phone, tablet, or laptop. Please bring your device with you. Registration is required.

MeLCat 101

Thursday, May 15, 2 p.m. Conference Room A

An introduction to MeLCat. Find titles from libraries across the state of Michigan and use key features and databases available on MeL. Registration is required.

ELL Book Clubs:

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

Wednesdays, March 12–May 28, 2-3:30 p.m. Conference Room B

Meet with Kari and other English language learners to read and discuss a book in a friendly setting. This group will read easier books— if you have tried the book club before and it was too hard, 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.

ELL Book Club: *Death On the River Nile* by Agatha Christie

Thursdays, March 13–May 29, 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.

Conversation Groups:

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

Tuesdays, April 15–May 27, 10-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays, April 17–May 29, 7-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, April 19–May 31, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference room A*

*There will be no group on Saturday, May 24 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

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.

American Culture

Wednesdays, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 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.



Adult Programs

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Spice Club

Sunday, March 2, Wednesday, April 2, Friday, May 2, 9 a.m. Take & Make

Expand your culinary horizons and learn recipes from all over the world! Registrants will receive a small amount of a spice and an accompanying recipe to take home. Limit one kit per household. Separate registration is required for each date.



Drop-In Genealogy Help

Saturdays, March 8, April 12, May 10, 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! No registration required.

Seasonal Home Refresh: Tips to Revitalize Your Space

Thursday, March 13, 7-8 p.m. Multipurpose Room
Join us for a session where we'll share helpful tips and advice on how to refresh your living space! Registration is required.

Behind the Scenes Library Tour

Wednesday, March 19, 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 10, 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 p.m.

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

Electric Cars: Past, Present, and Future

Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn about the early efforts by Henry Ford and Thomas Edison to develop an electric car, the plans major automotive companies have for EV growth, and how the greater Detroit area is contributing heavily to this industry. Registration is required.



Henry Ford Health Lectures

Tuesday, March 11, Thursday, April 10, Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Health professionals from Henry Ford Health System will lead interactive discussions on important health topics. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for details. Registration is required.

March 11: Women's Health and Menopause

April 10: Allergies & Asthma

May 15: Mental Health Awareness



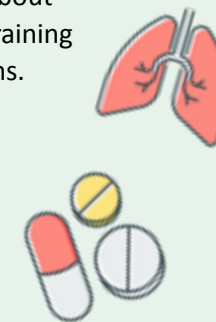
Oakland County Health Division Education Series

Tuesday, April 15, Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Oakland County Health Division educators and representatives from Rochester Auburn Hills Community Coalition share information about special topics. Both talks are suitable as training for community members and organizations. Registration is required.

April 15: Vaping 101

April 17: Prescription Drug Disposal



Scribes Writers Workshop

Wednesdays, March 26, April 23, May 28, 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.

Kanopy & Coffee

Thursdays, March 27, April 24, May 29, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Let RHPL plan your evening out. Screen international and indie movies courtesy of our free streaming subscription service, Kanopy, and cap the night off with delicious coffee and sweet treats. Film synopses are available at calendar.rhpl.org. Registration is required.



Thursday, March 27:
Los Lobos



Thursday, April 24:
The Perfect Candidate



Thursday, May 29:
Hunt for the Wilderpeople

Born in Blood: The Beginning of the National Parks

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

The United States boasts some of the most beautiful, breathtaking, and virtually untouched landscapes. But do you know the history behind how these pristine areas were created? Learn about the blood and heartache that Indigenous nations faced with the creation of the National Parks system. Registration is required.

After Hours Library

Friday, May 9, 6-9 p.m.

RHPL, but make it chill. Take advantage of extended library hours to enjoy music, refreshments, a silent book club, or an abbreviated, self-serve library experience. No registration required.



Speed Friending Event

Thursday, May 22, 6-8 p.m. Multipurpose Room



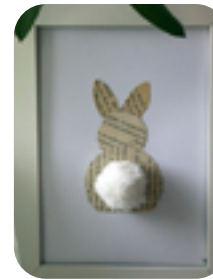
This event offers a relaxed atmosphere with a speed-dating-like setup with no dating or romance involved. Engage in guided one-on-one conversations followed by opportunities to socialize and create crafts. Registration is required.

Crafts

Cement Garden Ornament

Tuesday, April 8, 9 a.m. Take & Make

Make adorable cement garden ornaments for garden beds. Pick up at either the 2nd floor Adult Reference Desk or the Drive-Up Window Tuesday, April 8 through Monday, April 14. Limit one kit per household. Registration is required.



Book Page Bunny Art

Thursday, April 17, 6-7 p.m.

Conference Room A

Create an easy-to-make piece out of recycled books, perfect for your entryway or mantel. Registration is required.

Pressed Flower Jar

Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m. Conference Room A

A simple yet elegant craft using dried flowers and Mod Podge. Each registrant will be provided with one glass jar, but please feel free to bring your own to decorate as well. Registration is required.



Blackout Poetry

Thursday, May 8, 6-7 p.m. Conference Room B

Learn how to create blackout poetry and add a creative design to your poetry page. Registration is required.



Games

Open Board Gaming

Sundays, March 9, April 13, May 11, 1-5:30 p.m. Conference Room A

Calling all tabletop board gamers! Looking to play a new game or meet fellow board gaming friends? We will have different games available but feel free to bring one of your favorites from home! Sign up at calendar.rhpl.org to be reminded the day before the event. No registration required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, March 15, 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Grab some family or friends and join us for a jigsaw puzzle tournament! Teams of no more than six people will compete to see who can finish a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest (or who can complete the most). Registration is required.

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

Monday, April 14, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards, Solarium area

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

NEW!

Check out our new subscription databases available for free with your RHPL library card. Use them at the library, at home, or on the go on your mobile device at rhpl.org/databases.

PressReader

PressReader links to over 7,000 publications from around the world. Your RHPL card gives you free access to all of them.

Newspapers.com Library Edition

With over 200 million pages of newspaper and over 23,000 publications to explore, you can search this historical resource for articles published as far back as 1690.

Concerts

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

Diane Westin Band

Sunday, March 30

Easy-listening tunes meet an eclectic mix of audience favorites.

Leonardo Gianola

Sunday, April 6

A journey from the beginning of Blues to its influence on post-war music.

Dirk Kroll Band

Sunday, May 4

Blues-based rock with some Americana and jazz flavors.



ADULT SERVICES **BOOK CLUBS**

50 Books in a Year

January 2025–December 2025

Make 2025 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.

Books on Tap

Mondays, March 10, May 12, 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. Registration is required.

March 10: *Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education* by Stephanie Land

May 12: *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

Between the Lines

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15, May 20, 2 p.m. Conference Room A

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

March 18: *Elevator in Saigon* by Thuân

April 15: *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson

May 20: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

Reading Rainbow

Mondays, March 24, April 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Conference Room B

Reading Rainbow is 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. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for more information. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference desk or online through Libby or Hoopla. Registration is required.

"Petticoat Surgeon" by Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen

Wednesday, March 26, 6 p.m. Conference Room A

Celebrate a local icon by reading Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen's autobiography and discussing it together on her 162nd birthday. Books are available for checkout at the Adult Reference Desk. Registration is required.

Intergenerational Book Club

Saturday, April 12, 1 p.m. Adults and Grades 6-8. Conference Room A

The Intergenerational Book Club is designed to create cross-generational connections where two different age groups can speak on an equal footing. Moderated by an Adult and Youth Librarian, students and Adults will discuss the Middle School novel, *Healer of the Water Monster* by Brian Young. Pick up books at the Adult or Youth Services Desk one month in advance. Registration is required.



the Makerspace
at Rochester Hills Public Library



Makerspace Programs

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit rhpl.org/program-calendar or scan the QR code. Registration opens one month in advance of the program. Programs begin promptly at their listed start time. Questions? Call 248-650-7170 or email help@rhpl.org.

Please register for only one session for each program. Duplicate registrations will be canceled.

Electrical Soldering Intro for Adults

Wednesdays, March 5, May 7, 6-8 p.m.

Ages 18 and up.

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.

Laser Cut 3D Puzzle

Wednesday, March 19, 6-8 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

Learn a little about the laser cutter and assemble a 3D cardboard puzzle. Bring your thinking caps! Registration is required.

Spring Origami

Session 1 - Wednesday, April 2, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Ages 8 and up.

Session 2 - Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Ages 8 and up.

Make different origami spring crafts.

Registration is required.

Diamond Painting

Session 1 - Wednesday, April 16, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Ages 8 and up.

Session 2 - Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Ages 8 and up.

Create diamond painting stickers. These are paint-by-numbers stickers but instead of paint, we'll use bedazzling gems. Registration is required.



Coloring for Adults

Session 1 - Wednesday, May 21, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Ages 18 and up.

Session 2 - Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Ages 18 and up.

Need to just sit and color? Join us for an adults-only stress-relieving coloring event. Registration is required.



Have you tried our vacuum-forming machine? This new equipment heats and molds plastic sheets to conform to objects. Make molds for cakes, decorative trays, or plastic shells to make your own toys.

Need a visual before you try? Sign up for our Cement Garden Ornament program to see the molds in action! See page 9 or calendar.rhpl.org for details.

Visit rhpl.org/makerspace for details, specifications, and pricing.



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 Programming

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Registration not required.

Video Game Evening

March 5, April 2, May 7.

Multipurpose Room/Conference Rooms

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

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

March 12, April 9, May 14. Conference Room A

Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays and other library matters at these fun-filled meetings. Please fill out the RHPL TAB Application under the Teen Volunteer tab of Teen Services.

Teen Coding Club

March 19, April 16, May 21. Conference Room A

Practice coding with like-minded people. Please bring your own device.

RHPL Players Guild (RPG)

March 26, April 23, May 28. Conference Room A

Join other teens for tabletop games, including board games, card games, role-playing games, and more!

Volunteer Opportunity

Basic Technology Help for Seniors

Saturdays, March 8, April 19, May 3, 12-1 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. Registration is required.

Mobile Escape Room

Saturday, March 22, 1-3 p.m.

Choose between a Wild West Saloon to find a stash of gold or the Supervillain Lair to destroy a bomb and save the world. Registration is required.

Nerf @ Night

Friday, April 25, 6:45 - 9 p.m. Ages 13-18.

What's more fun than a Nerf battle? A Nerf battle in the library after hours! We're taking over the library for an epic Nerf war after the library closes. Register with your RHPL card, which can admit up to two people. Registration is required.

Livelooping & Beatboxing with Mr. Tim

Saturday, May 17, 1-3 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Come learn how to mix music and beatbox with a trained professional. Make your own loops following a live demonstration. Registration is required.

AP Exams stressing you out? Finals getting you down? We have something for that!

Visit our test prep corner or reserve resources online at rhpl.org/teen. If you need a quiet place to focus, you can book a study room online with your RHPL library card. If you need moral support while you work, find a spot in our renovated Teen space (we recommend the comfy booths) or drop into our open study hours in Conference Room A to recharge with refreshments generously provided by the Friends of RHPL.

Open study dates. See times at rhpl.calendar.org.*

May 7-May 14

June 4-June 10

*Dates and times subject to change and cancellation without notice.



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 one week in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7140 or email help@rhpl.org.

March Book Madness

March 1-31. All ages. Youth Room

Fill out your book bracket and vote each week on which books you think should advance to the next round. The most accurate completed bracket wins a prize! No registration required.

Evening Family Storytime

Mondays, March 3, April 7, May 5, 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.



Early Lit Group: Big Fun in the Big Room

Mondays, March 3-31, 10:30 a.m. OR

Tuesdays, March 4-April 1, 10:30 a.m. OR

Wednesdays, March 5-April 2, 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 active play and movement! Registration is required.

Parent Child Workshop

Thursdays, March 6-April 3, 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.

How to Catch a Leprechaun

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. Ages 5-10.

Storyroom

Listen to the story *How to Catch a Leprechaun* and make your own leprechaun trap. Registration is required.

PAWS for Reading

Wednesdays, March 12, 26, April 9, 23, May 14, 28, 6:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up. Youth Room

Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Separate registration is required for each date.

LEGO® Club

Tuesdays, March 25, April 22, May 13, 6 p.m.

Ages 4 and Up. Multipurpose Room

Unleash your creativity! Our club is a great way to meet other LEGO® enthusiasts. The library will supply all the bricks, just bring your imagination. Projects will be displayed in the Youth room. Separate registration is required for each date.



Parent Tween Crafternoon

Thursday, March 27, 2 p.m. Ages 9-12.

Storyroom

Tweens and their parents are invited to join us for a special crafternoon at the library! Enjoy quality time together while creating some beautiful crafts and memories. Registration is required.

National Poetry Month Kickoff

Tuesday, April 1, 6 p.m. Ages 8-11.

Multipurpose Room



In honor of National Poetry Month, join us to write, illustrate, and decorate poems! Registration is required.

SPRING BREAK BREAK OUT

Don't have Spring Break plans? Now you do!

Keep your kids entertained and learning during their school break with RHPL's Spring Break Break Out. Sign up for one or all of these special events to break out of the house and your usual no-school routine.



Wildlife in Your Backyard with the Howell Nature Center

Monday, March 24, 2 p.m. All Ages.
Multipurpose Room

We share our world with wildlife, even our backyards! Meet Wildlife Ambassadors from the Howell Nature Center and learn about the wildlife found around our homes. Registration is required.

Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady

Wednesday, March 26, 2 p.m. All Ages.
Multipurpose Room

With her guitar in hand and energy that knows how to reach the imaginations and attention of young audiences, Beverly charms all with her compelling voice and quick wit. Registration is required.

KABOOMISTRY with the Michigan Science Center

Friday, March 28, 2 p.m. All Ages.
Multipurpose Room

Why do things explode? Learn about the relationships between pressure, temperature, and fuel to explain why things go KA-BOOM! We'll mix physics and chemistry to get some loud, flashy effects! Registration is required.

Unicorn Utopia

April 1-30. All Ages. Youth Room

Join us for a magical celebration of unicorns in April. We will have worksheets, scavenger hunts, and more. No registration required.

Make Your Mark: Bookmark Edition

Monday, April 21, 5:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up.
Storyroom

Don't you love it when you find a delightful bookmark in a book you just checked out? Please join Miss Kim in creating bookmarks that we are going to put into random books for other kids to find when they check them out. No registration required.

Halfway to Halloween Spooky Cupcakes

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. Ages 6-12. Storyroom

Make your own Spooky cupcakes that you can eat and enjoy right after. Registration is required.

Authors in April Autograph Party

Wednesday, April 30, 4 p.m. All Ages.
Multipurpose Room

Our 2025 authors, Deborah Freedman (TK-1), Drew Brockington (2-3), Kelly J. Baptist (4-5), and Jennifer A. Nielsen (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.

Spring Scavenger Hunt

May 3-18. All ages. Youth Room

Stop by the youth room for a floral scavenger hunt and have a blooming good time! No registration required.

Finger Paintpalooza

Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m. Ages 1 and up.
Storyroom

Come one, come all to explore and create with paint! All supplies will be provided, please dress for mess. Registration is required.

Giant Games Tournament

Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m. Ages 6-11. Library Lawn

Play RHPL's giant games on the library lawn and compete against your peers! Registration is required.

YOUTH SERVICES

BOOK CLUBS

K-1 Explorers Book Club

Fridays, March 14, April 25, May 16, 4:30 p.m.
Grades K-1. Storyroom

Explore the world with Miss Lisa! Come to hear a story or two, chat about topics, and have creative fun. No preparation is required. Separate registration is required for each date.

March 14: Lighthouses

April 25: Galápagos Islands

May 16: Treehouses

Grades 2-3 Book Club

Thursdays, March 20, April 24, May 22, 6 p.m.
Grades 2-3. Storyroom

Join Miss Lisa to chat about books, do activities, and have fun! Pick up books at the Youth Services Desk one month in advance. Separate registration is required for each date.

March 20: *The Puppets of Spelhorst* by Kate DiCamillo

April 24: *Joyful Noise* by Paul Fleischman

May 22: *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes

Tween Book Club

Wednesdays, March 19, April 23, May 21, 6 p.m.
Grades 4-7. Storyroom

Join our Tween Book Club. 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.

March 19: *Wings of Fire #1: The Dragonet Prophecy*: the graphic novel by Tui Sutherland

April 23: *The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin

May 21: *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier

Intergenerational Book Club

Saturday, April 12, 1 p.m. Adults and Grades 6-8.
Conference Room A

This spring, RHPL is offering an intergenerational book club designed to create cross-generational connections where two different age groups can speak on an equal footing.

Speaking about the reasoning behind the new program, co-moderator librarian Lucia said, "We know reading has many benefits, but reading across age ranges adds socialization to the mix, which is good for everyone."

Middle School age participants and Adults will discuss the Middle School novel, *Healer of the Water Monster* by Brian Young. Moderating the discussions offers a safe and welcoming environment to explore themes and subjects, all while bridging generational gaps. Co-moderator librarian Jackie encouraged patrons to sign up noting, "In one program we've encouraged reading for fun and provided space and time for conversation, understanding, and human interaction."

Both librarians are hopeful that his program will become a mainstay in the RHPL lineup and encourage any adult skeptical of reading children's books to sign up and see how universal experiences can be in literature.

Copies of the book will be available for check out at the Adult Reference Desk and the Youth Reference Desk. Please visit calendar.rhpl.org to sign up. Registration is required for this event.





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