Polar Express is Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. 
Registration opens Nov. 22.

Shop Small Saturday Author Fair

Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, NO Registration Required

Rochester’s literary scene comes alive during Shop Small Saturday’s Author Fair hosted by the Rochester Hills Public Library, in partnership with Rochester Writers, Saturday Nov. 30. This literary event offers the chance to discover intriguing new authors from a variety of genres.

“We want attendees to become immersed in Southeastern Michigan’s literary scene with bite-sized samples of all the area has to offer. Who knows, you could walk away with a new novel to treasure or meet the next New York Times best-selling author,” said event co-organizer Amanda Harrison Keighley with the Rochester Hills Public Library.

The event will feature a mix of traditionally-published and self-published works.

“Rochester Writers is pleased to collaborate with the Rochester Hills Public Library to bring local authors together. This event will be a wonderful chance for readers and writers to meet each other,” said co-organizer and founder of Rochester Writers, Michael Dwyer.

The event is part of the national and local Shop Small Business Saturday, a day dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

No registration is required. More information can be found at calendar.rhpl.org.
Meet the Library Board

Candidates

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7-8:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room, NO Registration Required

Meet incumbents Bob Bonam and Anne Kucher, and candidate Steve Reina, running for two open six-year seats on the library’s board in this November’s election. Suba Subbarao is running unopposed to retain her two-year seat.

Members of the board of trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library serve the community without monetary compensation. Incorporated in 1924, the library is an independent municipal corporation and not under the jurisdiction of any other local form of government. The elected governing board is non-partisan. Upon election to a term, members take an oath to support and uphold the U.S. Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Michigan, the bylaws of the Rochester Hills Public Library, and adhere to the American Library Association’s Code of Ethics. Once elected, members cannot be removed from office except by order of the governor of the State of Michigan.

The six members of the board serve six-year terms with a staggered schedule, meaning two member positions elected in the same cycle come up for election every two years. Learn more about the library board and the candidates during this open event on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Bob Bonam

As current board of trustees president, with more than 35 years of service to the Rochester Hills Public Library, overseeing many projects including the construction of the current building, with its designation now as one of the top libraries in Michigan, I believe my professional experience as an accountant will continue to be an asset to the library as we overcome the financial challenges ahead.

Anne Kucher

As a former educator with 10 years experience serving the people of Rochester Hills as a library board trustee, I am dedicated to continue providing the excellent library service that our community deserves.

Steve Reina

I, Attorney Steve Reina, am seeking a first term as the only candidate who’s kept a campaign promise BEFORE getting elected which I say because until I declared my candidacy and also my opposition to the recently proposed millage, the Library Board wanted to raise your taxes, a position they reversed when they feared running in an election where they’d have to defend their views against an anti millage candidate.

Suba Subbarao

As a heavy user of the library’s many services, I bring a valuable perspective to RHPL’s efforts to improve continuously in a fiscally responsible way.
Out of Rushmore’s Shadow

Monday, Sept. 23, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Author of Out of Rushmore’s Shadow: The Luigi Del Bianco Story, Lou Del Bianco, will share the captivating story of his grandfather Luigi Del Bianco, Chief Carver of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Del Bianco is an acclaimed performer and storyteller, praised by the LA and NY Times, TV Guide, the Philadelphia Enquirer, Billboard Magazine, Parents Magazine and many others. The breadth of his knowledge of his grandfather's life and work is supported not only by his personal memories and family anecdotes but by extensive research into historical documents and his contacts with officials of the US government and the National Park Service. He has formed his records and archives into a compelling account of an individual’s unique and amazing contribution to the complex story of the Italian-American experience in the United States. This program is presented in partnership with the Venetian Club of Mutual Aid.

101 Things That Happened on The Mackinac Bridge

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Mackinac Bridge expert Mike Fornes shares a fast paced program about the Mackinac Bridge. He has slides and true stories of interesting happenings regarding the bridge throughout its 60 years of history.

Fornes has covered the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Mackinaw and the Mackinac Bridge for more than 20 years for several Northern Michigan media outlets, including radio and television stations and the Cheboygan Daily Tribune.

Suffragette Genius

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

This Smart Towns presentation will explore how Harriet Beecher Stowe and Elizabeth Cady Stanton leveraged science and theology to advance the role of women in nineteenth-century America with Anne Nichols, Ph.D., of Rochester College.

Beethoven’s 250th Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 19, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

The year 2020 marks the 250th anniversary of one of the most important composers in the western tradition, Ludwig van Beethoven. The notion of Beethoven as genius continues to be a touchstone for the composer and his music. David Kidger, associate professor of musicology in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at Oakland University, will explore this musical genius as part of the community’s Smart Towns program.

The Genius of Radiology

Thursday, Sept. 26, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

As part of our Smart Towns collaboration, Dr. Peter Littrup of Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital will discuss the history and development of X-rays, CT scan and MRI, Nobel Prizes, and the advancements of medical image guided therapy and ablation immunotherapy.
Life of Henry Ford
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Registration Required
Mike Skinner is a docent at the Henry Ford Museum, Piquette Model T Plant and Fair Lane in Dearborn, and serves on the boards and management of these institutions. His specialty is Henry Ford.

Great Female Artists of Detroit
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Registration Required
Be in awe of the rich history of Detroit shown through portraits, still life, cityscapes and more—all created by local female artists! Speaker Suzanne Bilek shares a unique overview of events and sights that shaped our lives. Find out about local art history and Michigan culture through the experiences of female artists from the present and past.
Native Detroiter Bilek is the author of Great Female Artists of Detroit. Bilek holds a degree from Oakland University and had a career as artists’ agent, marketing manager and gallery art consultant.

Roadside Reflections
FRIENDS
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required
This presentation explores the effects of entropy on our landscape and our collective memory. Photographer Jackson Faulkner presents our past in a personal and narrative style to honor, and show beauty and respect for the pioneers and their machines that once made our country great. Faulkner travels the country documenting the loss of our rural and urban history. Originally raised in Detroit, he now resides in Washington state, which has allowed him to connect to our rural roots and preserve them through his unique “Dramascapes”.

The Good Roads Movement in Michigan
FRIENDS
Thursday, Oct. 10, 7-8:30 p.m.,
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required
In 1890 the United States had, perhaps, the worst road system of any developed country in the world. While the story is national in scope, historian Jim Craft will focus on Michigan to address why roads in America were so bad, how they improved, and the principle steps taken to relate an effective road system in America and Michigan.

Campfire Stories: Tales from the Haunted Shores
Thursday, Oct. 17, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required
Dynamic and thought-provoking, engaging and educational, heart-warming and humorous, Jenifer Strauss offers a unique brand of energy-injected and interactive performances, using story as the common denominator to capture interest, motivate learning, inspire action, and transform lives.
In 1993, following ten years as an environmental educator and classroom teacher, Jenifer Strauss united her passion for teaching and storytelling to create Story Be Told, a narrative consulting business.
Shakespeare 101
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

The Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company will present scenes from such plays as Shakespeare’s *Henry V*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, and *The Comedy of Errors*, to introduce the audience to the ways in which the performance conditions of Shakespeare’s time period influenced his plays. The program will have a mix of storytelling, performance, and history.

Oakland County Bicentennial Celebration
Thursday, Nov. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

The year 2020 marks the 200th anniversary of the inception of Oakland County. Historian Jim Craft will present a reprint of 1877 *History of Oakland County*, published by LH Everts of Philadelphia, to the library as a kick-off to Oakland County’s bicentennial celebration.

In addition to making the gift, Craft will cover a brief history of Oakland County in the 1870s along with a brief description of the book, its contents, and how general interest readers, researchers and teachers might use the book. He will also talk about some of its limitations.

Life of Mark Twain
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Go back to 1900 and interact with the individual many have called America’s first great writer and humorist. Listen as he answers questions about human nature, politics, travel, family and fame. Twain is still regularly quoted on these and other topics. His witty insights on politics in particular are as relevant today as they were at the turn of the century. Listen to his famous humorous stories about the jumping frog and the grandfather’s ram. Hear about his family’s trials, travels and tribulations from his wife, Livy. Find out how their family dealt with wealth, bankruptcy, and wealth regained. Ray Doré will appear in full costume and present in character as part of Doré Productions “Making the Past Come Alive” series.

Korea, Land of the Morning Calm
Thursday, Nov. 21, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Registration Required

The Republic of Korea (or South Korea as we know it) calls itself “The Land of the Morning Calm”. A Japanese colony from 1910 to 1945, Korea remained virtually unknown to the outside world and certainly to the United States. Americans were not keen to support South Korea when the Korean war started on June 25, 1950 - indeed, the Korean memorial in Washington D.C. honors Americans “who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met.” But defend Korea we did and Korea blossomed, overcoming 36 years of a cruel colonization and three years of war. Aside from economic strength, Korea is a beautiful peninsula surrounded by mighty oceans and blessed with beautiful mountain ranges housing peaceful Buddhist temples.

Mariya Fogarasi spent four years on an American army post in Seoul and had the incredible opportunity to pass between two different worlds and cultures brought together by fate; let her lead you on a tour.
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MAKERSPACE ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AND KIDS

Registration is required for all RHPL programs and can be done at calendar.rhpl.org.

How To Festival: Save the Date
Feb. 29, 2020
How-To-Fest will be a showcase of life-long learning skills for all ages, taught by local participants and organizations. If you or your business is interested in sharing your expertise or hidden talents, please submit your application by Sept. 23. Decisions will be made by Oct. 10. Apply at rhpl.org.

Girls Who Code
Tuesdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 3-5
Makerspace, Registration Required
This class is for girls who were not able to attend the first Girls Who Code classes. Girls, grades 3-5, are invited to participate in coding and computer science activities, and to create friendships through sisterhood activities. Girls are encouraged to attend every Tuesday in order to complete the curriculum.

Introduction to Python Coding Class
Oct. 3-Nov. 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Makerspace, Registration Required
Learners in 6-8th grade are invited to join the gentleman of the McMath-Hulbert Astronomical Society for an 8-week course focused on learning Python Coding Language. Python is a general-purpose computer language, and it is fun and easy to learn. With this introduction, you will be well-equipped to continue your Python education using books, further classes, and online sources.

Makey Makey
Thursday, Sept. 5, 6-7 p.m., Makerspace, Registration Required
Learn how to design your own video game using our Makey Makey. We will set up, design and code our own video games, using the Makey Makey set up.

Window Cling Drop In
Wednesday, Sept. 11
4:30-6:30 p.m., Teens & Adults
Makerspace
Drop in to design and cut out your own window clings. Participants will use the Cricut and Silhouette machines to cut out their own decorations. Come with your own ideas, or use one of ours!

Magnetic Slime
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6-7 p.m.
Grades 4 & Up, Makerspace
Tierney is sure you’ve played with, or at least heard of slime, but did you know it’s possible to make slime magnetic? Join her to make the stretchy, oozing slime you love with the added magnetic element!

STEAM Night
Sept. 16, Oct. 23, Second Floor Conference Room, & Nov. 13, Multipurpose Room
6-7 p.m., Youth & Teens
Makers in grades 3-8 are invited to come build, design, create and complete challenges of all shapes and sizes. Make your designs and imagination come to life and get your engineering juices flowing.
Registration is required for all RHPL programs and can be done at calendar.rhpl.org.

**3D Pumpkin Contest**

Oct. 21-30, Youth, Teens, & Adults

The makerspace will be hosting a 3D pumpkin contest. Start printing your pieces whenever you can, bring in your 3D print creations and pumpkin or gourd starting Oct. 21-Oct. 30. Then show off your work in our gallery walk on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m., where we will be announcing our contest winners.

**Codeable Crafts**

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 4:30 p.m., Makerspace
Registration Required

Can coding skills be gained outside of the computer? We say yes! Engineering and coding skills come together to complete new challenges and create coding crafts.

**Trick-or-Treat Bags**

Oct. 26, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Youth & Teens, Makerspace
Registration Required

In need of a new trick-or-treat bag before the big day? Come personalize and create your own twist on a trick-or-treat bag!

**Glowforge Fall Decor**

Nov. 20, 6 p.m., & Nov. 23, 11 a.m.
Teens and Adults Makerspace
Registration Required

Could your fall decor use a little personal touch? Come use the laser cutter and engraver to create and design your own fall-themed wood decor.

**RHPL Comic Fest**

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

All ages are welcome at our library-wide festival celebrating all things related to comics, art and pop culture! Meet our special guest, cartoonist Jeffrey Brown, creator of *Jedi Academy*, *Darth Vader and Son*, *Cats are Weird*, and many more. We’ll also have games, activities, crafts and free comic books for all! Buy lunch from a food truck, or bring your own lunch to eat outside while you meet Ghostbusters and other characters. Costumes are highly encouraged and may even be rewarded in a costume contest!

**Nerf at Nite**

Friday, Oct. 18, 6:45-9 p.m.

What’s more fun than a Nerf battle? A Nerf battle in the library after hours! We are taking over the library for an epic Nerf war after the library closes. We’ll play Capture the Flag and some other fast-paced games. All supplies provided, wear comfy clothes you can MOVE in! Registration with an RHPL library card is required, beginning Sept. 18. Each library card will admit up to two people. **This event is limited to ages 18 and up.**

**Comic Fest Trivia Smackdown**

Monday, Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m.
Main Street Billiards, Solarium Area

Get ready for Saturday’s Comic Fest with this special trivia event that will test your knowledge of comics, art, and pop culture! Bring your team of up to six adults and duke it out with other mega-fans for bragging rights and prizes. Please register teams in advance.

**Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown**

Monday, Oct. 21, 7-9 p.m.
Main Street Billiards, Solarium Area

Think you know more random trivia than your neighbors? Meet us at Main Street Billiards with your team of up to six adults and see if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! Prizes will be awarded to the top team. Check out next month’s Books on Tap book- we will have one “book bonus” question.
Registration for each program begins one week prior to the program.

**Paws for Reading**

**Wednesdays starting in September, 6-7:15 p.m.**
**Youth Room**

Practice your reading with certified therapy dogs from the GO Team, and their friendly trainers! Call 248-650-7140 to schedule your 15-minute appointment.

**Authors in April Kickoff**

**Wednesday, Sept. 4**
**7-8:30 p.m.**
**Multipurpose Room**

Help us celebrate the kickoff of Authors in April 2020! Learn all about the authors we’ll meet and celebrate with us as we unveil the Grade K-1 author!

**Free Play!**

**Fridays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, & Nov. 15, 10-11 a.m.**
**Saturdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, & Nov. 16, 10-11 a.m.**
**1-5 year olds w/ caregiver**
**Multipurpose Room**

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Join us for a fun-filled hour of play-based learning for toddlers and preschoolers. Please note, each event has a separate registration.

**Story Groups**

**Polar Express**

Friday, Dec. 6, 6:30-9 p.m.,
REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY, NOV. 22 at 9 a.m. Online Only.
PLEASE REGISTER ALL ADULTS & CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Join us for crafts, a story, cookie decorating, games, and a trolley ride through the Big Bright Light Show - all inspired by the book, *The Polar Express*. Please make sure your library cards are in good standing (not expired, no fines over $5 due), and that EVERYONE in your family has a card prior to registration day. This event is open to residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township. Unfortunately, extended family members who are non-residents cannot attend.

There are many different groups offered during each session. Detailed information on each group can be found at rhpl.org. Please make note of the following guidelines before registering:

- Each child can only register for one group.
- Children must be registered with their own card. Library cards are issued to residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township of any age at the Information Desk.
- Registration covers the entire session. You do not have to register separately for each week.

Session I (4 Weeks): begins Tuesday, Sept. 3, Story Room
Registration begins Monday, Aug. 26 at 9 a.m.

Session II (5 Weeks): begins Monday, Nov. 11, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING
Registrations begins Monday, Nov. 4 at 9 a.m.
Sew Bearable!
Saturday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m.
Ages 4 & Up, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Do you like Teddy Bears? Do you like to sew? Join Ms. Kim in the observation of National Teddy Bear Day to sew your very own stuffed teddy. All materials will be provided however younger children will require the assistance of a caregiver. Please plan on arriving on time as instruction will be held at the beginning of the hour.

A Beary Happy Birthday Bear Hunt
Saturday, Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Ages 7 & Under
Multipurpose Room, REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

The classic book, *Going on a Bear Hunt*, written by Michael Rosen, was published 30 years ago! Come celebrate the anniversary of this lovable book and well-told rhyme, with a telling of the story and some fun bear hunting activities, crafts, and snacks.

Evening Family Storytime
Wednesday, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, & Nov. 13, 7-7:45 p.m.
All ages, Story Room

Join Ms. Wendy for a special monthly themed storytime and craft for the whole family. Each date has separate registration.

Tween Club
Grades 5-8, Story Room
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Are you not quite a teen yet, but need a place to hang out with new friends, create your own activities, help the community or maybe just spend time away from your parents? Then this club is for you. Spend the first half hour sharing your ideas about the library.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 & Nov. 19, 6-7 p.m. we’ll play some old school board or group games.

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6-7 p.m. you’ll have free writing time where you will be given writing prompts and time to share with your peers.

This club will be supervised by Ms. Angela.

Amazing LEGO Mazes
Thursday, Sept. 12
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Grades 1-5 ON MY OWN
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Join Ms. Mei-Ling as we build one or more LEGO mazes, then have more fun as we trade mazes and race each other using marbles!

Charcoal & Acrylic Painting
Saturday, Sept. 21, 2-3 p.m.
Grades 1-8, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Have you ever wanted to use different materials to create artwork? Join Ms. Kim in this creative art session experimenting with charcoal sticks and acrylic paint. Please plan on arriving on time as instruction will be held at the beginning of the hour. REMEMBER TO WEAR OLD CLOTHES!

Fantastic Fridays
Fridays, Sept. 27 & Oct. 25, 10-11 a.m., Ages 1-5
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING.

TGIF! Cut loose with Ms. Betsy and have some fun with your little one.
**Create Your Own Model Earth**

Monday, Oct. 14
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 4-8 w/caregiver
Story Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS ATTENDING WITH THEIR LIBRARY CARD.
Note: Wear clothes you don’t mind getting messy.
Did you know that the Earth has four spheres that make up the rock, water, air, and life on the planet? Learn about it with Mr. Everett and make your own model Earth as we celebrate Earth Science Week!

**Dictionary Derby & Design**

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2-3 p.m.
Story Room, Ages 6 & Up
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Do you know how to use a dictionary? Are your skills worth showing off? This program is actually a game where you will be given a list of words and need to find their definitions before time runs out. Prove yourself and then become a neologist and invent your own word and definition.

**Big Fun in the Big Room**

Wednesdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
OR Thursdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30-11:15 a.m.,
Age 1-5 w/ Caregiver, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL 1-5 YEAR OLDS.
Join us in the big room for some big fun! We’ll read stories, sing songs, and enjoy a lot of active play & movement! Siblings ages birth-1 year are welcome to attend, but do not need to be registered for the program. In order to accommodate as many children as possible, we ask that children are signed up for either Wednesday OR Thursday, not both. One registration signs your child up for the entire series.

**Parent Child Workshop**

Tuesdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10-11:15 a.m.
1-3 year olds w/ caregiver, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL 1-3 YEAR OLDS ATTENDING.
Join us for a fun, play-based, four-week program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. This program will be open to 1-3 year olds and their caregiver and is limited to one session per year, per child. Siblings ages birth-1 year and 4-5 years are welcome to attend, but do not need to be registered for the program. Please note, registration begins two weeks prior to the event and covers all four weeks.

**Flying with Paper**

Saturday, Oct. 12,
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Grades 3 & Up
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Making paper airplanes is always lots of fun. We’ll have instructions for several different types of paper airplanes, plus a testing field to see what your plane will do. Join Ms. Sue and Ms. Angela for a flying fun time!

**Boro on the Mend!**

Monday, Oct. 21, 6-8 p.m.
Grades 1-8, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Do you own a favorite shirt or a comfortable pair of jeans that has developed a small hole? If so, bring it to the library to learn the Japanese art of mending called boro. This very simple technique will help extend the life of your clothes, add to your own personal style, and save them from ending up in landfills. Please plan to arrive on time as instruction will occur at the beginning of the session.

**Lego Time**

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2-3 p.m.
Grades K-8 w/ caregiver
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ONLY CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Enjoy time off school by creating with the Library Legos. Then we will display what you’ve built in the Youth Room.
**Make a Book Into a Movie**

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2-3 p.m.
Ages 4-8, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Do you have a favorite picture book? Would you like to adapt it into a ‘movie’ using upcycled materials? If so, please join Ms. Kim for this fun literacy craft. All materials will be provided, however younger children will require the assistance of a caregiver. Remember to check out your favorite picture book before the event!

**Battle of the Books Kickoff**

Monday, Nov. 11, 5 p.m. OR 7 p.m., Multipurpose Room
Grade 5 w/ caregivers

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, read the assigned list of books as a team, and battle in March (answer questions about the books). Team registration runs from Monday, Nov. 11 to Saturday, Feb. 1.

**Battle of the Books Coach Meeting**

Saturday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. OR Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room

Learn everything you need for a successful battle. Can’t make either meeting? We’ll post all notes online. (There will also be a coach meeting closer to battle.) No registration required.

**Skip to the Loo! A Toilet Tutelage**

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2-3 p.m.
All Ages, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. CAREGIVER MUST ATTEND.

Nov. 19 marks the official United Nations observance of World Toilet Day. Please join librarians Ms. Sue and Ms. Kim as we celebrate toilets, sanitation, and all things latrine. We’ll discuss why toilets are important, how they look and function in other parts of the world, and then do a fun, privy-related craft.

**Pets 101**

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2-3:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, All Ages
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Learn tips and tricks of proper pet care from the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center and meet some furry friends that are looking for homes.
Ages 13-18 are welcome at our teen events. If you have questions or comments, please email Mari.Thurgate@rhpl.org, call 248-650-7135 or go to rhpl.org/teen.

TEEN EVENTS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesdays, Sept. 4 & 18, Oct. 2 & 16, Nov. 6 & 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

Have ideas for the library? Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays and other library matters at these fun-filled meetings, all while eating pizza and making friends. TAB Members also get first dibs on fun volunteer projects around the library, and may use meeting time as volunteer hours as well! No registration required.

GAME NIGHT

First four Wednesdays of every month, 7-8:45 p.m. Canceled Nov. 27
Second Floor Conference Room

A casual hang-out night for teens who enjoy graphic novels, manga, anime, video games, RPGs, etc. Snacks included. Welcome one and all! No registration required.

BAD ART NIGHT

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6-7 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room

How good are you at turning trash into treasure? Try your skills out by creating spooky and wacky Halloween themed BAD ART! It’s a 40 minute sprint to create the best sculpture, painting, or collage with various unusual supplies. At the end of the night, participants will vote to award the trophy for “Best Bad Art”. All art will be displayed in the Teen Area for a week after the event for all to admire.
Registration is required for all RHPL programs and can be done at calendar.rhpl.org.

Books on Tap
Monday, Sept. 16 & Nov. 18 7-8:30 p.m.
Main Street Billiards, VIP Room, Registration Required
Join us for a casual book club (discussion will be available but not enforced) in a relaxed setting. Meet at the restaurant to talk about books and enjoy Main Street Billiards’ delicious food and drinks.
Sept. 16: *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell
Nov. 18: *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein
Copies of the book are available upon registration.

Between the Lines Book Discussion Group
Second Floor Conference Room
Join us for coffee and thoughtful discussion.

**Wednesdays, 10–11:30 a.m.**
Sept. 18: *Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn
Oct. 23: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See
Nov. 20: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark T. Sullivan

**Thursdays, 2–3:30 p.m.**
Sept. 19: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark T. Sullivan
Oct. 24: *What the Eyes Don’t See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City* by Mona Hanna-Attisha
Nov. 21: *Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn

Please note, you must register for EACH BTL book discussion session separately. A limited number of copies of each book will be available four weeks prior to discussion, after successfully registering. You may register at calendar.rhpl.org or by calling 248-650-7130.
English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

Tuesdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 12, 10-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept. 14-Nov. 16, 10-11:30 a.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

Our conversation groups are a time to 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 at 248-202-9352 or Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org.

ELL Hampton Reading Group

Wednesdays, Sept. 18 & 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, & Nov. 6 & 13, 10-11:30 a.m.,
Hampton Elementary School
530 Hampton Circle
Rochester Hills, MI

Are you a new English language learner? Would you like to improve your reading skills this year? Meet with Rebecca and other English language learners to read a book and talk about it in a relaxed, casual setting. Copies of the book will be available.

American Culture

Mondays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10-11:30 a.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

An informal group discussion open to all ELL students and newcomers. We will discuss and share our own experiences and observations regarding the customs and manners of the American culture.

Loud AT THE LIBRARY

Sept. 22
Curtis Taylor
Sunday, 2-3 p.m.
This performance lecture features music from the “Great American Songbook” and discussion. It allows patrons to interact with the musicians in an informal setting.

Oct. 6
Terra Voce Ensemble
Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m.
Comprised of musicians from the Detroit Area, the Terra Voce Ensemble is passionate about playing new and old works for violin, clarinet, cello, and piano.

Oct. 28
Friction Farm
Monday, 7-8:30 p.m.
Modern-folk duo Friction Farm is a husband and wife team of traveling troubadours. Aidan Quinn and Christine Stay combine storytelling, social commentary and humor to create songs of everyday life, local heroes, and quirky observations.

Nov. 10
Marimba Music
Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m.
While playing beautiful music from the greatest classical composers, Paul Demick shares his musical journey, as well as interesting facts about the composers and their compositions. Furthermore, Demick educates his listeners on his wonderful instrument, the marimba.
The Library Board has unanimously tabled placing an operating millage request on the November 2019 ballot. Following a lengthy discussion about a ballot proposal at a special meeting on June 12, the Board decided to continue discussion on the topic but to hold off placing a proposal on the November ballot.

Board members want more time to assess how changes in property values will affect the amount of a future millage proposal. These changes will influence future library services, repairs to the library building, and how we respond to program and service requests from residents.

The library began losing revenue with the 2007 recession. By 2012, tax revenue from Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township had decreased by 20%. We responded to the revenue decline by freezing staff salaries, reducing staff and staff benefits, delaying maintenance, re-bidding service contracts, reducing various operating expenditures, and by drawing down the library’s fund balance.

Since 2012, there has been a slow increase in property values and, hence, revenue for the library, but revenue still lags behind what it was in 2007.

The Board will continue to monitor changes in property values and develop a ballot proposal for the future that accommodates any revenue improvements. We were able to approve a balanced budget this past month for the 2020 fiscal year.

Our goal is to continue providing high-quality library services while factors in our financial environment stabilize. The Board and I are committed to prudent financial management as we monitor the revenue situation.

We will strive to do our best to maintain the current level of services while delaying major building improvements such as the resurfacing of the west parking lot and public restroom renovations.

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**From the Director:**
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**Scribes Writers’ Workshop**

Second & Fourth Wednesdays
1-4 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

A twice-monthly drop-in workshop for those who love to write, want to learn from more experienced writers, or just want to get their writing “juices” flowing. Members will write on a given topic or thought-starter, then give and take positive feedback. No registration required.

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**Rochester Avon Historical Society**

The Rochester Historical Society presents programs centered around Rochester historical events on the first Thursday of most months in the library’s Multipurpose Room at 7 p.m. The programs are listed at calendar.rhpl.org. For more information, call 248-266-5440.

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**Basic Technology Help for Seniors**

First and third Sunday of each month, 1:30-3 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

Registration requested but not required.

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

To see the bookmobile schedule, please visit rhpl.org/i-am/bookmobile-user.
Friends of the Library December Cookie Bake Sale

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Plan ahead for the Holiday Season and come and buy some delicious cookies!
The Friends will be hosting a Fundraiser Cookie Bake Sale in the library.
The Cookie Committee is looking for Volunteers to make this fundraiser a success!
If you are interested in helping, email us at: cookiewalk@rhpl.org or call (248)218-4211
Thank you so much!
Library Cookie Walk Committee

Friends Quality Book Sale:
Dec. 12, 3-8:30 p.m., Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,
Dec. 14, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Holiday Home Tour:
Sunday, Dec. 15, 12 p.m.

Volunteer With Us!
- Library Store
- Book Cart
- Used Book Sorting
- Online Book Sales
- Used Book Sales
- Holiday Home Tour
- Wine, Wit, & Wisdom
- Other Events

Stop by the Library Info Desk or visit rhpl.org

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