Summer Reading 2017

RHPL is celebrating Rochester's Bicentennial with its summer reading program 'Happy Birthday Rochester'. The program challenges participants to read quality literature, while learning about community history, through a series of programs running June 10 through August 5.

To kick off the program, the Rochester Hills Public Library is hosting a community birthday party on June 10 from 12-3 p.m. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled afternoon including a bounce-house obstacle course and retro games from Dinosaur Hill. Birthday cake will be served, and Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies will perform some of your favorite oldies tunes at 2 p.m. The concert will be outdoors but there will be seating and an awning for shade. No registration is required.

Come hungry! Treats and finger foods, provided by Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, will be served in the Multipurpose Room.

"The kickoff party is a fun way to increase awareness of 'Happy Birthday Rochester' and encourages people to get involved, while highlighting its importance. Our summer reading program is designed to help forestall the 'summer slide' in reading that some students experience during the school break," said Library Director Christine Lind Hage.

Adults are also invited to sign up for the summer reading program during the kickoff party.

"The benefits of reading in adulthood are sometimes overlooked. 'Happy Birthday Rochester' is our opportunity to remind adults that reading improves your memory and expands your vocabulary, plus you can win cool prizes," said Adult Services Manager Jessica Parij.

For more information please visit rhpl.org.

Rochester Gets Rare Opportunity to View Partial Solar Eclipse

First... Learn about solar eclipses with Dr. Kapila Clara Castoldi during ‘Our Amazing Sun’

Thursday, August 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Since time immemorial, the beautiful globe of our sun has been rising and setting daily in the sky, sustaining life on our planet. It's only on the rare occasions when we witness a solar eclipse that we become aware that there is much more to our star than what we see. During this seminar, Oakland University Professor Dr. Kapila Clara Castoldi will cover solar eclipses, the 'hidden' aspects of our sun, solar observatories in space, and more.

Then... See it yourself at the Solar Eclipse Watch Party

Monday, August 21, 1-4 p.m. Library South Parking Lot

The United States will experience a rare total solar eclipse on August 21! We'll only get to see 78% coverage here in Rochester, but it will be a sight to see nonetheless. Come to the library to safely watch the eclipse with free eclipse viewing glasses, water, music, and sun/moon themed snacks. Register early to guarantee your free eclipse glasses.

For more information please visit rhpl.org.
Adults Just Wanna Have Fun!
The Rochester Hills Public Library is reaching out to young adults through several programs this summer.

Featured programs include a biking tour of historic sites in Rochester and an adults only recess.

Tale of Two Trails
Thursday, June 29, 6:30-9 p.m.  West Entrance
The library has partnered with the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm to take you on a bicycle ride through time. During this 3.7 mile ride, you'll meet 'the original Forrest Gump', see the former training site of Olympians and learn how the Clinton River and Paint Creek trails came to be.

"The biking tour is something I look forward to all year because it showcases the amazing trail system our community offers, while talking about its unique history and... it sneaks in a little exercise. I want to invite everyone: families, teens and seniors to join us. If you can bike, you can come!," said Community Relations Specialist Aman-da Harrison Keighley.

Participants must register in advance at calendar.rhpl.org.
The Rochester Hills Public Library will also be on the Museum’s Garden Tour June 15! Check with the museum for more details.

After Hours Adult Recess
Friday, July 14, 6:30-9 p.m.
For those hungry for nostalgia, the library is hosting its Second Annual Adult Recess.

Bounce houses, Nerf wars, four square - on July 14, these things aren’t just for kids! Adults, bring your friends and enjoy a throwback evening full of all the things you THOUGHT you were too old to do! Enjoy the parachute, adult story time, virtual reality headsets, and more! Registration is required - one library card will admit you and one guest, and all library rules apply, including a prohibition of outside alcohol. Refreshments will be served, beer and wine will be available for purchase. This event is for ages 21 and up.

“Our goal for Adult Recess is to create a magical fun filled night, much like Polar Express but have it be exclusive to adults,” said Adult Services Manager Jessica Parij.

New to Adult Recess this year is a virtual reality experience. By putting on state of the art headsets, participants will step into alternate worlds! Fight zombies in a survival game, try your hand at archery, explore space or swim the depths of the ocean. With these headsets the possibilities are endless.

“By offering virtual reality headsets, bounce houses and other things you can’t experience just anywhere, we’re transforming our library from a house of books to a town square where people gather to learn, socialize and experience the newest technology we can offer,” said Community Relations Specialist Amanda Harrison Keighley.

Please register at calendar.rhpl.org.

Books on Tap
Monday, July 17
7-8:30 p.m.  Bar Louie Rochester Hills
Fireplace Area
RHPL is excited to partner with Bar Louie of Rochester Hills (1488 N. Rochester Rd) for a casual book club (discussion will be available but not enforced). Meet at the restaurant to talk about books and enjoy Bar Louie’s happy hour specials extended for our program.

July 17: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
Copies of the book are available upon registration with your library card.

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown
Mondays, June 19 & August 21
7-9 p.m.  Bar Louie Rochester Hills
Fireplace Area
Think you know more random trivia than your neighbors? Meet us at Bar Louie (near the fireplace) with your team of up to six people and see if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! Bonus points if you bring your library card! Prizes will be awarded to the top team. Check out next month’s Books on Tap book - we will have one “book bonus” question.
Hypertufa Pots
Saturday, June 17
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Adult Department, Outside by the West Entrance
(Rain location inside)
Adults of all ages – join us in making hypertufa pots to take home. Hypertufa is a faux stone that is light and durable. This is messy! Come ready to get your hands dirty and have fun. Supplies provided.
Please register in advance at calendar.rhpl.org.

RHPL Shelfie Bingo
June 10-August 5
Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to pick up an RHPL Shelfie Bingo sheet (or print one from rhpl.org). Complete five selfies described on the sheet during our Summer Reading Program and post them on our Facebook or Instagram pages to earn a prize! Don’t forget to use the following hashtags and tag Rochester Hills Public Library:
@RHPLibrary #RHPLshelfiebingo #RHPLselfie #RHPL

RHPL Online
We’ve recently updated our home page to showcase special events at the library! To see all the events, click on the “See Events” tab below the new banner.
And Like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/RochesterHillsPL and follow us on Instagram @RochesterHillsPL and Twitter @RHPLibrary.

Adult Coloring Table
Escape the summer heat at our coloring table, located in the Adult Department on the second floor. Adult coloring sheets and supplies are provided.

RHPL Letterboxes
June 10-Aug. 5
Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to pick up a Letterboxing Adventure sheet (or print one off from our website).
Complete all of the RHPL Letterboxes during our Summer Reading Program and stamp each image on the Letterboxing Adventure sheet in the correct spot to earn a prize!

Sudoku
Simple yet challenging. Fill in the blanks of the 9x9 grid so each row, column, and 3x3 section includes one instance of the numbers 1 through 9. Stop by the Adult Department to try to solve the current puzzle!

Checkout Slips
Readers may come across checkout cards in some of our books! If found, write the name of the book the card was found in on the checkout card, along with the date found and then move the card to your favorite book to be found by another reader.
Please return the cards to the Adult Department once full. We will display returned cards for all to enjoy.

Puzzle Table
Stop by the Adult Department on the second floor and spend time on a relaxing puzzle.

Creation Station Open Hours
Saturdays June 17, July 29, August 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Check Events Calendar at rhpl.org for location info.
Itching to create a fun new project? Drop into our Creation Station between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (closed 12-1 for lunch) and get hands-on assistance using our 3D printer, Silhouette Cameo cutting machine and more!
Curious to see how the machines work? Beginners are welcome to stop by and get a demo of any of the equipment.
For an up-to-date list of our equipment offerings, or to schedule time for a project with a specific machine, please call Evan Smale at 248-650-7148.
Adult Summer Reading

June 10-August 5
Beginning June 10, sign up for our Adult Summer Reading challenge! Every time you read a book or attend an adult program at RHPL, you can enter to win one of 8 weekly prizes. Read at least 4 books or attend 4 programs and you’re entered to win this year’s grand prize, an Apple iPad!

Check Out a Book Discussion Kit!

Each Book Kit contains up to 15 copies of popular books that your book club is sure to enjoy! For a complete list of book kits, or for more information on running your own book group, go to rhpl.org > USE THE LIBRARY > Book Discussion Resources

Available now - NEW Book Discussion Kits:

Between the Lines Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, July 12, from 10-11:30 a.m.
A librarian will lead the discussion on *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. We meet in the Second Floor Conference Room. Copies of the book are available upon registration. Register online at calendar.rhpl.org or by calling 650-7130. For further information, please contact Annette at 248-650-7134 or Annette.Similuk@rhpl.org.

English Matters: Book Group

Wednesday Mornings, 10 -11:30 a.m.
June 7, 14, 21 & 28 (4 sessions)
Are you an English Language Learner? Would you like to improve your reading skills? Let’s read a book together in a relaxed, casual setting.
Copies of *The London Eye Mystery* are available at the first meeting.
Interested? Call Annette at 248-650-7134 or email Annette.Similuk@rhpl.org.

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

Tuesdays, May 30-July 18
10-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays, June 1-July 20
7-8:30 p.m.
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! Registration is open.
For further information, please contact Kari at 248-650-7155.

Books By Mail

Books By Mail is a service available for library card holders who are physically unable to come to the library because of a temporary or permanent disability.
Materials are mailed directly to users’ homes at no charge.
For more information, visit rhpl.org or call Outreach Services at 248-650-7150.

General Information

Hours
Monday–Thursday ........ 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday ........................ 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday ....................... 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday (School year) ........... 1–6 p.m.

Phone Numbers
General ......................... 248-656-2900
Adult Services ............ 650-7130
Youth Services .............. 650-7140
Outreach Services ........ 650-7150
Bookmobile .................. 650-7150
TDD .................................. 650-7153
Hours ............................. 650-7170
Book Renewals .............. 650-7174
Friends’ Membership ..... 650-7160
Friends’ Events .............. 650-7176
Friends’ Book Sales ......... 650-7178
Friends’ Library Store ...... 650-7179

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The Library Board meets on the second Monday of the month. The meetings are open to the public and reasonable auxiliary aids and services are available. Call 248-650-7122 for further information.

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Run to the Library Virtual 5K

June 10-August 5
Anywhere
Complete 5 km (3.1 miles) by running, walking, biking, or other activity anytime during our summer reading program. The biking history tour, June 29, counts as a 5K!

When you have completed your race, print out a “bib number” certificate via the special events section on rhpl.org or pick one up at the Adult Reference Desk. Completed “bib numbers” can be presented at the Adult Reference Desk for a small prize, while supplies last.

Tell us about your race! We would love to see pictures, hear about your adventure, or where you completed the V5K. Share a selfie or comment on any social media you use and tag Rochester Hills Public Library.

@RHPLibrary #RunToTheLibrary #RHPL #RHPLV5K

Walk and Talk

On the second Monday of the month, beginning June 12, join a Librarian and walk the Paint Creek Trail to talk about what you are reading. Meet at the west door of the library for a 7:30 p.m. start time and plan on an hour walk. Wear comfortable shoes – adults only and no pets. For further information, contact Karen at 248-650-7158 or email Karen.Wiedman@rhpl.org.

From the Circulation Department

• If you owe fines/fees ($1 minimum) and would like to pay them online, please visit My Account at rhpl.org. You will need your library account number and pin/password.

• At the time a Melcat is checked out to you, there is paperwork with the item. Please make sure the paperwork stays with the item when returning it. This helps with the return process to ensure there are not delays or errors.

• When returning library items through the drive-up slot, the items must be returned one at the time. If items are returned in multiples (or rubber banded) there could be errors since only one barcode can be read at a time.

• Items are due back by 11:59 p.m. on the due date. At midnight, it becomes the next day and items may accrue late fines.

Foil Boats for Father’s Day

Saturday, June 17, 2-3 p.m.
Family, West Entrance
REGISTER ALL KIDS & ADULTS ATTENDING. Bring your dad or another favorite grown-up to build a foil boat. Test your boat by seeing how far it can sail or how many pennies it can hold!

Daddy Daughter Dance through the Decades

Wednesday, July 19, 6-8 p.m.
All Ages
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Bring your favorite dance partner (dad, mom, grandma, older sibling) for a night of fun. Dress up in clothes from your favorite era and enjoy food, music and more!

Zippity 2 Dads Family Concert

Monday, July 10, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Families
Front lawn of the library
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN & ADULTS ATTENDING. Pack a picnic or pick up dinner and bring the whole family to the library for an outdoor family concert with 2 local dads and funny, original music. Please bring something to sit on.
Royal Jousting Tournament
Saturday, July 1, 10-11 a.m.
Grades K-8
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN.
Calling all Knights, Queens, Kings, Princes and Princesses! It’s time to see what kind of hero you can be in the Royals Jousting Tournament! Create royal artifacts, then mount a steed to test your jousting skills.

Get Mobbed With Minecraft
Thursday, June 8, July 6, & Aug. 10
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Grades 4 & up
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN.
Punch a few trees and build your own world - open to beginners and experienced Minecrafters.

Cool Stuff About Dead People
Thursday, July 13, 3-4:30 p.m.
Grades 3 & up
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS ATTENDING.
Come learn fun facts about mummies, cemeteries, diseases and more!

Eras and Crafts
Tuesday, August 8, 1-4 p.m.
Grades K-8, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
BRING A T-SHIRT TO TIE DYE.
Time travel through history with arts and crafts!

“Dear Rochester” Writer’s Workshop
Wednesdays, June 21 & 28
July 5 & 12, 10-11:30 a.m.
Grades 3 & older
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS ATTENDING.
This is a 4-week workshop dedicated to historical Rochester. The first two weeks you will learn about the history of Rochester and create a character from a past time period, the third week you will revise your work, and the last week you will be able to perform or display what you have written.

Celebrate Rochester’s History with a Coloring Page
June 10-August 1, All Ages
Make a line-drawing of a place, building or event in Rochester, Rochester Hills or Oakland Township. Submit it to the Youth Department to be displayed and voted on for a prize. Forms will be available on June 10 and must be returned by Aug. 1.

Cardboard City Drive-In
Friday, July 28, 1-5 p.m.
Ages 4-10
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS ATTENDING.
Parents must attend with child.
Build your own tiny town and transportation in the library. Take your cardboard car to the drive-in for a movie after you build. We’ll supply the boxes, you bring the imagination!

Cup Stacking with Mr. Jim
Wednesday, July 19, 3-4 p.m.
Families, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS & ADULTS.
Come see Mr. Jim work his magic with the sport of cup stacking. You’ll be amazed at his skill and speed, and might be inspired to try it yourself!

Nature Navigators
Fridays, June 23, July 7, July 21, & August 4, 10-11 a.m.
Grades 1-5
Rotary Park
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Explore the outdoors and learn fun facts about our natural world.

Build With Legos!
Tuesday, June 20
2:30-3:30 & 7-8:30 p.m.
Grade 1-8, with caregiver
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS ATTENDING.
(caregiver must be present)
Come spend time building with library Legos, then display your creation in the Youth Room.

Summer Reading Program
Ages 8 and Up
June 10-August 5
Babies-8th grade and parents
Register and keep track of your reading online at rhpl.readsquared.com.
Earn a prize for each five hours you read, up to 30 hours. Prizes include books, raffle entries for grand prizes, and entry into the beach party finale.

Summer Reading Finale
Saturday, August 12, 11-1 p.m.
Families
Thelma Spencer Park
At least one member of your family must have reached level 4 in the summer reading program and receive a ticket for the finale. Come to the park, bring a picnic and your swimsuits. We’ll have tools for a sandcastle building contest, games, and treats.

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**Get Started Coding With Scratch!**

Tuesday, August 15
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Grades 4 & Up
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING
Learn the basics of “Scratch”, a simple programming language that lets you design interactive stories, games and animations! We’ll create an account, get an overview of how it works, and begin working on our own creations!

**Storytime in the Park**

Thursdays, June 22, July 27, & August 24, 10-11 a.m.
Birth to age 5 with caregiver
Rotary Park
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Outdoor storytime fun with your favorite librarians!

**Outdoor Explorers**

Mondays, June 5-July 31
9:45-10:30 a.m. OR 10:45-11:30 a.m.
3-5 years (w/caregiver)
Meet at West Entrance
PLEASE REGISTER ALL CHILDREN.
Join us as we explore the world outside of RHPL! Siblings are welcome, but projects will be limited to registered participants. Please choose only one time slot.

**Baby Play**

Tuesdays, June 13 & 27, & July 11 at 1 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
Ages Birth-35 months
LibraryBack Lawn
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Dress your baby up in their bathing suit for some sensory play outside the library. Enjoy a story, songs and rhymes while your baby explores by getting wet or messy in our little pools. Each session requires separate registration.

**Harry Potter Read Aloud**

Monday, June 26
10 a.m.-8 p.m.
All Ages
Multipurpose Room

CALL 248-650-7140 TO REGISTER.
Help us perform a continuous, all day reading of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*! Dress up as your favorite character and enjoy snacks and a good story. Call 248-650-7140 to sign up for a time to read aloud. Everyone: adults, teens, and kids are all welcome.

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Grades 2-8
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS ATTENDING.
Come learn about a genre of writing called “fan fiction” and then create your own “fan fiction” based on Harry Potter.

**Yarny Crafternoons**

Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25 & August 1
2-3:30 p.m. OR 7-8:30 p.m.
All Ages, Story Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS & ADULTS.
For beginners to experts. We’ll have some supplies for loom knitting, finger knitting, crochet, or knitting with needles, but you’re welcome to bring your own too. Each session requires separate registration.

**Throwback Thursday Gaming**

Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8 p.m.
Grades 2 & Up
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS ATTENDING.
Try your hand at some old school games like the PC classic “Oregon Trail”, as well as the titles from the early days of Nintendo and Genesis.

**Wand Making**

Wednesday, June 28
6-7 p.m.
Grades K-8
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL KIDS ATTENDING.
The wand chooses the wizard! Come find yours and add all the details to make it fit you.

**Book Tasting**

Thursday, August 3, 2-3 p.m.
Grades K-8, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Enjoy snacks while you discuss your favorite books, then browse and sample great summer-reading themed books you may have missed!

**Paper Circuitry Birthday Cards**

Wednesday, July 5, 1-3 p.m.
Grades 3 & Up
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Celebrate Rochester’s 200th birthday by creating some fabulous paper circuit birthday cards. Create simple circuits to light up your cards with LEDs. We’ll supply the materials. You supply the creative designs!

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Ages 13–18 are welcome at our teen events. If you have questions or comments, please email Kricket.Hoekstra@rhpl.org or call 248-650-5683.

**Teen Pokemon Club**

**Saturdays June 8 & August 12**
2:30-4:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
A casual gathering for teens to meet, compete and enjoy Pokémon together.

**Smash Brothers Video Game Tournament**

Saturday, August 5
2:30-5 p.m. Multipurpose Room
Be here no later than 2:45 to join our Super Smash Bros. (Wii U) tournament. We have gamecube controllers as well as Wii-motes; you may also bring your own 3DS. 1st and 2nd place get prizes. Regular drop-in freestyle before and after the tournament as time allows.

**Choose Your Own Bead Adventure**

Thursday June 29, 2 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
We have a lot of beads; you have a lot of creativity. Come make something (bracelet? Necklace? Lanyard?) to keep or give as a gift. All supplies provided, please register in advance.

**Teen Tech Tattoos**

Thursday, July 20, 2 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Impress your friends and frighten your parents with temporary electronic body art! All supplies provided, but you must register in advance.

**Photography Workshop**

(In partnership with College for Creative Studies)

Thursday August 10 1-2:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Bring your cell phone or DSLR camera to take stunning pictures of your world. Space is limited, please register online or by calling 248-650-7130.
### Summer Fun on the Bookmobile!

Just a reminder that items found directly on the bookmobile do not automatically renew. You may request to renew them, and we will try to accommodate renewals as best we can. For the very newest books and movies, we may ask that you return them so that others have the chance to enjoy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

#### Under the Awning

We will be offering Under the Awning once again this summer! A librarian will share stories, songs, and rhymes at three of our stops.

**Hampton Community Center:**
- Tuesdays, June 13, July 11 and August 8 from 7:30-8:00 pm.
- Borden Park on Wednesdays, June 21, July 19, and August 16 from 9:45-10:15 am.

**West Middle School on Thursdays,**
- June 29, July 27, and August 24 from 5:15-5:45 p.m.

#### Bookmobile Scavenger Hunt

Rochester is turning 200 years old! Join us in the celebration and learn a bit of history about the area. Each week, we will provide a clue to an historic site. Within the clue, one of our stops will be identified with a hint at what historical marker is nearby that particular stop. Take a photo of the site or of you and the site, stop by the bookmobile to show us the photo or tag us with #BookmobileScavengerHunt on Instagram or Facebook, and you can receive a stamp! Collect six or more stamps (or post six or more photos), and win a prize!

#### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sleep on the bookmobile? Drop off one of your stuffed animals, and they can tell you all about it! During the week of July 10-15, bring a lovey to any bookmobile stop. They will have the opportunity to spend the night (or week) on the bookmobile! Be sure to pick up your friend by the end of the following week, July 22. Photos of their adventures will be available after that date!
The submissions have been reviewed and votes have been cast: our new bikemobile will be named the Book Peddler!

Thank you to everyone who shared naming ideas and made the Book Peddler’s first events a success. Look for the Book Peddler at the Festival of the Hills Wednesday, June 28.

If you know of an event where you would like to see the Book Peddler, please contact Mary in Outreach at 248-650-7152 or Mary.Davis@rhpl.org. We will do our best to add it to our schedule!

**It Was A Good Year for the Friends!**

The Used Book Sales had another successful year, making a profit of $150,921 in 2016. This included $20,926 from the Lobby Cart which continues to be a popular attraction. It also includes $43,237 from our online sales, thanks to the hard work of Peggy Philippi and the online crew. None of this would be possible without the efforts of our many dedicated volunteers. We are so thankful for all the wonderful donations from the community and their support at our sales. We are looking forward to another profitable year. The next book sale will be July 26-July 29. See calendar.rhpl.org for times.

**Missed a program or want to see what’s coming up? Check out our new media page at rhpl.org/program-archives**

In partnership with the City of Rochester Hills TV, the library has been recording most of its adult programs and creating monthly program commercials called At The Library.

To view the new content go to rhpl.org and select ‘Use The Library’. Under Event Information, you’ll see a tab called Media Resources. There you can select ‘Upcoming Events’ to see the library’s commercials and promotional videos, ‘Press Releases’ to read about the latest library happenings, and ‘Video Lectures’ to catch up on programs you may have missed.

If you know of a speaker or band that would be a great fit for our programs, contact Amanda Harrison Keighley at Amanda.Keighley@rhpl.org.

**RHPL Partners With Local Organizations**

**Rochester Avon Historical Society**

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

**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, who want to learn from more experienced writers, or who just want to get their writing “juices” flowing. Members will write on a given topic or thought starter, then give and take positive feedback. RHPL card holders have first priority, but the workshop is open to others as well. For more information call 248-650-7124.

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From the Director Christine Lind Hage

There is an often quoted phrase by an unknown author that, “knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container.” It is true, that public libraries are dedicated to making information widely available to all patrons. This is one reason why public libraries are a cornerstone of a democratic society.

While the knowledge is freely available at libraries, the cost of building and maintaining a quality collection of materials that serves the whole community comes at an economic cost.

Though the general operations of RHPL are supported through your tax dollars, many of the special gifts given to our library have made it an extraordinary place to read, learn, relax, and grow. Because of your past contributions, RHPL has been able to purchase new books that spark the imagination, acquire artwork that beautifully inspires those who visit, offer entertainment and educational programs and services that serve and enlighten people of all ages.

You can be part of this important effort to maintain our library as a leading “knowledge center” by becoming a library donor. Your gift is needed to broaden and advance the library’s collections, services and programs. Your donations ensure quality library services and materials for residents in Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. We especially value your support because we know every gift is your way of saying how important libraries are to a free society that values knowledge.

Be assured that when you make a charitable contribution to RHPL your money will be used effectively to improve the quality of life in our community.

There are several ways that you can make financial contributions to the library:

General Donations:
Each day our library staff reaches out to children and adults to help them grow and learn. Many famous people have cited public libraries as the first step on their path to personal and public achievement. Your donations can help RHPL foster a love of reading and provide the vital information services people need.

Tributes and Gifts Program:
RHPL offers you the opportunity to preserve the memory of a special person or to honor someone you admire while giving enjoyment to others. A financial gift to RHPL’s collection is one of the most satisfying ways of ensuring that your gift will live, will be cared for, and appreciated. It can reflect the taste of the giver or, in the case of memorials, of the individual in whose memory it is given.

Bequests and Endowment Program:
Endowments ensure that dreams of a better library become reality for thousands of people in the community. Earnings from endowments can provide free programs on subjects in the humanities, story hours, audio books and materials for children. The earnings provide an extra stream of income to meet the increasingly expensive delivery of services, programs and library materials. We invite you to invest in tomorrow by designating a gift from your current assets or a portion of your estate to the Library.

The value of your contribution can double if your company offers a matching gift. Ask your company’s personnel office for a matching gift form. Your contribution may be eligible for a federal income tax deduction. For your particular needs, consult your tax advisor.

I hope that you will consider making a contribution to the library today. More details on how you can contribute are available on the library’s website at rhpl.org/donations or you can call me directly at 248-650-7122.

The Rochester Hills Public Library provides resources to inform, educate, enlighten and entertain the people of our community. It is our wish that you continue to help us improve and expand our services.

Behind the Scenes Library Tour
Wednesday, July 19, 10 a.m.
Multipurpose Room
Join Director Christine Lind Hage for a behind the scenes tour of the library. The tour will begin in the Multipurpose Room and proceed to various areas of the library. To register, please go to calendar.rhpl.org or call 248-656-2900.

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Friends Store is Summer-Ready

Give your spirits a big boost. Stop in the Friends Store for bright new décor ideas for both indoors and out. Spend $20 and enter for a chance to win a charming statue, suitable for use in your garden or sunroom.

While you're in the store, be sure to check out our latest items from Walters Seed Company in Holland, Michigan. We have Grow Kits from this industry-leading Michigan company, which believes in putting earth-friendly principles into action and pledges to "not knowingly buy or sell genetically engineered seeds or plants."

Choose from assorted flowers, herbs and grasses.

The Friends Store is run entirely by volunteers. If you enjoy interacting with customers and have a few hours free each week, please stop by for an application. We need helpful, smiling people!

Store Hours

Monday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Tuesday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Closed on Sunday