2019 Annual Holiday Home Tour

Sunday, Dec. 15, 12-5 p.m.

Five area homes will open their doors to share their Christmas décor, holiday heirlooms, DIY ideas, and festive atmospheres with RHPL patrons and friends, all to raise money for RHPL programs and services. Additionally, the Annual Holiday Boutique will be held in the Multipurpose Room of RHPL from 1-6 p.m.

Tickets are $25 and will be available for cash and/or check payment after November 15 at The Friends Store in RHPL, Lytle’s Pharmacy, Dillman & Upton, Wild Birds and Things at Adams and Walton, and Werner’s Hallmark at Adams and Silverbell. To purchase tickets via credit card or PayPal (after November 15) go to: rhpl.org/i-am/visit-friends-of-the-rphl, then click on Friends Special Events. For last-minute ticket-buying, visit the Holiday Boutique in the library on Dec. 15.

Polar Express

Friday, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Registration Opens Friday, Nov. 22 at 9 a.m.
RHPL Library Card is Required

Join us throughout the library for crafts, a story, cookie decorating, games, letters to Santa, Santa himself (!), and a trolley ride through the Big Bright Light Show – all inspired by the book *The Polar Express*.

Please make sure your cards are in good standing (not expired, no fines over $5 due), and that EVERYONE in your family has a card before 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.
Library Lectures

When Amelia Came to Michigan

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

“When Amelia Came to Michigan” is the true story of Amelia Earhart’s adventures in the Great Lakes State. Presenters Al and Dave Eicher weave the story of Earhart’s life, beginning with her childhood at the turn-of-the-century through her family life, education, flying experiences, world records, and her eight years of adventures in Michigan, with hundreds of photographs, vintage film footage, and music from the 1920s and 1930s. This 60-minute presentation will recount the exciting life and times of the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

Boys Under the Hood

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Gary Fisher, a lifetime resident of Flint, MI, will discuss how the GM-Flint connection began within a single neighborhood in his hometown and how he is now positioned to witness the city’s revitalization. “Boys Under the Hood” highlights the lives and stories of local automotive pioneers Durant, Dort, Buick, Chrysler, and others. Join us for an exhilarating ride through history!

Holistic Health Care

Thursday, Jan. 9, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Surita Chaudhry has been a practicing RN for almost 30 years. She is nationally certified in Advanced Holistic Nursing and is a member of the American Holistic Nursing Association (AHNA). She has received training in Clinical Aromatherapy, Foot Reflexology, Mindfulness Meditation, Emotional Freedom Technique, Therapeutic Touch, and is a 200-RYT Yoga Instructor.

Michigan’s Most Dangerous Women

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Tobin Buhk presents, “Michigan’s Most Dangerous Women,” an exploration into some of the wildest women in the history of the Great Lakes State, including a glimpse inside the Old Detroit House of Corrections, Michigan’s only penal institution for women. Buhk is a freelance author specializing in true crime stories. He lectures frequently on past crimes and is the author of several novels.

Suicide Prevention & Awareness

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

The Oakland County Suicide Prevention Task Force presentation is for youth and families to raise awareness about mental health, as well as understand warning signs and triggers to suicide. This presentation will include resources for parents such as a tool kit and information on how to make your home suicide-safe. Their goal is to reduce the stigma that can prevent people from asking for help.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Join world travelers Jim and Py Wolfe on their adventure to the Chilean fjords, the Strait of Magellan, the Beagle Channel, and Cape Horn. Then cross the dangerous Drake Passage to Antarctica for eight landings, including the British and Ukrainian scientific stations, before flying back to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Wolfes are both local retired educators working as citizen ambassadors with the U.S. State Department to host delegations from Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and South America.

Author Talk: The Art Deco Mystery Series

Thursday, Jan. 23, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required


Michigan-born author John Cohassey will discuss Ernest Hemingway and his ties to Michigan. Cohassey has a master’s degree in history from Wayne State University, played music professionally for many years, and is a freelance writer.

His first book, Toast of the Town: The Life and Times of Sunnie Wilson, won an award of merit from the Historical Society of Michigan, and in 2007 he served as a consultant for the History Channel documentary, “Hippies.” Cohassey’s most recent work includes Hemingway and Pound: A Most Unlikely Friendship about the unique relationship between Hemingway and poet Ezra Pound who edited some of Hemingway’s early works.
Library Lectures (cont.)

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

The Potato Famine and the Coming of the Irish to America

Thursday, Feb. 27, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Ireland awoke to the beginning of the Great Hunger in 1845. Author Terence O’Leary shares the heartbreaking stories of the Irish during the five long years of the Potato Famine. While it was a time of great injustice when more than one million Irish died, it also became a tragic blessing for over one million Irish who fled to America and survived. O’Leary, an Irish-American author, was born in Chicago but spent his teenage and adult life in Northwest Ohio. A graduate of the University of Toledo with a degree in Journalism, English, and Psychology, O’Leary’s five critically-acclaimed, realistic coming-of-age novels focus on teenagers facing a family crisis.

Michigan County Poor Farms

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Before the advent of modern social welfare, Michigan’s county governments maintained poorhouses or poor farms. Adam Oster, Community Engagement Librarian for the Library of Michigan, will explore the early history of these facilities and their attempts to become both self-sustaining entities and refuges for a county’s poor, elderly, and destitute populations. Oster will also discuss the living conditions in the poorhouses, how these facilities transitioned to serving individuals with chronic illnesses, and why they closed their doors in the late 20th Century.

Oster is a life-long Michigan resident, earning his Bachelor of Arts in History from Grand Valley State University and his Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University.

The Kit & Kaboodle on Kit Homes

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

The early part of the 20th century saw an American phenomenon in housing choices made possible by a confluence of events. The automobile assembly line process in manufacturing, for example, was extended to home-building. Never before in history was there such a choice in housing for the average person. From planned communities to mail-order houses, families could find a way to achieve the American dream. Ron Campbell of Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs will tell the fascinating story about the creation of these houses and their ongoing legacy.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) in the Communities

Thursday, Feb. 20, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Michigan is home to approximately 1.3 million individuals with disabilities. Join us to find out how Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) provides specialized employment and education-related services and training to assist those with disabilities in becoming employed or retaining employment, as well as how they support businesses in our community.
FRHPL Sells Little Free Lending Libraries

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library (FRHPL) invite patrons, organizations, and neighborhoods to build community, spark creativity, inspire youth, and encourage reading by providing a Little Free Lending Library near you.

Popular throughout the country, these small, wooden libraries offer a free book exchange for children, teens, and adults in a safe, neighborhood setting. While these little boxes are not meant to take the place of our library, they offer a convenient place to pick up a book or drop one to share.

You can now order a fully constructed Little Free Lending Library, complete with a post and installation instructions, from the Rochester Hills Public Library for $295.00 (tax-free). Pre-paid orders are now being accepted at the FRHPL gift store inside the RHPL. A sample is on display for your consideration. Please allow one to two weeks for orders to arrive.

Fandom Trivia Smackdown: Musicals!

Monday, Dec. 16, 7-9 p.m.
Main Street Billiards, Solarium Area
Registration Required

How do you solve a problem like Maria? And what’s your pleasure, dearie? Do you hear the people sing? Gee, Officer Krupke, what are we to do? A toad, Madame? She’d say, “what’s your sister like? “Where did we go right? What is this feeling? Has she ever pouted her lips and called you “Pookie”? If you stand for nothing, Burr, what’ll you fall for?

Do you know the answers to these questions? Bring your team of up to six people to answer questions about the 10 musicals included above for your chance to win and be crowned the Drama Queens and Kings! You do not have to be 21 years old to attend this event at MSB. Please register your team in advance. Seating at MSB is first come, first served.

Books on Tap

Monday, Jan. 13, 7-8:30 p.m.
Main Street Billiards, VIP Room
Registration Required

RHPL has partnered with Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St.) for a casual book club in a relaxed setting where discussion is available, but not required.

Meet up at the restaurant to talk about books and enjoy Main Street Billiards’ delicious food and drinks. On Jan. 13, we’ll discuss Petticoat Surgeon by Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen. Copies of the book are available upon registration.

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

Monday, Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m.
Main Street Billiards, Solarium Area
Registration Required

Think you know more random trivia than your neighbors? Do you have what it takes to be called champions? Meet us at Main Street Billiards with your team of up to six people. The top team will win prizes. Anybody can play, but only teams that present a valid RHPL library card are eligible to win. Check out next month’s "Books on Tap" book; we will have one “book bonus” question. Please register your team in advance. Seating at MSB is first come, first served.

Nerf at Nite

Friday, Jan. 10, 6:45-9 p.m.
Registration Required

What’s more fun than a Nerf battle? Answer: 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 that you can MOVE in! Registration opens Dec. 10. You must register with your RHPL library card. Each library card will admit up to two people. This event is open to those 18 years old or older.
MAKERSPACE ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AND KIDS

Registration is required for all RHPL programs (unless otherwise noted) and can be done at calendar.rhpl.org.

**Holiday Paper Crafting**

Saturday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
Eureka Lab, Registration Required

Create three versatile paper projects for the holidays or other uses. Develop paper crafting techniques such as matting, stamping, embossing, and embellishing to transform craft paper into three projects, including a snack/treat holder, a gift-card holder, and a greeting card. You can choose holiday/winter themes or more generic themes. No previous paper crafting experience is necessary, and materials are included. Bring a friend and make an afternoon of paper crafting fun.

**Coder Dojo**

Tuesdays, Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 18 & Feb. 25, 5-6 p.m.  
Eureka Lab, Registration Required

Learn the coding skills of your choice, at your own pace. Complete challenges and projects including making games, videos and more. Register for the sessions you wish to attend.

**Fimo Clay Holiday Ornaments**

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6-7 p.m.  
Eureka Lab, Registration Required

Design and create a clay holiday ornament! We will use clay in a variety of colors to brighten your designs before baking them. Make an ornament for yourself or to give away as a gift to a loved one.

**Glowforge Holiday Decor**

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m. & Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.  
Eureka Lab, Registration Required

Design and create personal holiday decor using the Glowforge laser cutter. Patrons are also welcome to bring materials such as glass, leather, some metals, and more (check out our Eureka lab webpage for more details). Children under nine years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
**CRICUT/ SILHOUETTE 101**
Saturday, Jan. 4, Eureka Lab
SILHOUETTE- 10 A.M.
Join us for everything you need to know about using your Silhouette Cameo!

CRICUT MACHINES- 1 P.M.
Join us for everything you need to know about using your Cricut Machine. Whether you have a machine from the Cricut Explore family or one from the Cricut Maker family, we’re here to help!

**WINE GLASS DIY**
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6 p.m.
Located in the Eureka Lab
Registration Required
Come decorate a wine glass using your choice of materials, including vinyl or glass etching compound. Use it as a gift or keep it for yourself. For adults only.

**YARN-MEET-UP**
Thursday, Jan. 30 & Thursday, Feb. 27, 6-7 p.m.
Eureka Lab
Registration Not Required
Make things to keep you warm while it’s cold and dreary outside! Bring yarn, thread, felt, fabric, needles, hooks or other textile projects and hang out with other artists as you work on your craft. Whether you crochet, knit, needle-point, felt, embroider or do some other fun textile crafts, join us for a night of productivity and fun!

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**Grow with Google**

**Wednesday, Jan. 15, 12-1:30 p.m.** Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Learn best practices and analyze trends about how customers engage with your business online; identify business goals and how you plan to use your online presence to accomplish them; incorporate data into your marketing plan; and select tools to help you find the answers you need.

**Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.** Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Learn best practices for creating a YouTube Channel and compelling video content that promotes your products and services and drives engagement with your brand.

**Envision your Best Year**

Saturday, Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m. Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Teens (ages 13+) & Adults
Want to make 2020 your year? Spend the morning with Courtney Jones of Unbound Pilates & Yoga creating your life vision for the New Year. This workshop will begin with a simple meditation to help ground and focus, followed by crafting a vision board to remind you of your goals all year long. Supplies will be provided.

**Makey Makey**

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m. Eureka Lab, Registration Required

Learn to design and make your own game using our Makey Makey. We will set up, design, and code using the Makey Makey set up.

**Winter STEM Activity**

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m. & Feb. 13, 6 p.m. Eureka Lab, Registration Required

Makers in grades three through eight will build, design, create and complete challenges of all shapes and sizes. Make your designs and imagination come to life and let your engineering ideas flow.

**Bullet Journaling 101**

Saturday, Feb. 1, 1:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room
Registration Required. Teens (ages 13+) & Adults
Organize your plans and goals using a hybrid journal/planner method! We’ll teach you what bullet journaling is about and share customization tips. Optional: bring a blank notebook or journal with you if you’d like to get started right away.
Registration for each program begins one week prior to the program.

Paws for Reading

Wednesdays, 6-7:15 p.m.
Youth Room
Practice your reading with trained therapy dogs, Abbey, Tanner, and Tucker!
Call 248-650-7140 to schedule your 15-minute appointment.

Who Loves Drawing Manga? We Do!

Monday, Dec. 9, 6-7 p.m.
Grades 5-8. ON MY OWN*
Alice in Wonderland Area (in Youth Services), REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING

Who loves reading manga (pronounced 'Maang-guh') and watching anime?! Who would like to learn how to draw characters in this style? If this describes you, please join youth services librarian, Ms. Kim, for a fun evening drawing manga characters and discussing manga’s coolness factor.

*Note: This is an “on my own” program. Kids only, please!

Battle Coach Meetings

Wednesday, Jan. 15, OR Wednesday, Feb. 5,
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Adult coaches of Battle of the Books Participants
Multipurpose Room/Story Room, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn everything you need for a successful battle. Can’t make either meeting? We’ll post all notes online.

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Winter Story Groups begin on Monday, Jan. 13. Registration begins on Monday, Jan. 6, at 9 a.m. This session will last for five weeks. There are many different groups offered during this session. Detailed information on each group can be found at calendar.rhpl.org. Please make note of the following guidelines before registering:
• Each child can only register for one group.
• Children must be registered for a Story Group with their library card. Library cards are issued to residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township of any age at the Information Desk.
• Registrations covers the entire five-week session. You do not have to register separately for each week.
Evening Family Storytime

Wednesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & Feb. 12, 7-7:45 p.m.
All Ages, Story Room, REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING
Join Ms. Wendy for a special monthly themed storytime and craft for the whole family. Each date has a 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 activities, help the community or spend some time away from home? Then this club is for you. Spend the first half hour sharing your ideas about the library.
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6-7 p.m., work on an art project.
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6-7 p.m., play some old school board games.
This club will be supervised by Ms. Angela.

Free Play!

Fridays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17 & Feb. 14, 10-11 a.m.
Saturdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18 & Feb. 15, 10-11 a.m.
1-5 year olds (with caregiver)
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING
Join Ms. Wendy or Ms. Betsy for a fun-filled hour of play-based learning for toddlers and preschoolers. Parents & caregivers will follow their child’s lead as they explore the materials provided while connecting with other families and having fun! Each date has a separate registration.

It’s Lego Time!

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7-8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7-8 p.m.
Grades K-8 (with caregiver)
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING
Create with the Library Legos. Then display your creation in the Youth Room.

Make Your Own Flip Book Animation

Saturday, Dec. 28, 3-4 p.m.
Ages 8-12. ON MY OWN*
Story Room, REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING
Learn some animation basics with Mr. Everett as we draw flipbooks.

Happy “Noon” Year!

Monday, Dec. 30
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., All Ages (with caregiver), REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING
Listen to a story, create crafts, make resolutions and practice for the big night. We will celebrate by throwing confetti and counting down to the “noon” year together.

Movie Marathon

Thursday, Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
All Ages, Story Room
Bring a snack and enjoy a movie marathon with your favorite characters. Come anytime, leave when you’re ready.
Oscar the Grouch’s Kindness Party

Saturday, Jan. 11
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Birth to 7 years
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN
ATTENDING: CHILDREN MUST COME WITH A CAREGIVER
Being kind is so easy even Oscar the Grouch can do it! Come to our party to learn about all the ways you can be kind and complete some very special crafts and tasks that will help you keep others in mind.

Preschool Fair

Feb. 8, 2-4 p.m., Multipurpose Room
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Parents are invited to drop in and visit with representatives from local preschools and child care centers. They will bring information about their programs and be on-hand to answer questions. Call 248-650-7146 for more information.

Books by the Tree

Recurring dates: Jan. 6, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, & Feb. 17, 6-6:30 p.m.
Ages 5 & up
Alice in Wonderland Area (in Youth Room)
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Bring a pillow and a blanket and listen to a few books under the tree. Everybody is welcome to attend, however books will be geared to older children, ages 5 and up.

Abracadabra Alakazam! Magic 101

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2-3 p.m.
Grades 3-6, ON MY OWN*
Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN
ATTENDING
Presto-Changeo! Come learn a simple magic trick to impress your friends. No magical experience or rabbits required.

National Day of Service

Monday, Jan. 20
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
All ages, Youth Room
Honor Dr. Martin Luther King’s legacy by providing service to our community. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

All Things Oatmeal

Friday, Jan. 24, 10-11 a.m.
Ages 2-6 with a caregiver
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN
ATTENDING
Celebrate “National Oatmeal Month” with stories and all things oatmeal.
Wool Sweater Upcycle

Saturday, Jan. 25, 3-4 p.m
Ages 10-12. ON MY OWN.
Alice in Wonderland Area
(in Youth Room)
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING

Mr. Everett will show you how to turn an old wool sweater into a new creation!

Vote for Me!

Monday, Feb. 17,
2-3:30 p.m., Grades 1-6
Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING

Learn about the art of presidential campaign posters and why they are used. Children will get the opportunity to create their own campaign poster, slogan, and artwork!

Daddy-Daughter Hair-do!

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10-11 a.m.
All ages, Multipurpose Room, REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING

Bring dads and grandfathers (or caregivers, moms, brothers, sisters, or nannies, too!) to learn how to do fun and easy hairstyles (even some braids) with Ms. Lucia, a licensed hairdresser! Please bring your own hair brushes and combs.

Fantastic Friday

Friday, Feb. 21, 10-11 a.m.
Ages 1-5
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING

TGIF! Cut loose and have some fun with your little one.

Origami Valentine

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2-3 p.m.
Grades 3-5. ON MY OWN*
Story Room. REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING

Origami (折り紙) is the art of paper folding. Join Mr. Everett and learn how to fold paper into Valentine’s Day inspired shapes! No experience necessary.
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**

**WEDNESDAYS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

Wednesdays, Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 5 & 19, Cancelled Jan. 1
5:30-6:30 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, No Registration Required

Got 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!

**GAME NIGHT**

First four Wednesdays of every month, 7-8:45 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room, No Registration Required

Game Night at RHPL is a casual hang-out night for teens who enjoy graphic novels, manga, anime, video games, RPGs, etc. Snacks included. Bring your friends!

**WINTER READING PROGRAM**

Sunday, Dec. 1- Sunday, Jan. 5

Read a book and enter a drawing to win fun winter-themed prizes! The more books you read the more entries you receive! Details and entry forms are available at rhpl.org/teen under the “Winter Reading” tab.

**FABULOUS VOCABULOUS LEAGUE: TEEN WRITER’S WORKSHOP**

Saturdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, & Feb. 15, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
No Registration Required

Interested in writing fiction or poetry? Come to this afternoon session and meet other teen writers, share your work, learn tips and pointers, and enjoy snacks.

**AFTER HOURS: MURDER MYSTERY NEW YEARS PARTY**

Saturday, Jan. 4, 5:45-8 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Registration Required.

Who done it? Solve a murder-mystery and celebrate the New Year! Fancy dress is encouraged and dinner will be served. For students in 7th-12th grades only and a signed permission slip is required.

**MLK JR. SERVICE DAY PROJECT**

Monday, Jan. 20, 1-3 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
No Registration Required

Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by making your day off, a day ON. Participate in crafts and activities that support and better our community. Program details are at calendar.rhpl.org.

**PALENTINES DAY!**

Friday, Feb. 7, 1-3 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
No Registration Required

Celebrate your friends and family during this “Palentine’s Day” celebration. Make cards for the people you care about. Bring friends!
Registration is required for all RHPL programs and can be done at calendar.rhpl.org.

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

Wednesdays, 10–11:30 a.m.
Jan. 15: *What the Eyes Don’t See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City* by Mona Hanna-Attisha

Feb. 19: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

Thursdays, 2–3:30 p.m.
Jan. 16: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See

Feb. 20: *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch

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 each discussion. You may register at calendar.rhpl.org or by calling 248-650-7130.

### 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
- Item 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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Tuesdays, Jan. 7-March 31, 10-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays, Jan. 9-March 26, 7-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, Jan. 11-March 28, 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 more information, contact Mariano at 248-202-9352 or Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org.

American Culture

Mondays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 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.

Community Sings: Holiday Concert with Matt Watroba

Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m.

Matt Watroba is a community singer with a knack for picking the perfect songs and stories for his audience. Whether in concert, at a festival, in a library, a school, or park, music-lovers can count on a performance that will get them singing, laughing, and feeling a little bit better about the world. Community singing exists so that all willing singers, at all levels of skill, can experience the power of song and musical participation.

Many know Watroba from his radio work both locally in Detroit and nationally through FolkAlley.com, and as the founding host of “The Sing Out! Radio Magazine.”

No matter your singing style or talent, join us for a community sing with Matt Watroba at RHPL!

Happy Holidays

Sunday Concerts

AT THE LIBRARY

Registration is required for all RHPL programs and can be done at calendar.rhpl.org. All concerts take place in the Multipurpose Room.

Dec. 22

Community Sings: Holiday Concert with Matt Watroba

Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m.

The Glittering Palaces of Detroit

Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m.

Jan. 12

The Blue Cats on the Prowl

Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m.

Together for 22 years, The Blue Cat Band combines four lifetimes of musical experience to bring a unique guitar-driven sound from the Motor City! With backgrounds in rock, country, and folk, The Blue Cat Band also play blues classics from coast to coast and venues all across Michigan.
From the Director:  
Juliane Morian

Our goal is to continue providing high-quality library services...

In the coming year, we will engage in a community survey that will help reveal a bold vision and insightful strategic planning for the Rochester Hills Public Library. I envision a library that is proud of a sustainable budget, a collection that appeals to a discerning public, and a staff trained to leverage technology differently. My philosophy for leading a library is simple: the library belongs to you, the community members, and I will lead a team of treasured caretakers whose priority is to make the library exceed your expectations. Let’s open new doors together.

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Opening New Doors Together
The first time I walked through the staff entrance to the Rochester Hills Public Library, I reflected on a Ralph Waldo Emerson quote to “be an opener of doors.” I am honored and privileged to serve as the new director of the Rochester Hills Public Library, and I am excited to open a new door to an adventure that feels both familiar and yet completely new.

For the past eighteen years, I have been a library professional in the nearby Clinton-Macomb Public Library system and simultaneously, a resident of Rochester. For my day job, I studied innovative trends in the library field, prioritizing what to implement and how, and spoke at the local and national level about cutting-edge library services. As a parent and in my personal time, I was a “secret shopper” at the Rochester Hills Public Library, observing and enhancing ideas gained as a customer. In preparing for this career change now, I am thankful for a future-focused Library Board, a knowledgeable team of staff and volunteers, inspiring spaces, and amazing breadth of collections and programs.

My goal as director is to build on the foundation that the former director, Christine Lind Hage, built. Please join me as we share in a grand celebration of Christine’s 48-year library career and 31 years at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Christine opened new doors at the start of my career and has done so again, as her successor. I hope you’ll join me on Sunday, Jan. 5, from 2-4 p.m. as we throw open the doors and celebrate her legacy together.

Scribes Writers’ Workshop
Second & Fourth Wednesdays
1-4 p.m. Except Dec. 25, Jan. 8 & Feb. 12. Second Floor Conference Room
A twice-monthly drop-in workshop for those who love to write, want to learn from more 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.

Rochester-Avon Historical Society
The Rochester-Avon Historical Society presents programs centered around the Rochester area’s 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.

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 with a group of patient, friendly teen volunteers who can show you the basics here at the library, either 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 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 the Cookie Committee at: cookiewalk@rhpl.org or call (248) 218-4211. Thank you so much!
– 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
- Used Book Sales
- Holiday Home Tour
- Book Cart
- Used Book Sorting
- Wine, Wit, & Wisdom
- Online Book Sales
- Other Events

SHOP THE FRIENDS STORE!
Choose from our huge selection of scarves, capes, mittens, and hats. There’s something for every style and taste. With these savings, you can buy for everyone on your list!
Volunteers needed! The Friends Store is run entirely by volunteers. If you have a few hours a week, we are always looking for helpful, smiling people. Stop by for an application.

Store Hours:
Monday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday – Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

15% Off
All Winter Accessories
Hats, and Capes, and Mittens, and Gloves!
Oh! And Scarves too!
At the Friends Store
Original coupon must be presented in store at time of purchase. One use only. May be combined with other discounts. Expires 12-31-2019.

A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP
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