Polar Express is December 7 at 6:30 p.m. Registration opens November 23!

Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Registration & Advance Badge Pick-Up Required

RHPL, in partnership with Chief Financial Credit Union, is proud to offer a day of informative TEDx talks with remarkable women who have shown up to make a difference in their communities. Doors will open at 10 a.m. with sessions starting promptly at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments, snacks and lunch from Panera Bread will be provided...

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Michigan’s Connection to the Polar Express

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Dean Pyers, a volunteer with the Steam Railroading Institute of Owosso, will talk about how one of Michigan’s historic trains served as the inspiration for the train featured in the movie The Polar Express. He will cover the history of the locomotive, a bit about Michigan railroads, the history of the group that now owns and operates 1225, and his involvement with The Polar Express movie.

Save the Date!
Wine, Wit & Wisdom is April 13.
continued from Page 1... A surprise musical guest star will give a performance, and jazz singer Sheila Landis will do a poetry reading. Speaker sessions end at 3 p.m. and will be followed by TEDWomen2018 videos from 3-4:30 p.m. Attendees are required to stay for all of the speaker sessions. If you cannot stay for all of the speaker sessions, please do not register for this event. The seating list is limited to only 100 guests. You must register in advance at calendar.rhpl.org and pick up your entry badge from the library before Monday, November 26. If you do not pick up your entry badge by November 26, YOUR RESERVATION WILL BE CANCELED and your badge will be given to a patron on the wait list. You must have a badge to attend the event.

After much review of nearly 100 qualified candidates, TEDxRHPLibraryWomen is honored to announce this year’s lineup:

**Jen Anesi-Bromback**
Anesi-Bromback is chief editor for the national magazine, *Plumbing & Mechanical*.

**Stella Brochado**
Brochado is a manufacturing engineering manager, responsible for different vehicle launches in the auto business.

**Holianne Cieslinski**
Cieslinski is the creator of *Me!Magazine*, a local magazine focused on social enterprise and empowering women.

**Jennifer Craft**
Craft teaches English as a Second Language at Oakland Community College.

**Andrea Walker-Leidy**
Walker Leidy is a publicity consultant and works as development director at Meadow Brook Theatre.

**Jennifer McCardell**
Rochester Hills City Council Member McCardell is credited for establishing a garden at her kids’ elementary school and starting a Facebook page for Rochester Community School District parents.

**Roxanne Ropponen**
Ropponen is an RN, BSN, Family Nurse Practitioner student at Oakland University, former oncology and trauma ICU nurse and current hospice nurse.

**Kim Russell**
Rochester Mayor Pro Tem Russell is co-owner of Helro Corporation manufacturing plant and executive consultant for Rodan + Fields which fuels her Mission work.

**Taharah Saad**
Saad is an infotainment engineer at Ford and the VP of the Arab American Women’s Council. She founded @glassceilingbreakers on Instagram to help inspire, motivate, and empower women.

**Beth Talbert**
Talbert is a Professor of Communication at Oakland University and director of the OU Women’s Leadership Institute.

**Maureen Thalmann**
Thalmann is the author of *Petticoat Surgeon: The Extraordinary Life of Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen*.

**Melissa Parks**
Parks is the founder of Art& Soul Dreams, a 501(c)3 dedicated to bringing awareness revolving around children in foster care.
Rosie the Riveter and the Rosies

Thursday, Jan. 17, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

American Rosie the Riveter Association Member Donnaleen Lanktree will tell the stories of several influential “Rosies” she has met throughout the years.

Churchill: A Change Agent in The 20th Century

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

Winston Churchill is said to be the greatest orator of his day, the greatest leader of the Second World War, the greatest statesman of his age, and the greatest Englishman of the twentieth century... perhaps of all time. Oakland University Professor Frank Cardimen will explore his legacy, his WWII exploits, his life with Clementine, his writings, his leadership in Parliament, and his wit.

Folktales in Every Language

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

What would you do if there were no children's books in your language? You make them, of course! In the spring of 2017, a community organization in Benin, West Africa, teamed up with students at Michigan State University to create books based on folktales. More than 80 people ranging in age from 3–85 participated in the project called Books that Bind. Join Dr. Marcy Hessling O’Neil as she takes us behind the scenes with photos, videos, and recordings of the books in eight African languages, including French and English.

US Secret Service White House Detail

Thursday, Dec. 13, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

Rad W. Jones is a retired US Secret Service Special Agent in Charge who had assignments in field operations and presidential protection. He will discuss his involvement in security planning for political conventions, presidential inaugurations, and security advance activities worldwide. He received a number of citations during his career, including one for the apprehension of a person who attempted to burn himself in front of the White House, and others for planning a presidential inauguration and political conventions.

Escape From the Nazis: The Dutch-Paris Escape Line

Thursday, Jan. 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

The 330 men and women who belonged to the Dutch-Paris resistance network hid about 1,500 Jewish people in occupied France and Belgium, took another 1,500 refugees, resisters, and downed allied aviators out of occupied territory to safety in Switzerland or Spain, and acted as a clandestine courier service for the resistance. During this event Author Megan Koreman will share a story of courage, persistence, flexibility and hair-raising near catastrophes as well as a few actual catastrophes.
Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required

### Loud AT THE LIBRARY

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**Dec. 9**
**Metro Detroit Jazz Orchestra**
This 17 piece band will play a variety of holiday songs during this special concert.

**Jan. 13**
**Timothy James**
Timothy James performs iconic country songs in a great singing voice.

**Feb. 17**
**Phantom, Masks and Opera**
The Bellini Opera Theatre will perform excerpts from *The Phantom of the Opera* and discuss Loyd Webber's creation of the famous opera.

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**Longitude and Latitude with Attitude:**
*One Man’s Quest to See the Entire World*

**Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.**
**Multipurpose Room, Registration Required**

Rufus McGaugh knew early on that he wanted to see the world, all of it! And, later on, he did just that. McGaugh’s book *Longitude and Latitude, with Attitude* chronicles his 49 years of travel to every country in the world. It relates his experiences, both harrowing and humorous, in entertaining, amusing, and sometimes even instructive, vignettes.

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**Saving for Retirement with Rick Bloom**

**Thursday, Feb. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.**
**Multipurpose Room, Registration Required**

Rick Bloom has served clients in the area of financial planning since 1984 and is a partner with Ken Bloom in Bloom Asset Management and the law firm of Bloom, Bloom & Associates. He has been named one of the Top Financial Advisors in the United States for 2015 by Barron’s magazine and one of the Top 250 Financial Planners by Worth Magazine, and is also an executive in residence at Lawrence Technological University.

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**Early Days of Ford Motor Company**

**Thursday, Feb. 21, 7-8:30 p.m.**
**Multipurpose Room, Registration Required**

Author Alan Naldrett will share the story of C. Harold Wills and the beginnings of the Ford Motor Company. Wills was Ford’s first employee and one of the unsung heroes of the auto industry.
The Roots of Motown
Thursday, Feb. 28, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required
A look at Detroit’s late 1940s music scene, with a special emphasis on “John R-The Street of Music” with Historians Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert. John R was home to many clubs, hotels, and other music sites, including the fabled Flame Show Bar, cited by Berry Gordy as a critical location. Many of the musicians and entertainers who worked in John R clubs were later employed by Motown.

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

Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
Jan. 16: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Feb. 20: The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict
Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.
Jan. 17: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
Feb. 21: Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan

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 online at calendar.rhpl.org or by calling 248-650-7130.

Books on Tap
Monday, Jan. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Main Street Billiards, VIP Room
RHPL is excited to partner with Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St) 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’ happy hour specials extended for our program.

Jan 21: Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
Copies of the book are available upon registration.
Registration is required for all RHPL programs and can be done at calendar.rhpl.org.

Envision Your Best Year
Saturday, Jan. 5, 2 p.m.,
Multipurpose Room
Registration Required
Want to make 2019 your year? Start off with a clear vision for yourself. Spend an afternoon 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 you. After meditation, the fun begins as you craft a vision board to remind you of your goals all year long.

Paint Along With Bob Ross!
Choose One Date:
Saturday, Dec. 15, 2-3:30 p.m.,
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6:30-8 p.m.,
Monday, Feb. 4, 6:30-8 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Registration Required
Discover the joy of painting as we follow along with Bob Ross! All supplies will be provided to paint your very own happy portrait, though we recommend wearing clothing you don’t mind getting paint on. Please only register for ONE session (the painting will be the same at each).

Go with the Flow: Acrylic Fluid Painting
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30-8 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room, Registration Required
Fun and easy! Create a beautiful painting by pouring layers of acrylic paint. Please come ready to paint, wear clothes you don’t mind getting paint on. All supplies provided.

Nerf at Nite
Friday, Jan. 11, 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 Dec.14. Each library card will admit up to two people. This event is limited to ages 18 and up.

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown
Mondays, Dec. 17 & Feb. 18,
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 people 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.

Fandom Trivia Smackdown
Monday, Jan. 7, 7-9 p.m.
Main Street Billiards, Solarium Area
Join us for a trivia series that aims to prove one thing, YOU are the biggest fan! Bring your team of up to six people and duke it out with other mega-fans for bragging rights and prizes.
Jan. 7: Parks and Recreation
Learn & Create

MAKERSPACE ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AND KIDS

Girls Who Code
Tuesdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18, & Jan. 8 & 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Makerspace, Registration Required Grades 3-5
Girls are invited to participate in coding and other computer science activities, all while making friends. Girls are encouraged to participate every Tuesday in order to complete the curriculum.

Fake Snow
Thursday, Jan. 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Makerspace, Registration Required Grades 5 & Up
Create your own snow! Learn a little about chemistry and have fun bringing the wintry wonderland indoors. We will be creating four different kinds of snow and comparing them to see which is the most “snow like”.

Circuit Christmas Tree
Thursday, Dec. 13, 6-7 p.m.
Makerspace, Registration Required Grades 5 & Up (with caregiver)
Kick off the holidays by designing and creating your own circuit Christmas tree! Get creative as you build and explore a circuit in order to light up your tree. Parents are encouraged to join.

Minecraft
Thursdays, Jan. 31 & Feb. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Makerspace Registration Required Grades 4 & Up
Complete our Mission to Mars by building your own colony on it, or complete our newest mission as you build your own zoo. Both missions are open to beginners and experienced Minecrafter.

Glowforge Ornaments
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. & Saturday Dec. 8, 10-11:30 a.m.
Makerspace, Registration Required
Design and create your own ornament using the Glowforge laser cutter. Bring your own materials such as glass, leather, some metals and many more. Children under nine must be accompanied by an adult.

Intro to Scratch Coding
Saturday, Jan. 12, 10-11 a.m., Thursdays, Jan. 24, & Feb. 7 & 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Makerspace
Are you an adult that wants to learn some basic coding skills? Then look no further! We will begin to explore the basics of coding and what you can do with it. Feel free to bring your own devices.

Open House Silhouette/ Cricut Night
Wednesdays, Jan. 23 & Feb. 23, 6-7:30 p.m., Makerspace Registration Required
Do you have a craft in mind but aren’t sure how to create it on the Silhouette or Cricut? Come to our crafting night and get inspired to create your own designs.

Makey Makey Holiday Carols
Thursday, Dec. 20, 6-7 p.m., Makerspace, Registration Required
Ever thought of coding your own music? Use our Makey Makey software and get into the holiday spirit by coding some familiar music, or create one of your own. You’ll get to hear Jingle Bells in a whole new way. Beginner and experienced coders are welcome!
Registration for each program begins one week prior to the program.

**Preschool Fair**
Saturday, Feb. 9, 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.

**Improv Games**
Mondays, Jan. 21 & 28, & Feb. 4 & 11, 6-7 p.m.
Grades 4-8, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. One registration signs you up for the four week series.
Check out our new improv program where you get to make funny sounds, silly faces, and use your imagination. Not sure if improv is for you?... There’s only one way to find out! No acting experience required (for real).

**Battle Coach Meetings**
Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6-7 p.m., Multipurpose Room
OR Saturday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Story Room
Adult coaches of Battle of Books Participants
Learn everything you need for a successful battle. Can’t make either meeting? We’ll post all notes online. No registration required.
Sessions begin Monday, Jan. 14, Story Room
Registration begins Monday, Jan. 7 at 9 a.m.
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. There are many different groups offered during this 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 for a Story Group 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 five-week session. You do not have to register separately for each week.

Tween Club and Game Night
Tuesday, Dec. 18 & Feb. 19, 6-7 p.m.
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 and then stay to hang out and play some games. Feel free to bring your own games, dice, cards or handheld electronic devices.

This is Not a Program
Thursday, Dec. 27, 6-7 p.m.
Grades 1-4 (On My Own)
Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Do you like writing but don’t know where to start? Join us as we read some ridiculous books and then write your story, whether it’s about something, nothing, or maybe a character who isn’t even in the book at all!

Lego Time
Thursday, Dec. 27, 3 p.m.
Grades K-8 (with caregiver)
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ONLY CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Build with the Library’s Legos and have your creation displayed in the Youth area.

Picnic Flick
Friday Dec. 28, 12-2 p.m.
All ages, Multipurpose Room
Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a movie. No registration required.

Happy “Noon” Year
Saturday, Dec. 29,
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.

Authors in April: Lost in the Library Scavenger Hunt
Month of January, Youth Room
Find Patience, Fortitude, and other fun characters from our K-1 author, Josh Funk.

Pillow Buddies and Creations
Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1-3 p.m.
Grades K-8 (with caregiver)
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Learn the basics of sewing by hand as you get to design and make a miniature pillow in the shape you desire. Googly eyes and other additions will be available for extra creativity.
**Leis Hula!**
*A Hawaiian Storytime*
Thursday, Jan. 3, 2-3 p.m.
All Ages, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Aloha! Would you like to learn about Hawaii’s native dance, the Hula? Please join us for a Hawaiian celebration! We’ll listen to a story, make a craft, and try a little bit of hula dancing ourselves! This is an ‘ohana (family) program, so everybody is welcome to attend and encouraged to participate.

**Cartography (map making) Certification!**
Saturday, Jan. 5, 2-3 p.m.
Grades K-8, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Where can you go to learn about maps? To the library of course! Learn how to read a map, learn about map symbols, and make your own map. At the end of the lesson, students will receive cartography certification!

**Winter Storytime**
Wednesday, January 9, 7-8 p.m.
All Ages, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING.
Celebrate winter with a special themed storytime and craft for the whole family.

**Storytime with Sunrise**
Thursday, Jan. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
All ages, Sunrise Senior Living
Join us for an inter-generational storytime. Stay afterwards to make a craft and some new friends.

**Poppin’ Pom-Poms**
Saturday, Jan. 19, 2-3 p.m.
All Ages
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. CHILDREN UNDER 7 MUST ATTEND WITH CAREGIVER.
Brighten up your winter by learning how to make a soft round pom-pom out of colorful yarn. Then choose to create a critter, art, home décor or anything else your imagination desires by connecting the pom-poms together.

**Parent Child Workshop**
Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 10-11:15 a.m.
1-3 year olds (with 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.

**Tween Club and Writer’s Night**
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6-7 p.m.
Grades 5-8
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 sharing ideas about the library and then stay for some free writing time where you will be given writing prompts and time to share with your peers.
Fantastic Fridays
Friday, Jan. 25 & Feb. 22
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.

Authors in April: What’s your Quirk?
Month of February
Youth Room
Grades 2-3 author Erin Soderberg Downing’s series The Quirks is full of fun personalities. Stop by the youth department and make your mark on our quirky display.

Valentine Storytime
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7-8 p.m.
All Ages, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING.
Celebrate love with a special themed storytime and craft for the whole family.

Red, Yellow, and Blue: ‘The Style’ of Piet Mondrian
Monday, Jan. 21, 2-3 p.m.
Grades K-8, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Piet Mondrian is recognized as being a founder of the modern art movement, De Stijl (‘the style’). His abstract paintings reduced shapes to lines and rectangles and his color palette to red, yellow, and blue. Recreate your own version of this awesome artistic method.

Mermaid and Sea Monster Party
Saturday, Feb. 2, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., All Ages
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Do you believe in mermaids? Have you heard of the Loch Ness monster?! Enjoy a story, crafts, and games related to these magnificent mythical creatures. Feel free to dress as the mermaid, sea monster, fairy, dragon or knight that is truly inside of you.

Valentine Crafts
Friday, Feb. 8, 4-5 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OR 12:30-1:30 p.m.
All ages, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Make Valentine’s Day crafts for your favorite person! Younger children will need a helper. Please only register for one session. All crafts will be the same each session.

Who Dunnit?: A Library Mystery
Saturday, Feb. 16, 2-3:30 p.m.
Grades 3 & Up, REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

This isn’t just any party at the library, it’s a mystery! Register at least 3 days ahead of time to receive a role and identity to play, then arrive in character for interviews and get ready to look for clues.

Cave Painting
Monday, Feb. 18, 2-3 p.m.
Grades K-8, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Prehistoric cave paintings are among the world’s first-known and least understood works of art. Learn about cave art and challenge yourself to try your hand at recreating your own art in our cave. Please plan on wearing old clothes as we might get a little messy.
TEEN EVENTS

Ages 13-18 are welcome at our teen events. If you have questions or comments, please email Allison.Sartwell@rhpl.org or call 248-650-7135.

TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY
Friday, Dec. 21, 5:45-8 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
All area teens are invited to our after-hours Holiday Celebration with crafts, games, movies, and food. You must register for this event and have a completed permission slip (available when you sign up) to attend.

PERLER BEAD PALOOZA PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA
Wednesday, Jan. 30, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Hang out and make cool stuff! No registration required.

WINTER READING PROGRAM
Dec. 1-Jan. 6
For every book you read, get an entry into a drawing to win fun winter-themed prizes! More details available on our website at rhpl.org/i-am/teen-events.

FABULOUS VOCABULOUS LEAGUE: TEEN WRITER’S WORKSHOP
Saturdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, & Feb. 16, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Interested in writing fiction or poetry? Meet other teen writers, share your own work, learn tips and pointers, and enjoy snacks. No registration required.

GAME NIGHT
First four Wednesdays of every month, 7-8:45 p.m.
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.

WEDNESDAYS @ YOUR LIBRARY

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)
Wednesdays Dec. 5 & 19, January 2 & 16, Feb. 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.

Check out our Instagram @rhplteen
**TEEN ANTI-VALENTINE’S DAY PARTY**

**Saturday, Dec. 29, 2-4:30 p.m.**
**Multipurpose Room**

Fathers, welcome. Gather your single friends, maybe even your coupled friends who also think the holiday is a shallow interpretation of love, for a party celebrating independence and heartbreak. Please register online.

**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**

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Youth Services ..............650-7140
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**TEEN ANTI-VALENTINE’S DAY PARTY**

**Friday, Feb. 15, 4-5:45 p.m.**
**Multipurpose Room**

Fathers, welcome. Gather your single friends, maybe even your coupled friends who also think the holiday is a shallow interpretation of love, for a party celebrating independence and heartbreak. Please register online.

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**FOOD FEAR FACTOR**

**Saturday, Jan. 12, 2:30-4 p.m.**
**Multipurpose Room**

Can you face a variety of weird foods? See if you have the guts (literally) to be the champion! Please register online.
Have You Checked Out cloudLibrary Yet?

Did you know that our most popular eBooks and eAudiobooks are available to check out in cloudLibrary, usually with a much shorter wait? cloudLibrary also offers a MUCH larger selection of eBooks than Overdrive! You can access cloudLibrary with your RHPL card from our website or by downloading the cloudLibrary app.

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RHPL Introduces Gale Courses

By popular demand, we are excited to introduce a new electronic resource for RHPL patrons, Gale Courses! Gale Courses offer a wide range of highly interactive, instructor led courses that you can take entirely online. As a library card holder in good standing, you are entitled to these courses at no cost. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month. A wide variety of courses are offered, from Adobe Photoshop, to project management, to learning Spanish, to photography! Visit our website to sign up for a course today!

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MeLCat Update

Rochester Hills Public Library patrons will not have access to MeLCat from approximately mid Dec. 2018 until mid Jan. 2019. We will be upgrading our MeLCat software during that time. During the upgrade you will be unable to place any new requests for materials, however, current requests can be checked out and renewed.

To see the bookmobile schedule, please visit rhpl.org/i-am/bookmobile-user.
The Pew Research Center, a non-partisan, non-advocacy think-tank in Washington DC, conducted a study on libraries in 2016 that found that 66% of Americans say that the closing of their public library would have a major impact on their community, while 33% of Americans say closing the library would have a major impact on them personally, or on their family.

What I found interesting about these statistics is that, at least in this case, Americans put the welfare of their community over their personal welfare.

It’s no secret that our community has a fairly high standard of living. Part of our choice to live in this area is based on the quality of services provided by institutions such as the Rochester Hills Public Library, the Rochester Community Schools, OPC, and Rochester Area Recreational Authority. We value the services offered by these organizations as well as the leadership in our local governments.

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Our staff is always looking for ways to amaze you and your family. We plan programs like these because we believe that this library can become a transformational town square in the community. We believe that offering programs of interest to people of all ages and getting a student passionate about reading is important.

So, if you meet friends and neighbors who may question some of the programs we offer, make sure to point out to them that we serve the entire community. Their reading and educational needs might be met somewhere else, but the Rochester Hills Public Library helps enrich life and add value to the quality of life in this community.

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The Friends Store Loves Smiling Faces

Linda, Ruthann, and Darlene’s are just a few of the smiling faces of Friends Store volunteers. We need more like them!

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Friends Quality Book Sale:
Nov. 29, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 30, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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