ANGELINE BOULLEY
RHPL interviews author of Firekeeper's Daughter

ROCHESTER AUTHOR FAIR
4th annual fair features local writers

LIBRARY BUILDING TURNS 30
Olde Towne Road location opened in 1992
There are many benefits when adults get caught reading. Recently, a survey conducted by the National Assessment of Educational Progress revealed that reading for fun among tweens and teens has steadily dropped over the past two decades and is at the lowest levels since the mid-1980s. Complementary studies show when parents, teachers, and caregivers model reading in front of children, those examples inspire a love and habit for reading in young people.

The benefit of reading extends past the example set. While reading can be escapism in a practical sense, it also builds empathy and nurtures self-reflection. One way Rochester Hills Public Library supports young readers is through its certification and membership in Family Place Libraries™, which means RHPL staff has engaged in intensive, off-site training to learn how a child’s brain develops and what parents and caregivers can do to foster strong vocabulary, reading skills, and comprehension in children. Modeling reading is one of the Family Place Libraries™ practices we encourage and promote at the library.

This year, the library piloted a program that has received high praise and participation in its first year. “50 Books in a Year” encourages adults to set aspirational reading goals and track their progress for a chance to win prizes through Beanstack, the same online tracking platform used for the summer reading program. The Adult Services librarian team developed reading prompts to suggest new kinds of books patrons might choose to read. Reading categories range from “Journey through a Different Time” to “Conversation Starters,” with such activity challenges as read a book from the year you were born, or read a novel that blends genres like science fiction and horror.

As we welcome acclaimed Michigan author Angeline Boulley to speak to our community in September, I hope you feel inspired to read big and bold this year and, of course, get caught reading!

Juliane Morian
DUTTON FARM PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRIENDS STORE

The Friends Library Store is proud to offer bath and body products by Dutton Farm through EveryBody Inc. These handmade bar soaps and lip balms don’t contain parabens, phylates, SLS, or SLES and are for every body. The products come in unique natural fragrances, including Michigan Cherry, Peach, Lavender, and Fig, to name a few.

The store supports EveryBody Inc.’s motto: “Beauty in Diversity. Strength in Inclusion.” Dutton Farm employs individuals of all abilities, supporting its mission of “empowering and supporting adults with disabilities to live a life of purpose, inclusion, and dignity.” For more information about Dutton Farm, visit duttonfarm.org.

GIVING TUESDAY

November 29 is Giving Tuesday, a global day of generosity that encourages people to do good deeds and make a difference. This year’s Giving Tuesday, consider making a donation to Friends by visiting rhpl.org/connect/visit-friends-of-rhpl. Every donation supports the library.

QUALITY SALE

Friends’ Quality Sale features a fine collection of donated items that make great gifts. Shop this popular sale in the library’s Multipurpose Room. Sale dates and times are:

- Thursday, December 1, 3-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 2, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR RETURNS!

Holiday Home Tour will return after a two-year hiatus! Five homes will display festive decor for the tour on Sunday, December 11, from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets go on sale in November. Visit rhpl.org to learn more.

If you would you like to include your home on next year’s tour, call the Friends event line at 248-650-7176 and leave a message.
An Evening with Angeline Boulley

*Michigan author discusses her book, Firekeeper’s Daughter, why she writes, and what inspires her*

Angeline Boulley is a novelist and a Native American education advocate. She is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Her debut novel, *Firekeeper’s Daughter*, was an instant #1 *New York Times* bestseller. The novel earned the Walter Dean Myers Award for Outstanding Children’s Literature and the William C. Morris YA Debut Award. *Firekeeper’s Daughter* was also named an American Indian Youth Literature Award Honor Book.
In Boulley’s groundbreaking novel, the main character, Daunis Fontaine, is a biracial, unenrolled tribal member who feels out of place in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. After she witnesses a shocking murder, Daunis is drawn into an FBI investigation over a lethal new drug. Reluctantly, she agrees to go undercover, using her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine, to track down the source. But finding the truth is more complicated than Daunis imagined and she must learn what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman) and determine how far she will go for her community.

What led you to a writing career?

AB: Both of my parents are voracious readers. My mother took us to the public library every Saturday. We could read anything we wanted to haul in our library tote bags. I loved reading mysteries like Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, and the Dana Girls series. Authors Robert Cormier, Shirley Jackson, and Lois Duncan sparked my love of dark stories that reveal unpleasant truths. I was a high school senior the first time I read a book with a Native American main character. But it wasn’t a positive experience; the author perpetuated harmful stereotypes, and it made me want to tell a better story!

Where did the idea for Firekeeper’s Daughter originate?

AB: The idea came to me when I was 18 years old. My friend at a different school told me about a new guy she thought I’d be interested in. I was intrigued until a few weeks later when she told me he didn’t play sports and hung out with the stoners. I played four different sports in high school, so he wasn’t for me. At the end of the year, there was a drug bust, and it turned out that the new guy had been an undercover officer! I remember thinking what might have happened if we’d met and liked each other?

Or what if it wasn’t that he liked me but that he needed my help? The story grew from the question: Why would an undercover investigation need the help of an ordinary Native American girl?

You have referred to Firekeeper’s Daughter as an indigenous Nancy Drew. What is it about mysteries that inspire your writing?

AB: Mysteries tap into two of my strongest attributes: curiosity and tenacity! I love a well-crafted puzzle that requires effort to solve and still manages to surprise me. As a writer, I try to reverse engineer the mystery. Since the reader knows everything at the conclusion, I plot the story backwards to determine what information should be revealed and when.

You often discuss connecting with your cultural identity. What has that journey been like for you?

AB: I’ve always been connected to my culture but had experiences growing up where I questioned whether I was “Native enough.” At a certain point, I realized my identity was mine to claim instead of a label bestowed upon me by someone else. Once I reclaimed my identity as an Ojibwe woman (Nish kwe), I felt peace and strength. This journey is mirrored in Daunis’ story.

Join RHPL and Boulley on Tuesday, September 20 at 7 p.m., online over Zoom for an engaging interview and discussion about her life, writing career, and becoming a bestselling author. Boulley will also give insight about adapting the novel into a Netflix series with President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama’s production company, Higher Ground. The RHPL interview is open to all but requires registration. Visit calendar.rhpl.org or call 248-656-2900 to register.

Firekeeper’s Daughter is available in print, large print, and digital and audio formats at RHPL. Large print editions are located in Outreach Services.

Firekeeper’s Daughter was published in 2021. The cover was designed by Rich Deas, Senior Art Director at Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group, with assistance from artist Moses Lunham (Ojibwe) from Kettle & Stony Point First Nation.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Register online at calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile device. Questions? Call the Adult Reference Desk at 248-650-7130 or send an email to adult.reference@rhpl.org. Registration opens one month before the programs begin.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

My Amazing Journey with Autism
Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

Ron Sandison, author, speaker, and mental healthcare worker, shares his journey of autism.

Living with Dementia Part III
Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

Vicki Klanke, RN, CDP, explains the Positive Physical Approach to dementia in this third program of her series on dementia care.

Ascension Health Talk:
The Gut/Brain Connection
Tuesday, October 18, 7 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

Dr. Issam Turk M.D. of Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital discusses the brain/gut connection and how one affects the other.

Secrets to Surviving Your Children’s Love Relationships
Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

In this engaging and fun presentation, Dr. Terri Orbuch (a.k.a. The Love Doctor®) shares her secrets to happy relationships.

What is Music Therapy?
Saturday, November 5, 4:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

Dr. Theresa Merrill, retired professor of music therapy, explains this unique therapy and how it benefits overall health and well-being.

Be SMART for Kids
Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

In this updated presentation, Be SMART helps adults normalize conversations about gun safety. Adults only.

A Child’s Journey Through Grief
Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Presented by SandCastles and Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA), this workshop explores techniques to address grief and loss with children.

HISTORY, ART & CULTURE

An Evening with Angeline Boulley
Tuesday, September 20, 7 p.m. Zoom Meeting.

Don’t miss RHPL’s Zoom chat with Michigan author Angeline Boulley, a Young Adult novelist and a Native American education advocate. Her debut novel, Firekeeper’s Daughter, was an instant #1 New York Times bestseller. See our feature story on page 4.

Van Gogh in America: Special Exhibition
Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Experience around 70 authentic Van Gogh works from around the world and learn the story of America’s introduction to this iconic artist in an exhibition only at the Detroit Institute of Arts.
Honoring Your NaNo Journey  
**Tuesday, November 1, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Working on your great American novel? Join Melissa Lucken, a creative writing professor at Lansing Community College, to learn how to honor your writing journey during National Novel Writing Month by defining and managing expectations, brainstorming ideas, structuring scenes, and more!

**Our Island Jewel: Detroit’s Belle Isle Park**  
**Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Often called the crowning jewel of Detroit’s riverfront, Belle Isle has a long and storied history. The park has hosted world-class sporting events, musical performances, and family parties. It has also witnessed massacres, riots, and military incursions. But for a few twists of fate, this beloved island might have been a much different place.

**4th Annual Rochester Author Fair**  
**Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Hosted by RHPL and Rochester Writers, the Rochester Author Fair is an opportunity to discover local writers who are traditionally published and self-published and represent many genres. Registration is not required.

**SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT**

**Birdwatching & Birding**  
**Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

If you love the outdoors, join Greg Bodker for an in-depth look at birds and the joys of birding in your backyard. This program benefits the novice and aspiring birder alike! Bodker has led birding trips for Michigan Audobon.

Smart Towns is a lifelong learning program for everyone in the community led by Rochester Hills Public Library, Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital, Oakland University, Rochester University, Rochester-Avon Historical Society, and the Rochester Hills Museum.

This unique series of programs explore one theme for two years. The 2022/2023 theme is "Revolution, Reaction & Reform." Visit smarttowns.rhpl.org for more programs and program locations.

**Brain Health: Injury or Trauma**  
**Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Dr. Jessica Matyas, Associate Professor of Philosophy & Department Chair, Rochester University.

**China’s Past & Present**  
**Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Dr. Joy Jiang, Associate Professor of Management, Oakland University.

**Advancements in Cardiovascular Care**  
**Tuesday, October 4, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Dr. Nishit Choksi, MD, Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital.

**Science, Ethics, and America’s Struggle to Promote Public Health through Vaccines**  
**Thursday, October 6, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Dr. Mark Navin, Ph.D., HEC-C, Professor of Philosophy & Department Chair, Oakland University.

**Advancements in Radiological Care**  
**Tuesday, November 8, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Presenter tba, Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital.

**What Social Movements Can & Cannot Do**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room.**

Dr. Joe Reger, Professor of Sociology Department Chair, Oakland University.
TAKE & MAKE
Register for the programs below to reserve supplies, pick up your kit on the date listed, and take it home! Kits will be available for pick up at the Adult Reference Desk.

**Crochet Gripper Pad**
*Tuesday, September 13.*
Use basic crochet to make a gripper pad for those hard-to-open jars.

**Spiderweb Wreath**
*Tuesday, October 4.*
Add some spooky spirit to your house with a spiderweb wreath, complete with mini spiders! You supply scissors.

**DIY Pressed Fall Leaves Art**
*Tuesday, November 15.*
Want to celebrate the beauty of fall? Make decorative pressed art to hang on your walls using real leaves.

WRITING & BOOKS

**Books on Tap**
*Mondays: September 12 & November 14, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards, VIP Room.*
Meet at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main Street) for a casual book club in a relaxed setting. Talk about books and enjoy delicious food and drinks (purchased on your own). Copies of the books are available at the Adult Reference Desk upon registration or download an eBook edition using the Libby app.

- **September 12:** *Disability Visibility* by Alice Wong
- **November 14:** *Dead Dead Girls* by Nekesa Afia

FALL CONCERT SERIES

**Autumn Serenade**
*Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room.*
Spend an afternoon with Kelly and Darryl Roenicke in a performance of classical favorites and standards, featuring works by American composers Amy Beach, Clara Schumann, and George Gershwin.

**Detroit Flute Guild**
*Sunday, October 30, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room.*
Experience the ethereal and graceful sounds of woodwinds with the Detroit Flute Guild, an ensemble dedicated to outstanding musical performance.

**Odyssey**
*Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room.*
Enjoy the a cappella voices of Odyssey, a Southeast Michigan-based musical group that offers interactive performances for audiences of all ages.
RHPL’s Writers Group
Tuesdays: September 13, October 11 & November 8, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A.

Join other writers in a workshop-style session once a month. Space is limited!

Scribes Writers’ Workshop
Wednesdays: September 14, September 28, October 12, October 26 & November 9, 1 p.m. Conference Room B.

Do you love to write? Then join this workshop and write on a given topic or thought-starter, and give and take positive feedback. Registration is not required.

Between the Lines
Tuesdays: September 20, October 18 & November 15, 2 p.m. Conference Room A.

Thursdays: September 22, October 20 & November 17, 7 p.m. Conference Room A.

Join RHPL’s lively monthly book discussion! Pick up a copies of the books at the Adult Reference Desk or download audiobook editions using the Libby app. Space is limited.

September 20: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid
September 22: Life Undercover by Amaryllis Fox
October 18: The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
October 20: Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson
November 15: Life Undercover by Amaryllis Fox
November 17: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

POP CULTURE & GAMES

Hey, Remember That Movie . . .
Fridays: September 16, October 21 & November 18, 7 p.m. Adults Only. Multipurpose Room.

Embrace the spooky season with an after-hours movie night for grown-ups! Popcorn provided; bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage.

September 16: Poltergeist
October 21: Underworld
November 18: Gremlins

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament
Saturday, September 24, 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

If you love solving puzzles, join RHPL for the annual jigsaw puzzle tournament! Teams of up to six will compete to see who finishes a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest (or who can complete the most in three hours). Enjoy refreshments and prizes provided by the library.

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!
Monday, October 10, 7 p.m.
Main Street Billiards, Solarium.

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

NaNoWriMo Come “Write In”!
Saturdays: November 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All Ages. Conference Room B.

If you’re trying to hit 50,000 words in 30 days for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), we have a spot for you! Drop-in every Saturday in November to join other NaNoWriMo participants for encouragement and support. New to NaNoWriMo? Register for our program “Honoring Your NaNo Journey,” scheduled for Tuesday, November 1 at 7 p.m.
Behind the Scenes
Library Tours
September 21, October 13, 10 a.m.
& November 9, 3 p.m.
Have you ever wondered how a library works? Join library director Juliane Morian for a behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of RHPL. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Celebrate Poetry!
Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.
Join the Rochester Poetry Society to learn more about this unique form of writing. The program includes an open mic opportunity for local poets to read their work. Registration is not required.

Free Magazine Day at RHPL
Saturday, November 12,
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Multipurpose Room.
Do you love to collect magazines or are you looking for a past issue? RHPL is cleaning out the 2021 magazines to make room for new issues. Last year’s magazines are free on a first come, first served basis and there is no limit on the number of magazines each person may take.

OUTREACH SERVICES

Register online at calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile device.
Questions? Call Outreach Services at 248-650-7150 or send an email to outreach@rhpl.org.

ELL Book Club: Murder on the Orient Express
Thursdays: September 15-November 17, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference Room B.
Meet with Rebecca and other English language learners to read a book and talk about it in a friendly setting. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting. Questions? Send an email to rebecca.lafave@rhpl.org or call Outreach Services at 248-650-7150.

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group
Tuesdays: September 13-December 6, 10-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays: September 15-December 8, 7-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays: September 17-December 10, 10-11:30 a.m.
Conference Room A.
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 for a great time! (Note: No classes the week of the Thanksgiving holiday).

American Culture
Mondays: October 3-31, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference Room A.
Join Mariano for an informal group discussion. This group is open to all ELL students and newcomers. The group will discuss and share experiences and observations regarding the customs and manners of American culture.

Community Bookmobile Schedule
RHPL’s Community Bookmobile holds over 3,000 popular items for all ages, including books, DVDs, music CDs, video games, and more. Each week, the bookmobile visits 24 locations in the community to serve patrons where they live. For a complete bookmobile schedule with dates, times, and locations, visit rhpl.org/departments/community-bookmobile.
LIBRARY BUILDING TURNS 30; RECEIVES DDA HONOR

With a bit of fanfare and nearly 3,000 people, Rochester Hills Public Library opened the doors to its new location on Olde Towne Road on Sunday, November 1, 1992. The day began with a parade from the former library building at University and Pine Streets to the new location across from the post office. Marching bands from Rochester and Adams high schools led the parade, along with members of the library board.

After an official ribbon cutting by library director Christine Hage and library board president Priscilla Hildum, the public was invited to tour the 70,000-square-foot building. Library visitors enjoyed musical entertainment, costumed characters, refreshments, and activities throughout the following week.

According to the Rochester Eccentric, the new library building was made possible through a 1988 voter-approved bond. During the 1980s, it became apparent that the community library needed a bigger space to accommodate a growing population. The Olde Towne Road site was purchased with assistance from the Rochester Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Located on the edge of Rochester’s central business district, the library property is bordered by the Paint Creek and Paint Creek Trail to the north and east. Bay windows on the north side of the building take advantage of the scenic views of Paint Creek. Designed by TMP Associates, Inc. and constructed by Frank Rewold & Son, Inc., the building’s exterior design and use of stone and red brick recall the architecture of the mills in Rochester’s early days.

In honor of the new building, the Rochester branch of the Woman’s National Farm & Garden Association purchased a camptown elm tree and planted it in front along Olde Towne Road. The tree’s distinctive shape comes from grafting the root system to the top of the tree. The original camptown elms at the former library building could not be moved without the risk of destroying them. RHPL continues to showcase the tree in its official logo.
TEEN PROGRAMS

Register online at calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile device. Questions? Call the Adult Reference Desk at 248-650-7130 or send an email to teen@rhpl.org.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesdays: September 7, October 5 & November 9, 7 p.m. Conference Room A/Discord.

Share your ideas about teen programs and other library matters at these fun meetings (now holding hybrid meetings online and in person). Fill out a TAB application by clicking on the Teen Volunteer tab under Teen Services at rhpl.org. Questions? Contact RHPL’s teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org.

RHPL PLAYER’S GUILD (RPG)

Wednesdays: September 28, October 12 & November 30, 7 p.m. Conference Room A.

Come to the library to play tabletop games, including board games, card games, role-playing games, and more! Interested in becoming a dungeon master for D&D or leading a specific board game? Send an email to teen@rhpl.org for more information.

TEEN CRAFTERNOON

Wednesdays: September 21, October 26 & November 16, 7 p.m. Eureka Lab.

If you enjoy being creative, join other teens to make unique items in RHPL’s Eureka Lab.

VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

Wednesdays: September 28 & October 12, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

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

NEED AN ITEM?

Does RHPL own an item (book, DVD, game, etc.) you would like but is currently unavailable? Then place a hold on it using the online catalog and your library card. If RHPL doesn’t own the item, check MeLCat (Michigan eLibrary Catalog), a statewide library catalog accessible from rhpl.org, and request the item using your library card. Materials are from MeLCat libraries across Michigan, and they are sent to RHPL for you to borrow. If neither RHPL nor MeLCat owns the item, RHPL may still be able to obtain it for you. Simply fill out our request form at rhpl.org and select the department or collection that can fulfill the request: Adult, Outreach, Youth, Teen, or Innovative Items.
Register online at calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile device. Questions? Call the Adult Reference Desk at 248-650-7130 or send an email to adult.reference@rhpl.org.

**Personalized Drink Glasses**
*Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.*
Emblish a drinking glass with a fun twist using special vinyl that changes color when cold!

**Personalized Totes!**
*Wednesday, September 28, 6 p.m.*
Design a personalized tote bag for everyday use.

**Python Coding Class**
*Mondays: October 3, 10, 17 & 24. 6 p.m.
Grades 6-8. Eureka Lab.*
Join the McMath-Hulbert Astronomical Society for a four-week introductory course on learning Python Coding Language.

**DIY Trick or Treat Bags**
*Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.*
Make your own funny, scary or sweet trick-or-treat bag and enjoy it for years!

**Book Page Pumpkin**
*Wednesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.*
Have fun upcycling old books by making fun paper pumpkins to add to any decor!

**Paper Leaf Wreath**
*Wednesday, November 9, 6 p.m.*
Learn to use the Cricut machine to make a fun fall wreath!

**Sublimation Keychains**
*Tuesday, November 29, 6 p.m.*
Learn how to transfer a design onto ceramic using heat and ink and make fun, personalized keychains.

**Innovative Items Collection**
RHPL continues to provide patrons with resources to inform, educate, enlighten, and entertain through the Innovative Items Collection (IIC). This collection includes non-traditional library items like tools, household items, equipment, technology, and more. Visit rhpl.org/services/innovative-items.
Evening Family Storytime

**Evening Family Storytime**
**Wednesdays: September 14, October 12 & November 9, 7 p.m. All Ages.**
Youth Story Room.

Enjoy a special monthly themed storytime and project for the whole family with Ms. Wendy. Each date has a separate registration.

**Villain Crafts**
**Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., or 1 p.m.**
Ages 9-14. Multipurpose Room.

Have a favorite Villain? Make cool crafts featuring your favorite villain characters.

**Sight-Word Bingo!**
**Monday, September 19, 6 p.m. Ages 4+**
Multipurpose Room.

Do you have a child who is learning sight words? If so, then sight-word bingo for the whole family is perfect for you! Have your lucky bingo charms ready when you arrive. This program starts promptly at 6 p.m.

**Bad Art Night**
**Thursday, September 22, 6 p.m. Ages 9-12.**
Multipurpose Room.

Can you make bad art? Find out using your imagination and RHPL's art supplies! Artists will be given challenges and awards for the most terrible works of art.

**Kaboomistry**
**Friday, October 7, 1 p.m. All Ages.**
Multipurpose Room.

Why do things explode? The Michigan Science Center will be here to talk about the relationships between pressure, temperature, and fuel to explain why things go KA-BOOM! This program will be a loud, visually-stimulating presentation.
Monster Pumpkins  
**Thursday, October 13, 6 p.m. Ages 7-12. Multipurpose Room.**
Paint a little pumpkin into any type of monster you want.

T-Rex Tea Party  
**Thursday, October 20, 6 p.m. Ages 4-8. Multipurpose Room.**
You are cordially invited to a roaring good tea party! Come dressed in either dinosaur or tea time attire for T-Rex crafts and games.

Spy Training Camp  
**Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. Ages 5-10. Multipurpose Room.**
Calling all recruits! Train to be a spy at the library with morse code crafts, invisible ink, and more!

Scissor Challenge  
**Saturday November 5, 2 p.m. Ages 3-7. Multipurpose Room.**
Test your scissor skills and find out if you can complete tricky cutting crafts.

Big Fun in the Big Room  
**Mondays: November 7, 14, 21, 28 & December 5, 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays: November 9, 16, 23, 30 & December 7, 10:30 a.m.  
Ages Birth-5. Multipurpose Room.**
Read stories, sing songs, and enjoy active play and movement with your favorite Youth librarians in the big room where we’ll have some big fun!

Parent Child Workshop  
**Tuesdays: November 8, 15, 22, 29 & December 6, 10 a.m. Ages 1-3. Multipurpose Room.**
Do you look forward to family time? Families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with child development specialists in this fun, play-based, five-week workshop with Ms. Wendy.

Portraits like Picasso  
**Tuesday, November 8, 2:30 p.m. Ages 4 & Up. Multipurpose Room.**
Cubism is an art movement created by artists Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque. Visually, it’s an intense use of geometric shapes over forms. Learn a bit more about this interesting art and create a portrait in the Cubist style.

Turkey Book  
**Monday, November 4. All Day. Ages 6-12. Take & Make.**
Love turkeys? Learn how to turn an old book into a turkey with this neat craft!

Battle of the Books Kickoff  
**Wednesday, November 9, 6 p.m. Grade 5 & Caregivers. Multipurpose Room.**
Discover this year’s 12 battle titles! Battle of the Books is a reading competition for all fifth graders who live in Rochester, Rochester Hills, or Oakland Township. Students form teams of three-to-five students, read the assigned list of books as a team, and battle in March (answer questions about the books). Team registration runs from November 16 to February 4. This event will be livestreamed.

Princess Pandemonium Storytime  
**Friday, November 18, 10:30 a.m. All Ages. Multipurpose Room.**
Let’s read books about a few amazing, non-Disney princesses! Make sure to come dressed in your favorite princess garb! Be ready to help save a baby dragon and cross a dangerous moat. Princes welcome!

Battle of the Books Coach Meeting  
**Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m. Adult Coaches. Multipurpose Room.**
Learn everything you need to know to run successful battles. Registration is not required. This meeting will be livestreamed.
LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday..............1 p.m.-6 p.m.  (after September 4)
Monday-Thursday...............9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday-Saturday..................9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Visit rhpl.org for hours & holiday closures.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Did you know you can receive News & Views directly to your email inbox? Visit rhpl.org/community-programs/news-views and sign up with a valid email address. You can also sign up to receive our new e-newsletter, RHPL Monthly Current, which is sent out on the first Friday of each month.