

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## A LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

In this issue of *News & Views*, our contributors provide an in-depth look at how items are selected and managed in the library's collection. I am often asked, "How do librarians know what the community wants to read, listen to, and watch?" As library patrons, we want assurance that the people building a library collection have done so in a comprehensive, timetested, and systematic manner and without an agenda.

I can discuss at length the advanced skills librarians have in addition to their degrees: bias training, the annual evaluations of community demographics, metrics used to analyze circulation trends, and the sources and award lists consulted for decisions about item quality. But last summer, when RHPL hosted parachute games on the front lawn, that experience inspired a simplified analogy for how librarians curate well-rounded collections.

The beloved and classic game of giant parachute begins by welcoming everyone to the circle (the community) and encourages them to grab and hold the edge of the nylon parachute. The translucent cloth is colorful and large, much like the community we serve. All have a spot around the circle.

Parachute games often start with simple challenges, but the joy of the experience comes when it is lifted high in the air creating a dome above. As with the parachute game, collection development occurs when librarians look at patrons under the "dome" and evaluate how high the community parachute can go. Librarians measure the level of curiosity and aspiration within the community and pack a collection matching it inside the library. Each public library has a "parachute" and a collection defined by the people and interests within.

To learn more about RHPL's collection management for the 110,000 individuals who use the library, turn to page 4. I hope you are excited to know how librarians select the best materials to put inside the library's parachute of color and curiosity.

Juliane Morian



# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Have you thought about volunteering in 2023? Do you love your library and the Friends Store, too? Now is the time to show your love and support for RHPL and join the Friends Library Store volunteer team. Store volunteers help Friends raise funds for library programs and special events. Profits from store sales also fund services like the community bookmobile and the Eureka Lab/makerspace.

If you enjoy meeting and working with friendly people in a fun and relaxed environment, stop by the store to pick up an application. Questions? Call 248-650-7179 for more information.

# SPRING USED BOOK SALE

The Friends Spring Used Book Sale begins with a Members Night on April 19 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friends memberships will be available for purchase at the door. Public sale hours:

Thursday, April 20, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Friday, April 21, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

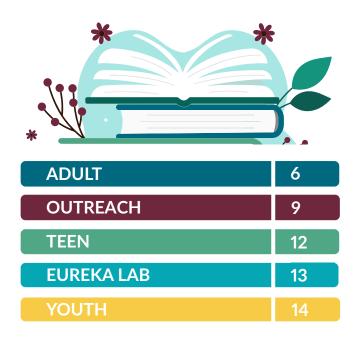
Sunday (\$5 Bag Day), April 23, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Call 248-650-7178 for more information.

## WINE, WIT & WISDOM

Wine, Wit & Wisdom, Friends of RHPL's largest fundraiser of the year, is on Saturday, April 29, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at RHPL. Ticket holders will delight in an evening of food and refreshments, entertainment, the choice of up to two spectacular lectures, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle.

Lecture topics range from Mackinac Island history and the history of Selfridge Air Force Base to DIY winemaking and what it takes to be a master gardener. Tickets are \$80 per person through April 10, \$90 per person April 11-17, and are on sale now! Guests must be 21 years of age or older. Visit rhpl.org to purchase tickets online or call 248-650-7176.





# Collections Management

Something for everyone in a modern society

My daughter has been in love with the library since our first visit. When everything shut down in 2020, her biggest concern was her visits to the library. We were incredibly grateful when we were able to start visiting again. Needless to say, the pandemic took quite a toll on us. We lost family members, friends moved, and [my daughter] started kindergarten at a new school. Each time a significant life aspect changed, I turned to the librarians in the children's department. No matter the concern, they were able to suggest books demonstrating [what] happens to other people and how to deal with it. The team upstairs had some tremendous suggestions for me, too."

– Amy R., RHPL patron, July 2022



How do libraries and librarians build a collection of materials for patrons to check out? Comments like the one above from an RHPL patron are common. The library receives many kind notes of thanks from patrons for having what they need when they need it.

But how does that happen?

#### What is collections management?

Collections management in libraries and other cultural institutions covers a range of services from development to storage. It is a plan for what to keep, how to maintain it, and what to move out of a collection that includes printed materials, digital and streaming services, historical items, technical equipment, objects, and more. Checkout statistics, professional literary reviews, best sellers lists, and patron demand play a part in how a library's collection of items develops over time. For libraries to provide something for everyone, they must balance budgets, resources, and space.

At Rochester Hills Public Library, the goal of collection management is to support the organization's mission to "empower people to explore and create with resources that enlighten, educate, entertain, and inform." The library's catalog inspires and informs patrons daily, ensuring they have access to information that is important to them.

#### RHPL fully supports intellectual freedom and promotes the dissemination of ideas and information.

Since 1924, the library's board of trustees has delegated collection management responsibilities to the library director, who works with professional librarians on staff to acquire and deselect materials according to board policy.

"The best way to determine what materials to acquire and which to remove due to lack of demand or wear and tear," said Juliane Morian, library director, "is to make informed decisions based on professional training from accredited institutions and the experience of working at reference desks. RHPL relies on its board of trustees as well to establish quality standards for the library's collection."

## Who participates in collections management?

Upon their election, trustee members take an oath to uphold the First Amendment rights of every patron to have free and open access to library materials.

RHPL's principles of service support that oath by promising patrons open, free, non-judgmental access to collections and services regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, disability, language proficiency, and social or economic status.

"RHPL fully supports intellectual freedom and promotes the dissemination of ideas and information," said Madge Lawson, president of RHPL's board of trustees. "The board of trustees leaves the selection process to professionallytrained librarians who follow the collection development policy, which the board reapproved in October 2021."

Each item in the library's collection is given individual consideration based on its merit, demand, popularity, and intended audience.



Article contributors are, left to right, Allison Sartwell, head of Adult Services; Mary Davis, head of Outreach Services; Juliane Morian, library director; Betsy Raczkowski, head of Youth Services; Madge Lawson, president, RHPL Board of Trustees.

## **ADULT PROGRAMS**



Register online at calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code at left 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. Program registration opens one month before the program date. Dates & times are subject to change. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for updated information.

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

#### Advancements in Cardiovascular Care

Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Cardiologist Nishit Choksi, MD, FACC, FSCAI, FCCP, FACA, speaks about cardiovascular care and advancements in diagnostic testing, pharmaceuticals, and treatment options. This program is presented in partnership with Smart Towns.



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Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room. Financial planners Stephanie and Jennifer Bloom lead this informative discussion about managing student loans and general debt, planning and purchasing your first home, and affording college for your children.

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Vicki Klanke, RN, CDP, discusses the caregiving journey for those assisting dementia patients, and teaches skills to provide care with confidence and compassion.

Programs are offered with financial support from Friends of RHPL.

# Moving Into Mindfulness Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Bethany Perry, a neuroscience life and health coach and founder of Whole Life Healing Collective, leads a mindfulness course with tips for creating the habits you desire. This program is presented in partnership with the Rochester Junior Women's Club.

## HISTORY, ART, & CULTURE

# Chautauqua Movement: Its Origins, National Significance, and Presence in Michigan

Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.



Historian Jim
Craft explains
the Chautauqua
Movement, a popular
and significant
American movement
in adult education at
the turn of the 20th
century.

# A Suitable Helper: Men Who Helped Women Gain the Right the Vote ☐ Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Dr. Anne Nichols of Rochester University shares how Harry T. Burn, Frederick Douglass, and others lent their (sometimes reluctant) support to the cause of female suffrage. This program is presented in partnership with Smart Towns.

## The Wide. Wide West: Islam. Democracy, and America

Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Author and award-winning journalist Haroon Moghul explores the unexpectedly democratic and pluralistic consequences that follow Islam's core beliefs.



#### Negro Motorist Green-Book

Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.



"Walk" through Midtown and downtown Detroit with Kimmie Dobos-Wolfe of the Detroit Historical Society to discover the places and stories that once helped African Americans navigate the city.

#### **George Michael:** The Singing Greek (A Tribute) Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Author and performer George Rapitis takes us on a trip back to the 1980s in a program that includes fun facts about the decade along with a few tribute songs from singer George Michael.

## **SCIENCE & THE ENVIRONMENT**

#### Hiking Michigan Trails 🔟

Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Horse trainer, horticulturalist, hiker, and author Celia Ryker discusses her book, Walking Home: Trail Stories, and her walking adventures around Michigan.

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Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Mushroom enthusiast Lorenzo Lo Piccolo leads a fascinating look into the world of mushrooms.

### **Healthy Gardens for** Pollinators and People May 11, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.



The Rochester Pollinators show how to identify beneficial insects, choose natural fertilizers and potting soils, and control mosquitos using natural and bee-safe measures. All attendees receive a gift receipt for a free native plant from the Rochester Pollinators' booth at the Rochester Farmers' Market.

## **WRITING & BOOKS**

#### **Scribes Writers Workshop**

Wednesdays: March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24, 1 p.m. Conference Room B.

This drop-in workshop is for those who love to write. Members write on a given topic or thought starter and give and take positive feedback. Registration is not required.

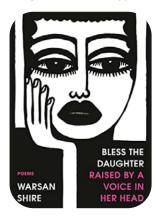
#### Books on Tap

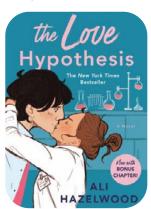
Mondays: March 13 & May 8, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards, VIP Room.

Meet at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main Street) for a casual book club in a relaxed setting. Talk books and enjoy Main Street Billiards' delicious food and drinks (available for purchase). Pick up copies of the books at the Adult Reference Desk upon registration or download an eBook edition using the Libby app.

March 13: Bless the Daughter Raised by a Voice in Her Head: Poems by Warsan Shire

May 8: The Love Hypothesis by Ali Hazelwood





## SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Scan the QR codes with the camera on your mobile device for a music preview!

## Go Sing Sunday March 10, 2 mm My

Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room.



The Greater
Oakland Singers, a
community chorus
for children, sing
classic favorites,
global songs, and
modern works.

## The Akropolis Reed Quintet ☐ Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

The classical chamber ensemble Akropolis Reed Quintet performs selections from their fifth album, Hymns for Private Use, which reached #8 on the Classical Billboard charts in November 2022.



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The staff and faculty of Expressions Musical Academy sing a range of songs, from ancient chants and a cappella to contemporary selections from the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Disney, and more!



#### Between the Lines

Tuesdays: March 21, April 18th & May 16, 2 p.m.

Conference Room A.

Thursdays: March 23, April 20 & May 18, 2 p.m. Conference Room A.

Join the library's lively monthly book discussion! Pick up copies of the book at the Adult Reference Desk upon registration or download an audiobook edition using the Libby app.

March 21: Beautiful Country by Qian Julie Wang March 23: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

April 18: Disability Visibility by Alice Wong

**April 20**: Cold Vanish: Seeking the Missing in North America's Wildlands by Jon Billman

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May 16: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus May 18: Beautiful Country by Qian Julie Wang









## **POP CULTURE & GAMES**

## Adult Board Game Night 🖽

Tuesdays: March 21 & April 18, May 16, 7 p.m. Conference Room B.

Calling all tabletop board gamers! Looking to play a new game or maybe meet fellow board gaming friends? Different games are available on each date, or bring one of your favorites from home!

## Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown! 💢

Monday, April 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.



#### Behind the Scenes Library Tours

Wednesday, March 22, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 3 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 11 a.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. Meet in the library lobby.



## **CRAFTS**

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Wednesday, April 26, 6 p.m. Eureka Lab.

Design a set of four coasters using Scrabble® tiles. Use the tiles to make phrases or mix up all the letters!

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Wednesday, May 3, 6 p.m. Multipurpose Room. Paint beautiful watercolor flowers using various techniques and styles!



## Recycled CD Book Kit

Monday, March 20. Take & Make Kit. **Drive-Thru Window or Adult** Reference Desk.

Create a journal, poetry book, or mini photo album from recycled CDs and paper.

#### **Third Grow Around:** Self-Watering Seed Tray Kit □□

Tuesday, April 4. Take & Make Kit. Drive-Thru Window or Adult Reference Desk.

Interested in gardening but worried you do not have a green thumb? Try this self-watering seed tray and leave the rest to mother nature!

#### Beaded Wind Chime Kit

Tuesday, May 16. Take & Make Kit. Drive-Thru Window or Adult Reference Desk.

Make a pretty wind chime using beads and bells.

## **OUTREACH SERVICES**



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or send an email to outreach@rhpl.org. Program registration opens one month before the program date. Dates & times are subject to change. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for updated information.

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Thursday, March 16, 2-3:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Memory Café is a welcoming place for people with memory challenges and their care partners to socialize in a safe and friendly environment. Questions? Call Outreach Services at 248-650-7150 or send an email to outreach@rhpl.org.

#### **English Matters:**

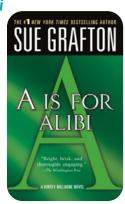
#### **ELL Conversation Group**

Tuesdays: April 4- May 23 10 a.m. Thursdays: April 6-May 25, 7 p.m. Saturdays: April 8-May 27, 10 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 introduces you to new friends and a great time! Questions? Contact Mariano at 248-202-9352 or send an email to Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org.

#### **ELL Book Club:** A is for Alibi Thursdays: March 16-May 18, 10 a.m. Conference Room B.

Meet with Rebecca L. and other English language learners to read A is for Alibi by Sue Grafton and talk about it in a friendly setting. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting.



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Librarians select items by reviewing professional journals, considering current awards and accolades, and more. Reference materials are also regularly reviewed and updated. Donated items are added to the library's collection only if they meet the same quality standards as purchased materials.

"Collections management is a daily practice," said Betsy Raczkowski, head of Youth Services.
"I'm always working within my collections to be sure I have the timeliest, popular, classic, and specialty titles all at once. It's a delicate balance to have something for everyone along with enough copies, space to grow the collection, and quality materials that can withstand hundreds of checkouts."

## What is and is not in the library's collection?

A library can hold a finite number of items. However, patrons may ask the library to purchase items not on the shelves or in the catalog or borrow them from another library as part of a statewide lending program. This consortium of libraries provides materials otherwise unavailable to a patron. RHPL also contracts with streaming services and digital platforms such as Hoopla, Libby/OverDrive, and Kanopy to give patrons quick access to current eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and music.

## We strive to find titles that meet different needs.

"For some of the "fun" items like eBooks and feature films, we watch for what's popular in print and in movie theaters," said Allison Sartwell, head of Adult Services. "Patron requests also help us gauge interest before a title is released, particularly for feature films."

Another aspect of collection management is knowing when to replace and remove items. RHPL keeps its collection vital by retaining and

replacing essential materials and removing worn or outdated materials or items no longer in demand.

"Reading reviews to find great materials to share with patrons is something we take seriously because we strive to find titles that meet different needs," said Mary Davis, head of Outreach Services. "It's our goal to provide everyone with something they want from the library. There's no greater compliment than when a patron expresses appreciation for a varied and exciting collection!"

To assist patrons in making choices about the materials they check out, RHPL organizes its collections for ease of use. For example, the library purchases rated feature films whenever possible, and it distinguishes its youth collection by reading levels and interest levels. It is another service RHPL provides to help patrons choose what materials they want to use.

## What if a patron dislikes some items in the library's collection?

Most patrons decide to stop reading or watching something that does not appeal to them. While not typical, sometimes a patron expresses concern over a library book or other materials in the collection. If this happens, RHPL encourages the patron to discuss their concerns with staff. State and federal law already accounts for harmful content, defined as "obscenity" by the U.S. Supreme Court, and does not permit the sale or purchase of obscene materials anywhere in the United States – including bookstores and libraries.

If a patron requests more information about a title they are concerned about, staff librarians may review the item, evaluate professional reviews and awards, assess circulation statistics, and complete a close read or view of the work. Once the review is complete, the library director decides to retain, move, or remove a title.

Patrons may appeal a decision by the library director to the board of trustees. The board's decision is the final part of the review process. In the appeal request, patrons confirm in writing that they have read or watched the work in its entirety. The board of trustees then evaluates the work as a whole to determine its literary, artistic, political, or scientific merit. The material remains in circulation throughout any review process.

## How does RHPL protect a patron's freedom to read?

Library patrons are empowered to decide what is appropriate for them and their families to consume. RHPL staff strives to match the expectations of the entire community when determining where to place titles within the collection. RHPL also affirms parental responsibility in monitoring what children in their care may check out. The board of trustees and the library director ensure the process of collections management is fair and free from bias. Additionally, the board does not endorse specific content within the collection. It would conflict with the public interest for trustees to establish their own political, moral, or aesthetic views as a standard for determining what should be circulated.

What may offend one person may be a source of helpful knowledge to another.

"Librarians must provide materials for a range of interests and ages," Lawson said. "What may offend one person may be a source of helpful knowledge to another. All patrons can decide to engage or not engage with any library materials; it's a matter of personal preference, and RHPL supports their freedom to do so."

"Rochester Hills Public Library empowers people to explore and create with resources that enlighten, educate, entertain, and inform."

- RHPL's Mission Statement



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## **TEEN PROGRAMS**



Register online at calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code at left 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. Program registration opens one month before the program date. Dates & times are subject to change. Visit to calendar.rhpl.org for updated information.



#### **Video Game Evening**

Wednesdays: March 8, April 5 & May 3, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

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

#### Teen Advisory Board (TAB) □□

Wednesdays: March 15, April 12 & May 10, 7 p.m. Conference Room A.

Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays, and other library matters at these fun meetings (now online and in person). Fill out an RHPL TAB Application at rhpl.org. Questions?
Send an email to the teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org.

#### RHPL Players Guild (RPG)

Wednesdays: March 29, April 26 & May 24, 7 p.m. Conference Room A.

Join other teens for tabletop games, including board games, card games, role-playing games, and more! Are you 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.

#### Teens in the Eureka Lab

Mondays: March 20, April 17 & May 15, 7 p.m.

Hang out with friends and make crafty items in the Eureka Lab!

March 20: Shrinky Key Chains April 17: Resin Bookmarks May 15: Rock Photo Holders







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#### Resin Bookmarks

Tuesdays: March 7 & 14, 6 p.m.

Are you interested in learning resin making? Bookmarks are the perfect way to get started!

#### **Sublimation Puzzles**

Tuesdays: March 21 & 28, 6 p.m.

Turn a favorite pictures into a puzzle to enjoy for vears to come!

#### Foil Plant Pots

Tuesdays: April 4 & 11, 6 p.m.

Foil pots add a little sparkle to any garden! Spruce up your garden and learn a cool foiling technique.

#### Color-Changing Vinyl Glasses 🔟

Tuesdays: April 18 & 25, 6 p.m.

Make fun drinking glasses with a unique twist – the vinyl changes color when you add your favorite drink!

### Pressed Flower Paper Lanterns 🖽

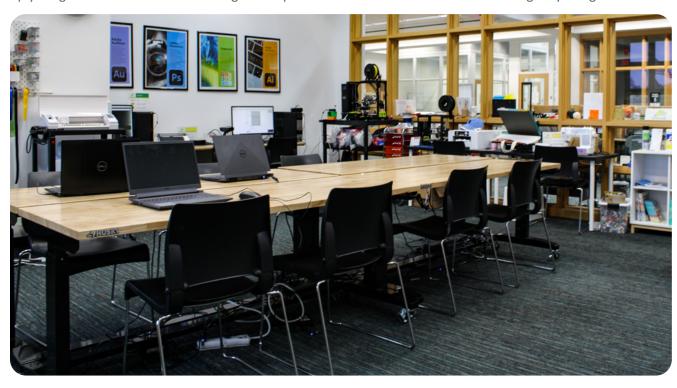
Tuesdays: May 9 & 16, 6 p.m.

Pressed flower lanterns are fun to create! They make pretty centerpieces for any space.

#### **Hot Glue on Canvas Art**

Tuesdays: May 23 & 30, 7 p.m.

Make a textured canvas using only hot glue!



## YOUTH SERVICES



Register all children attending with the child's RHPL card (if required). See page 2 for information on how to sign up for a library card. Register online at calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile device. Questions? Call the Youth Reference Desk at 248-650-7140 or email youthreference@rhpl.org. Registration opens one week before the program dates unless otherwise noted. Dates & times are subject to change. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for updated information.

#### Parent-Child Workshop 🔟

Monday Sessions: March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10 a.m. Multipurpose Room. Tuesday Sessions: March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 10 a.m. Ages 1-3. Multipurpose Room.

Join your favorite youth librarians for a fun, play-based program where families can relax, make friends, and talk with specialists on child development. Register for one session. Registration opens two weeks before the start of the session.

#### Big Fun in the Big Room 🕮

Wednesday Sessions: March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 10:30 a.m. Multipurpose Room. Thursday Sessions: March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 10:30 a.m. Ages 1-5. Multipurpose Room.

Join your favorite youth librarians in the big room for some big fun! Read stories, sing songs, and enjoy active play and movement! Register for one session.

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Join Wendy for a special monthly themed storytime and project for the whole family. Each date requires a separate registration.

# **Preschool Fair**Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. Adults Only. Multipurpose Room.

Parents may drop in and visit with representatives from local preschools and childcare centers.
Registration is not required. Call 248-650-7146 for more information.



#### How to Catch a Leprechaun 🖽

Monday, March 13, 6 p.m. Ages 3-6. Youth Storyroom.

Listen to the story *How to Catch* a *Leprechaun* and create a Leprechaun craft.

#### Lego Club<sup>®</sup> 🕮

Tuesday, March 14, April 4, May 9, 6 p.m. Ages 5-12. Youth Storyroom.

Calling all builders! Let your imagination soar! RHPL provides the Lego® bricks, and you bring your imagination! See your creation displayed in the Youth Room.

## Rockin' World Down Syndrome

### Day Socks 🕮

Thursday, March 16, 6 p.m. All Ages. Youth Storyroom.

On March 21, people all around the world wear brightly colored or mismatched socks to celebrate chromosomal similarities and differences. Come learn more and create your own pair of fun socks to wear that day!

## Zentangle Art for Kids □

Monday, March 27, 6 p.m. Ages 6 +. Youth Storyroom.

Explore how unplanned, black-and-white drawings can produce amazing visual results! Zentangle art is easy to learn, fun to create, and allows kids to enjoy making art without worrying about the end product.

#### **Spring Break Scavenger Hunt**

Thursday, March 30. All Day. All Ages. Youth Room.

Get ready for a fun-filled, Spring-themed scavenger hunt at RHPL! Clues will be in the Youth Room. Stop by the Youth Reference Desk to get your sheet. Registration is not required.

#### Open Spot Theater 🔟

Saturday, April 1, 12 p.m. Ages 8 +.
Multipurpose Room.



In this theater class for all abilities, kids will learn singing, acting, and dancing from the

professionals at Open Spot Theater and participate in a showcase at the end of the program.

### Bunny Tales and Tails Take & Make □□

Monday, April 3. Ages 3-8. Youth Room.

Register to pick up a colorful bunny craft kit and link to a related eBook.

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Thursday, April 6, 6 p.m. Ages 5-12. Youth Storyroom.

Hop into the library for a fun springtime craft! Use your imagination to turn a shoebox and some PEEPS® marshmallow candy into a scene from your favorite book!

### Free Play Saturday! 🕮

Saturday, April 8 & May 13, 10 a.m. Ages 1-5. Multipurpose Room.

Enjoy a fun-filled hour of play-based learning for toddlers and preschoolers. Each date has a separate registration.

## Earth Day Seed Bombs Take & Make □

Monday, April 17-Monday, April 24. All Day. All Ages. Youth Room.

Register to pick up a seed kit. One kit will make three to four seed bombs.

## Storytime @ Rotary Park 🕮

Monday, April 17 & May 15; Tuesday, April 25 & May 23; Wednesday, May 3; and Thursday, May 11, 11 a.m. Ages Birth-5. Rotary Park.

Join your favorite youth librarians for storytime in the park! Each date has a separate registration.

#### Let's Look at Cells!

Monday, April 17, 6 p.m. Ages 8 +. Youth Storyroom.

Discover what cells are, how they create energy, and what makes them so neat!



## ½ Way to Halloween:Adopt a Glove Monster □

Monday, April 24, 6 p.m. Grades 1-4. Youth Storyroom.

We are halfway to the spooky season! Come to RHPL to create a glove monster to adopt!

## **Authors in April Autograph Party**

Wednesday, April 26, 4-6 p.m. All Ages. Multipurpose Room.

The 2023 AIA authors will be at RHPL to sign books. Limited quantities and titles will be available for purchase. Visit



authorsinapril.org for more information.

## Mother's Day Take & Make 🕮

Monday, May 8-Saturday, May 13. All Day. Ages Birth-12. Youth Room.

Register to pick up a kit full of Mother's Day crafts to make for the mom in your life!

### Magical Pet Terrariums 🕮

Thursday, May 11, 6 p.m. Ages 5-12. Youth Storyroom.

Have you ever wanted a unicorn or dragon for a pet? Come to RHPL to make a magical pet terrarium!

## **Summer Scavenger Hunt**

Friday, May 19. All Day. All Ages. Youth Room.

Get ready for a fun-filled, Summer-themed scavenger hunt at RHPL! Clues will be in the Youth Room. Stop by the Youth Reference Desk to get your sheet. Registration is not required.





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