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Every other year Rochester Hills Public Library asks for feedback from patrons to gather data points for measuring success and guiding new services. This past spring, RHPL conducted a community satisfaction survey, and I am gratified to share the results.

Individuals responded with a 96% positive satisfaction rate for both the library services offered and the customer service they receive at the library. The library-going experience received high marks for being safe, clean, and easy to access. It is no surprise that the most popular use of the library was borrowing titles. However, you may be interested to know the next most popular services are browsing collections to discover new titles, using the library as a comfortable place to read or study, and seeking staff assistance for a recommended title or research.

Our statistical research shows that 95% of community respondents say they will use the library the same or more in the next five years. Our foot traffic proves this as well. In the past few months, we have welcomed an average of nearly 1,000 people a day to the library or bookmobile. Among the most rewarding data points on the survey were the responses to two new questions this year. Ninety-one percent of respondents said they receive good value for the taxes paid for library services. Ninety-four percent said they trust the staff at RHPL.

In this time when public trust in government is at an all-time low (PEW Research Institute), it is undeniable that trust in the local public library is high. Thank you for your feedback and support. I pledge to continue to empower lifelong learning with customer-friendly information professionals, safe and clean spaces, and services and collections that match the needs of the community we serve.

Juliane Morian
SUMMER USED BOOK SALE: JULY 27-30

The shelves will be full of gently used books and DVDs for adults, teens, and children for the Summer Used Book Sale. Friends of RHPL Members Night is Wednesday, July 27, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friends memberships may be renewed or purchased at the door. Sale hours to the general public are

- July 28, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- July 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- July 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Bag Day, August 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call 248-650-7178 to learn more about used book sales.

DONATE & HELP RHPL!

Consider donating a financial gift to Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library. All money donated to Friends supports library programs as well as special projects, activities, and acquisitions over those provided by the general library budget. Examples of items the library has been able to purchase with Friends donated funds include the aquarium in the lobby, the second-floor public computers, and many more items.

Donating to Friends helps to keep the library vibrant and contemporary.

FRIENDS MEETINGS

Are you curious to learn more about Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library? All Friends board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the RHPL Board Room, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend!

LITTLE FREE LENDING LIBRARY

It is time again for neighbors, business owners, and residents in Rochester Hills, Rochester, and Oakland Township to consider installing a Friends of RHPL Little Free Lending Library! These little libraries are popular throughout the country and are seen on street corners, parks, and front yards. They house books for all ages to exchange and share.

Friends of RHPL offers a pre-constructed library with post and installation instructions for $325. Purchasers paint, varnish, and decorate the libraries, choose a location, dig a hole, and keep them stocked with books.

For more information, contact Kim Whitney at 248-224-0889 or send an email to whitney.kim2347@yahoo.com. Orders are filled within one-to-three weeks and will be available for pick up.

DONATE & HELP RHPL!

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Summer is here, and the time is right for summer reading with RHPL! This year's summer reading challenge celebrates kindness and community. How can you help spread kindness? Read on!

First, RHPL's annual Summer Reading Challenge begins with an outdoor party at the library on Saturday, June 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. Patrons of all ages are invited! Enjoy arts & crafts activity stations, family entertainment, food, and more! Help spread kindness and consider bringing some canned goods for our food drive to benefit Neighborhood House, one of the library’s major community partners. (See page 14 for details.)

Sign up for summer reading beginning June 1 using an active RHPL card. Continue using your existing account at rhpl.beanstack.org or register for the first time online. You may also download a convenient mobile app from Apple or Google Play app stores. Read every day, track your progress online, and earn virtual reading badges for the chance to win cool prizes! RHPL librarians are also happy to help you get started.

“Summer reading is an important time of year, not just because we're doing our part to avoid the summer slide,” said Betsy Raczkowski, RHPL Head of Youth Services, “but because we get to take extra time to champion the idea of reading just for fun. Kids typically have more freedom and choice in what they read this time of year, and studies have shown this is one of the best ways to keep kids interested in reading long-term.”

It's cool to be kind! While you're reading this summer, think of ways to help spread kindness across our community. Every time you help a neighbor, your parents, or friends, log your activities to earn virtual activity badges. There are several suggested activities listed at rhpl.beanstack.org, but consider helping around the house, finding ways to beautify your neighborhood, practicing self-care, or assisting someone in need. When five out of 10 activities are completed, readers will earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win even more prizes.

For easier sign-up, households can make one account and add readers all in one spot. Parents of children participating should register themselves first and then add child readers to their accounts.

The only rule for summer reading is to read every day! Read articles, books, eBooks, audiobooks, comic books, magazines, and even cereal boxes. Walk through the library gardens and read the StoryWalk® boards. Ride your bike down the local trails and read the historical markers and signs. All forms of reading count! The more you read, the more chances you have to win! Everyone who participates in summer reading through August 13 will receive a free book.

Questions? Call 248-656-2900 or email help@rhpl.org. Visit rhpl.org to find reading recommendations and more.
Sign up or log in at rhpl.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app to register. All ages are welcome.

Read every day between June 11 and August 13 to earn virtual reading badges, and a chance to win prizes.

Participate in RHPL’s kindness activities to earn virtual activity badges and a chance to win more prizes!

Record your reading on the website or in the app. Everyone gets a free book at the end of summer just for reading.

Visit RHPL in person or follow the library on social media all summer for more fun surprises and giveaways.

Check our online calendar for library programs all summer long.

Share your summer reading adventures by posting selfies on social media using #RHPLReads.

Photos: Young patrons pick out books and play at last year’s summer reading finale.
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

Be Smart for Kids
Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Be SMART helps adults normalize conversations about gun safety and take responsible actions that can prevent child gun deaths and injuries. Even if you do not own a firearm, there are steps you can take to protect your children from unsecured firearms. This presentation supports the Second Amendment and is for adults only.

Living with Dementia Part 3
Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Vicki Klanke RN, CDP, discusses the Positive Physical Approach to dementia. Practice techniques to become better care partners with someone living with dementia.

How to Journal for Meditation
Tuesday, July 19, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Courtney Jones, life coach and yoga instructor, will show you the many benefits of journaling. Attendees will be given journal prompts as well as ways to set up a daily practice.

History, Art & Culture

Pedal the Past History Bike Tour
Thursday, June 30, 6 p.m. Meet at the West Entrance.

If you love local history, join RHPL for a bike ride through Rochester’s past and visit historical sites around downtown! Each turn and trail will reveal another chapter of Rochester’s story. Attendees may register for one of six time slots between 6-7:30 p.m. Each time slot accommodates up to 12 riders. Tours are approximately three miles long. Helmets are strongly encouraged. Space is limited. This bike tour is in partnership with the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

Basic Technology Help for Seniors
Thursdays: June 16, July 7, August 4, 3-5 p.m. Conference Room A.

Need some assistance with technology? Meet with our patient and friendly teen volunteers who can show you the basics on your device or on a library computer.
NEWS & VIEWS

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Performances are scheduled to take place outdoors on the library’s west lawn (near the rotunda). Space is limited. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or low-back lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, performances will move to the Multipurpose Room.

Olivia Dear 🕺
Thursday, June 23, 6 p.m. West Lawn.
Rochester Adams High School graduate and former America’s Got Talent contestant, Olivia Dear, returns to RHPL to perform her blend of modern pop and folk songs.

Royal Oak Blues Band 🎤
Wednesday, July 20, 6 p.m. West Lawn.
The Royal Oak Blues Band returns for an evening of blues music, vocal harmonies, and more!

Jackamo 🎤
Thursday, August 25, 6 p.m. West Lawn.
Sisters Alison and Tessa Wiercioch are Jackamo, a Detroit-based acoustic folk band who perform with poignant lyrics and dazzling harmonies.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Turtles & Frogs with Dinosaur Hill 🐢
Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.
If you love the outdoors, then come and explore the wetland world of the 10 species of turtles found in Michigan. Amanda Felk of Dinosaur Hill will show you the easiest way to identify a snapping turtle and explain why turtles make poor pets. You’ll also meet a live turtle or two!

Cool Things in the Universe 🌌
Thursday, August 11, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.
Join the Oakland Astronomy Club for an evening in the stars! Jerry Chevrier will discuss black holes, neutron stars, dark energy, and other cool things in the universe. If weather permits, we’ll venture outside to view the moon through a telescope.
CRAFTS
Register for a time to make crafts at RHPL!

Engraved Wood Tiles  
*Wednesday, June 15, 6:30-8 p.m. Eureka Lab.*
Try something new by first painting, then engraving a wood tile. This easy project creates a stunning piece of art. Supplies included.

DIY Candles  
*Wednesday, June 22, 6-7 p.m. Eureka Lab.*
Are you interested in making candles but not sure where to begin? Start by making DIY candles at RHPL!

Sun Catcher  
*Saturday, June 25, 10-11 a.m. Eureka Lab.*
Design a colorful sun catcher to brighten up your windows.

TAKE & MAKE
Register for the programs below to reserve supplies, pick up your kits on the date listed, and take them home! Kits will be available for pick up at the Adult Reference Desk.

Quilling  
*Tuesday, June 7.*
Make scenery using only paper, your imagination, and a little glue.

Flirt Pole
*Monday, July 11.*
Do you have a dog or kitty at home? Make a fun toy and help your pet get some exercise. Supplies included.

Paper Sunflower  
*Thursday, August 18.*
These fun paper sunflowers are a perfect summer craft.

WRITING & BOOKS

50 Books In a Year Reading Challenge  
*Now–December 2022. (rhpl.beanstack.org).*
Register for this challenge anytime of year using Beanstack (online and available as an app for Android and Apple devices). Read at your own pace and earn prizes!

Books on Tap  
*Monday, July 11, 7-8:30 p.m.
Main Street Billiards VIP Room (215 S. Main Street).*
Meet at Main Street Billiards for a casual book club in a relaxed setting. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Pick up a copy of the books at the Adult Reference desk upon registration or download the eBook edition using the Libby app.

July 11: *The Broken Girls* by Simone St. James
POP CULTURE GAMES

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown

Mondays: June 13 & August 8, 7-9 p.m.
Main Street Billiards Solarium (215 S. Main Street).

Know a little bit about everything? Then come to Main Street Billiards with a 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 will be available for purchase.

Fandom Trivia Smackdown:
Harry Potter
Saturday, July 16, 2-4 p.m.
All Ages. Multipurpose Room.

Are YOU the biggest Potterhead? Bring your team of up to six people and duke it out with other mega-fans for bragging rights and prizes!

Nerf at Nite
Friday, August 26, 6:45-9 p.m.
Ages 18+

What’s more fun than a Nerf battle? A Nerf battle in the library after hours! We’re taking over the library for an epic Nerf war after the library closes. Register with your RHPL card, which can admit up to two people.

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.

Books by the Bus

Mondays: June 6, July 11 & August 1, 3:45-4:15 p.m.
Pine Ridge Apartments.
Tuesdays: June 14, July 5 & August 9, 7:30-8 p.m.
Hampton Community Center.
Wednesdays: June 22, July 20 & August 17, 9:45-10:15 a.m.
Borden Park.
Thursdays: June 30, July 28 & August 25, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Brewster Elementary School.

Visit RHPL’s Community Bookmobile for stories, songs, and rhymes. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit by the bus!

PAWS for Reading

Wednesdays: June 15 & 29, July 6, 6-7 p.m. Rochester Estates.
Thursdays: July 14 & August 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Northridge Apartments

PAWS for Reading returns with Amanda and her dog, Abby. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit by the Community Bookmobile and read to Abby!

FRIENDS

Programs are offered, in part, with financial support from Friends of RHPL.
DID YOU KNOW YOUR RHPL CARD HOLDS THE KEY TO AMAZING SUMMER ADVENTURES?

The Michigan Activity Pass offers several options, including free admission and discounted admission to select partner destinations. Visit plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass and schedule your next summer visit to cool sites, parks, museums, theaters, and more across Michigan. Use your MAP while on vacation! Passes may be printed, but we encourage you to use mobile passes for convenience.

Explore with RHPL and make this a memorable summer experience!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, July 18, 12-6 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Visit RHPL and donate blood with the American Red Cross! According to the Red Cross, donors must be in good health and feeling well, at least 16 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. For more information about donating blood, visit redcrossblood.org.

50 BOOKS IN A YEAR READING CHALLENGE


In addition to summer reading, RHPL is also offering a year-long reading challenge. Read 50 books this year for a chance to win prizes all year long! You can register for this challenge anytime during the year by visiting rhpl.beanstack.org or downloading the mobile app for Android and Apple devices. Share your reads on social media using #RHPLReads.

RHPL & ROCHESTER WRITERS SEEK LOCAL AUTHORS FOR 4TH ANNUAL ROCHESTER AUTHOR FAIR

Are you a published local author? If so, apply to be a part of the 4th Annual Rochester Author Fair and share your traditionally published or self-published titles with the public. This year’s fair is on Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2022, in the library’s Multipurpose Room.

To apply, visit rhpl.org/authors and fill out the application. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on July 29, 2022. Twenty local authors will be selected and notified by early September.
EXPLORE WITH RHPL

Explore with RHPL and discover reads, resources, and displays curated by our librarians that commemorate annual historical celebrations. Among the annual celebrations happening this summer is Pride Month in June. Pride Month honors the historic 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, which helped spark the modern gay rights movement. Visit rhpl.org/explore for reads and resources to learn more.

June 14 is Flag Day! Visit RHPL to see our display for Flag Day, which commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The display will include images and a brief history of the stars and stripes.

June 19 is Juneteenth, which is the oldest national celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Beginning in Galveston, TX, in 1865, the recognition of Juneteenth, also known as African American Emancipation Day, has spread across the United States and beyond. Visit rhpl.org/explore for a list of curated resources to learn more about this important day in American history.

August 9 is Book Lovers Day! This unofficial holiday encourages bibliophiles to celebrate reading and literature. So put away those devices and pick up a book to read (it would also count toward your Summer Reading Challenge, see page 4)!

MORE SUMMER FUN WITH RHPL’S INNOVATIVE ITEMS!

Have you checked out an innovative item yet? If not, don’t wait! There are tons of fun things to borrow for you to learn, play with, and discover. The outdoor games collection includes pickleball paddles and balls, yard dominoes, a Bocce ball set, and more!

For science fun, try out a telescope to view the summer skies or a home planetarium set. Need to work around the house? Borrow a gardening kit, tile cutter, or a cordless leaf blower.

There are many things at RHPL that you can try before you buy or use once or twice a year!
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: June 8, July 13 & August 10, 4-5 p.m. Discord & Conference Room A.
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.

TEEN CRAFTERNOON
Thursdays: June 9, July 14 & August 11, 7-8 p.m. Eureka Lab.
If you enjoy crafting, then join other teens and make unique items in the Eureka Lab.

PRIDE CRAFTERNOON
Saturday, June 25, 2-4 p.m. Conference Room A.
Do you celebrate Pride Month? If so, come to RHPL to create beautiful rainbow-colored buttons, wallets, and keychains.

TEEN VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT
Thursdays: June 16, July 7 & August 18, 6-8 p.m. Multipurpose Room.
Show your skills in one of our monthly summer video game tournaments! Prizes awarded each month.

June 16: Mario Kart 8 (Nintendo Switch)
July 7: Smash Brothers Ultimate (Nintendo Switch)
August 18: Classic Game Showdown (various)

RHPL PLAYER’S GUILD (RPG)
Thursdays: June 30, July 28 & August 25, 7-8 p.m. Conference Room A.
Join other teens for tabletop games, board games, card games, role-playing games, and more!

Interested in becoming a dungeon master for D&D or leading a specific board game? Contact RHPL’s teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org to learn how.
Label Making Drop-In  
**Thursday, June 30, 6-7:30 p.m.**
Sign up for a time to make labels in the makerspace. Personalize objects you have in mind, or make generic labels to fit anything.

Personalized Hats  
**Thursday, July 21, 4:30-6 p.m.**
Personalize a hat using RHPL’s new hat press! Choose heat transfer vinyl or sublimation to make a design. Hats provided.

Photo Puzzles  
**Saturday, July 23, 10-11:30 a.m.**
Personalized puzzles are a great way to play with a photo that is important to you. Bring a digital copy of the photo you want to use for your puzzle.

Personalized Leather Keychain or Luggage Tag  
**Wednesday, July 27, 6-7 p.m.**
Personalized leather keychains or luggage tags add style to your bags! Nobody will question whose it is, but they will ask you where you got it!

Sublimation Coasters  
**Saturday, August 20, 10-11:30 a.m.**
Coasters are a fun way to display your favorite photos or artwork. Bring three digital photos ready to use.

Watercolor Artwork  
**Wednesday, August 31, 6-7 p.m.**
Try your hand at watercolor painting using simple techniques to get started.
Storytime at the Park
June 6, 14, 22 & 30, 11 a.m.
July 11, 19 & 27, 11 a.m.
August 4, 11 a.m.
All Ages. Rochester Lions Park (near Sunrise of Rochester Assisted Living across University Drive)
Join your favorite youth librarians for a fun storytime in the Rochester Lions park! Registration is not required.

Outdoor Explorers
Tuesdays: June & July, 10 a.m. Ages 3-6 (w/Caregiver). Rochester Rotary Gateway Park.
If you love to play outdoors, then come explore the world outside of RHPL with Ms. Wendy! Siblings are welcome, but projects are limited to registered patrons three to six years old.

Tiny Art Show
Monday, June 13. All Ages. Take & Make Kit.
Create a tiny masterpiece to display at RHPL’s Tiny Art Show! Paintings must be returned to the Youth Services desk by Friday, July 1, to be included in the show.

Paint an Ancient Greek Pot
Friday, June 17, 2 p.m. Ages 4+. West Lawn.
Turn plain terracotta pots into ancient Grecian urns using black paint. Wear painting clothes!

OpenSpot Theatre
Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m. Ages 8+. Multipurpose Room.
Join this theater class for all abilities and learn singing, acting, and dancing from the professionals at OpenSpot Theatre. Attendees will present a show at the end of the program!

Baby Play
Saturday, June 25 & August 3, 11 a.m. Ages 0-2. West Lawn.
Bring your little ones to the library to enjoy some water and other sensory play activities. Dress them in clothing that can get wet or messy.
Picnic Flicks  
*Wednesdays: June 29, July 13 & August 17, 7 p.m.*  
*All Ages. Multipurpose Room.*

Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy a movie at the library! Movie titles to be announced.

Picnic & Pages  
*Thursdays: June 30, July 28 & August 25, 6 p.m.*  
*Grades 4-6. West Lawn.*

Bring a blanket (we’ll bring the pizza) and join our Tween Book Club for an outdoor picnic! We’ll select a book at the first meeting, discuss the book at the second meeting, and watch a movie based on the book at the third meeting.

Wizarding World’s Pygmy Puff  
*Tuesday, July 5, 11 a.m.*  
*Grades 4-6. Multipurpose Room.*

Create your own little Pygmy Puff from Harry Potter.

Make Your Own Bowtruckle  

Make a little Bowtruckle from the world of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.*

Shake That ‘Chute! Storytime  
*Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. All Ages. West Lawn.*

Come and enjoy an evening playing parachute games with RHPL’s giant ‘chute! In between games (and while we catch our breath), Ms. Kim and Ms. Wendy will read a few fun books.

Fandom Trivia Smackdown: Harry Potter  
*Saturday, July 16, 2-4 p.m. All Ages. Multipurpose Room.*

Are YOU the biggest Potterhead? If so, bring your team of up to six people and duke it out with other mega-fans for bragging rights and prizes.

Sunshine Summer Journal  

Create a bright, colorful summer journal to collect and record your summer memories.

Wand Making  
*Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. Grades 4-6. Multipurpose Room.*

Make a wand in honor of Harry Potter’s birthday!

Pop Bottle Rockets!  
*Friday, August 5, 2 p.m. Ages 6-12 (w/Caregiver). West Lawn.*

What do you get when you put baking soda and vinegar into an old pop bottle? Kaboom! Students must be at least six years of age or older and have a guardian present. Supplies are included.

Summer Reading Finale Party  
*Saturday, August 13, 1-3 p.m. All Ages. West Lawn.*

Celebrate the end of a successful summer reading challenge! Pick up your free book and enjoy some outdoor fun. RHPL’s community partner, Neighborhood House, will have a drop-off location for a back-to-school donation drive. Bring pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers, and other supplies needed for kids to have a successful year at school.
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LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday...............closed (June 5-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.

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