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RHPL LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

*Redesign inspired
by the community*

LIBRARY DEBUTS A NEW MINI BOOKMOBILE

*Old vehicle to
be retired*

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This icon indicates registration is required. Many programs require registration with an active RHPL card unless otherwise noted. To apply for an RHPL card, visit rhpl.org/use-the-library/get-a-library-card.



A LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

In the spring and fall, I offer behind-the-scenes tours of the library. Tours begin in one of the library's most popular spaces, Youth Services or the Youth Room. In 2020, this room was renamed the Christine Lind Hage Youth Room in honor of our previous library director, who served RHPL for more than 30 years.

During tours of the Youth Room, I like to share my favorite facts about this space and ask tour-goers fun questions. For example, did you know the 750-gallon freshwater fish tank in the room was donated by Friends of RHPL when the building opened in 1992? It is one of the most memorable features inside the library. The freshwater aquarium houses fish rescued from poor aquatic environments.

Did you know there are specialized rooms and study nooks in the Youth Room, along with ten zones or spaces designed for dedicated purposes? Some of these spaces include a story-time room, an Explorer Zone for educational toys, and an Alice in Wonderland-themed study space. We are honored that RHPL serves as one of the first spaces where children practice sharing in a social setting.

The Youth Room also has six major collection groups shelved according to reading level and/or material format. The youngest learner collections are positioned furthest from the Youth Room entry door. This allows for the maximum safety of our littlest patrons who practice crawling and walking -- often for the first time.

For nearly 100 years, families and children have enjoyed educational services and fun playtime activities in the local public library. Our youth services team partners with parents to foster exploration, discovery, and learning for developing minds. I invite you to learn more about our Youth Room in this issue of *News & Views*.

Juliane Morian



SAVE THE DATE! FRIENDS' HOLIDAY HOME TOUR IS DECEMBER 11

Make sure your holiday plans include one of Rochester's most popular holiday attractions—the Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library's Holiday Home Tour 2022! The tour takes place on Sunday, December 11, from noon to 5 p.m. and showcases five area homes decorated in high style for the holidays. Also part of the tour is the gift boutique located at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

After touring the homes and shopping for holiday gifts, partake in cider and donut refreshments at the museum. A special perk for tour ticket holders is free admission to the museum's annual model train display.

"The tour presents some singular design options and ideas," Friends president Ron Meegan said, "and shouldn't be missed by anyone who enjoys this time of the year."

WINTER USED BOOK SALE

The Friends Fall Used Book Sale begins with a Members Night on January 25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Nonmembers may purchase a Friends membership at the door. Public sale hours are:

Thursday, January 26, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Friday, January 27, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sunday (Bag Day), January 29, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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

FASHION FORWARD AT THE FRIENDS STORE

Michigan winters can be brutal. But Friends Library Store volunteers and library staff fend off the cold in stylish, warm, cute, and cozy scarves, gloves, mittens, and earmuffs found at the gift boutique. Come in and shop soon for the best selection.



WINE, WIT & WISDOM 2023

The Friends of RHPL are currently planning the eighth annual Wine, Wit, & Wisdom fundraiser for April 29, 2023. Attendees receive dinner, drinks, and dessert and can choose up to two presentations on topics ranging from Mackinac Island history and the history of Selfridge Air Force to DIY wine making and what it takes to be a master gardener. Tickets will go on sale in early 2023.

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Top 5 Reasons to Visit the Youth Room at RHPL



Rochester Hills Public Library is a Family Place Library

Rochester Hills Public Library (RHPL) joined the Family Place Libraries™ network in 2013. As a result, RHPL can offer unique and enjoyable programs and services for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, parents, and caregivers. The Parent/Child Workshop is the principal program of Family Place Libraries™. Rich with toys, books, and art activities, Parent/Child Workshops offer critical play-based learning, along with opportunities for families to spend time together, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. RHPL offers three workshops per year in late Fall, early Spring, and mid-Summer. RHPL provides families with many resources to nurture their child's development during the first years of life, helping to ensure children enter school ready and able to learn.

In-person story groups

Story groups introduce young children to early literacy concepts and practices to prepare them for future reading success. RHPL offers a variety of story group options during six-week sessions: Baby Play, Toddler STEAM, Preschool STEAM, Music & Movement, and Family Fun. Story group activities are designed and selected by librarians for specific age groups; parent/caregiver participation is a must in all groups. To accommodate as many children as possible, each child should register for only one story group per session. One registration signs your child up for the entire six-week session. For more about Winter story groups, visit our online program calendar at calendar.rhpl.org. Registration for Winter story groups begins on Monday, January 2, at 9 a.m.

The Explorer Zone

The Youth Room's Explorer Zone has new toys and other learning materials for kids to discover, play, and learn. The Explorer Zone is a welcoming space where families with young children can relax, interact, and read together. Toys and other learning materials are selected by RHPL's Early Childhood Specialist Wendy Lehman to maximize learning opportunities in a fun and inviting way. "Studies have shown that young children learn best through hands-on play," said Lehman, "and we want to provide learning opportunities for patrons of all ages at RHPL." Please use these new toys gently and with care, as you would with your favorite toy at home. The Explorer Zone is open during regular library hours but closes 30 minutes early each day for cleaning and sanitizing.

Personalized book picks & surprise book bundles

Is your child looking for a book suggestion? Are you looking to pick up books for your child without spending time searching the stacks? Call the Youth Room or visit the Youth Services page at rhpl.org and click Personal Recommendation or Find Your Next Read. Fill out the short form to receive a prompt reply from a Youth librarian during regular business hours. Librarians will use the information you provide to suggest new titles or place a surprise book bundle on the hold shelf or at the drive-thru window for you.

Librarians are your greatest resource

RHPL librarians can connect you to the information you need through books, databases, community resources, or other avenues. Call or visit the Youth Room to talk with a librarian today!

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

Vision Board Experience: Envision Your Best Year

Thursday, January 5, 7 p.m.
Multipurpose Room. Teens & Adults.

Spend an evening with wellness and mindset coach Courtney Jones, and create your life vision for the New Year. Supplies provided. Space is limited.



Author Talk: A Fight for Full Disclosure

Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Dr. Stanley Berry, renowned chair of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Wayne State University School of Medicine, discusses his debut novel, *A Fight for Full Disclosure*.

Sugar Blues

Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.



Do you have sugar cravings? Holistic health coach Shpresa Toma explains how to kick those cravings away by explaining what sugar cravings tell us and if watching television can make us more hungry, tired, and overweight.

Regain Bladder & Bowel Control

Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Dr. Jasneet S. Bhullar, MD, a colorectal surgeon with Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital, discusses matters related to bladder and bowel health.



Maximize Your Medicare

Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

Jae Oh, author of *Maximize Your Medicare*, explains Medicare Parts

A & B, prescription drug benefits, Medigap and Medicare Advantage, and the Inflation Reduction Act in full detail during this information-only presentation.

Living with Dementia Part 4: The Art of Caregiving

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

Vicki Klanke, RN, CDP, discusses the caregiving journey and teaches skills to provide care with confidence and compassion.

FILMS

The Season in the Mist: A Story of Sikhs in America

Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m. Not Rated
Multipurpose Room.

Directed by sociology professor and filmmaker Arifa Javed, this Michigan-made documentary interviews members of the Sikh minority among Indian immigrants and addresses the contributions Sikhs have made to American society.

The Last Black Man in San Francisco

Tuesday, February 7, 6 p.m. Rated R (17+)
Multipurpose Room.

The Last Black Man in San Francisco is a poignant and sweeping story of hometowns and how they're made—and kept alive—by the people who love them. Starring Jimmie Fails and Danny Glover. Based on a true story.

HISTORY, ART, & CULTURE



Smart Towns: Pearl Harbor & the American Response

Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Frank Cardimen, a professor at Oakland University, discusses the December 7, 1941, battle at Pearl Harbor and the American ingenuity and courage following that horrible day.

Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas

Thursday, December 8, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Historian and photographer Jeff Morrison presents over 100 photos of architectural sculptures found on buildings throughout Michigan — from Ann Arbor to Ontonagon and all points in between.



A Celebration: The Detroit Lions

Tuesday, January 10, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Are you a Detroit Lions fan? Join sports writer, author, and historian Marty Gitlin for a fun and engaging evening that covers the most interesting and greatest teams, players, and events in Detroit Lions' history.



Special Event: The Refugee Experience

Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Hear the stories and discover the journey Sayed Nizamuddin Hashimi and his family took from Kabul, Afghanistan, to Rochester, Michigan, in this personal and poignant talk about their refugee experience.

Michigan Beer: A Heady History

Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Join author Patti Smith for an intoxicating ride through the beers of the early settlers to Prohibition and those that remained standing after two world wars.

Bulgaria & Balkan Wanderings

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

Mariya Fogarasi is our tour guide to Bulgaria, its history, festivals, customs, and cuisine, along with a few surrounding points of interest.

Hell from the Heavens

Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Author John Wukovits discusses one of the most amazing World War II exploits featuring the crew of the USS Laffey in April 1945. Learn how his book on the subject became a major motion picture directed by Mel Gibson and about his role as film advisor.



Basic Technology Help for Seniors

Saturdays: December 17, January 14 & February 11, 12 p.m. Conference Room A.

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

SCIENCE & THE ENVIRONMENT

Winter Wildlife

Tuesday, December 13, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Dinosaur Hill's Amanda Felk explores some of the adaptations that all-weather wildlife have to keep warm and stay fed during the coldest time of the year.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES

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

Clarke, Reed, and Meadows

Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

Singer-songwriter Ryne Clarke, guitarist/frontman David Reed of Short Panic, and classically-trained vocalist/violinist

Megan Meadows perform their folk originals, as well as folk tunes from the 1960s and 70s.



The Boblo Islanders

Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

Spend a winter afternoon with this Detroit-based quartet and listen to songs from the 1920s and 30s for Hawaiian guitar.



Matthew Ball (The Boogie Woogie Kid)

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

Back by popular demand, Matthew Ball (aka The Boogie

Woogie Kid) returns to RHPL for a family concert featuring New Orleans songs, Boogie-Woogie piano, and Swing-Era favorites from the American Songbook.



WRITING & BOOKS

Scribes Writers' Workshop

Wednesdays: December 14, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, 1 p.m. Conference Room A.

This drop-in workshop is for those who love to write, want to learn from experienced writers, or let their writing ideas flow. Members write on a given topic or thought starter and give and take feedback. Registration is not required.

Books on Tap

Monday, January 9, 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. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Copies of *Noise: A Flaw in Human Judgment* by Daniel Kahneman, Olivier Sibony, and Cass R. Sunstein can be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk upon registration or download an eBook edition using the Libby app.

RHPL's Writers Group

Tuesdays: January 10 & February 14, 6:30 p.m.
Conference Room A.

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

Between the Lines

Tuesdays: January 17 & February 21, 2 p.m. Conference Room A.
Thursdays: January 19 & February 23, 2 p.m. Conference Room A.

Join the library's lively monthly book discussion! Copies of the book can be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk upon registration or download an eBook edition using the Libby app.

January 17: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

January 19: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

February 21: *Cold Vanish: Seeking the Missing in North America's Wildlands* by Jon Billman

February 23: *Disability Visibility* by Alice Wong

POP CULTURE & GAMES

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

Mondays: December 12 & February 13, 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.

Adult Board Game Night

Tuesdays: December 20, January 17, February 21, 7 p.m. Conference Room B.



Calling all tabletop board gamers! Looking to play a new game or maybe meet fellow board gaming friends? Choose one of our games or bring one from home!

Nerf at Nite

Friday, January 27, 6:45 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 up to two people with your RHPL card beginning December 27.

CRAFTS

Register for craft programs to reserve supplies, pick up your kits on the dates listed, and take them home! Once registered, you can pick up kits at the Adult Reference Desk.

Snow-Frosted Candy Jar

December 6-13. Take & Make.

Make a "snow-covered" candy jar using epsom salt, glitter, and a recycled container. Candy included.



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: *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Thursdays: December 1 - February 23, 10 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.

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

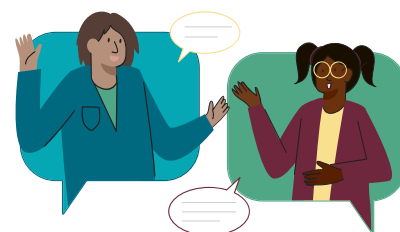
Tuesdays: January 10 - March 28, 10 a.m.

Thursdays: January 12 - March 30, 10 a.m.

Saturdays: January 14 - April 1, 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 will introduce you to new friends for a great time!



American Culture

Mondays: February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10 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 about the customs and manners of American culture.

50 Books in a Year

January-December 2023.
rhpl.beanstack.org.

Make 2023 the year to read! Challenge yourself to read more this year and keep track of your reading using RHPL's online Beanstack account or app for Apple and Android devices. Read and earn badges to win prizes and entries to grand prize drawings at the end of 2023.



Library Holiday Hours

RHPL reminds patrons that the library will be closed December 24-25 and December 30-January 1 for the holidays.

GetSetUp!

The Library of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) have partnered to provide virtual classes for seniors in Michigan. GetSetUp allows older adults to access free classes from the comfort of home or in the library. Topics include digital literacy, financial planning, aging in place, exercise programs, and more. Visit www.getsetup.io/partner/michigan today to begin learning for a lifetime.



RHPL has some exciting news to share with you! The library has a new website!

The site's design was created by RHPL's web team and contractor LocalHop, but led by feedback from the community. RHPL's web team engaged the community in frequent usability tests that included one-on-one sessions where patrons provided candid comments on what worked and what didn't. If you were one of the patrons randomly selected to help test the site, thank you for your assistance.

Headquartered in Pontiac, MI, LocalHop is the team behind RHPL's online program calendar and room reservation tools.

Some of the great new features at rhpl.org include:

- Easy online catalog access (the most popular feature)
- Featured events and news on the home page
- Quick links to frequently used services such as new items and getting a library card
- Easy access to premium articles and databases
- Recommended reading carousels for every department
- Updated and streamlined information and online services



RHPL ANNOUNCES THE PURCHASE OF A NEW MINI-BOOKMOBILE

After much thought and planning, RHPL has retired the current Community Bookmobile. Over the past several months, the 30-year-old vehicle has had maintenance issues that mechanics cannot replicate, diagnose, or fix. RHPL purchased the bookmobile from another library in 2018. The bus served two libraries and thousands of patrons in two different parts of the country. But after decades of service, it's time to let it go.

RHPL has provided bookmobile service for 18 years. For the past four years, the library's beloved Community Bookmobile visited over 20 locations across the greater Rochester area each week to bring the library to where patrons live. It held over 3,000 popular items for all ages and was a favorite family destination for many.

However, when one door closes, usually another opens. RHPL is pleased to announce that it has purchased a new Dodge ProMaster 3500 utility van to replace the community bookmobile. While the van is smaller than the retired bookmobile (and temporary until RHPL can purchase a larger bus), it will be outfitted with shelving and on the road in a few months.

The new mini-bookmobile will provide similar service with some minor adjustments. RHPL patrons will still pick up holds and choose items from a small collection of materials. Our Outreach Services team is working on ways to improve the bookmobile experience for patrons and is excited to offer consistent, reliable, and friendly mobile service to the community once again.



Help us name our mini-bookmobile!

To help celebrate the new vehicle, RHPL would like you to help us name it! The naming contest is open only to individuals who are RHPL cardholders in good standing. Only one entry per RHPL library card number. The contest is open to all ages.

Proposed names for the new mini-bookmobile should reflect the service it provides the community. All reasonable submissions will be considered. Please keep name entries in good taste. RHPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposed names.

One winner will receive a dictionary/thesaurus and a downtown Rochester gift card. If there are multiple submissions of the same winning name, RHPL will conduct a random drawing to decide the winner.

To enter, visit <https://bit.ly/3T9HJ2Q> and fill out the contest form by 5 p.m. on December 31, 2022. RHPL will announce the winning entry on January 16, 2023, on the library's website and Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

Good Luck!

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.

VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

Wednesdays: December 7, January 11 & February 8, 7 p.m. Check the Program Calendar for Room

Locations

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



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesdays: December 14, January 18 & February 15, 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 Services tab under Departments at rhpl.org. Questions? Contact RHPL's teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org.



TEEN CRAFTERNOON

Mondays: December 19, January 16 & February 20, 7 p.m. Eureka Lab.

Do you enjoy crafting? Then join other crafty teens to make unique items in RHPL's makerspace.

RHPL PLAYERS GUILD (RPG)

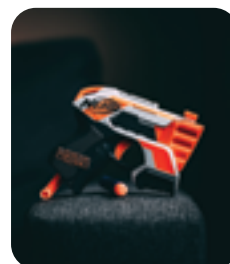
Wednesdays: December 21, January 25 & February 22, 7 p.m. Conference Room A.

Come to RHPL to play 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.

NERF AT NIGHT

Friday, January 20, 6:45 p.m. Ages 13-18.

Don't let the adults have all the fun! This time, teens take over the library for an epic Nerf war after the library closes. Register up to two people with your RHPL card.





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3D Design Drop-in Workshop

Wednesdays: December-January, 5 p.m.

Do you want to learn more about 3D design? Come to these workshops for help with onshape, tinkercad, and inkscape. Registration is not required. Come with specific questions or ideas.



Engraved Holiday Ornaments

Thursday, December 8, 6 p.m. All Ages.

Back by popular demand! Use RHPL's Glowforge laser cutter to engrave a personalized holiday ornament or decor item.

Wooden Picture Transfer Ornament or Coaster

Monday, December 12, 6 p.m.

Make personalized wooded ornaments for holiday decor, or turn them into coasters for unique gifts!

Personalized Mugs

Thursday, January 5, 6 p.m. Grades 3+.

Use RHPL's Cricut mug press to make a personalized mug. Create designs or use photos to press onto your mug.



Personalized Stamps

Monday, January 23, 6 p.m.



Have a unique name you can never find on a stamp? Do you have something to say but can't find the right stamp in the store? Then come to RHPL to make a personalized statement stamp!

Tweens Hat Making

Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. Ages 11-13.

Calling all tweens! Make personalized hats using RHPL's Cricut machine and hat press.

DIY Candles

Monday, February 27, 6 p.m.

Are you interested in making your own candles but unsure how to begin? Tired of the same old scents and wish you could create your own? If so, this class will show you how!



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. Registrations for youth programs open one week before the programs begin.

Library After Hours Winter Fun

Friday, January 13, 6-8 p.m. All Ages.

Come in and warm up during a festive winter weekend. Enjoy live music upstairs for adults and downstairs for kids, activities, and more!

Storybook Trail

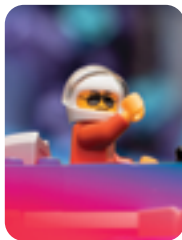
December 1-31. All Ages. Downtown Rochester.

Visit Downtown Rochester's Big Bright Light Show and take a walk on our storybook trail. We'll provide a map to guide your journey to each page. Enjoy the story at your own pace, and make sure to stop in at each participating business!

LEGO® Club

Tuesdays: December 13, January 31, & February 28, 6-8 p.m. Ages 5-12. Story Room.

Calling all builders! It's time to let your imagination soar! We provide the LEGO® bricks you bring your imagination! Please leave your personal bricks at home. RHPL will display your creations each month in the Youth Room.



Evening Family Storytime

Wednesdays: December 14, January 11, & February 8, 7 p.m. All Ages. Story Room.

Looking for family fun? Join Wendy for a special monthly themed storytime and project for the whole family. Each date has separate registration.

Nightmare Before Christmas

Saturday, December 17, 2 p.m. Grades 5-12.

Rated PG. Multipurpose Room.



Is your holiday spirit feeling a little spooky this year? Dress-up in a costume or ugly sweater and make some gingerbread houses. We'll end the afternoon with the movie, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

Picnic Flicks!

Wednesdays: December 28, January 25, February 22, 6-7:30 p.m. All Ages. Multipurpose Room.

Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy a movie on the big screen!

Noon Year Party!

Thursday, December 29, 11 a.m. All Ages. Story Room.

Listen to a story, create crafts, and make your wishes for the New Year. We'll ring it in by throwing confetti and counting down to the "noon" year together.



Winter Story Groups

Registration for the Winter Story Group session begins on Monday January 2. Story Groups begin the following week and continue for six weeks. Different groups are offered during this session. Detailed descriptions of each group can be found online at calendar.rhpl.org.

National Day of Service Project

*Monday, January 9-January 16. All Ages.
Youth Room.*

Add your ideas for honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy to our community installation and put your ideas into action by donating items to the Neighborhood House's Clothes Closet.



How to Catch a Unicorn

*Monday, January 9, 6 p.m.
Ages 3-6. Story Room.*

Enjoy a reading of *How to Catch a Unicorn*, followed by unicorn crafts.

Free Play Saturday!

*Saturdays: January 14, & February 11, 10 a.m.
Ages 1-5. Multipurpose Room.*

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



LEGO®

Master Challenge

*Thursday, January 12, 6 p.m. Ages 5+.
Story Room.*

Do you have what it takes to be a master builder? Join us for a LEGO® design challenge to make your best creation!

Mail a 'Zine to a Friend!

*Monday, January 16, 2 p.m.
Ages 6+. Story Room.*

Do you know friends or family members love to get mail? Well, let's mail them a 'zine! Learn what a 'zine is and how they are made.



Pet Vet Clinic

*Saturday, January 21,
2-3 p.m. Ages 3-8.
Story Room.*

You're the veterinarian today. Give your favorite stuffed pet a check-up. All supplies provided.

Cartography (Map-Making) Certification!

Friday, February 10, 2 p.m. Ages 6+. Story Room.



Where can you go to learn about maps? To the library, of course! Learn how to read a map and map symbols, then make your own. At the end of the lesson, students will receive cartography certification!

Valeween Rocks

*Monday, February 13, 6 p.m. Ages 4-9.
Story Room.*

Enjoy a monster Valentine's Day story, then paint a spooky Valentine's Day rock.



Pigeon Pageant

*Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. Ages 3-8.
Story Room.*

Read some of Mo Willems' pigeon adventures with a Youth librarian, and then create your own!

Hybrid Creature Creator

Monday, February 20, 2 p.m. Ages 6+. Story Room.

Use your imaginations to create and design new creatures! What traits and characteristics will your creature have? It's up to you!

Straw Weaving

*Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m. Ages 9-12.
Story Room.*

Calling all Tweens! Come to craft night at the library to learn straw weaving and make bracelets, headbands, necklaces, or bookmarks.



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