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REGISTRATION & LIBRARY CARD INFORMATION

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

Rochester Hills Public Library is the largest library in Oakland County with nearly 110,000 people calling RHPL their home library. The breadth and depth of our service means that we have a broad array of collections and programs to match your interests. I love meeting new patrons and asking them what they are reading, listening to, or watching. When there is a spark of connection, it brings a smile to my face, and when there is a new topic, author, or interest shared with me, I marvel at just how big and diverse our community truly is. The library is a space where you can mingle and meet people who are similar and, perhaps more importantly, different from you. In his book, *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life*, Eric Klinenberg writes that, "Libraries are the kinds of places where ordinary people with different backgrounds, passions, and interests can take part in a living democratic culture. They are the kinds of places where the public, private, and philanthropic sectors can work together to reach for something higher than the bottom line."

This summer at the Rochester Hills Public Library, our unofficial theme is connection. You'll see opportunities throughout the summer months to reflect on what makes you unique and yet, still connects you to your neighbor. We will have a collaborative art project that builds on the links we share. We are hosting a blood drive to physically link to you to your neighbor through connection and donation. The library is also linking efforts with WDIV-TV to create a fulfilling feedback loop between the community and media outlets as part of a pilot project to serve communities through the region.

In this edition of *News & Views* you'll read about our Summer Reading Program as a link between spring and fall. You will understand how librarians link learning to read, to reading to learn. And finally, you'll browse through all our programs and services that allow you to make your home library a link to lifelong learning. We can't wait to connect with you this summer!

Juliane Morian

FRIENDS

SUMMER USED BOOK SALE

The Friends Summer Used Book Sale begins with a Members Night on July 26 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friends memberships will be available for purchase at the door. Public sale hours:

Thursday, July 27, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Friday, July 28, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Monday (\$5 Bag Day), July 31, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

DONATE & HELP RHPL!

All money donated to Friends supports library programs as well as special projects, activities, and acquisitions over those provided by the general library budget. The aquarium, public computers, concert series, and more have all been thanks to Friends funding. Donating to Friends helps keep the library vibrant and contemporary! For more information, visit RHPL.org.

IN MEMORIAM: MILLIE KNUDSEN



Former Rochester Hills Public Library Board of Trustees Member and devoted library supporter Mildred "Millie" Knudsen passed away on March 17, 2023. Millie served from 1967-1972 and then again from 1993-1999 when the current

RHPL building was opened. In the gardens, visitors can find two redbud trees that were planted in her honor. RHPL offers sincere condolences to the Knudsen family.



THE FRIENDS STORE ROCKS

Our buyers sure had rocks on their minds this spring. They acquired the most exquisite collection of rocks, minerals and gemstones we have ever had in the store. We've always had amethyst, malachite, selenite, and blue chalcantite, but not like these. They also found some remarkable orthoceras and Petoskey stones for the fossil lovers. If you have a thing for rocks, come in soon to see. Selection is limited.

VOLUNTEER AT THE FRIENDS STORE

If you have a few hours a week, why not join our team of store volunteers? You'll have the first look at new merchandise, and get the satisfaction of supporting the library. Ask for a store volunteer application to go with your new treasure.

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SUMMER READING



Every summer, instead of winding down for the long, lazy days ahead, RHPL gears up for our months-long summer reading program. Instead of vacation, we roll up our (short) sleeves and offer energetic programming to encourage reading and connection.

Whether you're interested in encouraging your future reader, engaging your student, looking for your next read, or craving community fun, RHPL has something for you this summer. Just a few moments can allow you to participate in a community art project, donate back-to-school items to our community partner Neighborhood House, enjoy the beautiful gardens maintained by the Friends of the Library and the Rochester Pollinators, or simply enjoy a comfortable spot for an air-conditioned rest.

Pre-readers

Yes, even babies and toddlers can participate in our summer reading challenge. One of the best ways to encourage early literacy is to read to your child. This time spent reading together counts toward both you and your child's summer reading goals!

While your babies and toddlers can't read just yet, there are plenty of opportunities to support child development at RHPL. Our librarians are programming experts and ensure that RHPL's pre-school programming focuses on the five practices of early literacy: reading, singing, talking, playing, and writing. Attending summer programs and modeling everyday activities to enforce these principles will set your pre-reader up for success as they make their way to kindergarten.

Parents can also sign up for RHPL's Bright by Text program to get weekly tips on raising a reader and reminders about programs for our youngest patrons.





Kids, tweens, & teens

As the school year wraps up, parents are likely hearing the term "summer slide" more than ever before. Simply put, the summer slide is the learning-loss that can happen while kids are out of school over a prolonged period of time. Thankfully, the summer slide isn't inevitable, especially with a connection to RHPL.

RHPL's summer reading program is designed to encourage kids to keep learning by providing incentives to young readers, allowing them to choose their own reading materials and grow their home library. Our summer programming features family-friendly events, focusing on art, science, math, and reading. Families have access to materials available on the go through RHPL's online resources, STEAM kits, educational games, and countless hands-on items to continue learning when school is dismissed.



Adults

Summer can be the perfect time for tackling that "to read" list, expanding knowledge, and trying something new along the way! For parents and caregivers, this is an optimal time to model reading and learning habits to their child. Spending time reading and exploring demonstrates life-long learning without saying a word.

We invite adults of all ages to tap into their childhood wonder by fostering creativity and making ideas come to life in the Eureka Lab, trying a new technology or tool with an item from our Innovative Items Collection, and attending adult and family friendly programming throughout the season.

Register June 1!



Beginning June 1, sign up or log in using your existing account at rhpl.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app to register.



Read every week between Saturday, June 10 and Saturday, August 12. For every reading badge earned, you get an entry into our end-of-summer reading grand prize drawing.



Participate in our community activities for a chance to win even more prizes! Every activity badge earned automatically enters you to win a prize in the summer reading raffle, beginning Friday, July 14. Record your reading on the website or in the app. Everyone gets a free book at the end of summer just for reading.



Record your reading on our website or in the app and get a free book at the end of summer, just for reading.



Check our online event calendar at calendar.rhpl.org for fun library programs all summer long.

ADULT PROGRAMS



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Ten Keys to Healthy Eating

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

Holistic Health Coach Shpresa Toma, BS, PTA, shares how to separate food facts from fiction. Learn about the best foods for optimal health, what to look for on food labels, and why some foods make you hungry.



Chair Yoga for All

Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Join Natasha Kumar, certified yoga teacher, for a 45-minute workshop on chair yoga to gently work your joints and core to build strength and flexibility. This workshop is for all, but especially for those who sit for extended periods of time.

OCD Explained

Tuesday, June 20, 7 p.m., Multipurpose Room.

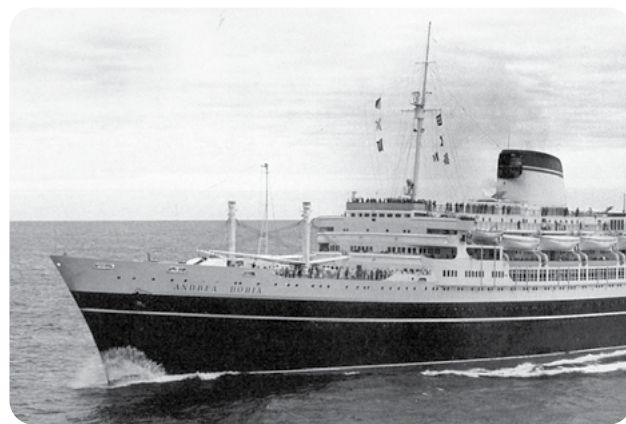
Join clinical psychologist Dr. Preeya Taormina, Ph.D., as she explains Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), what it is like to live with OCD, and common treatments. This program is great for those looking to support loved ones with OCD or for those who simply want to learn more.

HISTORY, ART, & CULTURE

I Survived the Andrea Doria Shipwreck! A Young Girl's Journey to Meet Her Mother

Thursday, June 8, 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Author and filmmaker Pierrette Simpson shares her tale of surviving one of the worst maritime disasters to occur in the United States — the sinking of the SS Andrea Doria off the coast on Nantucket, Massachusetts, in 1956.



Pedal the Past Bike Tour

Thursday, June 29, 6 p.m., Rochester.

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. The tour is approximately 1 ½ hours long with three miles of biking with frequent stops. Attendees may register for one of six time slots. Helmets are strongly encouraged. This event is in partnership with the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.



Shakespeare in Detroit's Black Classical Reading Project

Saturday, July 29, 2 p.m., Multipurpose Room.

Shakespeare in Detroit performs a reading of *God Kinda Looks Like Tupac*, written by Emilio Rodriguez. *God Kinda Looks Like Tupac* showcases the nuances of an ever changing society and a student body that has greater agency in the 21st century than ever before. This reading is presented by Shakespeare in Detroit's inaugural Black Classical Reading Project, an initiative to mine other classical canons, beyond the bard, and to introduce classical works of the future.

SCIENCE & THE ENVIRONMENT

Dragons & Damsels in the Sky

Thursday, August 10, 7 p.m., Multipurpose Room.



Dragonflies & damselflies have a fascinating lifecycle, from Bluets to Dragonhunters. Join Amanda Felk of Dinosaur Hill to discover how to identify the most common species found in Michigan, where they like to hang out, and what they hunt.

WRITING & BOOKS

Scribes Writers Workshop

Wednesdays: June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23, 1-4 p.m., Conference Room B.

This drop-in workshop is for those who love to write, want to learn from experienced writers or who want to let their writing ideas flow. Members will write on a given topic or thought-starter and give and take positive feedback. No registration required.



eBooks on Libby, by Overdrive

Saturdays: July 8, 15, and 22, 1 p.m., Conference Room A.

Whether you're a refugee from the discontinued Overdrive app or new to eBooks and eAudio entirely, learn how to set up the Libby app plus some tips and tricks for reading and listening.

July 8: Android devices (e.g. Samsung, Google, Motorola)

July 15: iOS devices (e.g. iPhone, iPad)

July 22: Kindle devices (e.g. Fire, Paperwhite)

Not sure what you have? Call the Adult Reference Desk at 248-650-7130 and staff will help you pick the right session.

Books on Tap

Monday, July 10, 7 p.m.,

Main Street Billiards, VIP room. 215 S. Main St.



Meet at Main Street Billiards for a casual book club in a relaxed setting. We'll talk about books and enjoy Main Street Billiards' delicious food and drinks.

July 10: *Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases* by Paul Holes

Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference desk upon registration.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Sheila Landis Sings a Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald



Wednesday, June 21, 6 p.m., West Lawn.

Award Winning jazz vocalist Sheila Landis performs a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, performing timeless selections from The Great American Songbook with support from Rick Matle.

Steel Drum Adventure!

Wednesday, July 12, 6 p.m., West Lawn

Join the Gratitude Steel Band for some American favorites, calypso, reggae, and more.



The Swing Syndicate Big Band

Wednesday, August 23, 6 p.m., West Lawn

The Swing Syndicate Big Band serves up jazz classics with a fresh, hip sound, including big band classics, funky blues, and hot swing.



POP CULTURE & GAMES

Adult Board Game Night

Tuesdays: June 6 & 20, July 18, August 1 & 15, 7-8:30 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!

Mondays: June 12 & August 14, 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.

June 12: 1980s Culture and Music

August 14: Name That Tune, Disney Edition

CRAFTS

Pride Crafts for Adults

Saturday, June 17, 1 p.m. Conference Room A

There's no better way to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month than with community, conversation, and crafts! We'll have supplies for custom buttons and perler beads, or bring a project of your own. No registration required. If you're busy or not an adult yet, check the online calendar for a Take & Make project!

Abstract Pet Portraits

Monday, August 7, 7 p.m., Conference Room A

Bring a 7x10" printed photo of your pet from the neck up to create a colorful portrait of your pet. Photos can be printed in black and white on computer paper; visit the second floor for a free print before the event.

OUTREACH SERVICES



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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.

Memory Café

Thursdays: June 22, July 20, & August 24, 2 p.m.

Multipurpose Room.

A Memory Café is a welcoming place for people with memory challenges and their care partners to socialize in a safe and friendly environment. Please note that the café is not a drop-off respite program. Questions? Call Outreach Services at 248-650-7150 or send an email to outreach@rhpl.org

ELL Book Club

House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Thursdays in June: 1st -29th 10- 11:30 a.m.

Are you an English language learner who wants to improve your reading skills this year? Meet with Rebecca and other English language learners to read a book and talk about it in a relaxed, casual setting. Copies of the book will be available in the outreach department. Contact rebecca.lafave@rhpl.org with questions.

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

Tuesdays: June 6-July 25, 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursdays: June 8-July 27, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturdays: June 10-July 29, 10-11:30 a.m.

Our 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 and a great time! For further information, contact Mariano at 248-202-9352 or Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org.



Books with BoB

Join Books on Board, or BoB, the mini-bookmobile for stories, rhymes, and songs! Bring the whole family and don't forget a blanket and snacks!

Tuesdays: June 13, July 11, & August 8
8-8:30 p.m., Hampton Community Center.

Wednesdays: June 21, July 19, & August 16
9:30-10 a.m., Borden Park

Thursdays: June 29, July 27, & August 24,
7:30-8 p.m., Brewster Elementary School

BoB Has a New Collection on Board

Wonderbooks are read-along audiobooks from the makers of Playaway and Launchpad. Readers can follow along as the title is read to them. We have selected titles for youth ages birth through upper elementary. To find what is available, simply search the catalog using "wonderbook" or ask a librarian! The books will be available for requests to pick up at any BoB stop.

Library Cards and the OPC

An article in the April 2023 OPC newsletter broadly stated that current OPC members qualified for an RHPL library card. All property owners and those who work within Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township are eligible to receive an RHPL library card, however, the library does not issue a full-service card outside of the legal service. Neighboring community members can consult with RHPL staff for reciprocal borrowing options.



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Leaf Printing

Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.

All ages. Eureka Lab.

Capture the beauty of nature with these ink prints. Have fun creating your own cards or stationary.

Photo Rocks/ Paper Weights

Tuesday, June 20, 6:00 p.m.

All ages. Eureka Lab.

Preserve your favorite photo or memory in a new unique way, on a rock. The rocks are great for paper weights or home decor.

Alcohol Ink Art

Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 p.m.

All ages. Eureka Lab.

Have fun blending colors and getting creative with these beautiful prints.

Nature Sun Catchers

Tuesday, July 25, 6:00 p.m.

Kids and teens. Eureka Lab.

Dress up your window by bringing the nature inside! These fun suncatchers are right with color and nature.

Sublimation Luggage Tags

Tuesday, August 1, 6:00 p.m.

Adults. Eureka Lab.

These personalized luggage tags will make your luggage pop next time you need to find it in the airport. Use a picture or a personalized design.

Personalized Stamps with the Glowforge

Tuesday, August 15, 6:00 p.m.

Adults. Eureka Lab.

Make your own personalized stamps, whether it be your address, business name or special image.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, July 17, 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



COMMUNITY CONNECTION INITIATIVE WITH WDIV



Rochester Hills Public Library and Local 4 are partnering to celebrate our community! WDIV-TV wants to hear all about the greater Rochester area and what makes our community such a great place

to live. Is it the downtown area, the parks, the restaurants? Scan the QR code to share your story.

NEW INNOVATIVE ITEMS CATEGORY

Our Innovative Items Collection (IIC) introduced a new category of adaptability items. Items in this category offer accommodation to individuals for tasks and productivity in their everyday lives. Items include crafting tools, gaming controllers, color blind glasses, and more.

JOIN A READING CHALLENGE WITH RHPL!

RHPL Summer Reading Challenge

Saturday, June 10 - Saturday, August 12.

All ages. rhpl.beanstack.org.

Starting June 1, register online for our summer reading challenge and earn prizes, just for reading! RHPL Summer reading challenge is back for another summer of fun, reading, and community. Register the whole family for the same challenge to hit your reading goals and make memories at the same time.



50 Books In a Year Reading Challenge

Now-December 2023. 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!



Find Your Next Read

Want to join a reading challenge but don't know where to start? Check out rhpl.org/explore to view recommended reads curated by our librarians that commemorate annual historical celebrations each month. If you like to read what's trending, our Buzz Reads collection features titles from up-and-coming authors, emerging voices, and a mix of genres and subjects with diverse characters, topics, and settings.

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

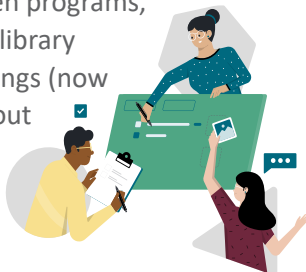
Wednesdays: June 7, July 5, & August 9, 7 p.m., Multipurpose Room.

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

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesdays: June 14, July 12, & August 16, 7 p.m., Conference Room A & Discord

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: June 28, July 26, & August 30, 7 p.m., Conference Room A.

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

If you are interested in becoming a dungeon master (DM) for D&D or leading a specific board game, email teen@rhpl.org for more information.

Nerf @ Nite

Friday, June 9, 6:45 - 9 p.m.

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. This event is limited to ages 13-18.

YOUTH SERVICES



Registration for Youth Department programs opens one week before the program date unless otherwise noted. Please register each child or tween attending with the child's RHPL card. Visit 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. Dates & times are subject to change.

Outdoor Explorers

Tuesdays in June & July, 10 a.m.

Ages 3-6, with caregiver. Rotary Park.

Come learn about nature as we explore the world outside of RHPL! Siblings are welcome, but projects will be limited to registered patrons 3-6 years old.



Baby Play

Mondays: June 5, July 3, & August 7, 2 p.m.

Ages 0-2 years. Library Lawn.

Dress your little one in their bathing suit and bring a towel to enjoy a story and outdoor baby pool play.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Saturday, June 10, 1-4 p.m. All ages. Library Lawn.



Join us for outdoor entertainment, cold treats, and summer fun. Representatives from RCS and local organizations will be on hand to answer questions and share information.

Bring some canned goods to donate to our community partner, Neighborhood House and keep your neighbors healthy and happy throughout the summer.

Storytime in the Park

June: 12, 20, & 28, July: 6, 10, 18, & 26,

August: 3 & 7, 11 a.m., All ages.

Rochester Lions Park.

Join your favorite youth librarians for a fun storytime in the park! No registration required.

Lego Club

Tuesdays: June 13,

July 18, & August 15

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Ages 5-12.

Multipurpose Room

Calling all builders! The Library will provide all the Legos for this free build program.



Pom-Pom Picture Frame

Monday, June 12, 6 p.m. Ages 6+. Storytime Room

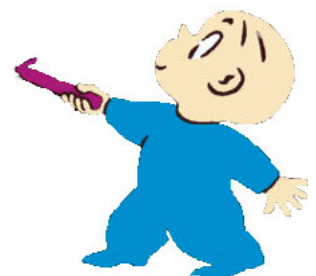
What's more fun than creating your very own picture frame (or white board!) with colorful pom-poms! Drop in anytime between 6-7:30 p.m. to complete the project.

Harold and the Purple Crayon Party

Wednesday, June 14, 6 p.m.

All ages. Multipurpose Room.

Join us for a celebration of all things Harold! We'll read the book, sing songs, play games, and make crafts together.



Mermaid Parade

Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m.

Ages 6+.

Multipurpose Room.

Come celebrate art and mythology with a series of mermaid crafts.



Butterfly Origami Tree Branch Mobile

Monday, June 19, 6 p.m. Ages 8-12.

Multipurpose Room.

Get your hands ready to do some folding! Learn how to make origami butterflies and then create a beautiful butterfly mobile using a branch from a tree.



Kids' Yoga

Thursdays: June 22, July, 20, August 17, 10 a.m.

Mondays: June 26, July 24, August 21, 10 a.m.

Ages 5+.

Multipurpose Room.

Join instructors from Updog Yoga as they guide you through a series of poses designed to help you reflect and connect. Bring a yoga mat or towel.

Picnic & Pages

Thursdays, June 22, July 20, & August 24, 6 p.m. Grades 4-6. Library Lawn.

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

Ms. Audrey with A World of Music & Stories, "All Together Now"

Friday, June 23, 2 p.m. All ages.

Multipurpose Room.

This concert features a delightful blend of heartwarming stories, beautiful music, a bit of humor and some very fascinating musical instruments from around the world.

Dog Toys

Monday, June 26, 6 p.m.

Ages 4 - 12. Multipurpose Room.

Bring old clothes that you don't use (old shirts, jeans, pillow cases or fleece fabric) to make dog toys with Ms. Lucia. Dog toys will be donated to the Michigan Humane society.



Cactus Rock Plants

Monday, July 10, 6 p.m. Ages 4-10.

Storytime Room.

Come and paint rocks like little tiny cactus plants.

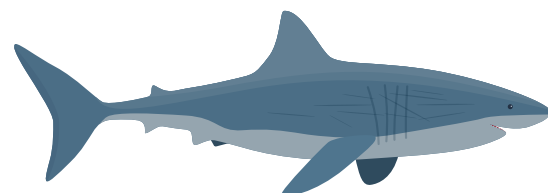


Shark Scavenger Hunting

Monday, July 10 - Thursday, July 13, all day.

All ages. Youth Room.

Kick off shark week with this shark themed scavenger hunt. Stop by the youth reference desk for directions. No registration required.



Bees in the D Presents: The Life of a Honey Bee

Friday, July 28, 2 p.m. All ages.

Multipurpose Room.

Participants will become a member of a Honey Bee hive and learn the different responsibilities and roles of a Honey Bee's short life.



Rubber Band Racers

Monday, July 24, 6 p.m. Ages 8-12.

Multipurpose Room.

Come learn about kinetic energy (and potential energy!) in the form of rubber band racers.

Woodland Creature Exploration

August 1-August 31, all day. All ages.

Youth Room.

Use clues to find all the woodland creatures hidden in the youth room, claim a cute reward if you find them all! Stop by the youth reference desk for directions. No registration required.



Parent-Tween Craft Night

Thursday, August 3, 6 p.m. Grades 4-6.

Multipurpose Room.

Enjoy quality time together while creating some beautiful crafts and memories.

Bluey Party

Wednesday, August 9, 6 p.m.

All ages. Multipurpose Room.

Join us for a celebration of all things Bluey! We'll read a book, sing songs, play games, and make crafts together.



Summer Reading Finale Party

Saturday, August 12, 1-3 p.m.

All ages. Library Lawn.

Celebrate the end of a successful summer reading challenge! Pick up your free book and enjoy some outdoor fun. Our community partner Neighborhood House will have a dropoff location for their back to school donation drive.

Dragon Eggs

Monday, August 21, 6 p.m. Ages 4-10.

Storytime Room.

Ever want your own little dragon egg? Come and join Ms. Lucia in creating your own little dragon egg.

Baby Prom

Saturday, August 26, 11 a.m. Ages 0-2 years.

Multipurpose Room.

Join us for a special baby celebration. Dance, play, and craft with your baby. Dressing up is encouraged but not required. Light refreshments provided. Siblings are welcome, but activities are limited to registered patrons ages 0-2.

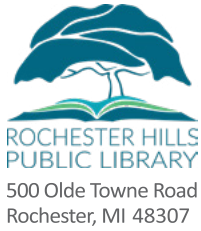
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All Year. Parents & Caregivers of children 0-8.

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