

# NEWS & VIEWS



ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER | FALL 2023



## **RHPL REVEALED**

*Get the most out of your library card*

## **LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR**

*With Rochester Writers*

## **MEMORY CAFE**

*Socialize in a safe and friendly environment*

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The library board meets monthly on the second Monday. Meetings are open to the public. Reasonable auxiliary aids & services are available.

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### REGISTRATION & LIBRARY CARD INFORMATION

Many programs require registration with an active RHPL card unless otherwise noted. To apply for an RHPL card, visit [rhpl.org/get-a-library-card/](http://rhpl.org/get-a-library-card/)



## A LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

A point of pride in Rochester is how much we value education and learning. According to 2020 census numbers, approximately 60% of adults in our community have obtained their bachelor's degree (or higher) compared to the national average of 32%. Greater Rochester is home to two universities, has the largest school district in Oakland County, boasts numerous award-winning educators, and offers enrollment in at least ten private schools in the library's service area.

We value education, but it can sometimes be a struggle to fund it. As many of us feel the pinch of inflation, we're getting creative on how to stretch the family dollar and squeeze value out of resources within reach.

As we head into fall and get reacquainted with the rigor and rhythm of the school year, I invite you to rediscover how RHPL can support lifelong learning and academic success. Your library card is the smartest card in your wallet; it connects you to collections and resources that would otherwise be cost-prohibitive on an individual basis. With an RHPL library card you have free subscriptions to the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*, access to equipment like instruments and telescopes, technology to borrow like laptops and mobile hotspots, and of course, we offer a collection of library materials to check out with an estimated value of \$5.9 million dollars.

This September, as we celebrate National Library Card Sign Up month, I encourage you to sign up for a card if you don't already have one and put the smartest card in your wallet to work for you. If you haven't been to the library recently, we invite you to come back and see how a contemporary library meets modern day needs. In this issue of *News & Views*, you'll read about a promotion called "RHPL Revealed" where we spotlight a collection, service, or initiative that you may not know about. We encourage you to explore these resources on your own or ask a staff member to tell you more. I look forward to seeing you at the library again soon.

*Juliane Morian*





## FALL USED BOOK SALE

The Friends' fall used book sale begins with a Members Night on October 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friends memberships will be available for purchase at the door. Public sale hours:

Thursday, October 19, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Friday, October 20, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 22 (\$5 Bag Day), 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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



## GIVING TUESDAY

November 28 is Giving Tuesday, a global day of generosity that encourages people to do good deeds and make a difference. This year, consider making a donation to the Friends by visiting [rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl](http://rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl). Every donation supports the library by raising money for projects, activities, or acquisitions in excess of those provided for by the general library budget at the discretion of the Friends Board of Directors.



## THE FRIENDS STORE HELPS SOOTHE

Rock and mineral lovers, rejoice! The Friends Store has some exquisite, collector-quality specimens available now. The stones may enhance your well-being as they add beauty to your home. Collectors believe that green fluorite inspires new ideas, quick thinking, and originality as it clears negative energy from the environment. Amber calcite may calm the overactive mind and help with sleep. The calm and soothing energy of rose quartz may lower stress and tension as it opens one's heart to compassion. Come in to see these beauties in person to appreciate them.

## 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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# SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

**First, a library riddle:  
What do a paella pan, a  
bard, podcasts, a stuffed  
giraffe, and a cardigan  
have in common?**

**Give up? Read on to find the  
connection.**

It's hard to overstate the value of a library card. After all, no other card in your wallet can offer free access to hundreds of thousands of books, magazines, movies, music, and audiobooks. Still, every year, we highlight the month not only to welcome new patrons but to remind our cardholders just how far their access stretches. Here are just a few features of your library that you may not be familiar with.



## **INNOVATIVE ITEMS COLLECTION**

This staff-curated collection allows you to try out a new tool or borrow for free those items you only need occasionally. Like that oversized paella pan that will not fit anywhere in your kitchen.



## **OAKLAND TALKING BOOK SERVICE**



The Oakland Talking Book Service (OTBS) is a free service available to people with visual or physical impairments or reading disabilities that make it difficult to read standard texts. Eligible Oakland County residents are able to listen to over 200,000 digital audiobooks

on the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) mobile app or with an easy-to-use machine. Visit [otbs.rhpl.org](https://otbs.rhpl.org) or call 248-650-7150 for more information.



## EUREKA LAB

This makerspace houses tools, software, and equipment to help you learn a new skill, grow your hobbies, or build pieces and parts from scratch. Now, instead of talking about starting that podcast, you can actually do it!



## KITS

MYLE (Make Your Life Easier) kits come with information and adaptable educational tools for people with dementia, sensory processing-related disorders, and visual and physical disabilities. Beyond storytimes and other high-quality programming, the Youth Department offers educational toys, games, and science experiments for checkout. You can even take home your very own Stretch the Giraffe!



## LIBRARY STAFF

The cardigan is a tad cliché, but more than anything else, the staff at RHPL are a precious resource that you cannot find anywhere but a library.



They are eager to show you everything the library offers from your new favorite book, to the tools for your next project, to free community resources and assistance. They have committed their careers to providing services and programming tailor-made to meet the needs of all community members. Plus, they really do have great taste in cardigans.

## Did you solve the riddle?

If you haven't been to RHPL in a while, stop by in person or online and see all that we have to offer. If you've never been, there is no better time than September to get a card and check out everything available to you at your library. Who knows what connections you'll make?

Visit [rhpl.org](http://rhpl.org) and click on Programs, Collections, and Services for more information.







## ADULT PROGRAMS

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit [rhpl.org/program-calendar](http://rhpl.org/program-calendar) or scan the QR code. Registration opens one month in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7130 or email [help@rhpl.org](mailto:help@rhpl.org)

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS



#### Pen Pal Program

*Begins Tuesday, Sept 5, 12 p.m. Adults.  
Adult Services Desk.*

Register for the Pen Pal Program and get paired with a local pal! No addresses or last names will be shared. Cardholder registration with a valid email begins August 5. Registration is required.

#### League of Women Voters Library Board Candidate Forum

*Wednesday, September 20, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room*

League of Women Voters of Oakland Area will moderate a forum for the five candidates running for library board in the November election. The forum will be recorded and available to view online and on Rochester Hills Public Television. No registration required.



#### COACH: Make The Big Time Where You're At Documentary Premiere

*Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room*

Garth Pleasant's influence on countless Rochester University students and the institution as a whole is unparalleled. Presented by Rochester University and Tell Studios, this 40-minute documentary is sure to inspire and entertain audiences of all ages, sports and non-sports fans alike. Registration is required.



#### RAYA Family Education Committee Speaker Series

*Tuesday, September 26, and  
Thursday, November 9, 7-8 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room*

The Rochester Area Youth Assistance League's Family Education Committee presents speakers relevant to Rochester Community parents and caregivers. Visit our program calendar for more information. Registration is required.

#### Water Infrastructure 101: What You Need to Know Below and Beyond

*Thursday, November 16,  
7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

This year's discussion, "Preparing the Road Ahead: Water and Infrastructure" will educate and provide a forum for the public to ask questions about the various aspects of water, infrastructure, roads, drains, and more. In collaboration with Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash and the Road Commission for Oakland County. Registration is required.



#### Leaders, Legends, and Liars

*Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

The Rochester community has had amazing leaders in science, agriculture, women's rights, surveying, medicine, and even leading a cult. Come and meet the leaders from our past. Presented by the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Registration is required.



## HISTORY, ART, & CULTURE

### Great British Baking Show Presentation with Claire Evans

*Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m. Adults.*

*Multipurpose Room & Online Zoom*

Join UK travel and relocation consultant Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by "The Great British Baking Show." Register for the Zoom link or to attend the viewing party in the Multipurpose Room. Registration is Required.

### Drop-In Genealogy Help

*Saturdays: September 9, October 14, 2 p.m.*

*Conference Room B*

Need a little help jump-starting your family research? Stop by and get tips and tricks from our volunteer genealogist, Heather! No registration required.



### Albert Kahn in Europe

*Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Join architectural historian Dale Carlson for a travelogue of architecturally significant European sites as seen through the prism of architect Albert Kahn's freehand drawings. Registration is required.

### Film: *Many Passages of Time*

*Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m.*

*Multipurpose Room*

This documentary, third in the *Peoples of India* series, tells a personal story of Indian Muslim immigrants in America with a unique religious and cultural identity. Registration is required.

### Yan's Chinese Tea Ceremony

*Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

With a deep appreciation for the artistry and significance of tea, Yan's Tea strives to share this cultural treasure with the world. The program also aims to educate and raise awareness about Chinese tea, its history, traditions, and diverse varieties. Registration is required.

## SCIENCE & THE ENVIRONMENT

### Let's Go Birding with Greg Bodker

*Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m.*

*Multipurpose Room*

Let's Go Birding uses photos, videos, and stories to prepare the audience to go on a birding adventure of their own in the field. Mr. Bodker will talk about places to go birding in our area and share personal stories and photographs from the field. Registration is required.

## WRITING & BOOKS

### Author Fair

*Saturday, November 25,*

*9 a.m.-3 p.m.*

*Multipurpose Room*



Hosted by RHPL and Rochester Writers, the Rochester Author Fair is an opportunity to discover local writers who are traditionally or self-published and represent many genres. No registration required.

### Books on Tap

*Mondays: September 11, November 13, 7 p.m.*

*Main Street Billiards, VIP Room*

Meet at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St) for a casual book club in a relaxed setting. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference desk upon registration. Registration is required.

**September 11:** *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

**November 13:** *Well, This Is Exhausting* by Sophia Benoit



## FALL CONCERT SERIES

*In the Multipurpose Room.*

*Registration is required for each concert.*

### Blue Water Ramblers

*Sunday, September 24, 2 p.m.*

The Blue Water Ramblers write and sing traditional music with modern themes - the songs of Michigan, America, and YOUR life. Registration is required.



### The Squirrel Hillbillies

*Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m.*



From deep within the urban forest of Pittsburgh's East End, the Squirrel Hillbillies often emerge to share their eclectic mix of acoustic roots music, spanning folk, country, and blues. Registration is required.

### South Street Dixie Band

*(See [calendar.rhpl.org](http://calendar.rhpl.org) for date and time)*

A traditional jazz and Dixie band using lead sheets and improvisation located in North Metro Detroit Michigan. Registration is required.

### Blackthorn

*Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m.*

Blackthorn welcomes you to the rich tapestry of Celtic music. Traditional songs of emigration, sea shanties, lively jigs and reels, and ancient airs combine with some of Ireland's best contemporary songs for a musical experience that captures the history and legend of Ireland and its people. Registration is required.



### Scribes Writers Workshop

*Wednesdays: September 13 and 27, October 11 and 25, November 8, 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 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.

### Readers Wanted!

*Saturday, September 16, 11 a.m.*

*Multipurpose Room*

Learn about online library resources to help you find your next great read and discover more about your favorite authors! Librarians will demonstrate how to use premium databases such as NovelList and Gale Literature Resource Center. Registration is required.

### Between the Lines

*Tuesdays: September 19, October 17,*

*November 14, 2 p.m. Thursdays: September 21, October 19, November 16, 7 p.m. Adults.*

*Conference Room A*

Join RHPL's lively monthly book discussion! Pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Reference Desk or download an audiobook edition using the Libby app. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**September 19:** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

**September 21:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose

**October 17:** *Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life with 600 Rescue Animals* by Laurie Zaleski

**October 19:** *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams

**November 14:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose

**November 16:** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury





## POP CULTURE & GAMES

### Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

*Saturday, September 9, 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Form a team of no more than six people and compete to see who can finish a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest. Refreshments and prizes provided! Registration is required.

### Adult Board Game Night

*Tuesdays: September 19, October 17, November 21, 7-8:30 p.m.*

*Conference Room B*



Looking to play a new game or maybe meet fellow board gaming friends? We will have different games available but feel free to bring one of your favorites from home! Registration is required.

### Nerf® at Nite: Teens vs. Adults

*Friday, October 6, 6:45-9 p.m. Adults.*

*West Entrance*

We're taking over the library for an epic Nerf war after the library closes. Register with your RHPL card, which will admit up to two people. Registration is required.

### Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

*Monday, October 16, 7 p.m.*

*Main Street Billiards, Solarium*

Meet up with us at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St) with your trivia team of up to six people. The top team will win a prize. Food and drinks available for purchase. Registration is required.

## CRAFTS

### Take and Make Paper Pumpkin in 3D!

*Tuesday, October 17- Tuesday, October 24.*

*Adult Reference Desk*

Make your own stand-up pumpkin with paper and glue. Pick up at the Adult Reference Desk or Drive-up Window. Registration is required.

### DIY Shower Steamers

*Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m. Conference Room A*

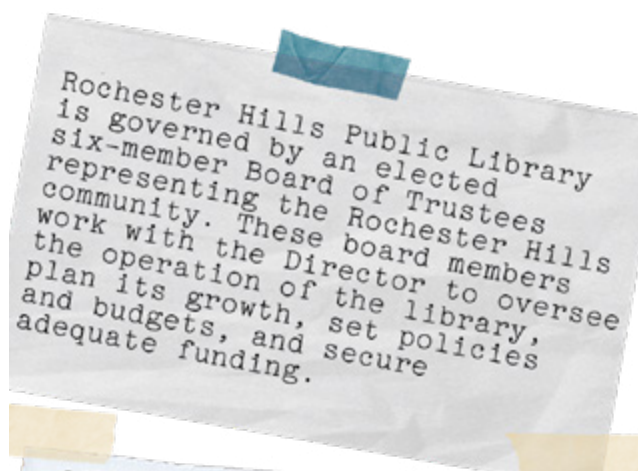
It's time to relax! These steamers slowly release a scent each time you take a shower. Each patron will make four steamers that can be used multiple times. Registration is required.



In order to help RHPL patrons get the most from their library, we've created "RHPL Revealed," a showcase for all of our lesser-known offerings.

We'll share anything and everything from which chairs are the comfiest to which community resources we have at hand to help. Check out our social media channels and our monthly newsletter for the lowdown on our favorite features.

### What will RHPL reveal to you?



Rochester Hills Public Library is governed by an elected six-member Board of Trustees representing the Rochester Hills community. These board members work with the Director to oversee the operation of the library, plan its growth, set policies and budgets, and secure adequate funding.

Library service is provided to the City of Rochester and Oakland Township through a service contract. They are both represented by a non-voting liaison at Library Board meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the monthly board meetings and have access to the agendas, minutes, and supporting documents discussed at every meeting.

Find all of this information and more at [rhpl.org/library-board](http://rhpl.org/library-board)



This makerspace houses tools, software, and technology to help you learn a new skill, grow your hobbies, or build pieces and parts from scratch. Visit [rhpl.org/eureka-lab](http://rhpl.org/eureka-lab) for a list of equipment, a 360° tour, and to make an appointment.



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### Creating Your Own Photo Puzzle

*Wednesday, September 6, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Come with access to a digital photo, either on your phone through a computer.

Registration is required.

### Crafts at the Makerspace

*Wednesdays: September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 8, November 22, 6 - 8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Join us twice a month for a makerspace craft in the Eureka Lab. Registration is required.

### Creating Spooky Decals

*Wednesday, September 20, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Learn how to make decal stickers using the Cricut. Registration is required.

### Creating an Acrylic Light Up Jack o' Lantern

*Wednesday, October 4, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Create a light up jack o'lantern using acrylic and LEDs. Registration is required.

### Creating Halloween Totes

*Wednesday, October 18, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Use the Cricut (a cutting printer) and HTV (heat transfer vinyl) paper to create your own tote.

Registration is required.

### Creating Fall Decor

*Wednesday, November 1, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

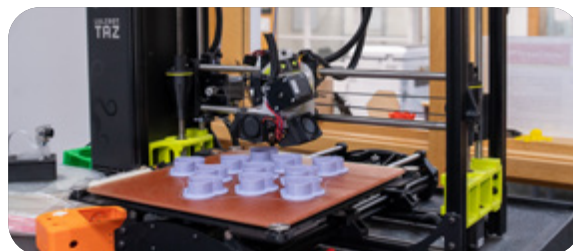
Make some small wooden fall decor using the laser cutter. Come with ideas and an enthusiasm for pumpkins! Registration is required.

### Creating Cookie Cutters

*Wednesday, November 15, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Learn how to use Cookiecad ([app.cookiecad.com/](http://app.cookiecad.com/)) to create your own cookie cutters and then print them using our 3D printer. Registration is required.





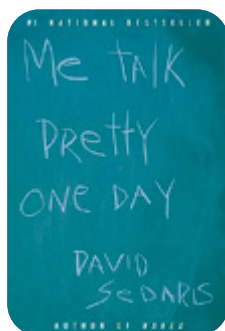


## OUTREACH SERVICES

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit [rhpl.org/program-calendar](http://rhpl.org/program-calendar) or scan the QR code. Registration opens one month in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7150 or email [help@rhpl.org](mailto:help@rhpl.org).

### ELL Book Club: *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris

**Thursdays: September 7 - November 30,  
10-11:30 a.m. Conference room B**



Meet with Rebecca and other English language learners to read a book and talk about it in a friendly setting. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting. Contact [rebecca.lafave@rhpl.org](mailto:rebecca.lafave@rhpl.org) with questions. Registration is required. (Note: No meeting week of Thanksgiving)

### English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

**Tuesdays: Starting September 12, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
**Thursdays: Starting September 14, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Saturdays: Starting September 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m.**  
**Conference room A**

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! (Note: no meeting week of Thanksgiving) Registration is required. For further information, contact Mariano at [Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org](mailto:Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org).

### American Culture

**Mondays: October 2 - 23, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
**Conference room A**

Join Mariano for an informal group discussion. This group is open to all ELL students and newcomers. We will discuss and share our own experiences and observations regarding the customs and manners of American culture. Registration is required. For further information, contact Mariano at [Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org](mailto:Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org).

### Memory Cafe

**Thursdays: September 21, October 26,  
November 16, 2-3:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room**

Memory Cafe is a welcoming place for people with memory challenges and their care partners to socialize in a safe and friendly environment. Please note that this is not a respite program. Registration is required. Questions? Call Outreach Services at 248-650-7150 or send an email to [outreach@rhpl.org](mailto:outreach@rhpl.org)

### Books on Board (BoB) Update

With a couple of seasons and nearly six months under its wheels, BoB is officially part of the RHPL family. We've received positive feedback from our mobile library patrons and have decided to adjust our schedule beginning this fall so that our staff can better serve the community.

Look for the new schedules at the library and online at [rhpl.org/bookmobiles](http://rhpl.org/bookmobiles). For questions, please contact the Outreach Services desk at 248-650-7150.





## TEEN PROGRAMS

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit [rhpl.org/program-calendar](http://rhpl.org/program-calendar) or scan the QR code. Registration opens one month in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7130 or email [help@rhpl.org](mailto:help@rhpl.org)

### Video Game Tournament

**Wednesdays: September 6, October 4, November 8,  
7-8:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room/Conference Room A**

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

### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

**Wednesdays: September 13, October 11, November 15,  
7-8:30 p.m. Conference Room A**

Now holding hybrid online and in-person meetings. Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays, and other library matters at these fun-filled meetings. Please fill out the RHPL TAB application on the Teen Services page of the RHPL website. Contact the teen librarian at [teen@rhpl.org](mailto:teen@rhpl.org) for more information.

### RHPL Players Guild (RPG)

**Wednesdays: September 27, October 25, November 29,  
7-8:30 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](mailto:teen@rhpl.org) for more information.

### Nerf® at Nite: Teens vs. Adults

**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 will admit up to two people. Registration is required.

## Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints



Perfect for your next research project, Opposing Viewpoints is a resource that presents all sides of current events, topics, and social issues. This database provides supporting journal and magazine articles, primary source documents, statistics, images, videos, and audio files all in one place. Included in each vetted entry are discussion points and citation tools to help you or your student understand issues and engage in high-quality research for every assignment.

Access it in the library or at home using your RHPL library card.

Visit [rhpl.org/research-databases](http://rhpl.org/research-databases) for more.







## YOUTH SERVICES

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit [rhpl.org/program-calendar](http://rhpl.org/program-calendar) or scan the QR code. Registration opens one week in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7140 or email [help@rhpl.org](mailto:help@rhpl.org).



### Early Lit Group: Fall Storytime

*The Fall Storytime session will begin on Monday, September 11th, and continue for 6 weeks.*

There are many different groups offered during this session. Detailed descriptions and registration information for each group can be found online at [rhpl.org/program-calendar](http://rhpl.org/program-calendar). Registration is required.

### Authors in April Kickoff

*Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m.*

*All ages. Multipurpose Room*

Join us to celebrate the Authors in April kickoff and discover who has been named the mystery author! No registration required.

### Why All The Screaming? The Art of Edvard Munch

*Monday, September 18, 6-7:30 p.m.*

*Ages 4-12 with a caregiver. Storyroom*

Come learn about Edvard Munch and his most famous painting, 'The Scream'. Afterward, recreate this famous painting using the face of your favorite librarian. Registration is required.

### Evening Family Storytime

*Thursday, September 21, October 19, and November 16, 7 p.m. All ages. Storyroom*

Join Angela for a special monthly-themed storytime and project for the whole family. Registration is required for each date.

### Fall Leaf String Art

*Monday, September 25, Take & Make. Ages 8-12. Youth Room*

Fall leaves are falling! Please join Ms. Kim in the creation of your very own, super-cool string art featuring a leaf! All materials are included (except scissors). This craft is best suited for kids over the age of 8. One kit per registered child. Registration is required.



### Saadia Faruqi Author Visit

*Saturday, September 30, 11 a.m. All ages.*

*Multipurpose Room*

Join RHPL for a special visit with Saadia Faruqi, author of the popular children's early reader series *Yasmin* and other books for children, including chapter books, graphic novels, and picture books. Registration is required.



### Paws for Reading Returns!

Paws for Reading is returning this fall! Check our online calendar for more details, dates, and times.



### Shaving Cream Marbling

*Friday, October 6, 2 p.m. Ages 6-12 with a caregiver. Storyroom.*

Come create some fun and easy masterpieces that smell amazing by using cardstock, shaving cream, and food coloring. Registration is required.

### Tiny Tailgate

*Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m.*

*Ages 0-2 with a caregiver.*

*Multipurpose Room.*

Join us for a sports-themed extravaganza designed especially for the littlest fans in town! Wear your favorite team gear and enjoy some light refreshments. Siblings are welcome, but activities are limited to registered patrons ages 0-2. Registration is required.



### Halloween Snow Globe

*Monday, October 9, 2 p.m. Ages 6-12 with a caregiver. Storyroom*

Come and create a spooky Halloween snow globe. Registration is required.



### Free Play Saturday!

*Saturday, October 14, and November 18, 10 a.m.*

*Ages 1-5 with a caregiver.*

*Multipurpose Room*

Join Wendy for a fun-filled hour of play-based learning for toddlers and preschoolers. Registration is required for each date.

### LEGO® Club

*Tuesday, October 17, and November 14, 6:30 p.m.*

*Ages 5-12 with a caregiver. Multipurpose Room*

The ultimate destination for all LEGO® lovers out there! Join us for a brick-tastic time as we unleash our imaginations and building blocks. LEGOs® are supplied by the library, please leave your bricks at home. Registration is required for each date.



### Library Campout

*Thursday, October 26, 6 p.m.*

*Ages 4-12 with a caregiver. Multipurpose Room.*



Join us around the campfire for a camping storytime with crafts! Registration is required.

### Mini Holiday Balloon Floats

*Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m. Ages 5-10 with a caregiver. Storyroom.*

Make mini holiday balloon floats to put on display in the youth room. Registration is required.

### Early Lit Group:

#### Parent-Child Workshop

*Wednesdays: November 8, 15, 22, 29, and December 6, 10 a.m. Ages 1-3 with a caregiver. Multipurpose Room*

Join Angela for a fun, five-week playgroup where families can play, relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. Registration is required.





## Early Lit Group: Big Fun in the Big Room

*Mondays: November 13–December 11,  
Tuesdays: November 14–December 12, OR  
Thursdays: November 16–December 7,  
10:30 a.m. Ages Birth-5 with a caregiver.*

### Multipurpose Room

Join your favorite youth librarians in the big room for some big fun! We'll read stories, sing songs, and enjoy a lot of active play & movement! Registration is required.



## Battle of the Books Kickoff

*Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m. Grade 5 and caregivers. Multipurpose Room*

Discover this year's 12 battle titles! Battle of the Books is a reading competition for all 5th grade residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, or Oakland Township. Students form their own teams, read books as a team, and battle in March (answer questions about the books). Team registration runs from Wednesday, November 15 to Saturday, February 10. The kickoff will be recorded if you are unable to attend. No registration required.



## Super Mario Bros. Keychain

*Saturday, November 18, 11-12:45 p.m. Ages 4-12. Storyroom.*

Come join Ms. Kim in the creation of a Mario, Luigi, or Princess Peach Perler Bead keychain. Registration is required.

## Picnic Flicks

*Saturday, November 18, 1-3 p.m. All ages. Multipurpose Room.*

Bring a picnic and enjoy a movie on the big screen! The featured film will be, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*. No registration required.

## Parent Tween Craft Night

*Thursday, November 30, 6 p.m. Grades 4-6 with a caregiver. Storyroom.*

Tweens and their parents are invited to join us for a special craft night at the library! Enjoy quality time together while creating some beautiful crafts and memories. Registration is required for each tween.



## Student Library Cards

By now you know that September is library card sign-up month, but did you know that your RCS student already has an RHPL library card? To access this information, log into your ParentVUE account or stop by the circulation desk. If your student goes to school in Rochester but isn't part of the RCS district, they are still eligible for a card. Register online or at the desk in the lobby.

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