

Rochester Hills Public Library
500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, MI

Mission:

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

November 12, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Call to order of the regular meeting
- II. Public Comments*
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Minutes
 - a. Special meeting for October 8, 2024
 - b. Regular meeting minutes for October 8, 2024
- V. Treasurer's Report for October 2024
- VI. Monthly bills for October 2024 in the amount of \$551,734.56
- VII. Communications
 - a. Email correspondence with a patron regarding registration for storytime sessions
 - b. Correspondence from the Friends of RHPL noting the 2024 annual donation to the library.
 - c. Customer Comments
 - d. Press Coverage
 - e. 2024 Annual Appeal Letter
 - f. Winter 2025 News & Views Newsletter
- VIII. Reports
 - a. Library Director
 - b. 2024 Michigan Library Association Annual Conference Summary Report (compiled by RHPL staff)
 - c. Statistical Report
- IX. Committee Updates
 - a. Policy
 - i. Second reading of GOV-8 Environmental Impact Policy

*Each individual shall state their name, municipality, and will be permitted 3 minutes of comment time.

- X. Other Business
 - a. Early Literacy Bookmobile replacement options
 - b. Consider a request to opt in to Local Development Finance Authority
- XI. Board Comments
- XII. Questions and Comments from the Liaisons
- XIII. Adjournment

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Minutes



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**Rochester Hills Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a special meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. The President called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Melinda Deel.

A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Madge Lawson, Julianne Reyes, and Harper West.

Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian and library attorney Mary Kucharek.

- II. Public Comments

- A. None

- III. Closed Session

- A. Mr. Bonam presented a resolution to move into closed session of the board, which Ms. Kucher seconded, to review and discuss a written legal opinion by the library attorney and to include the library attorney and library director in closed session, as permitted under Michigan Open Meetings Act (MCL § 15.268, Sec.8(1)(h)) at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

1. AYES: Bonam, Deel, Lawson, Kucher, Reyes, West

2. NAYS: None

The resolution was adopted and a closed session convened.

- B. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Lawson seconded, the board unanimously approved moving out of closed session at 6:55pm with no discussion.

- IV. Other Business

- A. Ms. Kucher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bonam, to direct the library attorney to update a new version of the library agreement, with the terms discussed, so that it may be distributed to each contract community on or before November 8, 2024. It was unanimously approved without discussion.

- V. The special meeting adjourned at 6:59pm

Anne Kucher, Secretary

**Rochester Hills Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

October 8, 2024

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Melinda Deel.

A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Madge Lawson, Julianne Reyes, and Harper West.

Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian, City of Rochester Liaison, Lauren Coleman, and Oakland Township Library Board President, Mark Gerhard.

Additional members of the Oakland Township Library Board included Marissa Kallie, Oakland Township Library Board Secretary and Henry Carels, Oakland Township Library Board member.

One member of the public was in attendance. An additional member of the public entered the meeting at 8:22pm.

- II. Public Comments

- A. Scott Votaw, a resident of Rochester Hills, thanked Ms. Morian for thoroughly and promptly answering a list of questions he had about library operations and specifically about the outreach vehicles. He expressed a desire that RHPL clearly demonstrate the objectives of early literacy outreach before purchasing a new early literacy bus.
- B. Mr. Gerhard stated that there is a lot of passion and concern among residents of Oakland Township regarding potential loss of library privileges at the RHPL. He is eager to read the new library agreement and seeks a solution that allows Oakland Township residents to keep library privileges with RHPL. He stated that he hoped the two entities could start fresh with new discussions. He confirmed that the Oakland Township Library Board will engage a new attorney to handle contract review and that the board is still evaluating vendor proposals for a full survey of residents to understand their desire to have library service.
- C. Ms. Deel thanked the three members of the Oakland Township Library Board for coming to the RHPL board meeting tonight and said she is optimistic about the future of a partnership between Oakland Township and the RHPL.

- III. Approval of Agenda

- A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Lawson seconded, the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented with no discussion.

- IV. Minutes

- A. On a motion by Ms. West, which Mr. Bonam seconded, the board unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes from September 10, 2024 with no discussion.

- B. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Reyes seconded, the board unanimously approved the special meeting minutes from September 25, 2024, with no discussion.

- V. Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.

- VI. Monthly Bills
 - A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Kucher seconded, the board unanimously approved paying the monthly bills for September 2024, which totaled \$380,939.24.

- VII. Communications
 - A. The board reviewed and filed the communications with no significant discussion.

- VIII. Director’s Reports
 - A. The board reviewed and filed the director’s report and statistical report with no significant discussion.

- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. The RHPL Policy Committee submitted a first reading of the GOV-8 Environmental Impact Policy. The board engaged in a discussion regarding the first point which stated that the Library shall comply with all applicable environmental regulations and laws. The board debated if that statement was necessary because other policies require the board to comply with all federal, state, and local laws.
 - B. Centennial - Ms. Morian provided an update on the Centennial Gala program and time capsule elements.

- X. Other Business
 - A. The board engaged in a discussion with the Oakland Township Library Board liaison and City of Rochester library liaison on the best way to answer questions by each municipality once the new library agreement is distributed. The board discussed the merits of a working group (avoiding full quorum of any legislative body) that may be beneficial as a first meeting and then involving attorneys once needed.

- XI. Board Comments – none for the month

- XII. Questions and Comments from the Liaisons
 - A. Mr. Gerhard reiterated that it would be good to move ahead with a small workgroup that could discuss the library agreement that RHPL will submit to them in the next few weeks. He stated that he values improved communication moving forward between both boards.
 - B. Ms. Coleman stated that a sit-down meeting with members of the Rochester City Council and RHPL stakeholders would be beneficial once the new agreement has been issued.

- XIII. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Anne Kucher, Secretary

Treasurer's Report



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ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Balance Sheet
October 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets

Circ Registers/Coin	\$	2,020.00	
PNC			
Payroll - PNC		13,793.06	
Operating - PNC		111,960.23	
UBS			
Operating - UBS		3,968,244.24	
Plant		574,837.51	
Roof		0.00	
Self-Insurance		8,027.68	
Vanguard		17,060.42	
Total Current Assets			4,695,943.14

Other Current Assets

Prepaid Expenses		96,970.47	
Total Other Current Assets			96,970.47

TOTAL ASSETS			\$ 4,792,913.61

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities

Staff Cash (pop cans)	\$	20.94	
Flexible Spending W/H Payable		3,037.77	
Supplemental Ins W/H Payable		517.08	
Deferred Income - Rochester		101,589.90	
Deferred Income - Oakland Twp		259,762.04	
Total Current Liabilities			364,927.73

Fund Balance

Fund Balance-Unrestricted		1,914,386.39	
Fund Balance - Assigned		675,000.00	
Current Year Operations		1,838,599.49	
Total Fund Balance			4,427,985.88

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			\$ 4,792,913.61

Rochester Hills Public Library
Budget vs Actual
For the Period January 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024

	Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Annual Budget
Revenues					
Rochester Hills	1,706	3,275,140	3,248,470	26,670	3,248,470
City of Rochester	0	592,521	575,500	17,021	575,500
Oakland Twp	0	1,021,440	1,038,000	(16,560)	1,038,000
State Aid	0	152,725	151,100	1,625	151,100
OTBS	0	155,365	155,365	0	155,365
Penal Fines	0	150,279	148,800	1,479	148,800
Fines and Fees	4,984	54,863	30,833	24,030	37,000
Interest	6,339	37,171	20,833	16,338	25,000
Gains/Losses	9,338	125,745	0	125,745	0
Designated Gifts	190,775	196,255	198,333	(2,078)	200,000
Undesignated Gifts	1,509	9,767	0	9,767	35,000
Undesignated Gifts-Friends	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	21,087	3,333	17,754	4,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	9,497	24,998	12,304	12,694	14,765
Transfer-ReservedOTBS	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer-ReservedPlant	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	224,148	5,817,356	5,582,871	234,485	5,633,000
Expenditures					
Payroll	188,209	1,938,362	2,177,583	(239,221)	2,613,100
Employee Benefits	47,737	473,411	516,916	(43,505)	619,000
Books	27,390	238,378	297,666	(59,288)	357,200
Print Subscriptions	2,425	10,490	12,500	(2,010)	15,000
Electronic Materials	28,966	330,799	312,833	17,966	375,400
Innovative Items	1,130	13,328	13,333	(5)	16,000
Audiovisual	5,063	44,879	80,332	(35,453)	96,400
Bookmobile Operation	6,390	11,328	14,250	(2,922)	17,100
OTBS	371	3,171	5,417	(2,246)	6,500
Voice and Data Services	3,762	14,021	21,666	(7,645)	26,000
Utilities	14,387	156,979	144,167	12,812	173,000
Insurance	21,697	23,750	16,667	7,083	20,000
Professional/Contract Services	8,491	51,967	59,583	(7,616)	71,500
Supplies	3,489	24,902	26,584	(1,682)	31,900
Promotion and Printing	135	38,114	49,166	(11,052)	63,300
Mileage	42	1,933	3,333	(1,400)	4,000
Postage	17,005	34,981	18,333	16,648	22,000
Staff Development/Membership	3,927	33,583	29,000	4,583	34,800
Programs	10,101	51,061	50,000	1,061	60,000
Facilities Maintenance	23,811	189,353	196,584	(7,231)	235,900
IT Maintenance	915	93,011	89,166	3,845	107,000
Staff/Volunteer Recognition	145	3,348	6,250	(2,902)	7,500
Gift and Grant Expense	1,693	6,357	0	6,357	0
Tax Tribunal Refunds	0	0	417	(417)	500
Equipment/Fixed Assets	2,097	10,045	63,583	(53,538)	76,300
Furnishings	6,620	37,536	0	37,536	0
Capital Improvements	14,722	143,664	403,000	(259,336)	483,600
Contingency	0	0	83,333	(83,333)	100,000
Total Expenditures	440,720	3,978,751	4,691,662	(712,911)	5,633,000
Revenue Over Expenditures	(216,572)	1,838,605	891,209	947,396	0

Monthly Bills



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Payment Information		
Payment Due Date	For online and phone payments, the deadline is 8pm ET.	
Nov 11, 2024		
New Balance	Minimum Payment Due	
\$10,657.06	\$106.00	
<p>LATE PAYMENT WARNING: If we do not receive your minimum payment by your due date, you may have to pay a \$39.00 late fee and your APRs may be increased up to the Penalty APR of 34.15%.</p> <p>MINIMUM PAYMENT WARNING: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:</p>		
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Minimum Payment	31 Years	\$33,656
\$428	3 Years	\$15,405
Estimated savings if balance is paid off in about 3 years: \$18,251		
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Account Summary	
Previous Balance	\$6,357.34
Payments	- \$6,357.34
Other Credits	- \$88.78
Transactions	+ \$10,745.84
Cash Advances	+ \$0.00
Fees Charged	+ \$0.00
Interest Charged	+ \$0.00
New Balance	= \$10,657.06
Credit Limit	\$30,000.00
Available Credit (as of Oct 17, 2024)	\$19,342.94
Cash Advance Credit Limit	\$15,000.00
Available Credit for Cash Advances	\$15,000.00

Rewards Summary		Rewards as of: 10/17/2024	
Rewards Balance	\$677.61	Track and redeem your rewards with our mobile app or on capitalone.com	
Previous Balance	Earned This Period	Redeemed this period	
\$524.73	\$152.88	\$0.00	

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Payment Due Date: **Nov 11, 2024**

Account ending in 9289

New Balance	Minimum Payment Due	Amount Enclosed
\$10,657.06	\$106.00	\$ _____

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How can I Avoid Paying Interest Charges? If you pay your New Balance in full by the due date **each month**, we will not charge interest on new transactions that post to the purchase balance. If you have been paying in full **without** Interest Charges, but fail to pay your next New Balance in full, we will charge interest on the unpaid balance. Interest Charges on Cash Advances and Special Transfers start on the transaction date. Promotional offers may allow you to pay less than the total New Balance and avoid paying interest on new transactions that post to your purchase balance. See the front of your statement for additional information.

How is the Interest Charge Determined? Interest Charges accrue from the date of the transaction, date the transaction is processed or the first day of the Billing Cycle. Interest accrues daily on every unpaid amount until it is paid in full. Interest accrued during a Billing Cycle posts to your account at the end of the Billing cycle and appears on your next statement. You may owe Interest Charges even if you pay the entire New Balance one month, but did not do so the prior month. Once you start accruing Interest Charges, you generally must pay your New Balance in full two consecutive Billing Cycles before Interest Charges stop being posted to your Statement. Interest Charges are added to the corresponding segment of your account.

Do you assess a Minimum Interest Charge? We may assess a minimum Interest Charge of \$0.00 for each Billing Cycle if your account is subject to an Interest Charge.

How do you Calculate the Interest Charge? We use a method called Average Daily Balance (including new transactions).

1. First, for each segment we take the beginning balance each day and add in new transactions and the periodic Interest Charge on the previous day's balance. Then we subtract any payments and credits for that segment as of that day. The result is the daily balance for each segment. However, if your previous statement balance was zero or a credit amount, new transactions which post to your purchase segment are not added to the daily balance.

2. Next, for each segment, we add the daily balances together and divide the sum by the number of days in the Billing Cycle. The result is the Average Daily Balance for each segment.

3. At the end of each Billing Cycle, we multiply your Average Daily Balance for each segment by the daily periodic rate (APR divided by 365) for that segment, and then we multiply the result by the number of days in the Billing Cycle. We add the Interest Charges for all segments together. The result is your total Interest Charge for the Billing Cycle.

The Average Daily Balance is referred to as the Balance Subject to Interest Rate in the Interest Charge Calculation section of this Statement.

NOTE: Due to rounding or a minimum Interest Charge, this calculation may vary slightly from the Interest Charge actually assessed.

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How can I Close My Account? You can contact Customer Service anytime to request that we close your account.

How do you Process Payments? When you make a payment, you authorize us to initiate an ACH or electronic payment that will be debited from your bank account or other related account. When you provide a check or check information to make a payment, you authorize us to use information from the check to make a one-time ACH or other electronic transfer from your bank account. We may also process it as a check transaction. Funds may be withdrawn from your bank account as soon as the same day we process your payment.

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Transactions

Visit capitalone.com to see detailed transactions.

JULIANE MORIAN #9289: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Sep 24	Sep 24	CAPITAL ONE ONLINE PYMTAuthDate 24-Sep	- \$6,357.34
Sep 25	Sep 27	AMAZON MARK* 4K1ZJ7DK3HTTPSAMAZON.CWA	- \$29.98
Oct 15	Oct 16	Staples IncFRAMINGHAMMA	- \$58.80

JULIANE MORIAN #9289: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Sep 18	Sep 19	AMAZON MKTPL*M46WI6B03Amzn.com/billWA	\$15.99
Sep 25	Sep 26	ROCHESTER REG CHAMBERRRCMI.COMMI	\$45.00
Sep 25	Sep 26	ZOOM.US 888-799-9666WWW.ZOOM.USCA	\$169.49
Sep 25	Sep 27	TST*PITA WAY - ROCHESTERRochester HilMI	\$174.85
Sep 25	Sep 27	GFS STORE #0947ROCHESTER HILMI	\$29.66
Sep 26	Sep 26	AMAZON RETA* 3T5E17TM3WWW.AMAZON.COWA	\$21.24
Sep 26	Sep 27	AMAZON MKTPL*K32FJ56N3Amzn.com/billWA	\$14.99
Sep 27	Sep 28	ROCHESTER REG CHAMBERRRCMI.COMMI	\$45.00
Sep 27	Sep 28	AMZN Mktpl US*MY1RC37V3Amzn.com/billWA	\$27.58
Sep 27	Sep 30	PATTI FINNEGANS248-7356010MI	\$144.84
Oct 2	Oct 3	FS *Pantone877-3278914CA	\$89.99
Oct 2	Oct 3	IN *ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB248-6019500MI	\$81.00
Oct 8	Oct 9	SQ *HOLY CANNOLI'SRochesterMI	\$38.00
Oct 8	Oct 9	Staples Incstaples.comMA	\$58.80
Oct 9	Oct 10	THE SILVER* (2 OF 2 PAHTTPTSTHESILVEMI	\$4,745.36
Oct 11	Oct 14	TRADER JOE S #668ROCHESTER HILMI	\$59.22
Oct 12	Oct 14	STAPLES 00104059ROCHESTER HILMI	\$7.73
JULIANE MORIAN #9289: Total Transactions			\$5,768.74

ALLISON SARTWELL #6129: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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ALLISON SARTWELL #6129: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Sep 20	Sep 20	D J*WSJ800-568-7625NJ	\$54.99
Sep 21	Sep 23	Hotmart Sci-Fi Loot - Mem319-9477252DE	\$15.00
Sep 21	Sep 23	Hotmart Fantasy Loot - Me319-9477252DE	\$15.00
Sep 21	Sep 23	AMAZON RETA* 8Q0ZD92X3WWW.AMAZON.COWA	\$30.00
Oct 3	Oct 3	AMERLIBASSOC ECOMMERCE866-746-7252IL	\$210.00
Oct 8	Oct 9	SP BAMBULAB.USHTTPSUS.STORETX	\$16.99

Additional Information on the next page

Transactions (Continued)

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Oct 15	Oct 16	WALSWORTH YEARBOOK800-265-6795MO	\$89.03
Oct 15	Oct 16	WALSWORTH YEARBOOK800-265-6795MO	\$83.73
Oct 15	Oct 17	JOSTENS INC.800-854-7464MN	\$94.09

ALLISON SARTWELL #6129: Total Transactions **\$608.83**

MARY DAVIS #9241: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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MARY DAVIS #9241: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Oct 1	Oct 2	TARGET 00003517ROCHESTERMI	\$13.36
Oct 5	Oct 7	CALENDLYHTTSCALENDLYGA	\$12.00

MARY DAVIS #9241: Total Transactions **\$25.36**

WENDY LEHMAN #9147: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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WENDY LEHMAN #9147: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Sep 19	Sep 20	HUNGRY HOWIES 21586-219-9471MI	\$111.99
Sep 23	Sep 25	GFS STORE #0947ROCHESTER HILMI	\$49.04
Oct 4	Oct 5	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATER310-537-8600CA	\$19.99
Oct 6	Oct 8	JOE RANDAZZO'S FRUIROSEVILLEMI	\$12.89
Oct 10	Oct 11	COSTCO WHSE #0393MADISON HEIGHMI	\$110.61
Oct 10	Oct 12	VINCE & JOES GOURMET MARK586-786-9230MI	\$179.97
Oct 10	Oct 12	GFS STORE #1907ROYAL OAKMI	\$154.88
Oct 11	Oct 12	KROGER #448TROYMI	\$38.93
Oct 14	Oct 15	Spotify USA877-7781161NY	\$19.99
Oct 15	Oct 16	AVIS.COM PREPAY8003527900VA	\$299.99

WENDY LEHMAN #9147: Total Transactions **\$998.28**

CAMILLE WESTMORE #4614: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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Transactions (Continued)

CAMILLE WESTMORE #4614: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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STEVEN CLEMENT #7892: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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STEVEN CLEMENT #7892: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Sep 19	Sep 20	AMZN Mktp US*D09AY64V3Amzn.com/billWA	\$89.95
Sep 20	Sep 21	AMAZON MKTPL*471C311T3Amzn.com/billWA	\$14.99
Sep 25	Sep 26	BATTERY GIANT ROCHESTER248-7594231MI	\$289.90
Oct 2	Oct 3	SHERWIN WILLIAMS 701930ROCHESTER HILMI	\$24.50
Oct 15	Oct 15	AMAZON MARK* H58XV8JY3HTTPSAMAZON.CWA	\$81.45

STEVEN CLEMENT #7892: Total Transactions			\$500.79
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ELIZABETH RACZKOWSKI #9004: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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ELIZABETH RACZKOWSKI #9004: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Sep 16	Sep 17	StickerAppAnnapolisMD	\$307.00
Oct 8	Oct 9	PRINTPPS.COM PAPER800-921-1322NM	\$734.41
Oct 11	Oct 14	GFS STORE #0947ROCHESTER HILMI	\$65.99
Oct 16	Oct 17	SP AMERICAN BUTTON MHTTPSWWW.AMERTX	\$149.79

ELIZABETH RACZKOWSKI #9004: Total Transactions			\$1,257.19
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DEREK BROWN #8061: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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DEREK BROWN #8061: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Sep 17	Sep 18	USPS STAMPS ENDICIA888-434-0055DC	\$100.00
Sep 18	Sep 19	SOCKETLABS484-418-1285PA	\$63.96
Sep 21	Sep 23	USPS STAMPS ENDICIA888-434-0055DC	\$100.00
Sep 27	Sep 28	PROVIDE SUPPORT LLC646-4725881NY	\$376.00
Sep 28	Sep 30	USPS STAMPS ENDICIA888-434-0055DC	\$400.00
Oct 2	Oct 3	STAMPS.COM855-608-2677TX	\$19.99
Oct 4	Oct 7	THE HOME DEPOT #2727ROCHESTERMI	\$31.23
Oct 14	Oct 15	AMAZON MKTPL*703690FA3Amzn.com/billWA	\$495.47

DEREK BROWN #8061: Total Transactions			\$1,586.65
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Additional Information on the next page

Transactions (Continued)			
Total Transactions for This Period			\$10,745.84
Fees			
Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Total Fees for This Period			\$0.00
Interest Charged			
Interest Charge on Purchases			\$0.00
Interest Charge on Cash Advances			\$0.00
Interest Charge on Other Balances			\$0.00
Total Interest for This Period			\$0.00
Totals Year-to-Date			
Total Fees charged			\$0.00
Total Interest charged			\$0.00

Interest Charge Calculation			
Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account.			
Type of Balance	Annual Percentage Rate (APR)	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charged
Purchases	25.74% P	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Advances	27.74% P	\$0.00	\$0.00
Variable APRs: If you have a letter code displayed next to any of the above APRs, this means they are variable APRs. They may increase or decrease based on one of the following indices (reported in The Wall Street Journal) as described below.			
Code next to your APR(s)	How do we calculate your APR(s)?	When your APR(s) will change	
P	Prime Rate + margin	The first day of the Billing Cycles that end in Jan., April, July and Oct.	
L	3 month LIBOR + margin		
D	Prime Rate + margin	The first day of each Billing Cycle	
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10/8/24	73684	5306-80 1123-00	Bookmobile Operatio Operating - PNC	Invoice: 550255 ASCENSION MICHIGAN EMPLOYER SOLUTIONS	70.00	70.00
10/8/24	73685	5602-00 1123-00	Building/Contents Operating - PNC	Invoice: RENEWAL 10-1-24 AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE	15,956.22	15,956.22
10/8/24	73686	5703-00 1123-00	Legal Operating - PNC	Invoice: 118004 BEIER HOWLETT, PC	5,800.00	5,800.00
10/8/24	73687	8002-00 1123-00	Capital Improvement Operating - PNC	Invoice: JOB1398-6532 CERTAPRO PAINTERS OF ROCHESTER HILLS	7,372.00	7,372.00
10/8/24	73688	8001-01 1123-00	Furnishings Operating - PNC	Invoice: 24-210-01 LIBRARY DESIGN ASSOC	6,520.00	6,520.00
10/8/24	73689	5301-80 1123-00	Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Operating - PNC	Invoice: 09102024 ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY	22.13	22.13
10/8/24	73690	5303-50 1123-00	Innovative Items Operating - PNC	Invoice: 100124 T-MOBILE	595.00	595.00
10/8/24	73691	5401-00 1123-00	Basic Phone Operating - PNC	Invoice: 9974982314 VERIZON WIRELESS	1,747.75	1,747.75
10/8/24	73692	5805-00 1123-00	IT Supplies Operating - PNC	Invoice: 998932637/0-2-24 T-MOBILE	46.40	46.40
10/9/24	73693	5602-00 5602-00 1123-00	Building/Contents Building/Contents Operating - PNC	Invoice: 3450 Invoice: 3462 MACOMB-GERLACH AGENCY INC	2,338.00 3,403.00	5,741.00
10/11/24	73694	6200-50 1123-00	Systemwide Program Operating - PNC	Invoice: 101024 CLASSIC WINDS	500.00	500.00

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10/11/24	73695	6200-50 1123-00	Systemwide Program Operating - PNC	Invoice: 101024 DEBORAH J. LARSEN	100.00	100.00
10/31/24	73696	5301-10 5301-50 5301-10 5301-50 5301-10 5301-50 1123-00	Adult Books Materials Processing Adult Books Materials Processing Adult Books Materials Processing Operating - PNC	ACT #C019265 PROCESSING ACT #L410629 PROCESSING ACT #L424469 PROCESSING THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	333.38 0.79 759.58 40.61 8,637.67 653.43	10,425.46
10/31/24	73697	5301-30 5301-50 5301-30 5301-50 5301-30 5301-50 5301-30 5303-20 5301-50 1123-00	Outreach Books Materials Processing Outreach Books Materials Processing Outreach Books Materials Processing Outreach Books Youth Audio Materials Processing Operating - PNC	ACT #L449673 PROCESSING ACT #L534941 PROCESSING ACT #L395513 PROCESSING ACT #L449672 ACT #L449672 PROCESSING THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	682.53 50.32 273.48 30.10 1,694.35 76.29 574.36 469.50 22.12	3,873.05
10/31/24	73698	5301-20 5301-50 5301-20 5301-50 1123-00	Youth Books Materials Processing Youth Books Materials Processing Operating - PNC	ACT #L449675 PROCESSING ACT #L554618 PROCESSING THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	557.80 99.40 7,063.24 392.99	8,113.43
10/31/24	73699	5306-10 5303-11 5303-10 5301-50 5306-10 5301-50 5306-10 5301-50 5306-10 5301-50 1123-00	Adult DVDs Adult Audio-Music Adult Audio-Kits-Gam Materials Processing Adult DVDs Materials Processing Adult DVDs Materials Processing Adult DVDs Materials Processing Operating - PNC	CUSTOMER #2000005835-DVD CUSTOMER #2000005835-MUSIC CUSTOMER #2000005835-AUDIO PROCESSING CUSTOMER #2000005843-DVD PROCESSING CUSTOMER #200014883-DVD PROCESSING MIDWEST TAPE LLC	655.15 86.93 748.83 265.82 134.94 33.08 143.95 35.55	2,104.25

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10/31/24	73700	5306-30	Outreach DVDs	CUSTOMER #2000005836-DVD	151.44	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	19.54	
		5306-30	Outreach DVDs	CUSTOMER #2000005839-DVD	159.68	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	MIDWEST TAPE LLC		330.66
10/31/24	73701	5306-20	Youth DVDs/Videos	CUSTOMER #2000005837-DVD	1,003.12	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	428.32	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	MIDWEST TAPE LLC		1,431.44
10/31/24	73702	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 44609	320.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	AQUARIUM DESIGN & MAINTENANCE		320.00
10/31/24	73703	6200-40	Community Programs	Invoice: 100924	36.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	ASCAP		36.00
10/31/24	73704	5303-10	Adult Audio-Kits-Gam	Invoice: 2174238	36.00	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	Invoice: 2174238	2.95	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING		38.95
10/31/24	73705	6200-40	Community Programs	Invoice: 111024	300.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	GARY BRANDT		300.00
10/31/24	73706	5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 2123819	221.13	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 2123993	24.57	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT		245.70
10/31/24	73707	5306-82	Oakland Talking Boo	Invoice: 708255215	1.28	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	CENTURY LINK		1.28
10/31/24	73708	8002-00	Capital Improvement	Invoice: 100924	2,550.24	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	CERTAPRO PAINTERS OF ROCHESTER HILLS		2,550.24
10/31/24	73709	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 4204398405	211.44	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	CINTAS CORPORATION #354		211.44
10/31/24	73710	5301-80	Interlibrary Loan (ILL)	Invoice: 102224	17.95	

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		1123-00	Operating - PNC	CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT LIBRARY		17.95
10/31/24	73711	7001-01 1123-00	Misc. Reimbursable Operating - PNC	Invoice: 100324 THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER ROC	100.00	100.00
10/31/24	73712	5502-00 1123-00	Gas Operating - PNC	Invoice: 101124 CONSUMERS ENERGY	406.45	406.45
10/31/24	73713	6401-00 1123-00	Service Contracts Operating - PNC	Invoice: 101624 CULLIGAN OF ROMEO	134.88	134.88
10/31/24	73714	5202-40 1123-00	Other Dental Operating - PNC	Invoice: RIS0006036029 DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF MICHIGAN	1,725.27	1,725.27
10/31/24	73715	5301-50 5301-50 1123-00	Materials Processing Materials Processing Operating - PNC	Invoice: 7548424 Invoice: 7557229 DEMCO INC	144.51 1,466.73	1,611.24
10/31/24	73716	5302-13 1123-00	Electronic Materials Operating - PNC	Invoice: 97047436 DOW JONES & COMPANY, INC.	2,400.00	2,400.00
10/31/24	73717	5503-00 1123-00	Electric Operating - PNC	Invoice: 101824 DTE ENERGY	13,980.82	13,980.82
10/31/24	73718	8002-00 1123-00	Capital Improvement Operating - PNC	Invoice: 12462 EL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING	1,952.30	1,952.30
10/31/24	73719	5302-13 1123-00	Electronic Materials Operating - PNC	Invoice: 2025-013 FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY	734.40	734.40
10/31/24	73720	5930-00 1123-00	General Printing Operating - PNC	Invoice: 047100120811 FEDEX OFFICE	134.56	134.56
10/31/24	73721	5301-30 5301-30	Outreach Books Outreach Books	Invoice: 85631148 Invoice: 85691724	57.58 161.56	

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		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85715942	102.40	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85716178	219.95	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85749348	28.80	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85779697	528.71	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85787260	98.38	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85794835	273.54	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85799173	81.58	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING		1,552.50
10/31/24	73722	5207-50	Legal Plan Benefit	Invoice: 31714AG20241101	505.40	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	GIS BENEFITS		505.40
10/31/24	73723	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 67428455	390.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL		390.00
10/31/24	73724	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 23600238	610.62	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	GUARDIAN ALARM		610.62
10/31/24	73725	5201-40	Other Medical	Invoice: 00011073383	21,411.45	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	HEALTH ALLIANCE PLAN		21,411.45
10/31/24	73726	5201-40	Other Medical	Invoice: 100011073845	3,772.55	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	ALLIANCE HEALTH AND LIFE		3,772.55
10/31/24	73727	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 21207	253.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	HOFFMAN LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS		253.00
10/31/24	73728	6405-00	Maintenance	Invoice: 102024	132.41	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES		132.41
10/31/24	73729	5306-82	Oakland Talking Boo	Invoice: 2127	190.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	JM DESIGN & PRINTING SERVICES LLC		190.00
10/31/24	73730	5302-13	Electronic Materials	Invoice: 419258-PPU	725.90	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	KANOPY INC.		725.90

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10/31/24	73731	6403-00 1123-00	Misc Repairs Operating - PNC	Invoice: 293249 KVM DOOR SYSTEMS INC.	270.00	270.00
10/31/24	73732	5401-10 6506-00 6506-00 6506-00 1123-00	Internet Connection Software Support/Mai Software Support/Mai Software Support/Mai Operating - PNC	Invoice: 74486 Invoice: 75036 Invoice: 75036 Invoice: 75036 THE LIBRARY NETWORK	2,269.79 171.50 630.00 50.00	3,121.29
10/31/24	73733	5401-00 1123-00	Basic Phone Operating - PNC	Invoice: 34169585 LINGO COMMUNICATIONS	179.80	179.80
10/31/24	73734	5402-00 1123-00	Postage/Shipping Operating - PNC	Invoice: 31879 MAILTEK, INC.	1,385.16	1,385.16
10/31/24	73735	6401-00 1123-00	Service Contracts Operating - PNC	Invoice: 1071 MDS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE LLC	1,565.00	1,565.00
10/31/24	73736	5302-13 1123-00	Electronic Materials Operating - PNC	Invoice: 506125185 MIDWEST TAPE LLC	13,872.85	13,872.85
10/31/24	73737	5302-00 1123-00	Periodical/PrintSubs Operating - PNC	Invoice: 332D214F2441 NEW YORK TIMES	1,196.00	1,196.00
10/31/24	73738	5302-00 1123-00	Periodical/PrintSubs Operating - PNC	Invoice: 101124 OAKLAND PRESS	1,174.00	1,174.00
10/31/24	73739	6100-50 6100-50 1123-00	Professional Member Professional Member Operating - PNC	Invoice: 323 Invoice: 326 ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	918.11 46.84	964.95
10/31/24	73740	5302-13 5302-13 5302-13 5302-13 1123-00	Electronic Materials Electronic Materials Electronic Materials Electronic Materials Operating - PNC	Invoice: 721MA24290686 Invoice: 721SA24292052 Invoice: 721SV24290385 Invoice: 721SA24315249 OVERDRIVE INC	1,334.85 2,592.70 5.98 6,723.92	10,657.45

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10/31/24	73741	5303-20	Youth Audio	Invoice: 476111	62.69	
		5303-20	Youth Audio	Invoice: 479222	66.49	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS		129.18
10/31/24	73742	5402-00	Postage/Shipping	Invoice: 102424	15,000.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	-PERMIT 69 POSTMASTER - ROCHESTER, MI		15,000.00
10/31/24	73743	5306-80	Bookmobile Operatio	Invoice: 100324	6,211.73	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS DPS		6,211.73
10/31/24	73744	8002-00	Capital Improvement	Invoice: 26316	610.00	
		6403-00	Misc Repairs	Invoice: 26344	765.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	SUPERIOR LOCK & KEY LLC		1,375.00
10/31/24	73745	5401-00	Basic Phone	Invoice: 78101	241.41	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	TELNET WORLDWIDE		241.41
10/31/24	73746	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice:	677.21	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	330081144377 TK ELEVATOR		677.21
10/31/24	73747	8002-00	Capital Improvement	Invoice: 57949	2,117.48	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	TMP ARCHITECTURE INC		2,117.48
10/31/24	73748	5701-30	Collection Agency	Invoice: 6131334	206.85	
		5701-30	Collection Agency	Invoice: 6131343	52.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC		258.85
10/31/24	73749	5206-40	Other LTD Insurance	Invoice: 102124	469.46	
		2168-00	Supplemental Ins W/	Invoice: 102124	42.51	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE CO OF AMERICA		511.97
10/31/24	73750	5207-30	Vision Insurance	Invoice: 821475116	270.74	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	VISION SERVICE PLAN		270.74

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10/31/24	73751	5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85854276	429.48	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 85854663	26.39	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING		455.87
10/31/24	73752	6200-50	Systemwide Program	Invoice: 22303	2,438.59	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	SHINE OF OAKLAND COUNTY		2,438.59
10/31/24	73753	6402-00	Cleaning Supplies	Invoice: 91911	1,203.50	
		6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 92308	3,900.00	
		6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 92316	4,981.00	
		6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 92220	7,955.00	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS		18,039.50
10/3/24	EFTAZ100324	5301-10	Adult Books		990.86	
		6200-20	Youth Programs		312.62	
		5306-13	Teen & Adult Video G		838.69	
		6200-60	Makerspace Program		32.03	
		5940-00	3D Printing/Makerspa		949.92	
		6200-30	Outreach Programs		13.46	
		5805-00	IT Supplies		2,237.75	
		6200-50	Systemwide Program	CENTENNIAL	333.12	
		5303-50	Innovative Items		534.60	
		5301-20	Youth Books		726.40	
		5303-22	Youth Kits		943.84	
		8001-01	Furnishings	STORY ROOM RENO - CHAIR	99.97	
		8002-00	Capital Improvement	STORY ROOM RENO - WINDOW FILM	30.36	
		8001-00	Equipment/Fixed Ass	(14) PUBLIC MONITORS	1,617.42	
		8001-00	Equipment/Fixed Ass	(4) PUBLIC MONITORS	479.88	
		5306-82	Oakland Talking Boo		179.71	
		5807-00	Office Supplies		57.77	
		5306-80	Bookmobile Operatio		94.96	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		10,473.36
10/22/24	EFTVISA1022	6100-60	Workshops/Conferen		564.84	
		5302-13	Electronic Materials		575.49	
		6402-10	Maintenance Supplie		442.07	
		6200-20	Youth Programs	25	101.91	

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		5301-50	Materials Processing		27.58	
		6506-00	Software Support/Mai		63.96	
		5940-00	3D Printing/Makerspa		16.99	
		6100-50	Professional Member		291.00	
		6200-50	Systemwide Program	CENTENNIAL GALA	4,812.31	
		6200-50	Systemwide Program	CENTENNIAL HOMECOMING	484.39	
		6200-50	Systemwide Program	CENTENNIAL SWAG - STICKERS	307.00	
		6200-50	Systemwide Program	CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY	65.99	
		6200-50	Systemwide Program	WINTER WONDER LIBRARY	149.79	
		5306-80	Bookmobile Operatio		13.36	
		5807-00	Office Supplies		51.90	
		6200-10	Adult Programs		30.00	
		5402-00	Postage/Shipping		619.99	
		5809-00	Marketing Supplies		89.99	
		6200-30	Outreach Programs		12.00	
		2111-00	Staff Cash (pop cans		111.99	
		8002-00	Capital Improvement	STORY ROOM RENOVATION	89.95	
		5302-00	Periodical/PrintSubs		54.99	
		7009-60	Volunteer Recognitio		144.84	
		5808-00	Board Room Supplie		38.00	
		6100-40	Other - Staff Develop		734.41	
		7001-01	Misc. Reimburseable		495.47	
		5301-10	Adult Books		266.85	
		1123-00	Operating - PNC	CAPITAL ONE BK(USA), NA		10,657.06
	Total				230,438.55	230,438.55

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Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 1:03 PM

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Message

I would like to know why -- after owning homes and paying property taxes in Rochester Hills and Oakland Township since 1989 -- we are not permitted to bring our 2-year old grandson to library programs, such as Little Readers, since he does not reside with us and is not eligible for his own library card. This policy is ludicrous. We regularly watch and enjoy spending time with our grandchildren. But unfortunately the library is off limits. A response would be appreciated. Or, better yet, change the policy.

Juliane Morian <juliane.morian@rhpl.org>
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Wendy Lehman <wendy.lehman@rhpl.org>

Hi Daniel,

I hear your frustration and I understand the desire to share our library with family members who are visiting or for whom you provide childcare on a regular basis. This has been a long-standing rule for the Rochester Hills Public Library that we have consistently enforced for over fifteen years. There is tremendous demand for the curriculum-based story time programs. Our librarians develop a 5-week program for children ages 0-5 in order to build a foundation of literacy and prepare them for their first steps in school. Each storytime builds on the previous and there is no option for drop-in on a given week. Each set of storytimes are grouped as a session, and multiple sessions are offered throughout the calendar year. The current one is coming to a close and the next one begins November 11th.

The RHPL Board of Trustees, through their policies, have prioritized offering early literacy programs to children who are residents of Rochester Hills, Rochester, and Oakland Township. The goal of the program is to develop a love of reading for the children in our home communities and get them ready for school.

If space allows, librarians will allow non-resident children to attend all five weeks of a story time session but you have to call or email the first week of the storytime to see if there are openings. I am copying our Head of Youth Services, Wendy Lehman, so she is aware of your desire and you can reach out to her the week of November 11th to see if we have any spots open that we can assign to your grandchild.

Sincerely,

Juliane

Juliane Morian
Library Director, Rochester Hills Public Library
500 Olde Towne Road

Rochester, MI 48307-2043
248-650-7122

[Quoted text hidden]

Daniel Klepp

Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 10:26 AM

To: Juliane Morian <juliane.morian@rhpl.org>

Thank you for your reply. We will reach out to Wendy regarding schedules and availability.

[Quoted text hidden]



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October 24, 2024

To the RHPL Library:

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library make a positive impact on the community by promoting knowledge of and informing interest in the library's functions, resources, services and needs.

Over the past year, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library raised funds for projects, activities, or acquisitions in excess of those provided for by the general library budget.

We wish to present the Rochester Hills Public Library with a check for \$190,000 in order to provide support for the extension and improvement of library services and resources. Portions of the annual donation can be classified as designated to underwrite the following anticipated budget categories that approved in the Rochester Hills Public Library budget for 2024:

- New furniture and technology needs for the Youth Room's Storyroom
- Promotion and Printing (including Newsletter postage)
- Staff Memberships & Development
- Staff In-Service day training, staff recognition program, and staff care fund

All other donated funds can be used to supplement general budget expenditures for the Rochester Hills Public Library as enumerated in the budget plan and approved by the RHPL Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald A. Meegan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Ronald Meegan
President, Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library



500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

Comment Card

Date September 9, 2024

Youth services is always incredibly helpful!
Book suggestions, class registration... they
do it all! Thank you

Optional: Name

Contact No.



Date: 9/15/24

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

Comment Card



Tricia W. she went above and beyond to help
me today. The Rochester Hills Library is lucky
to have Tricia W. employed here. Tricia W.
deserves a raise!

(Optional) Name:

Contact #:

Email:

For staff use only:

Called to thank patron for a great review! -Juliane 9/17/24



Date: 9/23/2024

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

Comment Card



What has happened to the On-line Catalogue? Used to work well
In a SEARCH for Author name, Title, etc. it grabs a hodgepodge
of anything VAGUELY related!!
eg. Author: LINDA GRANT - pulls up anything with either
Linda or Grant in various combinations. Useless &
annoying!

(Optional) Name:

Needs more
precision?

Contact #:

Email:

For staff use only:

e-mailed patron + gave catalog
searching tips. -Emily West



Date: 9-25-2024

Comment Card

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043



I was charged \$10.50 at the vending machine and never received any items!

(Optional) Name:

Contact #:

Email:

For staff use only:

Vending machines are handled by a 3rd party and staff referred her to that number/contact info. Juliane - 1/24/29



Date: 10/1/24

Comment Card

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043



Comment taken from patron:

I want to praise the librarian who ordered the book "ABCs for a Peaceful Me". I had to call and thank you for this wonderful book. →

(Optional) Name:

Contact #:

Email:

For staff use only:

(Kim Gardner purchased this book.) -Carolyn

I am very pleased the library is purchasing these types of books. It was helpful to me and I am in my 70's!

Follow up on your comment card

1 message

Juliane Morian <juliane.morian@rhpl.org>
To: MachForm

Mon, Oct 7, 2024 at 2:47 PM

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for taking the time to complete a comment card and provide feedback regarding the ticket price of the Centennial Gala. I deeply regret that you saw this as greedy, that was not the intention. \$100 per ticket was the amount decided on by the Centennial Committee as a nod to the fact that the library was celebrating 100 years at the library. The event was planned in June, well before anyone knew the outcome of the millage proposal on the August 6th ballot.

In your comments you asked about a community event featuring Deborah Larsen or a tour of the renovated space. The library has already hosted Ms. Larsen for a historical retrospective of the library this past year, her talk can be viewed as an online program by using this link. We have planned a family fun party with a tour of the second floor renovation on Sunday, October 13th that is completely free for people who do not wish to come to the gala the night before. I hope you'll choose to join us at the Sunday event between 2pm and 4pm or at a future date, if you felt a ticketed event was not appropriate.

Kind regards,

Juliane

Juliane Morian
Library Director, Rochester Hills Public Library
500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, MI 48307-2043
248-650-7122



Date: 10-7-24

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

Comment Card



Re: Oct 12, 2024 Centennial Gala Event + Invitation
Express + shed all the words that came to my mind when I read the \$100/per ticket invite to this Gala along with the community elite.
When is the community event featuring Deborah Larsen + tour of the upgraded + thank them for the passage of the recent library millage?
(Optional) Name: _____ Contact #: _____ Email: _____

For staff use only:

emailed a reply inviting them to free open house on Sunday. 10/8/24 -Juliane



Date: 10-3-24

Comment Card

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043



Outreach

Emily Did A Great Job
She Deserves a Raise Thanks

(Optional) Name:

Contact #:

Email:

For staff use only:



Date: 10/10/24

Comment Card

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043



I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VOWELS GUIDES FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS! I SHARE MY COPY WITH RELATIVES WHO DON'T HAVE ONLINE ACCESS. ANOTHER OF THE GREAT SERVICES YOU PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

(Optional) Name:

Contact #:

Email:

For staff use only:



Date: oct 16 / 24

FBI 101

Comment Card

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043



It was a wonderful programme that teaches a lot of information who are from other country.
Thank you so much RHPL. We love you.

(Optional) Name:

Contact #:

Email:

For staff use only:

FBI 101

10/16/24



Date: 10-14-24

(Shared comment card w/ OS staff)

Comment Card

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

for the
Director



I was in the OTBS Center today and there was an overpowering smell in there. I asked the person at the desk about it and she said it may have been

(Optional) Name: _____ Contact #: _____ Email: _____

For staff use only: Someone who had been working in there before her. Please address this issue as →

Some people are very sensitive to such odors, I am not, but have family members who wouldn't be able to stand it in there. I was beginning to feel sick myself.

Thank you
a loyal patron

Follow up on your comment card

1 message

Juliane Morian <juliane.morian@rhpl.org>

Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 9:15 AM

To:

Dear

Thank you for taking the time to complete a comment card and let us know how you'd like to see browsing improved for new non-fiction. I understand that bending down to the bottom row is not ideal. When considering whether or not to cut down some of our shelves for filtering more natural light into the space and improving wayfinding, the one collection that had to be condensed to the bottom shelf was new non-fiction.

I'll discuss options with our Head of Adult Services to see if we can make improvements. For example, we may be able to rotate "new" material out of that collection sooner so that it is a more selective and smaller collection in order to avoid using the bottom shelf.

Thanks!

Juliane

Juliane Morian
Library Director, Rochester Hills Public Library
500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, MI 48307-2043
248-650-7122



ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Date: 10/13

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

Comment Card



Please consider adjusting the shelves for the new release NON-FICTION. The way the shelves are configured today, the browsing on row 2 and 3 are impossibly low. Thanks.

(Optional) Name:

Contact #:

Email:

Spoke with patron regarding his suggestion for widening space on first floor between DVD shelves. It is ADA compliant (at 36") but said we would take his suggestion under advisement. 10/29/24 Julianne



500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

Comment Card

Date 10-26-24

I use a SCOOTER when I come to the library. I find IT DIFFICULT to maneuver the SCOOTER between the ^{DVD} ~~BACK~~ shelves. I was wondering if you ~~could~~ could SPREAD the shelves APART more so a SCOOTER could FIT easier thanks

Optional: Name _____

Contact No. _____



Date: _____

500 Olde Towne Road
Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

Comment Card



I was in the library this am. I was confused & Lauren was FANTASTIC! She took the time to explain the process of working with a Kindle. All employers should be as personable as Lauren

(Optional) Name: _____

Contact #: _____

Email: Lauren

For staff use only:

Oct 12 – Rochester Hills Library Centennial Gala



Oct 12 – Rochester Hills Library Centennial Gala

Join in on the party of the century with RHPL. In honor of its 100th year of service to the community, Rochester Hills Public Library will host a Centennial Gala on October 12. The Gala will give patrons a chance to honor the library's storied history, celebrate the success of the present, and look ahead to what the next century of service will look like.

It has been a year of remembrance and celebration as Rochester Hills Public Library opened its doors and welcomed the community to enjoy all the festivities of our centennial year. Patrons of all ages warmed up with hot cocoa in special RHPL mugs during Winter Wonder Library in January, donned their 20s attire to attend history lectures at Wine, Wit & Wisdom in March and April, got limited edition centennial library cards in May, and spread library love among the community during our 100 Days of Summer reading challenge.

Throughout the year, the community has come together again and again to show support for the library. In August, Rochester Hills residents voted to approve a new millage for Rochester Hills Public Library. To thank patrons for their dedication, RHPL has been giving its communal spaces a much-needed update, including the Storyroom expansion in Youth Services, the furniture refresh in Adult Services, and a special "surprise element" to be revealed on the second floor.

"In light of the millage passing with strong support, we are eager to show off some changes inside the building to modernize it. Our Storyroom renovation will allow us to serve 25% more children with early literacy groups," says Juliane Morian, Library Director at Rochester Hills Public Library. "Additionally, our second floor renovation and refresh is sure to make the library a destination for students looking to study, remote workers craving a change of scenery, or patrons relaxing with a good book and spectacular view."

RHPL has undergone many changes in the past, including changing locations from a rented room in the First National Bank on Fourth and Main, to a residence on University Drive, and finally to its current location at 500 Olde Towne Rd. What hasn't changed, however, is RHPL's dedication to adapting to the needs of its patrons.

According to Besty Raczkowski, the head of Communications and Engagement, "The thing that has remained constant over the years is the library's responsiveness and our ability to be ready for whatever is coming in the future. I think that's a big part of what we're celebrating."

Now, as our centennial year draws to a close, RHPL invites you to the culmination of what we've been celebrating all year. This Centennial Gala gives the library another opportunity to invite patrons to come together, learn about the library's history, make new memories, and look forward to the next 100 years of service.

With their ticket, Centennial Gala guests will enjoy strolling hors d'oeuvres and drinks (wine, beer, and non-alcoholic selections available), along with music from the "Classic Winds" woodwind quintet and mini-presentations about the history of RHPL by historian Deborah Larsen. New and renovated library spaces will be dedicated and unveiled over the course of the evening.

To mark the occasion, a time capsule will be prepared and sealed for future generations to discover. The first 100 registrants will have their names sealed inside the time capsule. However, all guests will have the opportunity to write a note in a Centennial Journal or leave an audio message on the vintage Story Phone to let their voice be heard for generations to come in the weeks before the gala.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the event will draw to a close at 9:00. Tickets are \$100 per person. Guests must be 21 or older. Registration closes Sunday, October 6. Visit rhpl.org/centennial to purchase tickets and learn more about our Centennial celebrations.

Rochester Hills Public Library is located at 500 Olde Towne Road in Rochester, MI, and serves to provide lifelong learning opportunities, instill a love of reading, and offer equal access to information to over 110,000 patrons. The library serves as a community center where visitors enjoy innovative ways to learn and socialize through a variety of programs, including an annual summer reading challenge, parent-child workshops, and weekly lectures. The library's expansive and user-friendly database allows its cardholders to use eBooks, movies, and music downloads, language and genealogy services, and consumer reports at no cost. For more information about Rochester Hills Public Library's unique offerings, visit rhpl.org.

Oakland County Times, October 8, 2024

Oakland County community could lose library privileges

Story by Peg McNichol, The Oakland Press, Sterling Heights, Mich. • 5d • ⌚ 8 min read

Oakland Township residents will lose privileges at their local library early next year unless a new millage is approved and there appears to little appetite to put one on the ballot.

For decades, Rochester and Oakland Township residents paid taxes to share the Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Road in Rochester.

Now these long-standing agreements are up in the air after Oakland Township's library board decided not to put a 10-year, 0.14 millage question on the Aug. 6 ballot. The contract between the township and the city expires on March 31. Without a mechanism for meeting terms of the new contract, township residents will lose library privileges on April 1.

"This is not a desired outcome and it is not a decision the Rochester Hills Public Library Board of Trustees takes lightly," said Juliane Morian, the library's director.

Rochester and Rochester Hills agreed decades ago to pay 1 mill each to fund the library, founded in 1924. The 1978 Headlee Amendment reduced the millage in Rochester and Rochester Hills to 0.7353.

The township's agreement with the library started in 1966. A library board was formed to send payments and provide a liaison for Rochester Hills library board meetings. Rochester's city council administers its payments and sends a liaison to the library's board meetings.

In August, Rochester Hills voters approved 10-year, 0.39 millage by a nearly 32% margin: 10,026 yes votes to 5,231 no votes. The increase is expected to raise just over \$1.7 million when levied on Dec. 1.

The new millage will pay for improvements that include expanding the storytime space, replacing old furniture and signs, modernizing the multipurpose room, and adding a full-time digital services librarian and a library app for online services. The library would increase its materials acquisition budget to \$1 million in 2025, expand hours to be open on Sundays year-round, and create a long-range building and service plan.

The library has one location and serves more than 110,000 people in the area. The library records 1,150 daily visits. Its 2025 budget is close to \$7.8 million, with spending plans just over \$7 million. Rochester Hills' millage accounts for 70% of the total or nearly \$5.3 million, and Rochester's millage amounts to nearly \$610,000 or close to 8% of the budget.

The township's two existing millages were approved in 2002 for 0.8 and 0.2. Headlee rollbacks reduced the total to 0.5744. Voters renewed the larger millage, 0.4598, on Aug. 3, 2010; it expires Dec. 31, 2029. The smaller millage, 0.1146, was approved Aug. 8, 2006, and expires on Dec. 31, 2025. The existing two millages raise close to \$1.1 million annually – close to 13% of the library's budget.

Nik Banda, Rochester's city manager and economic development director, said he is aware of the plan to restructure the contracts but didn't expect to know details until next week.

"We just pay our present amount out of our general fund," he said. "It comes out of the general taxes we collect."

Michael Tyler was the township's library board's president and voted to put the 0.14 mil question on the Aug. 6 ballot. The three other board members present, Mark Gerhard, Marisa Kallie, and Shirley Frazier voted no. Board member Henry Carels, who also opposed the millage, was absent. After learning they would receive a new contract by Nov. 8, three board members agreed to call a special meeting without informing Tyler, so he resigned. That leaves four active board members; Andrew Parker resigned in June when he moved out of the township.

Since then, the township library trustees have allocated more than \$47,000 to hire an attorney, a consultant and create a survey for residents.

"We have more than 16,000 voters in Oakland Township who could have made the (millage) decision," Tyler said.

Mark Gerhard, the township library board's current president, said their decisions have been "mischaracterized on social media" because the existing millages don't expire on March 31.

He said the board didn't want to rush the decision and put a millage on the August primary ballot in part because they expected a lower voter turnout which could have resulted in quick passage of the millage. He said the board wanted to see how Rochester Hills' millage fared, first.

Two township residents at last week's meeting said they approved the board's decision to hire an attorney and consultant to manage the survey.

At that meeting, township resident Dan Bowe said it wasn't fair that township residents had no voting seat on the Rochester Hills library board.

"We pay \$1.4 million a year and have no voice and no vote on the board," he said, adding without detail that the city library board was "drilling holes in the foundations of the community."

The Rochester Hills board is composed of six residents, with a liaison from each partner community: Gerhard of Oakland Township and Lauren Coleman of Rochester. The city's charter limits full library board membership to residents.

Morian, the library director, said the only option allowed under state law to include non-resident board members would be to convert the library from city to district – and all involved communities would pay the same millage rate, regardless of usage or population.

Township library board trustee Henry Carels said residents "pay a significant amount of money per household compared to Rochester Hills and Rochester."

Tyler, the township's former library board president, said that's why the township's millage was lowered to 0.14, while Rochester and Rochester Hills residents will pay 0.39.

Those numbers, along with the existing millages, show that Rochester Hills residents pay the lion's share, \$168 annually per household or just over \$92 a year per person. Township residents pay \$136 per household or \$54 per person annually. Rochester residents pay close to \$110 per household and nearly \$48 per person.

Carels said he supports the library even though he doesn't use it very often. He praised library director Morian. But he and other board members are not happy with renovation plans for the library's 32-year-old restrooms to bring them into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Carels and Gerhard said they didn't think the library should add a cafe because that could hurt local small businesses.

Tim Delaney owns the Downtown Cafe on Rochester's Main Street, a block away from the library. He's heard about possible cafe plans and said he's not worried.

"We have a competition up and down on Main Street," he said. "If anything, when you get into a larger institution like that, a cafe is more like an additional reason for someone to extend their library stay. And I'm guessing it would only be open during library hours."

He said he imagines library patrons stopping by his cafe on their way to or from a brief library visit and said he's looking forward to learning more about the library's plans.

Gerhard, Oakland Township's library board resident and liaison to the Rochester Hills board, said he has unsuccessfully attempted to get a detailed, itemized list of the library's planned spending.

"We decided it was in our best interest to forgo putting a third millage on the ballot until we get a better explanation," he said.

"I don't think there's anything nefarious going on. I think it's a lack of communication," Gerhard said. "Over the last two or three years we've been asking them to slow the roll and not put it on the ballot, to see what we could negotiate."

When Oakland Township resident Cam Mannino learned about the millage decision, she and 50 other residents rallied to persuade the township library board to change their minds at the board's Oct. 2 meeting. They didn't succeed.

Rochester Hills board "has bent over backwards to accommodate Oakland Township ... It seems very undemocratic that three people on the township's little library board could take away our right to vote on this millage," she said, adding that she's unhappy the township board had three meetings in nine days about the survey "that we really didn't need if you just put (the millage) on the ballot and let us vote."

Mannino once owned a children's bookshop in downtown Rochester.

"I'm 77 years old and I've gone to that library since I was a four-year-old," she said. "It has really been emotional to think we would lose those services."

Tyler, the former Oakland Township library board president, said the issues raised by the township library board are a case of "lots of trees and not forest. The biggest picture is that we enjoyed many, many, many years of being treated at the Rochester Hills library like any other resident. And now, as of April 1, that will end."

The only people who can use all the library's services are those who live, work or own property or attend schools in the library's service area. For now, that includes Oakland Township.

Non-residents can use limited services but must present a library card from their own community to do so. If Oakland Township loses access to the Rochester Hills library, then residents won't have a local library to get a card to use in that way.

Tyler is one of 11 candidates running for the township library board's six seats, along with Gerhard, Carels, Frazier, Kallie, Heidi Miller, Kathy O'Rourke Pritchard, Kristin Syverson, Margaret Katharine Willard-Traub and David Alexander Youngman.

All are write-in candidates; their ballot applications were rejected for an incorrect entry as general election candidates instead of primary, because there were more than six candidates. Only Jim Kiefer's name will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot, with five blank spaces for the write-in choices.

"I'm hoping we have a more amenable board after this election," Tyler said.

Morian, the library director, said new contracts are being drawn up and "we believe the new terms will be both fair and necessary to continue providing quality services to all three communities."

Oakland Press, October 17, 2024

Oakland County community calendar Oct. 27 and beyond

- "Connected but Disconnected-Fostering Genuine Communication in the Age of Screens with Samantha Walters, MSW" is 7 p.m. Nov. 7, at Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, in partnership with the Rochester Area Youth Assistance League's Family Education Committee, open to the public. Registration is required at calendar.rhpl.org or call 248-656-2900

Oakland Press, October 27, 2024

Dear Friend & Supporter,

In 2024, the Rochester Hills Public Library had an amazing year as we celebrated our 100th anniversary! Every month, we found fun and exciting ways to recognize the centennial year. Thanks to you, our valued patrons, we saw record numbers of visitors. By the end of the year, nearly half a million people will have visited the library, and we're on track to check out over 1.6 million items!

We also want to thank the Rochester Hills residents who voted for a new millage to support the library. This funding will help us grow and improve our services even more. Here are some of the great things we accomplished this year:

- We expanded the Storyroom with a grant from the City of Rochester Hills, allowing 25% more kids to join storytime.
- The library renovated the second floor, adding a new fireplace and sealing a time capsule for future generations to discover.
- We brought in new, comfy furniture for the magazine and newspaper section, added study tables and chairs, a laptop bar, and created new study spaces in the teen section. Along with updated furniture, we rearranged the second floor to improve visibility for staff and let in more natural light.
- Our summer reading program, "Spread Library Love," was a hit with over 1,800 participants and a fun kick-off party in June. We even hosted our first summer sunset block party in August.
- The library staff started one-on-one tech appointments to help patrons, and we added more sessions for Makerspace assistance.
- The Community Relations department worked with local elected officials to connect residents with important resources.
- The RHPL Board of Trustees approved using the library's large meeting room as an early voting location for three major elections this year.

We are committed to being responsible and transparent with public funds, which helps build trust in our organization. All of these accomplishments were made possible not just by our loyal tax base, but also by your support as library patrons. Your donations help us create better library collections, support after school programs for students, and provide lifelong learning opportunities for adults. Investing in your public library today will ensure it continues to be a place of discovery and joy for all in our next century of service.

Gratefully yours,


Juliane Morian, Library Director

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Address _____

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From the Library Supporter at

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Rochester Hills Public Library
Attention: Library Director
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Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

Here are ways to maximize your gift to Rochester Hills Public Library. You may need to contact a tax advisor.

- If you itemize deductions on your federal income tax return, DEDUCT your entire contribution to the library from your income before you calculate your tax.
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- Corporate contributions qualify for tax deductions.

NEWS & VIEWS



ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY | WINTER 2024-2025

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Juliane Morian, Library Director
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Hours	650-7170
Item Renewals	650-7174
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Friends Events	650-7176
Friends Book Sales	650-7178
Friends Gift Shop	650-7179

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.

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

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A Letter from the Library Director

I recently read a book called *The Connection Cure* by Julia Hotz based on a teaser that said "this book explores a new trend of doctors across the globe writing prescriptions for people to find opportunities for social connection." The idea that social connections might provide healing benefits seemed both novel and yet natural to me. I witness what social connections can do on a daily basis at the library, and encourage you to read through our winter newsletter to find out how you can forge new connections at RHPL.

After winning a competitive grant made possible by the City of Rochester Hills, the library was able to match grant dollars and expand the Youth Storyroom. The Storyroom is the primary space in the library where children learn the building blocks of reading from a librarian. Our early literacy groups help to make reading a hobby and habit for the youngest of patrons, and offer socialization, a foundation of school-readiness, and teach parents and caregivers how to model good reading practices at home. In a space that formerly accommodated 15 children, the room will now hold up to 20 children plus their caregivers, which is a capacity increase of 25%. Additionally, we are grateful to the Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library for purchasing new furniture and technology to enhance the space. The second floor of the library also received a refresh and renovation this fall, with a changed layout in order to maximize natural light from the beautiful windows that overlook the Riverwalk. To finish off the refresh, a new fireplace has been added to cozy up the magazine and newspaper area just in time for winter.

Socializing at the library allows you to meet and mingle with people that are both similar to you and different, thus expanding your worldview. Connections can come in the form of attending a lecture, participating in a book discussion, completing a hands-on craft in the makerspace, or cozying up near the new fireplace in our magazine reading room. The public library provides ways for you to find answers about the world and opportunities to find yourself here this winter season.


Juliane Morian



Congratulations, Friends of RHPL!

The Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library were named Rochester Regional Chamber’s Community Collaborator of the year! The well-deserved award was presented on October 10 at the Sunrise Pinnacle Breakfast.

A steadfast support for RHPL since the 1960s, the Friends have provided funds to build programming, collections, and even the original Youth Room on Pine Street. As the library continues to grow, the Friends have once again played a key role in supporting RHPL’s Youth Services. Their \$10,000 centennial gift contributed to the Storyroom renovation, helping to fund new furniture, technology, and art. As we close out our centennial year, we are reminded that the library’s story is about more than books, it’s about the partnerships that make service possible. Thank you to the Friends for being an essential part of the story of RHPL.

Winter Style at the Friends Store

If there’s a chill in the air, you can count on the Friends Store to help you stay cozy and warm. Among all the holiday décor you’ll find toasty and colorful mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, and throws. Come on in for a cold weather happiness boost!

Friends Quality Sale

Thursday, December 5, 3-8 p.m.

Friday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

This is your chance to shop for wonderful gifts at wonderfully low prices, just in time for the holidays. Browse items in like-new condition, often in their original wrap. There will be books, puzzles, games, DVDs, and CDs as well as unique items that make great gifts. All proceeds benefit the library.

Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library Winter Used Book Sale

Thursday, January 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, January 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, February 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Bag Day: all you can fit in a standard grocery bag goes for \$5)

The shelves are full of gently used books and DVDs for adults, teens, and children! Presale opportunities for Friends members will be Wednesday, January 29 from 5:30-8 p.m. (Memberships are available at the door. See rhpl.org/friends for details.) All proceeds benefit the library.

Holiday Home Tour

Sunday, December 15, 12-5 p.m.

Purchase tickets at rhpl.org/friends

Visit six great Rochester-area homes dolled up more than ever for this Yule season. The Friends pulled out all the stops to make the 2024 array of homes the can’t miss event of the season. Homes feature spectacularly decorated trees, one-of-a-kind ornaments, and memorable family traditions.

Stop by the boutique at the Van Hoosen Farm to find gifts for everyone on your list and take in the model train exhibit at the Rochester Hills Museum.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include a map to featured homes and entry to the model train exhibit. Pick up your tickets in advance at the circulation desk or on the day of the event in the MPR from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY

As the temperature drops and the snow flurries begin to collect on the Camperdown elm on our front lawn, we're putting the final touches on our Centennial celebrations. We're winding down from a year of reminiscing about our roots and how the last one hundred years have allowed RHPL to branch out and grow along with the community. It has been wonderful to watch our community share library love in many ways throughout the seasons.

A unifying message that has been shared is that people come to the library for more than the books — they visit for comfort and connection. As a welcoming, free space with ample resources, RHPL is often the first place that new residents visit. "Moving from area to area, I've always found comfort in a public library. RHPL exceeds every expectation I've had for such a necessary pillar of a community," Mags R. shared. With the addition of the soft glow of our new fireplace and cozy furniture, we hope patrons feel welcome to take refuge from the blustery winter and sit around the hearth to read, work, or simply relax in the quiet company.

For those who grew up in the area, the library has been a great way to meet lifelong friends, often starting in the Storyroom of Youth Services. The newly expanded space opens up a world for young patrons to learn and explore with their peers. One young patron excitedly told us, "I like the library programs because you can make friends there. For example when I was 3 years old I met my best friend there!!!" On January 17, step into Winter Wonder Library to see our Frost Fest ice sculpture, warm up with a cup of cocoa, and participate in wintery activities with family and friends, both new and old.

Of course, the library fills the traditional roles for those looking for a bit of quiet while they work. We've added updated computer spaces and printing in Outreach services to provide more areas to focus. On the second floor, new tables, laptop stations, and comfy seating have grabbed attention from study groups and remote workers alike. A note left in our Centennial Journal reads, "Some of my most memorable moments of my late high school experiences we[re] the long study nights me and my friends have had. The environment felt safe and secluded. Couldn't have asked for a better spot to destress."

And, if you're someone who prefers to hibernate during the colder months, stay connected with the library through the RHPL mobile app, officially launching in January. The app will allow you to access your account details, check the status of your items, and browse materials and events—all from the comfort of your home and the convenience of your phone.

No matter the reason for your visit, we hope you'll stop by RHPL in the new year to help us make the beginning of our next 100 years that much more special.



Outreach Services

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

Pronunciator 101

Thursday, December 12, 2 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Looking to learn a new language in the new year? Learn how to use the Pronunciator app to discover a new language! Registration is required.

Libby 101

Wednesday, February 5, 2 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Interested in accessing our eBooks and e-Audiobooks on Libby but aren't sure where to start? Learn how to use the Libby app on your phone, tablet, or computer to access some of our digital services. Please bring your personal device with you. Registration is required.

ELL Book Clubs:

Beginner ELL Book Club: *Frankly in Love* by David Yoon

Wednesdays, December 4–March 5, 2-3:30 p.m.

Conference Room A

Meet with Kari and other English language learners to read and discuss a book in a friendly setting. This group will read easier books— if you have tried the book club before and it was too hard, this group is for you. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting. Contact Kari.Bryson@rhpl.org with questions. Registration is required.

ELL Book Club: *The Waters* by Bonnie Campbell

Thursdays, December 5–March 6, 10-11:30 a.m.

Conference Room A

Meet with Kari and other English language learners to read and discuss a book in a friendly setting. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting. Contact Kari.Bryson@rhpl.org with questions. Registration is required.

Conversation Groups:

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

Tuesdays, January 7–February 25, 10–11:30 a.m.

Thursdays, January 9–February 27, 7–8:30 p.m.

Saturdays, January 11–March 1, 10–11:30 a.m.

Conference Room A

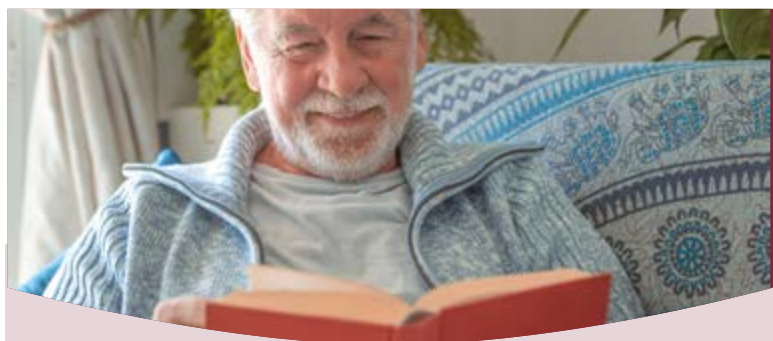
Come together and discuss hometowns, food, hobbies, jobs, and other informal topics. Joining a group will introduce you to new friends and a great time! For further information, contact Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org. Registration is required.

American Culture

Mondays, February 3–24, 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. For further information, contact Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org. Registration is required.



New Bookmobile Lobby Stops

We are excited to welcome two new lobby stops! Beginning Thursday, January 9, 2025 we will be visiting Grace Senior Living from 9:30–10:15 a.m. and the Flourish Collection at Oakland Township from 10:45–11:30 a.m.



For the full schedule, visit rhpl.org/bookmobiles or scan the QR code.



Adult Programs

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Spice Club

Monday, December 2, Thursday, January 2, Sunday, February 2. 9 a.m. Take & Make

Expand your culinary horizons and learn recipes from all over the world! Registrants will receive a small amount of a spice and accompanying recipe(s) to take home. Pick up will begin on the 2nd of each month at either the 2nd floor Adult Reference Desk or the Drive-Up Window. Separate registration is required for each date.



The History of the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant and the Legacy of Rosie the Riveter

Tuesday, December 3, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Claire Kitchin Dahl will share the inspiring story of Rosie the Riveter and the dedicated women that provided the teamwork that won the war and changed the American labor force forever. Registration is required.

Easy Crafts to Decorate Your Holiday Table

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 6 p.m.

Conference Room B

Create holiday table decor that combines creativity, sustainability, and personalized touches. Register for one or both sessions. Registration is required.

December 5: Place Card Holders Using Upcycled Wine Corks

December 12: Fabric Peppermint Craft

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

Mondays, December 9, February 10, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards, Solarium area

Know a little bit about everything? Meet up with us at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St.) with your team of up to 6 people and see if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! The top team will win a prize. Food and drinks available for purchase. Registration is required.

The Conversation Project: Wishes for End of Life Care

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

Learn how The Conversation Project can help every person's wish for end-of-life care be expressed and respected. This program provides tools, guidance and resources to begin "the conversation" with people you love. Registration is required.



Drop-In Genealogy Help

Saturdays, December 14, January 11, February 8, 2 p.m. Conference Room B or Virtual

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

Open Fiber Crafting

Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19, 6 p.m. Conference Room A. Ages 16 and up.

Tired of crafting in front of the TV by yourself? Bring your current fiber craft project (knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, etc.) to the library and craft in a laid back environment with casual discussion. Separate registration is required for each date.

Concerts

*2 p.m. Multipurpose Room
Registration is required*

The Luddites

Sunday, December 1.

Eight-time Detroit Music Award winners, The Luddites mix American styles of music with European and Caribbean folk.

Boston Edison Band

Sunday, January 19.

Boston Edison Band plays a mix of old and new rock, some modern country, and a little R&B.

Double Play Flute and Tuba

Sunday, February 16.

"Love and Music" features selections from opera, Broadway and film.



Brick Book

*Saturday, December 21, 10 a.m.
Conference Room A*

Decorate a brick to look like a book for home or garden decor, or a great gift. Registration is required.

Brick Book Take & Make

*Pick up starting Saturday, December 21.
Take & Make*

Each kit comes with directions, a brick, and supplies to decorate it to look like a book for home or garden decor, or a great gift. Pick up at the Adult Reference Desk or Drive-Up Window, December 21–28. Registration is required.

Warm Your Heart Food Drive

January 13-20. All ages.

Honor Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy by providing service to your community. Donate to Neighborhood House's Warm Your Heart drive. Donate cans of soup and keep your neighbors warm and fed this winter. No registration required.

Do Art

Monday, January 13, 6 p.m. Multipurpose Room

RHPL will provide a calming space to create, as well as quality paper, canvas, blank cards and envelopes, and various mediums to experiment with. Patrons are welcome to bring their own supplies. Come with an idea or be inspired when you arrive! Registration is required.



Resources & Guidance for the 2025 Tax Filing Season

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

Learn everything you need to know about taxes, changes for 2025, and how to navigate the IRS website. The presentation includes resources, processes for tax preparation, and tips on how to avoid identity theft and tax scams. Presented in partnership with the IRS. Registration is required.

Winter Feeder Birds with Dinosaur Hill

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

Learn to identify common Michigan backyard feeder birds that you can see throughout the winter season by sight and sound. Discover which foods attract which birds and mix up a batch of Miracle Meal to use on your woodpecker feeder. Registration is required.



DIA Behind the Scenes - In Our Own Voice

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

Enhance your awareness of the creative contributions of African Americans from the 19th century through the present day. This talk provides a lens to examine issues of race, gender, politics and culture. Registration is required.

Speed Friending Event

Thursday, February 6, 6-8 p.m. Multipurpose Room

This event offers a relaxed atmosphere with a speed dating-like setup with no dating or romance involved. Engage in guided one-on-one conversations followed by opportunities to socialize and create crafts. Registration is required.

Severe Weather Recognition and Stop the Bleed

Thursday, February 20, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Learn how to recognize the warning signs of severe weather and how to help another person in a potentially life-threatening situation. Learn how you can prevent loss and stay safe in a natural emergency. Registration is required.



Murder Mystery

Friday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room

An interactive Murder Mystery evening. Wedding bells aren't ringing for this not-so-happy couple when a member of the wedding party is murdered. Work with fellow guests to discover whodunit! Wedding attire is encouraged, but not required. Registration is required.

SS Eastland: Titanic of the Great Lakes

Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Historian and lecturer Andrew Kercher presents the story of the SS Eastland, which experienced the worst maritime disaster on the Great Lakes when it capsized in the Chicago River in 1915. Registration is required.



Winter Wonder Library

Friday, January 17. 6-8 p.m. All Ages.

Join us for seasonal fun at our Winter Wonder Library event. Come together as our garden becomes a magically brighter place. Warm up with some hot cocoa, and enjoy other various activities throughout the library. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for details.



Open Board Gaming

Sundays, December 8, January 12, February 9, 2-5 p.m. Conference Room A

Calling all tabletop board gamers! 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! Sign up to be reminded the day before the event. No registration required.

Merry Made-for-TV Marathon

Saturday, December 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

If you're feeling frazzled, drop in for some warm fuzzy watching! Hot chocolate will be provided. Sign up to be reminded the day before the event. No registration required.

Scribes Writers Workshop

Wednesdays, December 11, January 22, February 26, 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.

Sap to Syrup with Dinosaur Hill

Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

It all starts with a maple tree! Discover how to identify a maple from other trees through leaves and branches, when and how to tap your tree, the process through which we make maple syrup from sap at Dinosaur Hill, and taste a few grades of maple syrup for yourself! Registration is required.

Book Clubs

RHPL Booked: An online book club

Join RHPL Booked, a relaxed online book club.

Buddy Read: *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* by Satoshi Yagisawa

What's a Buddy Read?

Buddy Read is an invitation-only, online book club from StoryGraph that allows you to read with others, separately. After joining the group, participants read a book at their own pace and can leave a comment during the Buddy Read. Their fellow readers can see and respond to their comments when they reach the same page.

Don't have a StoryGraph account? Go to thestorygraph.com to sign up for free. Directions for accessing the Buddy Read via StoryGraph will be emailed after registration. Find a copy of the book at the Library or download it using the Libby app. Registration is required.

Books on Tap

Monday, January 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. We'll talk about books and enjoy Main Street Billiards' delicious food and drinks. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference Desk upon registration. Registration is required.

January 13: *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* by Satoshi Yagisawa

Between the Lines

Tuesdays, January 21, February 18, 2 p.m. 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.

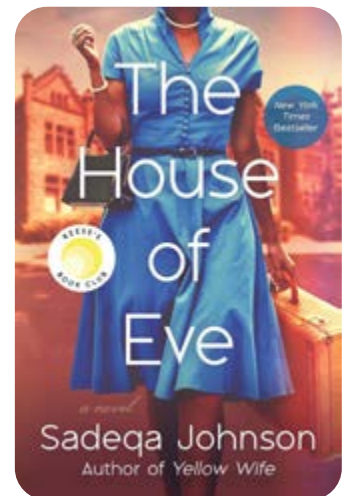
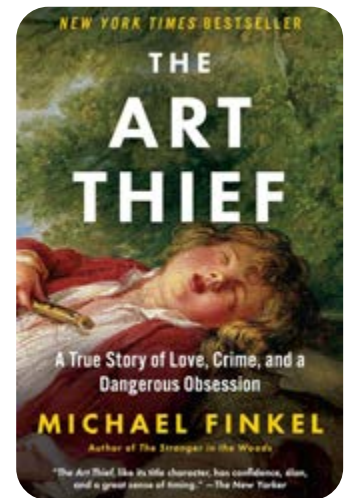
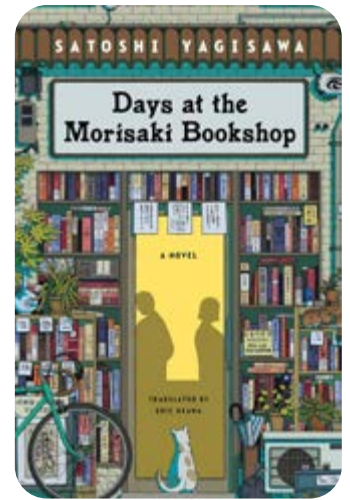
January 21: *The House of Eve* by Sadeqa Johnson

February 18: *The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession* by Michael Finkel

Reading Rainbow

Mondays, January 27, February 24, 7-8:30 p.m. Conference Room B

A book group for people interested in reading and discussing fiction, memoirs, and graphic novels that reflect the diversity of the queer experience. Titles will be selected with participant input; see online calendar for more information. Copies of the books are available at the Adult Reference Desk upon registration. Registration is required.



50 Books in a Year

January 2025 - December 2025

Make 2025 your best reading year ever by challenging yourself to read more. Keep a log of your reading using the Beanstack app or rhpl.beanstack.org to win prizes.



Makerspace Programs

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit calendar.rhpl.org or scan the QR code. Registration opens one month in advance of the program. Questions? Call 248-650-7131 or email help@rhpl.org.



Intro to Electrical Soldering

Wednesdays, December 4, February 5, 6-8 p.m.

Ages 18 and up. Makerspace

Learn some basic skills in soldering electronics as we assemble a small circuit board. This event will require a lot of dexterity as we will be manipulating small pieces. Please note, this session will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Registration is required.

Laser Cut 3D Puzzle

Wednesday, December 18, 6-8 p.m.

Ages 8 and up. Makerspace

Join us in the makerspace to learn a little about the laser cutter and assemble a 3D cardboard puzzle. Bring your thinking caps! Please note, this session will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Registration is required.

Intro to Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Wednesdays, December 11, January 15, February 12, 6-8 p.m. Ages 18 and up. Makerspace

Discover the magic of Dungeons & Dragons in this fun introductory event! Join us for a brief overview of character creation, storytelling, and gameplay, followed by a mini-adventure led by an experienced Dungeon Master. No prior experience needed—all materials provided. Registration is required.

Makerspace Sessions

Please register for only one session for each program. Duplicate registrations will be canceled.

Winter Origami

Session 1: Wednesday, January 8, 6-7 p.m.

Ages 8 and up. Makerspace

Session 2: Wednesday, January 8, 7-8 p.m.

Ages 8 and up. Makerspace

Join us in the makerspace to make a few different origami winter crafts. Please note, the session will begin promptly at 6 or 7 p.m. Registration is required.

Diamond Painting

Session 1: Wednesday, January 22, 6-7 p.m.

Ages 8 and up. Makerspace

Session 2: Wednesday, January 22, 7-8 p.m.

Ages 8 and up. Makerspace

Join us in the makerspace to create some diamond painting stickers. These are paint-by-numbers stickers but instead of paint, we'll use bedazzling gems. Please note, the session will begin promptly at 6 or 7 p.m. Registration is required.

Coloring for Adults

Session 1: Wednesday, February 26, 6-7 p.m.

Ages 18 and up. Makerspace

Session 2: Wednesday, February 26, 7-8 p.m.

Ages 18 and up. Makerspace

Need to just sit and color? Join us for an adults-only stress relieving coloring event. Please note, the session will begin promptly at 6 or 7 p.m. Registration is required.



Teen Programs

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

Monthly Programming

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Registration not required.

Video Game Evening

December 4, January 8, February 5.
Visit calendar.rhpl.org for location.

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

New! Teen Board Game Evening

January 22, February 19. Conference Room A

Come try out or play some familiar board games with like-minded people.

RHPL Players Guild (RPG)

December 18, January 29, February 26.
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 for D&D or leading a specific board game, email teen@rhpl.org for more information.

Comic Book Workshop with Do Art Productions

Saturday December 7, 1-2:30 p.m.
Conference Room A

Explore the different languages of comics, from eyes, to body posture, to the actual language within speech bubbles. Participate in a dynamic pose drawing exercise where you may see juggling axolotls, flying giraffes, or dancing pandas. After seeing how easy cartooning and creative expression can be, we will generate a comic together out of the characters and creativity of the first half! Registration is required.



Nightmare Before Christmas Movie and Cupcakes

Saturday, December 14, 2 p.m. Grades 6-12.
Multipurpose Room

Come and watch everyone's favorite skeleton, Jack Skellington in Nightmare Before Christmas while decorating and eating your own spooky holiday cupcakes. Registration is required.



Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

December 11, January 15, February 12, 7:30 p.m.
Conference Room A

Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays and other library matters at these fun-filled meetings, now holding hybrid online/in-person meetings. Please fill out the RHPL TAB Application under the Teen Volunteer tab of Teen Services.

Basic Technology Help for Seniors

Saturdays, December 14, January 11, February 8, 12-1 p.m. Conference Room A

Meet one-on-one with seniors to offer tech help in a patient and friendly environment. Contact the teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org to volunteer.



Youth Programs

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

Storybook Trail

December 1-31. All Ages. Downtown Rochester
Visit Downtown Rochester's Big Bright Light Show to 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! No registration required.

Baby (Ugly) Holiday Sweater Party

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 a.m. Ages Birth-2. Storyroom

Get ready to jingle all the way to our Baby Ugly Sweater Holiday Party! Dress your little one in the funniest, most over-the-top ugly sweater you can find or make. While siblings are welcome to join the fun, the activities are just for the babies. Registration is required.



Evening Family Storytime

Mondays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 7 p.m. All ages. Storyroom

Join Miss Kim for a special monthly themed storytime for the whole family. Separate registration is required for each date.

PAWS for Reading

Wednesdays, December 11, January 8, 22, February 12, 26, 6:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up. Youth Room

Practice your reading with a therapy dog. See details online. Separate registration is required for each date.



Battle of the Books Coach Meeting

Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m. Adult coaches of Battle of the Books participants. Multipurpose Room

Learn everything you need for a successful battle. The coach meeting will be recorded if you are unable to attend. No registration required.

Nightmare Before Christmas Movie and Cupcakes

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Come and watch everyone's favorite skeleton, Jack Skellington in Nightmare Before Christmas while decorating and eating your own spooky holiday cupcakes. Registration is required.

LEGO™ Club

Tuesdays, December 17, January 14, February 11, 6 p.m. Ages 4-12. Multipurpose Room

Welcome to LEGO™ Club, where imagination takes center stage! Whether you're a master builder or just getting started, everyone is welcome to join the fun. We've got all the bricks you'll need, so leave yours at home. Separate registration is required for each date.



Mad Libs at the Library

Wednesday, December 18, 6 p.m. Grades 1-3. Multipurpose Room

If you love to do Mad Libs, then join us for _____ at the ____! We'll fill in some Mad Libs and make our own for your friends and loved ones to fill in. We'll provide the snacks and drinks, just bring your imagination! Registration is required.

Tween Book Club

Wednesdays, December 18, January 22, February 26, 6 p.m. Grades 4-7. Storyroom

Join our new Tween Book Club. Talk about books, eat snacks, and play a game. Pick up books at the Youth Services Desk one month in advance. Separate registration is required for each date.

December 18: *Dragonbreath* by Ursula Vernon

January 22: *Wish Tree* by Katherine Applegate

February 26: *Swim Team* by Johnnie Christmas

Noon Year Masquerade Party

Saturday, December 28, 11 a.m. All ages. Multipurpose Room

Create your very own masquerade mask and make your wishes for the New Year. We will ring it in with a balloon drop and count down to the “noon” year together. Registration is required.

Warm Up with Kindness

January 2-31. All Ages. Youth Room

Warm someone’s heart with words of kindness! Write a note to someone who’s special to you or drop off your note at the youth reference desk to brighten the day of a community member. No registration required.

Open Spot Theater

Friday, January 3, 11 a.m. Ages 5-12. Multipurpose Room

A theater class for all abilities. Learn singing, acting, and dancing from the professionals at Open Spot Theater and put on a showcase at the end of the program. Registration is required.

Winter Storytime

Registration for the Winter Storytime session will begin on Monday January 6 at 9 a.m., with storytimes beginning the following week and continuing for 5 weeks. There are many different storytimes offered during this session; detailed descriptions can be found online at calendar.rhpl.org. Registration is required.



Ceiling Tile Picassos Take & Make

Mondays, January 13-20, all day. Ages 6-14. Take & Make

Become a Ceiling Tile Picasso! ‘Canvases’ can be picked up at the Youth Services Desk. Returned ‘book covers’ will be displayed overhead in the Youth Room. Detailed instructions will be emailed to artists. Registration is required.

Find Peppe the Penguin

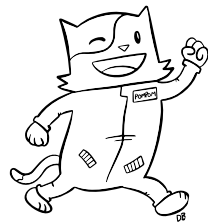
Monday, January 13–Saturday January 18. All Ages. Youth Room

Peppe the Penguin likes to hide and have fun, he moves around the library every night. If you find him, secretly tell the librarian where you found him but make sure to not tell anyone else. No registration required.

CatStronauts Book Club

Thursdays, January 16, February 20, 6 p.m. Grades 2-3. Storyroom

Explore space with fantastic felines and Miss Lisa while you prepare for the upcoming visit of author/illustrator Drew Brockington, one of the 2025 Authors in April. Separate registration is required for each date.



January 16: CatStronauts Book 2: *Race to Mars*

February 20: CatStronauts Book 5: *Slapdash Science*

Winter Wonder Library

Friday, January 17, 6-8 p.m. All Ages.

Join us for seasonal fun at our Winter Wonder Library event. Come together as our garden becomes a magically brighter place. Warm up with some hot cocoa and enjoy wintry activities throughout the library. Visit calendar.rhpl.org for details.



Preschool Fair

Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Adults. Multipurpose Room

Parents are welcome to stop by and chat with representatives from local preschools and child care centers who will share information about their programs and answer any questions you have. This event is for adults only. No registration required.



Valentine Take & Make

February 5-12, All Day.
Ages 5-12. Take & Make



Create the perfect Valentine for your loved one. Pick up your kit at the Youth Services Desk. Registration is required.

Valentines Craft: Upcycled Artwork

Friday, February 7, 11 a.m. Ages 7-14. Storyroom

Make your own original decorative heart wall-hanging using upcycled puzzle pieces discarded from the library's puzzle collection. Registration is required.

Halloween Love Monsters

Tuesday, February 11, 6 p.m. Ages 6-11.
Storyroom

Join Ms. Lucia in creating your own little love monster. Registration is required.

Parent Tween Crafternoon

Monday, February 17, 2 p.m. Ages 9-12.
Storyroom

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

Afternoon Sing-Along Movie at the Library

Tuesday, February 18, 2 p.m. All Ages.
Multipurpose Room

Join us for a movie on your day off from school! Wear your coziest clothes, pack your blankets, pillows, and stuffies and sing along to Disney's Frozen on the big screen. No registration required.

Toddler Drum Circle

Tuesday, February 25, 10 a.m. Ages 2-4. Storyroom

Join us for the cutest drum circle! We'll have toy percussion instruments, shakers, singing, clapping, and other musical fun. Registration is required.

Playdough Playtime: Jungle Jamboree

Friday, February 28, 2 p.m. Ages 4-10. Storyroom



Have fun rolling, squeezing, cutting, and extruding playdough to recreate rainforest animals, birds, insects, and flowers – or invent your own! Registration is required.

Fitness with Barre3

Mom & Tot

Thursday, February 20, 10 a.m.
Ages 2-5. Storyroom

Mom & Baby

Thursday, February 27, 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2. Storyroom

Join instructors from Barre3 studio for a simple and effective workout that combines strength, cardio, and mindfulness. Please bring a yoga mat and water.

⁶¹ Registration is required.





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Library Director's Report



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Director's Report

November 12, 2024

1. Library Agreement(s) Update

Updated library service agreements were sent on October 25, 2024. I have answered some informal questions from council members at the City of Rochester. Lauren Coleman, our Rochester Library Liaison, and I met to discuss some more in-depth questions that she will communicate back to Rochester City Council. I have not heard from Oakland Township, but they may be waiting until after the election concludes to reach out. I have answered approximately ten calls from residents, mostly in Oakland Township, who are concerned about losing library privileges and want to understand how they can retain access to using RHPL.

2. Early Elections at RHPL

Early elections took place from October 26 - November 3, 2024. RHPL benefited from welcoming patrons that had never been inside the library before, or had let their library accounts lapse (and thus took this opportunity to renew their library cards). There were some acute challenges the library experienced since this was the first time RHPL hosted early elections for a high-turnout, presidential election. The parking lot was not sufficient to meet demand for patrons wanting to vote, or use the library (separate from voting), or park in order to campaign, or park in order to work. Additionally, the number of campaign signs staked throughout the campus and parking lot posed a safety risk due to their distracting number. On Thursday, October 31st Oakland County Elections division confirmed that the library could cordon off designated areas for campaign lawn signs to be placed and limit it to one style of sign (with no duplicates); staff completed this work that same day. Poll workers would normally be tasked with running the election and enforcing rules, but since the Clerk's office had to focus on keeping the voting lines moving, library staff had to intercede in a variety of ways: answering phone calls about how long the lines were or when and where they could vote, pulling campaign signs from illegal areas, and monitoring 100ft limits for in-person campaigning. The use of library staff for non-library work should be evaluated and addressed before agreeing to serve as an early election site again.

3. Technology Upgrades and new Library App

On October 23rd, RHPL migrated data previously stored in on-site servers to the cloud. This move ensures greater data integrity and cybersecurity for the long term. It does necessitate greater dependence on internet connectivity. As such, RHPL is upgrading the current internet connection and has implemented a redundant fail-over if the first line is compromised. Additional updates are planned for November such as upgrading terminals for reserving computers, managing print-outs, and paying for copy services in the Outreach Services and Adult Services departments. Youth Services will no longer have a copier in their department, but will have the ability to print. This change to Youth Services is designed to help manage the number of older patrons (without children) that utilize the youth computers when we would prefer them to visit the Outreach Department or Adult Services department where we have staff who are trained to assist with technology needs.

4. Long-range planning

On November 8, 2024 approximately 70 staff gathered to participate in In-Service. The focus of this year’s keynote was user-experience and identifying patron problems in order to resolve them. This work will inform the process of each department developing goals and action plan items on the strategic plan. Separate from the strategic plan, which typically covers public-facing services and programs, I recommend RHPL put out an RFP for a reputable firm to complete a facilities master plan in 2025. A facilities master plan includes an audit of current infrastructure and system and then develops a multi-year approach for enhancements and upgrades. The American Library Association is offering a 4-part webinar series on facilities master planning that commences in January if any board members would like to participate and learn more.

5. Out of the Office

I will be out of the office the week of November 25th, but locally available if needed. Staff members serving in charge are as follows:

- Monday, November 25, 2024 - Wendy Lehman, Head of Youth Services
- Tuesday, November 26, 2024 - Jenny Doetsch, Cataloging Manager
- Wednesday, November 27, 2024 - Jenny Doetsch, Cataloging Manager
- Friday, November 29, 2024 - Allison Sartwell, Head of Adult Services

6. Upcoming Events

November 26, 2024	Friends of RHPL monthly meeting, 7pm
November 27, 2024	Library closes early at 6pm in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday
November 28, 2024	Library closed all day in observance of Thanksgiving holiday
December 10, 2024	RHPL Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
December 24 - 25, 2024	Library closed all day in observance of Christmas holiday
December 31 - January 1, 2025	Library closed all day in observance of New Year holiday
January 14, 2025	RHPL Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm

2024 MLA Annual Conference Summary

Prepared by Juliane Morian, Holly Clarke, and Matt Grayvin

Opening Keynote: Creating a Limitless Culture with Ben Whiting

- Former street performing magician turned corporate culture consultant, Ben Whiting used the elements of magic to explain how to create win-win situations for everyone in the organization.
- Magicians ask questions that others can respond to and connect the dots on their own. Listen and respond, but refrain from reacting.
 - A physical feeling of reaction only lasts 60 seconds (physiologically) but it is your own thoughts that either perpetuate the feeling or calm it down.
- Magicians overstate their intentions of why something is beneficial

Takeaway for RHPL: Make the stakeholder the star of the show, help them connect the dots, remove yourself and your ego, and celebrate other people.

Thursday Keynote: Surviving the Public with Gene Ambaum

- Co-created and wrote Unshelved comics.
- LibraryComic.com
- Keep a sense of humor when dealing with difficult people.

Takeaway for RHPL: Important to regularly train customer service staff on the need to keep perspective, it's not personal (to you), it's important to them (and you have more power than you realize).

Recruiting and Interviewing for the Library of Today and Tomorrow

- Consider forming a committee that assists with practices around hiring – how the job application looks (once it conforms to all legal compliances!), what does onboarding look like, what does the first day or first week look like, how do you welcome the new hire, how do you follow up with the new hire as a first check-in.
- Conduct experience based interviews to really get to know the candidate beyond just answering questions around the table.
- People come to work at an organization, in part, because of your brand – so know what it is or edit/improve it if needed.

Takeaway for RHPL: As RHPL staff convene for In-Service (with a focus on problem-finding and problem-solving) it may be good to ask what staff believe to be our brand.

DIY Strategic Planning

- Gives your organization focus and tells your story of “why”
- Community research: what do people do (behavior), what people say (attitude), how much/many (quantitative), why & how (qualitative)
- Use AI to parse through free text responses from surveys for trends

- Resources:
 - Harwood Institute Ask Tool: <https://thehardwoodinstitute.org/libraries>
 - ALA trend cards: <https://www.ala.org/future/engage/TrendCards>

Takeaway for RHPL: When we update the strategic plan for 2025 and beyond, consider parsing through 2024 satisfaction summary data to inform new trends and needs. Ask the RHPL Board to set an aspirational vision statement.

Develop Your Teams by building on strengths

- Marcus Buckingham: one-on-one checkins create a sense of belonging and allows for increased productivity. Being part of a team is a state of mind, not a place.
- Best teams focus on trust - understand what is expected and use strengths every day at work.
- Working genius

Takeaway for RHPL: Check-ins with staff matter; it is not enough to ask what is going on, but also hold people accountable when they don't follow through on a project they pledged to do.

Ask the Lawyer

- In terms of references given for former employees, the library will provide rank, position and duration of work. Current employees of RHPL can provide a personal reference of a former employee, but not using RHPL communication channels (i.e. it needs to be a personal email, phone, etc.) furnished to the outside agency. There are some immunities granted to the employer giving a reference, but the rule of thumb is ONLY to provide objective (quantifiable) information and not opinion.
- A Board of Trustee acts as an appellate body and therefore should refrain from operational decision-making; they make policies for governance but the director and staff operationalize library service and make the final decision on various things. The board is the body that hears an appeal to a decision that the library staff made.

Takeaway for RHPL: Consider adding a policy that addresses the type of personnel references that RHPL will provide.

Branching Out Together: Connecting with Other Libraries & Community Partners

- Stephanie Reinardt (Public Libraries of Saginaw), Madison Roberts (Bay County Library System), Ashley Ross (Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum), Megan McAdow (Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum) – <https://www.michiganhumanities.org/>
- Specifically, the Arts and Humanities Touring grant can be applied to speakers that the library might already be hosting
- Start with big ideas and pare down as needed
- Remember to communicate, communicate well and often, and communicate on other people's terms (what is their style/preferred communication?)

- Shared resources, increase size of community access to authors and experiences, share strengths and knowledge, share workload.

Takeaway for RHPL: Consider benefits of shared programs with other area libraries as well as other area institutions. (This may be especially beneficial for broadening an arts program - see other breakout session)

Now Showing at the Library : Effective Connections with Local Artists

- Jeff Milo (Ferndale Area District Library)
- Partner with local artists, musicians, and other creatives to expand opportunities at the library.
- Think creatively about what can be offered:
 - Art openings / receptions
 - Film screenings
 - Library produced podcasts
 - Library themed/inspired lattes (ex: Royal Park Hotel created a limited time Library Cocktail List - can we do this again? Can we reach out to other sses for this?businesses for similar results? Breweries, cafes, ice cream parlors, etc. Would be great to include visual artist for labels etc.)
- Decide on community involvement in planning and organizing or staff only as well as style of programming (passive only or presentation, in-house or in another community building or outside, permanent collection or special exhibits, etc.)
- An Art & Exhibition committee (all staff, or mix of staff and volunteers) can be very helpful in keeping ideas flowing, style of arts varied, and share workload
- Look to the Michigan Humanities Council for grant opportunities.

Takeaway for RHPL: A creative arts mission statement and committee gives focus and direction to bringing creative and inherently exciting cultural opportunities to the community. Consider the benefits of an art sharing program / art on loan (borrow with RHPL card).

Project Management Remix

- Project has a defined beginning and end, is a unique endeavor, brings about change, has risks and unknown elements
- Prioritize projects based on the concept of low hanging fruit – those items with low staff effort and high patron impact.
- Consider a “known issues” list as a way to acknowledge but not necessarily prioritize a solution.

Takeaway for RHPL: launch an internal form for staff (anyone) to suggest a project or solution for the library, and have the staff member be a stakeholder in the success. Need to ask, what problem does this solve (and how do you know this is a problem – a problem for one person or many); how does it relate to the strategic plan goals, is it new or enhanced: marketing/awareness, a program, a new service, a new circulating collection, a physical change. What resources do you need: people power, money, equipment, space.

Manager in Training Program (Application-only program at Kent District Library)

- Shadow an existing manager with progressively more responsibility until the manager in training is ultimately serving as manager in charge with exclusive one-on-one meetings with the employees you supervise.
- Manager “replaced” takes on a different, major initiative while away

Takeaway for RHPL: This is a great program for a large library (KDL has upwards of 400+ employees over 20+ branches), but we would have to scale it down for a single-site library. Job shadowing for someone that is ready for management, might be something to pursue at RHPL. Managers who are looking for “sabbatical” may also benefit from time away from their work as well.

Making Space for Everyone: Library Makerspaces for People with Disabilities

- It is important to continue the library’s commitment to being an accessible space into the makerspace (e.g., accessibility audit, ADA guidelines, overstimulation sensory equipment etc.)
- The makerspace can produce assistive devices (3D assistive devices project for stls)

Takeaway for RHPL: An excellent collection of resources for helping the makerspace become more accessible. Makerspace will create a plan of action using this information to have the makerspace become more accessible using the following suggestions:

- ADA compliance
- 3d printing for adaptive tools
- Wobble stools
- Adaptation scissors
- Sensory accommodation kit
- Braille - touchsee.me
- Picture exchange communications system - mypeccs.com

Retro Redux: Strategies for Digitizing Vintage Media

- This was an exciting review of vintage media conversion that libraries can implement
- Machines for conversion can be very expensive so the speaker (Jeff, a member of GoLM) gave expert advice on how to get around these expenses

Takeaway for RHPL: Digitization services can be an even more important part of the makerspace through advertising and building out our collection of vintage media players. Caution needs to be applied when recording tape media (mold!). Once the queue gets long enough, start 10 unit limits at a time. Purchasing other players can be beneficial - perhaps even asking for donations of players? Check RHPL policy around donation requests.



Statistical Report - Usage for the month of October 2024

<i>Circulation</i>	LY Month	Month	MTM	Last YTD	YTD	YTY
Checkouts	39,249	37,047	-5.6%	431,631	432,519	0.2%
Renewals	52,149	45,751	-12.3%	501,576	492,231	-1.9%
e-Materials	28,417	31,217	9.9%	236,459	300,340	27.0%
Bookmobile	4,084	4,174	2.2%	33,348	36,674	10.0%
Mini-Branch	1,590	1,357	-14.7%	15,334	14,444	-5.8%
OTBS Circ	5,883	5,870	-0.2%	61,197	54,260	-11.3%
MeLCat Borrowed	1,327	1,289	-2.9%	13,661	13,667	0.0%
MeLCat Loaned	1,358	1,314	-3.2%	16,564	13,645	-17.6%
Total Circulation	134,057	128,019	-4.5%	1,310,354	1,357,780	3.6%

<i>Other Statistics</i>	LY Month	Month	MTM	Last YTD	YTD	YTY
In-Person Visits	35,615	50,982	43.1%	357,888	401,444	12.2%
Room Reservations	1,055	874	-17.1%	8,281	9,109	10.0%
Adult Programs	11	49	345.4%	154	418	171.4%
--Attendance	279	751	69.2%	3,758	8,141	116.6%
Teen Programs	4	5	25.0%	38	44	15.8%
--Attendance	29	13	-55.2%	197	226	14.7%
Youth Programs	27	53	96.3%	206	257	24.7%
--Attendance	643	2,053	219.3%	9,720	10,323	6.2%
Outreach Attendance	0	512	∞	0	3,258	∞
Makerspace Use	0	290	∞	0	3,306	∞
Computer Use	1,557	1,451	-6.8%	16,334	15,723	-3.7%
Wireless Use	6,370	5,928	-6.9%	58,054	58,392	0.1%
Database Use	7,168	6,215	-13.3%	59,805	61,566	2.9%
Volunteer Hours	318	314	-1.3%	3,014	3,066	1.7%

Number of Library Card Holders

Number of Items

<i>Municipality</i>	LY Month	Month	% Total	<i>Type</i>	LY Month	Month
Rochester Hills	47,112	45,185	58.5%	Print	264,171	281,774
Rochester	10,355	10,281	13.3%	Audio	19,187	19,654
Oakland	9,590	8,988	11.7%	Video	46,938	48,455
Non-residents	4,677	4,964	6.4%	Other	441	441
Virtual Students	7,264	7,795	10.1%	E-Material	25,577	27,947
Total Card	78,998	77,213	100%	Total	356,314	378,271

Committee Updates



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Environmental Impact Policy

Policy Statement

Recognizing the value of sustainability, the Rochester Hills Pub Public Library (“Library”) will make efforts to reduce the Library’s environmental impact and prioritize environmentally conscious use of tax-payer funded resources.

Regulations

1. It is the responsibility of Library trustees, officers, and employees to observe all applicable environmental regulations and laws.
2. The Board of Trustees will evaluate the costs and benefits of low-impact, low-polluting, and sustainable options when designing, building, or refurbishing facilities and when selecting furnishings and equipment.
3. The Board of Trustees will evaluate the costs and benefits of fuel-efficient, no-emission, and low-emission options when purchasing vehicles for library operations.
4. The Library Director will develop objectives and action items on the strategic plan that may include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - improving energy efficiency of facilities to reduce energy use, pollution and emission of greenhouse gasses;
 - implementing operations, housekeeping, and maintenance practices that reduce impacts on the environment through conscientious energy use, chemical use or solid waste production;
 - optimizing reuse, recycling, diversion of, and repurposing solid waste disposal;
 - implementing sustainable landscape design and infrastructure that supports water conservation and native plant and fauna biodiversity, and minimizes the use of non-natural products;
 - Providing learning opportunities with active and passive programming about the topic of environmental sustainability.
5. Library employees shall be empowered to work collaboratively with one another and with their supervisors to make environmentally conscious decisions about library resources within the scope of their job responsibilities.

Approved:
 Rochester Hills Public Library Board of Trustees

Other Business



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Early Literacy Vehicle Replacement Options

Strategic Goals:

The mobile early literacy outreach effort meets two specific goals in the strategic plan, Goal #2 Nurture Developing Minds and Goal #4 Foster Community Collaboration.

Objectives:

- The objective of any library outreach program is to extend as much of the in-person library experience to patrons who cannot visit the library. It is rooted in the belief that the library can meet patrons where they are in order to fulfill our mission and provide easy and friction-less engagement with the library.
- Early literacy objectives are twofold: one, we have foundational services and resources that fulfill reading objectives but require someone to be physically in the building to receive them and two, we offer slightly abbreviated library services and resources that we make available to tax paying residents outside of the building. As such, RHPL staff visit preschools, daycares, and summer camps based on the premise that these are our youngest (tax-paying) patrons whose parents require child care assistance and do not have easy access to the public library.

Actions:

- Provide one curriculum-based story time for library patrons within local daycare and preschool programs.
- Allow patrons (under the supervision of their classroom teacher) checkout materials from the RHPL early literacy mobile collection.
- Focus on daycare and preschool programs that receive subsidized funds, in an effort to reach low-income families in the Greater Rochester Community.
- Onboard new daycares and preschool programs (up to 22 max) based on geographic distribution for maximum coverage.

Summary and Background:

The early literacy bus, or the Big Blue Bus as it's been known, is a 23 year old vehicle. Finding replacement parts has become increasingly challenging. In order to continue offering stellar service for children and their teachers in pre-schools and child care centers, a new vehicle is needed. In 2023, we engaged with 26,138 children and teachers and circulated over 30,000 items. Through September 2024, we have engaged with 20,081 children and teachers. In 2024 the vehicle had a major repair which pulled it off the road for nearly six weeks during the summer months, negatively impacting engagement statistics.

History:

The early literacy bus service began in 2012 after RHPL received a bequest from the Doris & Charles Edie Estate the library purchased a used 2001 Ford ELF, previously used by the Battle Creek library system. It initially visited eight child care centers and preschools in the RHPL service area. Currently, RHPL visits 17 facilities. We have the capacity to add more schools and have visited up to 22 over two weeks. The bus is staffed by an early literacy librarian and a bookmobile driver. They run on a bi-weekly schedule, visiting the schools every other week. This school year, 2024/2025, the bus runs Monday through Thursday, with Mondays visiting one school in the afternoon each week, along with two morning visits. Afternoons are an anomaly! Most schools do not schedule them because child care licensing requires youth to have a quiet time. This makes it challenging for schools to accommodate us and for us to schedule them. Lunch, quiet time, and end of day pick-ups leave limited time in the afternoon. Several schools we visit follow the Rochester Community School's (RCS) district calendar so are not open in the summer. To ensure we continue to offer an effective program, we add the RCS Summer Camp to our weekly schedule. This allows us to also provide books for school-aged kids who might not get to the library as well as to promote the library's summer reading program, and assist in combating the summer slide.

Research & Recommendations:

Juliane Morian, Sara Pinkham-Jones (early literacy outreach librarian), Debbie Mellet (early literacy bus driver), Nick Watterson (fleet manager of Rochester Hills Department of Public Services, DPS), and Mary Davis met with multiple vendors to discuss options for a new early literacy vehicle. Not all RHPL stakeholders were available to attend all meetings. After attending all of the presentations, Mary requested quotes from Farber Specialty Vehicles, Mobile Specialty Vehicles, LDV, and Winnebago. In each meeting and follow-up communication, it was stressed that we did not want or need extras like a sound system or screens, an awning was not a necessity but appreciated if it fit within our budget, a wheelchair lift was a must, and we asked about hybrid and other options that might make the vehicle more energy efficient and clean to run. The overwhelming consensus was that an exclusively EV option is not advisable as it increases any unit anywhere between \$50,000-70,000 plus the additional cost of installing a charging station at the library. Also, batteries are an additional 112 lbs each, and we would need to add around 8-12 batteries to fully power the unit for 8 hrs. Adding these would take away carts/shelving in order to accommodate the space and weight limit.

Winnebago

\$179,495

27' overall length, Ford 425S, gasoline

Winnebago is a trusted name in recreational vehicle manufacturing. The company was founded in 1958, and they began manufacturing specialty vehicles in 1967. They would be our first choice because of their reputation, their flexibility and willingness to work with us on the design of the interior



as well as the exterior, and their price came in much better than anticipated. Because they generally always have vehicles on-site, their lead time is the quickest at **approximately three months** to deliver after final design and down payment.

Mobile Specialty Vehicles

\$257,678 (traditional gas-powered generator)

\$279,097.00 (solar panels and inverter)

24' overall length, E450 Cutaway, gasoline

MSV has been in business for over 40 years. They have specialized in mobile medical units but have also begun customizing bookmobiles. MSV would be the second choice with either vehicle (hybrid or generator). They are



also very willing to work with us on the design and layout throughout the process. Something unique to them is they insulate not only the box but the undercarriage as well which helps to maintain a comfortable temperature and protect anything stored in the underbelly storage areas. **Their lead time was fairly quick as well at eight to 11 months.**

Farber Speciality Vehicles

\$375,622.44

18' Dry van body (I believe this does not include the cab), F550 (shown), gasoline

\$325,314.88

17' Dry van body, F450, gasoline

Farber is a well known and established builder of bookmobiles and other specialty vehicles. According to their website, they have been in business since the 1920s and began building recreational vehicles in the 1960s.



Farber would be the third choice. During their presentation, they discussed a key issue for us to consider. The E450 vehicle has significant weight considerations. Because they are aware of what those are, they design the build to take those into account so there will not be stress on the chassis. **Their lead times is 18-20 months.**

After meeting with all vendors, outreach staff believe LDV is not a viable option. They did not provide an RHPL specific quote for the type of vehicle we would like, and their lead time was extended as well.