

# ROCHESTER CONNECTION



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Rochester Public Library District  
December 2022, January & February 2023

## Holiday Party - December 3rd

Come see Santa! He will arrive on the firetruck promptly at 2:00 p.m.

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## WINTER 22-23

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Keagan and Carter with Santa at our annual Santa Party.



SAVE THE DATE! NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 21, 2023.

ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

# FALL FESTIVAL







The 2022 Fall Festival Princess Quinn Klughart and the 2022 Fall Festival People's choice award winner, Isabelle Burgener, presenting a check to Rochester Public Library for \$640. This donation from Rochester Pageants represents the profits from ad sales and raffle tickets.

## LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL

Rochester Public Library can renew your license plates here in town! Stop by the library from 10 am to 5 pm Monday – Friday, or Tuesday evenings until 8 pm and walk out with your renewal sticker and registration. (You will need your renewal postcard or the vehicle's VIN# and a valid driver's license. Convenience fee applies.)



## FREE NARCAN KITS

Narcan, a drug that can reverse an overdose of heroin and other opioid drugs, is being distributed for free at the library thanks to the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.



## JOIN THE

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# SEED LIBRARY

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Please include the following information on donated seeds:

- common/botanical names
- variety
- days to maturity
- year grown
- name of donor

If you are interested in helping to develop the seed library and create opportunities for community members to become more food independent, please call the library and ask for Beth.



# Rochester Public Library Board of Trustee Position



## CANDIDATE PACKETS AVAILABLE FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE POSITIONS

Prospective candidates for Rochester Public Library District Trustee in the April 2023 Consolidated Election may pick up a candidate packet at the library.

Qualifications for a prospective candidate include being registered to vote with at least a one-year residency in the library district at the time the nomination papers are filed. The prospective candidate must also secure the signatures of at least 19 qualified voters who reside within the Library District on a Petition for Nomination. The first day for circulating petitions is September 20, 2022.

Completed petition packets are to be filed at the library no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on December 12, 2022, and no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 19, 2022. Four of the board's seven seats will be up for election in April; three are for four-year full terms and the fourth seat is for a two-year term. All terms will commence on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

The three incumbents who are running again for the four-year terms are **Jessica Ingold, Elaine Honomichl-Lewis and Sarah Deen.**

The Rochester Public Library District Board of Trustees has the legal authority and responsibility to see that the library is well managed, and that it operates in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois and the policies established by the Board itself. The Board of Trustees regularly meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.







# ADULT PROGRAMS

Register online at [rochesterlibrary.org/programs](http://rochesterlibrary.org/programs) or by calling 217-498-8454.

## Technology Classes

### Card Catalog and Self-Checkout Class

**Tuesday, January 10th | 6:00 p.m.**

If you would like to browse the “card” catalog to see what’s available at our library, it’s all online - and this card catalog has every book in the Illinois Heartland Library System. You can log in to your account, place holds, renew books, and more. All this is possible from the comfort of your own home. We also have a self-checkout kiosk at the library. Learn all about it at this free class. (No need to register.)

### Climbing Your Family Tree

**Tuesday, February 28th | 6:00 p.m.**

If you’ve ever thought about researching your family tree, this class is for you. We will explore the basics of research and keeping records, along with discovering which online tools are useful for you.

## Thank you, Rochester!



The Rochester Public Library’s Farmers Market has concluded for the season. We’re thankful to the vendors and customers for making it possible to buy farm fresh produce and local products in our village. Our season next year will start on June 11. market dates will be on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. If you would like to have a booth, the forms will be available starting in March on our website.

## NEW YEAR'S BOOK BOX

The new year brings new adventures! Which one will you choose? Sign up for the New Year’s Book Box. You get to choose how you spend your new year. Do you want to travel to the past, explore the present, or race to the future? When you sign up, you’ll receive a box that has a surprise book in it that is tailored towards your interests. You’ll also receive some fun items to celebrate the new year with, including a bookmark, hot chocolate or tea, and other fun surprises!

Requests can be made online on our website, or in person at the circulation desk. Available from December 27th-Jan. 31st, and for all ages.

## Adult Programming Events

**DIY Name Ornament** [Register](#)

**Week of December 5th - 9th | \$10 for supplies for 2 ornaments, \$5 for each additional.**

Register on ACTIVE to pick your color(s). We will fill your kit with supplies. You will take them home and create your own one of a kind ornament for Christmas.



**Arm Knitting Chunky Blanket Class**

**Tuesday, January 24 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** [Register](#)

After the holidays, all of us could use a little cozy couch time with a good book. Add more hygge to your reading hour with a warm, chunky, lap blanket. Bring your own supplies, and we will spend about 45 minutes to an hour creating a blanket that can be taken home and used after class. Follow this link to see what is the best yarn to purchase for your needs. <https://lovelifeyarn.com/best-yarn-for-arm-knitting/>  
**\*You will need approximately 8 pounds of chunky size 7 yarn.**

**Local Author Night**

**Tuesday, February 7 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Drop in with scheduled author talks**

RPLD is committed to supporting local authors who have a connection to the Rochester community and who would like to share their books with the public. Stop by to meet local authors and explore their work. We have a wide range of topics presented in these books, there will be something for everyone! Light refreshments will be provided.



LIBRARY STAFF ON HALLOWEEN  
2022



**AARP Defensive Driver Course | Registration Required**

**Tuesday, January 24th | 9:00 a.m. | 20 person max**

This is an all day course that is specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. In many states, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premium upon completing the course. Bring a lunch

[Register](#)

**Rules of the Road | Registration Required**

**Wednesday, February 22nd | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

The Rules of the Road Review Course gives drivers – especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities – the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver’s license. The course combines an explanation of the driving exam with a practice written exam. This is not the course that allows a potential insurance rate reduction.

[Register](#)





ESCAPE THE  
WINTER BLAHS!  
BECOME AN  
*Armchair  
Traveller*  
WITH OUR WINTER  
READING CHALLENGE.

DECEMBER 5 - FEBRUARY 24



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## BOOK CLUB

### Day Book Club

#### Third Friday of the month | 10:00 a.m.

Join the Day Book Club! We are meeting on the third Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the library. There will be early morning treats and great conversation.

*December:* No meeting due to the holidays.

*January:* *One Long River of Song* by Brian Doyle

*February:* *The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde

### Evening Book Club

#### Fourth Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m.

Evening Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Drop in on the discussion for a great discussion and treats provided by the club members!

*December:* No meeting due to the holidays.

*January:* *The Lost Book of Eleanor Dare* by Kimberly Brock

*February:* *The Tea Planter's Wife* by Dinah Jeffries

## Outreach

### Blood Drive | Registration Required

**Wednesday, December 21st | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 22nd | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Did you know each donation you make can save up to four lives? The Center's mobile unit will be in the library's parking lot with appointments available that afternoon. To schedule an appointment, please contact the library or register at: [https://bit.ly/December\\_Drive](https://bit.ly/December_Drive) for the December date. [https://bit.ly/February\\_Drive](https://bit.ly/February_Drive) for the February date.

### Library on Wheels

Our outreach program has started up again. If you or someone you know is homebound, please call the library at 217-498-8454. We would love to bring books to anyone who needs them.

We are also taking large print books to Carriage Crossings once a month. We will set up the traveling library in the bistro area. Residents can get a card and check out books that can then be returned at Carriage Crossings. There is no need to visit the library to check out or return books.



If you or someone you know cannot come to the library, please call us! (217)498-8454



Saturday, October 22 was our 3rd Annual Fall Festival at the Rochester Community Park. It was an amazing day, and we're full of thanks for a great turnout! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! Next year's festival will be Saturday, October 21 and vendor forms will be available on the website July 1.

### AARP Foundation

## TAX-AIDE COMING SOON!

From February 3, 2023 through April 7, 2023, the Rochester Public Library will host the AARP Tax Aide team each Friday. Contact the library starting in January to be put on the scheduling list.



Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery provides emergency child care for families in the Springfield area. Their biggest fundraiser of the year is the Holiday Store. First started in 1989, it provides a wonderful shopping experience for children, teaching them about the joy of giving. Grab a tag from our tree and help the MOCN stock their store. For more information, visit their site at:

[www.miniobeirne.org/holidaystore](http://www.miniobeirne.org/holidaystore)



Forever Home Feline Ranch is a not-for-profit volunteer animal welfare group whose threefold mission is to provide every cat in need a forever home, be a sanctuary where cats will have a second chance to live a full life in a no-cage, no-kill environment, and to lead the effort to make Central Illinois a no-kill community by ending euthanasia as a method of controlling feline populations. A tree with tags of needed items is located in the library. Grab a tag and help FHFR reach their goals.

**Rochester Library is also a Toys for Tots drop-off site.**



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

### Registration Required

Don't forget to sign up for a thousand books using our READsquared app! Your little one will receive a small reading buddy and a necklace when they sign up. Each time they read 100 books they will receive a new tag to hang on their necklace. When they complete the program they will receive a larger reading buddy (plushie). Scan QR code to register.



## Family Programs

### Holiday Party with Santa

**December 3rd | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendars! Santa will be arriving on the fire truck Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m. Have your cameras ready to capture your 2022 greeting card picture. There will be light refreshments, crafts, games, and a reading nook. All of Santa's helpers will be ready and waiting for you!



### Kwanzaa Celebration

**December 17th | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

During this hands-on program, the kids will learn about eight items commonly found during a Kwanzaa celebration, and the meaning of each of the seven candles lit during the festival. Shatriya Smith, a poet and community advocate, will read a story and encourage the children to participate in the crafts.



### Hanukkah Celebration

**December 17th | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Merle Shiffman from Temple Israel in Springfield will be bringing us a story and craft to our library to educate us on the meaning of Hanukkah and all the lovely colors and items that are part of the celebration! She will be reading "Runaway Dreidel" by Lesléa Newman



## Storytimes

### Toddler Time

**19-35 months**

**Mondays, December 5th to February 27th**

**10:10 to 10:30 AM**

This storytime is for kids aged 19-35 months with an adult. Siblings are welcome as well! This energetic storytime is just right for your tot. No registration is required. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

*Closed 12/26, 1/2, 1/16 & 2/20*

### Baby Lapsit

**Birth to 18 months**

**Thursdays, December 1st to February 23rd**

**10:10 to 10:30 AM**

Lapsit storytime is for kids aged 0-18 months. Join us for songs, simple stories, movements, and play! No registration is required. Drop-ins welcome.

### Morning Storytime

**2 to 5 years old**

**Wednesdays, December 7th to February 22nd**

**10:30 to 11:15 AM**

Morning storytime is for children aged 2-5 years old. We have fun listening to stories, singing songs, making simple crafts, and sensory play. No registration is required. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

*Always check our website or Facebook for library closures & date changes.*



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



The Lions Club of Rochester Donated \$400 for books used in our van for outreach programs.

The outreach organizations are as follows:

EC1 (monthly)

Beginning Steps (monthly)

Silver Leaf (monthly)

Springfield Urban League (weekly)

Boys & Girls Club (monthly)

We were able to purchase 43 books to add to the collection of 89 items.



## Homeschool Programs

The Great Arctic Circle STEM Challenge!  
The second Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm  
Registration is required with a 20 student maximum.

**Thursday, December 8th | 1:00 p.m.** [Register](#)  
**Arctic Architect: Construct An Igloo**

**Thursday, January 12th | 1:00 p.m.** [Register](#)  
**Bundle Up: Design a Blanket**

**Thursday, February 9th | 1:00 p.m.** [Register](#)  
**Polar Bear Defense: Snowball Shooter**

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**StoryWalk® at the Library**

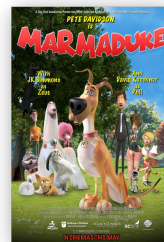
**StoryWalk® at the Rochester Park**

## WINTER BREAK MOVIES

**1:00 P.M.**

Need something for the kids to do while they are on winter break? We will be showing a movie every day beginning at 1:00 p.m. Popcorn will be available. If they want to get comfortable bring a pillow and blanket.

December 27  
*Marmaduke*



December 28  
*The Bad Guys*



December 29  
*Sonic the Hedgehog 2*



### *A letter to our patrons,*

The renovation of Rachel's Garden has been one of our greatest joys to bring to you! I have the unfortunate job of reminding you that this was a gift from members of your community. Talented people in our community made and donated the furniture and artwork with love. We are asking you to treat them with care. We use budgeted funds to purchase markers. These materials are frequently left uncapped and strewn around the garden, next season the markers will be kept behind the youth services assistant's desk. Patrons will have to ask to use them and will need to return the markers before leaving. We appreciate our patrons, and we are making these decisions to make sure the garden stays in good shape for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Denise Rainford  
Youth Services Director





## Teen Homeschool

**Second Thursday of the month | 1:00 p.m.**

Registration Required

Writing Series

### Finding Inspiration [Register](#)

Thursday, December 8th

Sometimes the hardest part of writing is figuring out where to start. We will discuss the many opportunities you can use to find inspiration, in both conventional and unorthodox ways. This will include time for a quick free write.

### Structure of a Story [Register](#)

Thursday, January 12th

What is the difference between rising and falling action? Setting and conflict? Let's discuss the elements that drive a story. This will include time for a quick free write.

### Character Development [Register](#)

Thursday, February 9th

Characters tend to be that necessary evil that helps guide your story. We'll look at how to decide the importance of point of view and examine some methods for character mapping. This will include time for a quick free write.

## Book to Movie

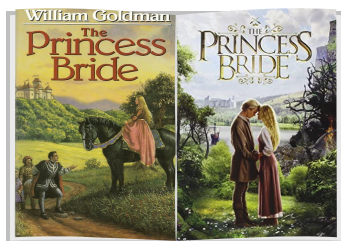
Friday, January 27th

**Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone | 6:00 p.m.**



Friday, February 24th

**The Princess Bride | 6:00 p.m.**



## Teen and Tween Volunteers

**Training sessions and check-ins will occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.**

Looking for volunteer credit? We've got you covered! We're looking for individuals aged 11-18 seeking to gain valuable experience in a work-based environment with regularly scheduled hours. No prior experience is required. Tasks may include but are not limited to, shelf reading, shelf straightening, craft prep, and program assistance. Must submit a volunteer application; applications will be available at training sessions and upon request at the circulation desk or youth services desk. This type of volunteering is great to put on college and job applications.

## First Friday of the month @ 5:00 p.m.

Looking for something to do outside of school? Have some great ideas with your friends for projects or activities you'd like to share with the community? Look no further than your local library! We are looking for any voices aged 13-18 to help us help you make those involvements come true! Please join us for a discussion on how the library can provide services for what you want to do. We look forward to hearing your voice!

*\*December meeting will be held Friday, December 9th.*

## Holiday Party with Interactive Movie

Friday, December 16th | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ever wanted to try Buddy's sweet spaghetti concoction? Well, come build a [faux] gingerbread house then sit tight for an interactive showing of Elf! (More normal food provided as well.)



## Magic: The Gathering | Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks to a generous donation from MagiKids by Weirdcards Charitable Club, we are hosting a weekly tween/teen program with the famous collectible card game, Magic: The Gathering! Players (ages 11-19) of all expertise levels welcome. Come help sort the cards we were gifted, build a deck, learn the game, and battle it out! \*Please note that while members as young as 11 will be allowed to participate, the distributors of Magic: The Gathering do recommend their items for ages 13+.



## Photography Challenge Night

Friday, January 20th | 6:00 p.m.

Bring your phone or digital camera and test some photography basics around the library. At the end of the night we will have a fans-favorite vote on creations captured that evening!



## Pal-entine's Crafting

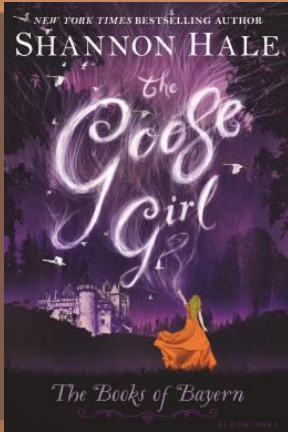
Friday, February 10th | 6:00 p.m.

Valentines and anti-valentines welcome for this crafting night! We will have a guided tutorial on creating two different paper 'tines as well as a cookie decorating station.





# STAFF PICKS FOR WINTER



Beth's pick: "First book in a series that is outstanding. It's the story of a princess who became a goose girl before she could become a queen."

\*Find it on our YA Fiction shelves.



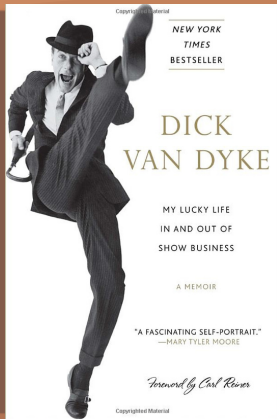
Amanda's pick: "First book in the Witcher series. If you like the game and the TV series, you will enjoy the book that started it all."

\*Available on our Adult Fiction shelves.



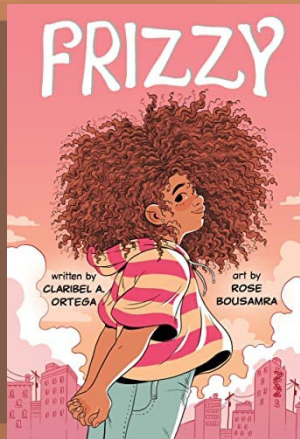
Claire's pick: "You would love this read if you love mythology and stories about revenge and empowered women."

\*Available on our Adult Fiction shelves.



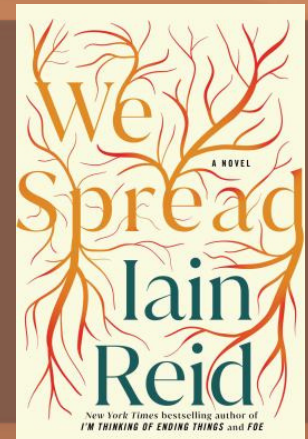
Jacob's pick: "This book is perfect for any fan of the Dick Van Dyke Show or any lover of this iconic performer."

\*Find it on our Adult Biography shelves.



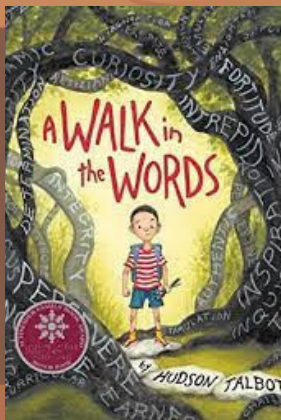
Kaylee's pick: "It's a wonderful graphic novel about embracing your natural curls. Perfect for all ages."

\*Available on our Juvenile Graphic Novel shelves.



Janet's pick: "As we watch the elderly main character struggle to work out exactly what is going on at the assisted living facility, we find it difficult to decide if the horrors she uncovers are real, or the product of a mind that is beginning to lose its grip on reality."

\*Find it on our Adult Fiction shelves.



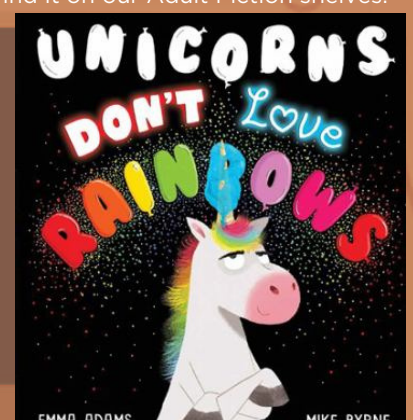
Denise's pick: "A wonderful book about a young boy's struggle with words and his triumph over them."

\*Find it on our Easy Fiction shelves.



Sophie's pick: "This book is perfect for anyone who likes the friends to lovers trope and the unpredictability of growing up."

\*Available in our SHARE Catalog.



Lorachelle's pick: "A brilliantly funny and heartfelt story about empathy, kindness, celebrating what makes us different, and UNICORNS!"

\*Available in our Easy Fiction shelves.



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### Library Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
10:00AM to 8:00 PM

#### Friday

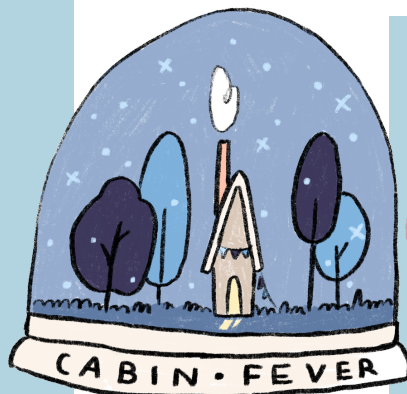
10:00AM to 5:00 PM

#### Saturday

10:00AM to 4:00PM

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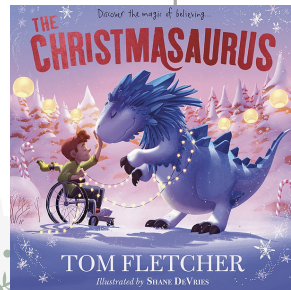
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StoryWalk<sup>®</sup> at the Rochester Park



### REGISTER FOR EVENTS HERE:



### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**Friday, December 2**  
Staff Training  
**Saturday, December 24**  
**Monday, December 26**  
Winter Holiday  
**Saturday, December 31**  
**Monday, January 2, 2023**  
New Years  
**Monday, January 16, 2023**  
MLK Jr. Day  
**Monday, February 20, 2023**  
President's Day

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