

Rochester Hills Public Library Summer 2018 Newsletter
News & Views

Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Challenge

June 9-August 10

Kickoff Party June 9, 12-3 p.m.

Rochester Hills Public Library

This summer, librarians at the Rochester Hills Public Library are turning up and getting loud for this year's summer reading program, Libraries Rock! The program challenges participants to read literature of their choice while jamming along to their favorite songs in a series of events beginning June 9.

To kickoff the challenge, RHPL is hosting a "palooza" where attendees can enjoy food, games, live music, a rock wall sponsored by Rivercrest Orthodontics, and coffee donated from Lava Mountain.

Librarians will be standing by to get you and your family signed up for Libraries Rock!

Party at 'Rock'chester

Saturday, June 16, 1-2:30 p.m.

All Ages

Multipurpose Room

MUST REGISTER ALL ATTENDING

Are you ready to rock?! Come help us celebrate Summer Reading 2018 by hitting the red carpet and jamming out with karaoke! The first part of the program will allow 'musical groups' to dress up in outrageous rock star gear in preparation for their musical karaoke debut! We will provide some awesome, rock-related costumes.

Pedal the Past Biking History Tour

Thursday, June 28, 6-9 p.m.

West Entrance

Registration Required

The library and the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm have joined forces once again to bring you another biking history tour!

During this four mile ride, you'll learn the exciting history of places you pass every day and visit hidden gems you may have never even noticed before.

Registration is required for all RHPL events and can be done at calendar.rhpl.org. Participants can choose from several different time slots starting at 6 p.m. Please be ready to ride at your designated registration time. The time you register for is the time your group departs.

Rock Mind, Body & Soul Yoga at the Library

Wednesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Registration Required

Enjoy an evening of yoga at the library. Courtney Jones of Unbound Pilates & Yoga will lead a gentle, healing yoga class where everyBODY is welcome. Class will focus on a simple warm up flow with controlled breathing, then move into standing postures emphasizing balance and awareness. The practice ends with deeper

postures to release and relax. This class ROCKS! Class is for participants ages 18 & up. Please bring your mat & water bottle.

Register ahead at our website or by calling 248-650-7130. Registration will begin June 25.

Discovering *Discovery*: Is the New Series Still “Star Trek” for You?

Tuesday, August 14, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Registration Required

“Dr. Trek,” author/interviewer/producer Larry Nemecek, beams in from Los Angeles for a fresh look at Star Trek’s return to the small screen last year and how it stacks up to our patrons’ past favorites. After 15 “cinematic TV” episodes, Discovery has already been renewed for a second season by CBS All Access — and opinions are many.

Nemecek will offer visuals and invite the audience to share their opinions along with his. He’ll also have copies of his own Trekland books, CDs, and Portal47.net info afterward.

Books on Tap

Monday, July 16, 7-8:30 p.m.

Main Street Billiards, VIP Room

NEW LOCATION! RHPL is excited to partner with Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St) for a casual book club (discussion will be available but not enforced) in a relaxed setting. Meet at the restaurant to talk about books and enjoy Main Street Billiards’ happy hour specials extended for our program.

July 16: *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier

Copies of the book are available upon registration, which begins May 21, and is open to those with a library card.

Know-it-All Trivia Smackdown

Monday, June 11 & August 20, 7-9 p.m.

Bar Louie Rochester Hills, fireplace area

Think you know more random trivia than your neighbors? Meet us at Bar Louie (near the fireplace) with your team of up to six people and see if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! Bonus points if you bring your library card! Prizes will be awarded to the top team. Check out next month’s Books on Tap book - we will have one “book bonus” question.

Fandom Trivia Smackdown

Monday, June 25: *The Office (US Version)* Adults, 7-9 p.m. Main Street Billiards, Solarium area

Monday, July 30: *Harry Potter*, All Ages, 7-9 p.m., Multipurpose Room

Join us for this NEW trivia series that aims to prove one thing: are YOU the biggest fan? Bring your team of up to six people and duke it out with other mega-fans for bragging rights and prizes. Bonus points awarded to teams with up to THREE RHPL library cards!

Nerf at Nite

Friday, July 13, 7-9 p.m.

What's more fun than a Nerf battle? A Nerf battle in the library after hours! We are taking over the library for an epic Nerf war after the library closes. We'll play Capture the Flag and some other fast-paced games. All supplies provided - wear comfy clothes that you can MOVE in! Registration with an RHPL library card is required, beginning June 13. Each library card will admit up to two people. This event is limited to ages 18 and up.

Learn and Create:

Go with the Flow Acrylic Fluid Painting

Tuesday, June 19, 6:30-8 p.m.

Makerspace, Adults

Registration Required

Fun and easy! Come and create a beautiful painting by pouring layers of acrylic paint. Please come ready to paint - wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on. All supplies provided. Registration begins May 20.

Magnetic Photos

Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Makerspace, 13 & Up

Registration Required

Have a great photo you want to capture as a magnet? Learn how to use our vinyl cutter to create your own customized magnet.

Laser Cut a Small Jewelry Box

Saturday, August 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Makerspace, 13 & Up

Registration Required

Design and learn how to use the Glowforge laser cutter to create a small jewelry box.

Create a Laser Cut Candle Holder

Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Makerspace, 13 & Up

Registration Required

Create your own unique design and watch it come to life with our Glowforge laser cutter.

Ongoing in the Adult Department:

Community Puzzle Table

Enjoy spending time on a relaxing puzzle.

Adult Coloring Table

Relax at our coloring table. Adult coloring sheets and coloring supplies provided.

NEW! Battleships

Stop by the Adult Department on the second floor and enjoy learning a new logic game. Locate ships on a grid by using the clues given and a few basic rules. Great for fans of Sudoku!

Sudoku

Simple and challenging. Fill in the blanks of the 9x9 grid so each row, column, and 3x3 section includes one instance of the numbers 1 through 9.

RHPL Letterboxes

Grab your logbook and an inkpad –there’s still time to look for all of our letterboxes! Find all our clues online at atlasquest.com or letterboxing.org and search RHPL or look on our website for our adult and teen letterboxes: rhpl.org –use the library–special events.

New Downloadable Resources at RHPL!

Many of you have been asking us for more streaming and downloadable media, and we listened! RHPL is proud to introduce new resources you can use at home, that are sure to entertain and educate!

cloudLibrary

Some of you may remember using cloudLibrary at RHPL several years ago, and we are happy to report that it’s back and better than before! cloudLibrary will complement our eBook and eAudiobook offerings currently offered through OverDrive/Libby. cloudLibrary allows us to partner with several other Michigan libraries to bring you even MORE variety in our electronic book offerings - think MeLCat, but for eBooks! We anticipate cloudLibrary to launch to RHPL patrons at the beginning of June. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more details.

Acorn Tv

Acorn TV brings world-class mysteries, dramas, and comedies from Britain and beyond to library patrons through a streaming video service to any web-connected device. You get access to Acorn TV for one week with your RHPL card, and there is no limit on how many weeks you can log in! Start watching Acorn TV now at rochesterhillsmi.rbdigital.com.

Kanopy

Stream over 26,000 films (independent, international, classic, or documentary films) from hundreds of popular producers such as The Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, and PBS, as well as thousands of independent filmmakers - on every topic imaginable. Watch in your browser, or download the app on your smartphone, tablet, or smart TV. Your RHPL card allows you four play credits per month with Kanopy. Start watching today at rhpl.kanopy.com.

Qello Concerts

Qello Concerts is the world’s largest collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries streamed on-demand to just about any digital device. You get access to Qello Concerts for one week with your RHPL card, and log in as many weeks as you’d like! Start watching today at rochesterhillsmi.rbdigital.com.

Now Available: Online Study Room Booking

Our extremely popular second floor group study rooms can now be booked from the comfort of your own home, without a phone call to the library! Visit rhpl.libcal.com and click on “Book a Room” on the right side of the page. Need a room TODAY, or would you like to book our conference room or multipurpose room? Please give us a call at 248-656-2900.

Check out a Roku

The library now has three circulating Roku Express+ devices available for checkout! Each one is loaded with select digital copies of movies, plus apps to access great streaming video resources like Hoopla, Kanopy, and Acorn TV with your library card. Check one out today!

Personalized Book Recommendations

Our staff loves to help you find your next favorite book, and now we’re making it even easier! Visit rhpl.org/recommend and answer a few questions. Then we’ll send over some recommendations, tailored to your personal taste. Or, as always, call us or visit in person. Happy reading!

Youth Services:

(Registration for each program begins one week prior to the program.)

Summer Reading Challenge

June 9-August 10, All Ages

Register and keep track of your reading. Read whatever you want, whenever you want, wherever you want. You can earn prizes (including brand new books!) and raffle tickets!

Evening Family Storytime

Tuesday, June 5, July 3 & August 7, 7-7:45 p.m.

All ages, Rotary Park

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Enjoy summer-themed stories & music for the family. Rain location is library’s MPR.

Design a Father’s Day Mug

Wednesday, June 6, 3–5 p.m.

All Ages with Caregiver

Makerspace

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Create your own unique mug design for Father’s Day. We’ll supply the mugs and materials, you supply the ideas!

Outdoor Explorers

Mondays June 11-July 30, 9:45 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.

3-5 years with Caregiver

Rotary Park (meet at West Entrance)

PLEASE REGISTER ALL CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD. Join us as we explore the world outside of RHPL! We will spend each week discovering fun and interesting facts about the natural world. Open to 3-5 year olds

with parent/caregiver. Siblings are welcome, but projects will be limited to registered participants. Please choose 9:45 a.m. OR 10:45 a.m. Registration for each week will begin the previous Monday at 9 a.m.

Rock 'n' Roll!

Tuesday, June 12, July 10 & August 7, 10-11 a.m.

Ages 2-4

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Gross motor play for the toddler set. Caregiver **MUST** attend with child. Register for each event separately.

3D Printed Pencil Toppers

Wednesday, June 13,

2-4 p.m.,

Grades 2-8

Makerspace

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Use Tinkercad to design your own personalized pencil toppers and then watch them print out on our 3D printer!

Parent Child Workshop

Thursdays, June 7-28, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

1-3 year-olds with Caregiver

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL 1-3 YEAR OLDS ATTENDING (if your child has already attended a Parent Child Workshop in 2018, he or she is not eligible to attend again until 2019). Join us for a fun, play-based five week program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. This program will be open to 1-3 year olds and their caregiver and is limited to one session per year per child. Siblings ages birth-1 year and 4-5 years are welcome to attend, but do not need to be registered for the program. Siblings above 5 years old cannot attend. Registration begins on Thursday, May 24, at 9 a.m.

Get Mobbed with Minecraft

Thursday, June 14, July 12 & August 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Grades 4 & Up

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Come punch a few trees and build your own world – open to beginners and experience Minecrafters.

Joel Tacey's Page Rocker Show

Tuesday, June 19, 10:30 a.m.

All Ages

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Come enjoy the magic and comedy of Joel Tacey's show. He's one of Michigan's best!

Rock Solid Science

Wednesday, June 20, 6-7 p.m.

Grades 3 & Up

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Study the science of what lies beneath our feet.

Music & Matisse

Wednesday, June 20,

1–2:30 p.m.

All Ages

Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Henri Matisse was a French artist who mastered the use of paper cutouts. Please join us to learn and create some of your own! During our program we will be listening to French music from the 30s, 40s, and 50s to inspire our creativity and designs.

Storytime in the Park

Thursday, June 21, July 19, & August 16, 10 a.m.

All Ages

Rotary Park

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Join us at Rotary Park for a fun filled story time with your favorite librarians!

Tween Club

Thursday, June 21, July 19 & August 16, 1 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Story Room

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Are you not quite a teen yet, but need a place to hang out with new friends, create your own activities, help the community, or maybe just spend time away from your parents this summer? Then this club is for you. Initially, club attendees will discuss their vision for having a great summer at the library and then, with the assistance of a librarian, we will try to make that vision come to life. This is a good program for kids who are interested in starting a book, writing, or craft club as those are all things that will be considered.

Nature Navigators

Friday, June 22, July 13 & 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ages 6-10

West Entrance

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Explore the science of our natural world. Meet at the west entrance to the library and we will walk to the park together. Caregiver **MUST** attend with child. Register for each event separately.

Baby Play: Dance Party

Saturday, June 23, 2 p.m.

Ages Birth-35 Months

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Bring your baby to the library in a secure baby carrier to wear while you dance or dance along your child's side at this baby play dance party! You will learn a few simple dance routines and do some fun, silly freestyle dancing with your baby.

Legos Rock!

Tuesday, June 26, 2-3 p.m. OR 7-8 p.m.

Grades K-8 with Caregiver

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Rock our world & build with the library Legos. Your creation will be displayed in the Youth Department.

Pete the Cat's Rockin' Storytime

Wednesday, June 27, 11 a.m.

Ages 1-5 with Caregiver

Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Join us as we sing, read, and even dance a little with some Pete the Cat themed books. Afterwards, we will make button castanets as we groove to some kid-friendly music!

RIF Paperback Book Giveaway

Saturday, August 18, 1-4 p.m.

Ages 3-18, Multipurpose Room

All residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township who are between the ages of 3 to 18 are invited to come to the library to select a new, free paperback book. Per program rules, children are required to choose their own book without assistance from their adult caregiver. No advanced registration needed.

Picnic Flick

Friday, June 29, July 27 & August 24, 1-3 p.m.

All ages

Multipurpose room

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a movie. No registration required.

Instrument Petting Zoo

Saturday, June 30

10-11 a.m., Grades K-3

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.,

Grades 4-8

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. A parent/guardian must attend the

10 a.m. session. Learn about a whole collection of musical instruments and enjoy the chance to try them out. This program is brought to us by Girls Rock Detroit, but is open to everyone.

Super, Gigantic Bubbles!

Wednesday, July 11, 1 p.m.

All Ages

West Entrance

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Super, gigantic bubbles! Wow! Let's see just how big we can make them. All materials will be provided, however please make sure that you are wearing clothing you are okay with getting wet.

Ziplock Ice Cream Rock

Thursday, July 12, 2 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, All Ages

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Learn the science behind creating your own ice cream. Work up an appetite and show off your dance moves as you make your own scoop by rocking some ingredients in a Ziploc bag.

Kevin Devin Family Concert

Saturday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.

All Ages

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Kevin Devine returns to RHPL! Join us for a lively show with lots of singing along and dancing.

Miss Carissa Rocks!

Monday, July 16, 10 a.m.

All Ages

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. A Rochester favorite, Miss Carissa, returns to RHPL for a rocking good show. Be ready to dance!

Concrete Poetry

Tuesday, July 17, 2-3 p.m.

Grades 2 & Up

Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Build a poem! Create an original construction to display in the Youth room.

Binary Bracelets

Wednesday, July 18,

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Grades 2-8

Makerspace

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Learn how to spell your name in binary then create a bracelet to show off your skills!

Baby Play: Pool Party
Saturday, July 21, 2 p.m.
Ages Birth-35 Months
West Entrance

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Dress your little one up in swimwear and come enjoy some water play, a book, and some songs in small pools outside the library.

Stories, Songs & Movement
Monday, July 23, 2:30 p.m.
All Ages
Multipurpose Room

Genot Picor, a storyteller, and The Depot Town Players will get you moving with their program, Libraries Rock: Stories, Songs, and Creative Movement for Children.

3D Printed Wind Instruments

Tuesday, July 24,
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Grades 2 & Up

Makerspace

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Pick a design of your choice and learn how to make it into a wind instrument with our 3D printer!

Ballet Day

Tuesday, July 24, 2 p.m.

Ages 4-8 with a Caregiver

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. If you and your child can appreciate the quiet rebelliousness that is the art of ballet, come to this program to hear a story, learn some ballet basics and make your very own tutu to take home.

Paint Your Own Cactus Garden

Wednesday, July 25,

1-2 p.m., Grades 3-5

Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Do you have a black thumb? Create a rock garden that won't wilt! Join us for painting fun as we make miniature cactus rock gardens. Dress to get messy.

Pop Bottle Rockets

Tuesday, July 31, 1-2 p.m.

Grades 2 & Up,

West Entrance

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. All the materials will be provided to make pop bottle rockets. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE AT LEAST 6 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAVE A CAREGIVER ATTENDING.

Pint Sized Polka

Thursday, August 2, 3 p.m.

All Ages

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Join us for a lively, fun Polka show for all ages.

Tunes from Trash

Friday, August 3, 10-11 a.m.

Grades K-6, younger children need a caregiver

Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Make musical instruments from objects easily found around your house. We'll have some music to play along with at the end.

Baby Play: Band Together

Saturday, August 4, 2 p.m.

Ages Birth-35 Months

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Enjoy this musical instrument-based story time designed for babies. Babies will be given shakers, drums, and other fun stuff to make music with each other along with some pre-recorded tunes.

Make Music with the Makey Makey

Wednesday, August 8,

10-11 a.m. OR

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Makerspace

All Ages with Caregiver

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Use the Makey Makey controller to turn bananas, play doh, and more into musical instruments!

Sound Science

Thursday, August 9, 6 p.m.

Grades 3-5, Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Join us as we learn about sound by experimenting, using various items such as tin cans, balloons, and more.

Dress for a possible mess.

Camp Read S'more!

Wednesday, August 15, 7 p.m.

All Ages

West Entrance

Rain location Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Come gather 'round the glow of the embers and enjoy an evening storytime devoted to camping-out under the stars. Please dress appropriately as this program will be held outside, near dusk. Feel free to bring blankets to spread on the ground.

Create a Keychain with our Laser Cutter

Tuesday, August 21,

10 a.m.-12 p.m., Grades 4-8

Makerspace

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Design a keychain and learn how to cut it out with our Glowforge laser cutter!

Books by the Bus

Hampton Community Center

Tuesday, June 12, July 10 & August 14,

7:45-8:15 p.m.

Borden Park

Wednesday, June 20, July 18 & August 28,

9:45-10:15 a.m.

West Middle School

Thursdays, June 28, July 26 & August 30,

5:15-5:45 p.m.

Come join the bookmobile and a librarian at three of our stops for story times outside the bus! We'll read books, share rhymes, and sing songs.

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

Tuesday, May 29-July 17

10-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 31-July 19

7-8:30 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

Our conversation groups are a time to come together and discuss hometowns, food, hobbies, jobs, and other informal topics. Joining a group will introduce you to new friends and a great time! For further information, contact Mariano at 248-202-9352 or Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org

American Culture

Monday, June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10-11:30 a.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

An informal group discussion open to all ELL students and newcomers. We will discuss and share our own experiences and observations regarding the customs and manners of the American culture.

Basic Computer Help for Seniors
Saturday, June 2, July 7 & August 4
10-11:30 a.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

Join us for a one-on-one session with a teen volunteer who can show you the basics here at the library, on your device or a library computer. Please call Allison at 248-650-7135 or email Allison.Sartwell@rhpl.org to reserve your seat.

Teen Events:

Ages 13-18 are welcome at our teen events. If you have questions or comments, please email Allison.Sartwell@rhpl.org or call 248-650-7135.

Bad Movie Afternoon: From Justin To Kelly

Friday, June 22, 3-5 p.m.,

Multipurpose Room

Come eat popcorn, laugh, and groan as we watch this 2003 musical which the New York Daily News called “More than awful, more than dreadful, and easily the worst beach movie ever made.” No registration required.

Rockin’ Video Game Day

Monday, July 9, 2-4 p.m.,

Multipurpose Room

Itching to rock out? Feeling the need to wail on a guitar? Come play Guitar Hero and Rock Band! Bring your friends and we will see who the biggest rock star is! No registration required.

Kindness Rocks!

Thursday, July 26, 2-5 p.m.,

Second Floor Conference Room

Support The Kindness Rocks Project by painting rocks with inspirational words and art, then hide them in public places for others to find. If you find a rock, take a picture and tag it [#TheKindnessRocksProject!](https://www.instagram.com/TheKindnessRocksProject/) All supplies provided, please register online starting June 28.

The Fabulous Vocabulous League

Writer's Workshop

Saturday, June 16, July 21 & August 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

Interested in writing fiction or poetry? Meet other teen writers, share your own work, learn tips and pointers, and enjoy snacks.

Pokémon Club

Saturday, July 14 & August 11, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

A casual gathering for teens to meet, compete, and enjoy Pokémon together.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Saturday, July 28

2-4:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room

Be here no later than 2:15 to join our Super Smash Bros. (Wii U) tournament. We have GameCube controllers as well as Wii-motes; you may also bring your own 3DS. 1st and 2nd place get prizes. Regular drop-in freeplay before and after the tournament as time allows. No registration required.

Wednesdays @ Your Library

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesday, June 6, 20, July 18, August 1 & 15

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

Have ideas for the library? Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays and other library matters at these fun-filled meetings, all while eating pizza and making friends. TAB Members also get first dibs on fun volunteer projects around the library, and may use meeting time as volunteer hours as well! Please note: NOT MEETING JULY 4. No registration required.

GAME Night

First four Wednesdays of every month

7-8:45 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

A casual hang-out night for teens who enjoy gaming, anime, movies, and entertainment. Snacks included. Welcome one and all! Please note: NOT MEETING JULY 4. No registration required.

Just Beadcause

Wednesday, August 29

6:30-8:45 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

We have a lot of beads; you have a lot of creativity. Come make something (Bracelet? Necklace? Lanyard?) out of them to keep or give as a gift. All supplies provided. No registration required.

Teen Summer Reading

Starting June 9, sign up online for our Teen Summer Reading Challenge! Read through the setlist (four books) to earn prizes, an entry into the grand prize drawing for an Amazon gift card, and your ticket to our Finale party on Friday, August 10. Then keep reading and completing encore challenges for extra grand prize entries! Make sure to log books by August 10. (Last day to collect prizes is August 17!)

Sign up for updates and reminders about upcoming teen events! Text @rhpl to 81010 or visit remind.com/join/rhpl.

We're Back!

The Community Bookmobile is so happy to be back. We have been off the road since January due to faulty brakes that were irreplaceable. In fact, we have since learned they are now obsolete. We were able to find an affordable used vehicle from Coschton, Ohio, that needed a little cosmetic work but is otherwise in great

working condition! Our summer schedule, posted in this newsletter, will remain the same as previous summers and will go back to our regular schedule in September. Be sure to visit us to see the “new” bookmobile!

Local Partnerships:

Scribes Writers’ Workshop

Second & Fourth Wednesdays

1–4 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

A twice-monthly drop-in workshop for those who love to write, want to learn from more experienced writers, or just want to get their writing “juices” flowing. Members will write on a given topic or thought-starter, then give and take positive feedback. RHPL card holders have first priority but the workshop is open to others as well.

For more information, call 248-650-7124.

Rochester Avon Historical Society

The Rochester Historical Society presents

programs centered around Rochester historical events on the first Thursday of every month in the library’s Multipurpose Room. The programs are listed at calendar.rhpl.org. For more information, call 248-266-5440.

General Information:

Hours

Monday–Thursday...9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Friday..... 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Saturday.....9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday (School year).....1–6 p.m.

Phone Numbers

General.....248-656-2900

Adult Services.....650-7130

Youth Services.....650-7140

Outreach Services.....650-7150

Bookmobile.....650-7150

TDD.....650-7153

Hours.....650-7170

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Friends’ Book Sales650-7178

Friends’ Library Store.....650-7179

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The Library Board meets on the second Monday of the month. The meetings are open to the public and reasonable auxiliary aids and services are available. Call 248-650-7122 for further information.

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From the Director: Christine Lind Hage

We recently published our annual report on the library website rhpl.org. It was a very good year, but the impressive numbers don't tell the whole story.

In 2017, we introduced several new services including a makerspace with 3D printers, a VHS to DVD converter, and the Adobe Creative Suite. We created new collections like board games and adventure packs (bird watching, fun in the park, knitting, human body, etc.), for full-family fun and education. Our mini-branches added children's books at each site so users can bond over books with visiting grandchildren. Our new book bike, the Book Peddler, has been a hit at many community events. We were able to purchase a grand piano thanks to a bequest from former library board trustee Nadine Harvey. Last year's experimental Story Walk was so popular, that we created a more permanent Story Walk along the north edge of the building and through our garden for the summer of 2018.

Programs continue to be popular with about 30,000 people attending library programs including Polar Express, the Solar Eclipse Watch Party, our historic biking tour of downtown, and our ongoing parent child workshops focusing on early literacy. RHPL offered over 800 programs and concerts in 2017!

The numbers are interesting as well. We checked out nearly 2 million items! Most of the loans and renewals (832,466) were on main library books, but you also borrowed over 100,000 eBooks, 41,000 songs were downloaded. The bookmobiles checked out almost 90,000 items, and we borrowed and loaned almost 45,000 items through MeLCat, the statewide book borrowing service.

Although audio, video and electronic materials are popular, most of the items we loan are print books and this reflects how we build our collections. Our total collection of 263,244 items includes 188,827 print items, 17,986 audio items, 43,399 videos, 12,659 electronic items, and 373 other items (puppets, puzzles, games, etc.). So do not panic when you hear “print is dead!” This is not true at RHPL! After an initial surge in purchases, ebook sales have normalized. In fact, according to the book supplier Follet, print sales increased by 3% in 2016 over 2015.

From a library perspective, the format really does not matter. We provide the content in a variety of packages. You can have regular print, large print, electronic copies, audio version and even video version of most popular titles. We purchase in all formats and, obviously, you read in all formats.

Who borrowed all these items? Over 45,000 people living in Rochester Hills, over 11,000 people in Oakland Township, and over 8,000 people from the City of Rochester. Over 64% of the people eligible for a library card in the three communities have and use their cards regularly!

I can say with confidence that the Rochester Hills Public Library is thriving. We are constantly working toward our mission to provide our community with life-long learning opportunities, instill a love of reading, and offer equal access to information. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to serving you and your families in the coming years!

Behind the Scenes Library Tour

July 11, 10 a.m., Multipurpose Room

248-656-2900 for registration

Serving as a Town Square of knowledge and information for Rochester,
Rochester Hills and Oakland Township

Flamingo Flair at the Friends Store

There’s no need to buy a plane ticket or book a room to get that sunny, tropical feeling. You can make it happen at home, with “all things flamingo” from the Friends Store. Toss a few pillows on the chaise and serve up some drinks in groovy, curvy-neck mugs. Add a little mood lighting with our flamingo string lights, and hang a colorful bottle light or two for a sweet tinkling sound when a breeze rustles up. Be sure to use the coupon to make it all even more affordable. Ah, summer... brought to you by your Friends Store.

The Friends Store is run entirely by volunteers. If you enjoy interacting with customers and have a few hours free each week, please stop by for an application. We are always looking for helpful, smiling people to join our staff!

Store Hours:

Monday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

Tuesday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Sunday closed