# NEWS & VIEWS

ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY | WINTER 2026/2027




## LOOKING BACK & MOVING FORWARD

*Preview the new Youth Room*

## MARKS OF DISCOVERY ART EXHIBIT

*With RCS Adult Transition Program and Paint a Miracle*

## PRESCHOOL FAIR

*Find the right fit for your family*

**Juliane Morian, Library Director**
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## General Information

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| General | 248-656-2900 |
| Adult | 650-7130 |
| Youth | 650-7140 |
| Outreach | 650-7150 |
| TDD | 650-7153 |
| Item Renewals | 650-7160 |
| Friends Information | 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/card.

## Library Board

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| Melinda Deel | Vice President |
| Julianne Reyes | Treasurer |
| Anne Kucher | Secretary |
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Jim Kiefer

City of Rochester Liaison:
Lauren Coleman

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


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*Cover image: Young patrons model RHPL construction hats*



# A Letter from the Library Director

In preparation for the Youth Services renovation this winter, my staff and I walked through the space to identify what items in the room could be sold or rehomed to patrons to benefit the Friends of RHPL. One accessory immediately transported me back to another time: a set of wooden duck rockers. Long before I became director and these ducks were retired to storage, I was a patron of this library and the toys provided delight to each of my children as their chubby toddler legs climbed on and rocked back and forth.

As this major transition in our history approaches, I find myself reflecting on how to process change. The Christine Lind Hage Youth Services room, named after our previous director, is brimming with nostalgia. How do we honor past legacies, while building the library of tomorrow? As the current library director my job is to address the stains on the carpet, threadbare chairs, or loose tiles in the bathrooms, but when I close my eyes I am a parent looking back on those thrilling first steps at the library, the first chapter book my child could read, the first storytime we attended. I am looking forward to how great the room will be, and I pause from time to time, remembering what it means to me, and to so many other families, through a sentimental veil.

While we have spent the past six months drafting, planning, and refining the design plan for the Youth Services renovation, we have all collectively spent years collecting memories and marking moments, unknowingly preparing for this change. I am so excited about the new room and think it blends the best of what a modern library can and should offer to the next generation of parents.

As we're learning time and time again this year, change is the only constant. A long-serving trustee, Madge Lawson, has announced her retirement from the Library Board. Her leadership, marketing savvy, and diplomacy have served RHPL for nearly 30 years, and while we again become wistful for the legacy of what is being left behind, we have always known that the board must change out of necessity and propriety.

And so my thoughts return to the ducks, rocking forward and backward throughout the years. They are a fitting metaphor for how to approach bittersweet change by balancing both the nostalgia when we look back on what came before, and the excitement that propels us forward, reminding us of how great the future can be. I am looking forward, grounded in the past, to a marvelous transformation of the building and hope you'll make plans to join us at the grand opening this spring.



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# Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library

## Holiday Decor Giveaway

The Friends Store is stocked and ready for the season! Come in and shop for décor as well as both fun and practical gifts for friends, family, or even yourself.

Visit between November 1 and December 6 to enter a drawing for a chance to win this dazzling tree with each purchase of $25 or more. Measuring approximately 4-feet tall, it is valued at $530. You have to see it in person to appreciate how unique and striking it truly is.



## Why not join the Friends Store Team?

We have immediate openings for store volunteers. The commitment is for a once a week, three-hour shift. We pair new volunteers with someone from our seasoned team to help them learn the ropes. It's easy, fun, and so rewarding!
Please stop in to the store to pick up an application, or call 248-650-7179 for more information.
Must be 18 years of age or older.

## Quality Sale

*Thursday, December 3, 3-8 p.m.,*
*Friday, December 4, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.,*
*Saturday, December 5, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Find new-to-you ornaments and home decor items, too. Shop recent best sellers, like-new books, and sets wrapped in colorful ribbon. We have puzzles, games, and other items in brand new or pristine condition.

## Holiday Home Tour

*Saturday, December 5, 12-6 p.m. Rochester Area*

Tour six area homes done up in high style for the holidays. Get inspired for your own decor, or just enjoy your neighbors' style and celebrations. Tickets can be purchased at the Friends Store or online at rhpl.org/friends.

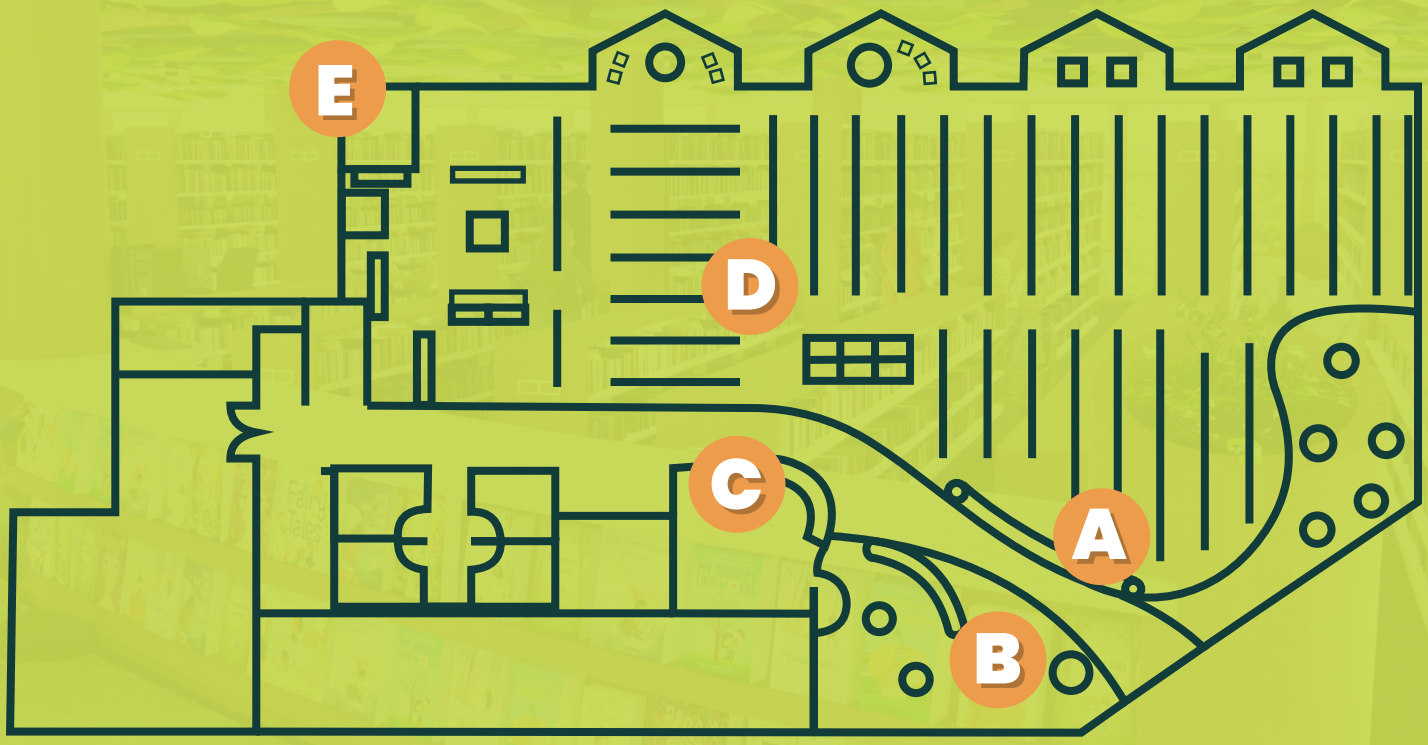
## Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library Winter Used Book Sale

*Thursday, January 28, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.*
*Friday, January 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*
*Saturday, January 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*
*Sunday, January 31, 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Bag Day - all you can fit in a standard grocery bag goes for $5)*

Stock your TBR pile and give back at the same time! From history books to popular fiction to puzzles and games, the bargains are all in the upstairs used book sale room. Presale opportunities for Friends members will be Wednesday, January 27, from 5:30-8 p.m. (New member sign-ups and renewals are available at the door. See rhpl.org/friends for details.) Funds raised benefit the library.

## Good to know!

Due to ongoing renovations at RHPL, Wine, Wit & Wisdom will take place in September 2027, instead of April. Stay tuned for more details.




# Some things old, some things new

## Family Friendly

As a Family Place Library for 13 years, RHPL's Youth Services has a unique focus on the needs of families and caregivers with young children, and provides collections and enrichment through Middle School. The new room will have various areas to play, explore, learn, and rest, giving families the opportunity to connect in the way they need it, including a respite room for nursing parents.

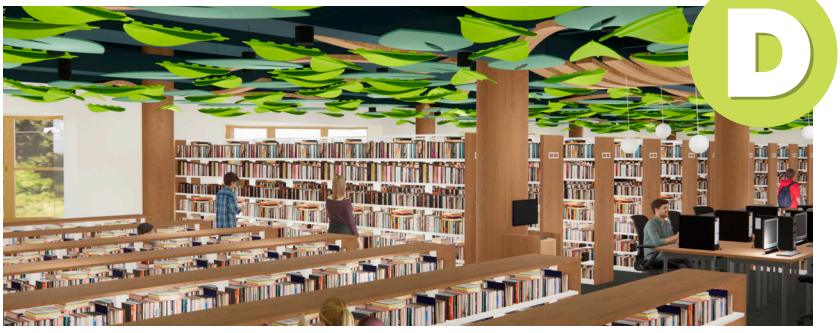
## Innovative

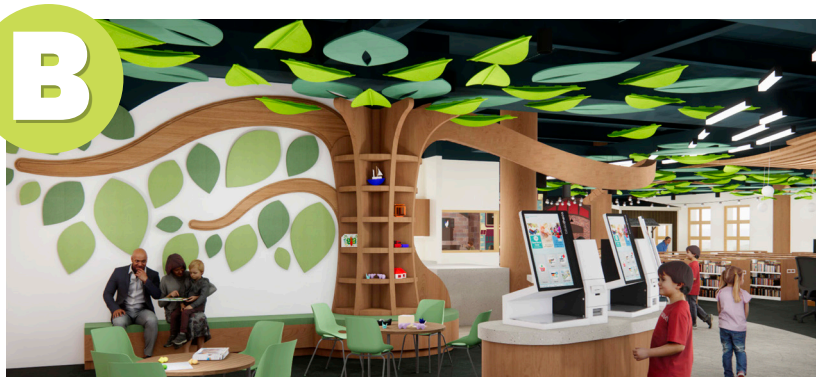
The design of the room includes innovative features that delight and entertain kids (and adults) of all ages. Children can interact with the space by causing the leaves mounted to the ceiling to move, the rooster in the barn to appear, and the water wheel in the play area to spin, helping scientific minds grow and keeping busy hands occupied.

## Local

Building on the roots RHPL established in 1924, the room will also nod to local and historic landmarks like a bakery, museum, and cider mill, all while paying homage to the pieces you love from the original room. The fish tank will be relocated, Stretch the giraffe will have a new place of prominence, and the puppet theater will become an accessible place for everyone to play.


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# 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.*

## ELL Discussion Group

***Tuesdays, January 5–March 23, 10–11:30 a.m.***
***Thursdays, January 7–March 25, 7–8:30 p.m.***
***Saturdays, January 9–March 27, 10–11:30 a.m.***
***Conference Room A***

Practice your English in this informal and fun class. Make new friends, partner with RCS ELL groups, and participate in conversations and discussions about cultural, current and international events at the library, coffee shops, and during walks in the park. Celebrate a successful session with our end of group potluck. Contact mariano.cadiz@rhpl.org for more information. Registration is required.

## ELL Book Club: *Never Lie* by Freida McFadden

***Thursdays, January 7–March 11, 10-11:30 a.m.***
***Conference Room B***

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.




## RHPL has a Vending Machine!

Located in the Kroger at Adams and Silverbell, the machine lets any RHPL cardholder check out books, pick up holds, and return RHPL items.

Browse for your next read during your grocery run, place a hold in the catalog to pick up a book on your commute, or return your books without making the trip.

Grab your card and PIN and try it for yourself! Remember to wait for a pickup notification before heading to the store when you place a hold.

Visit rhpl.org/lockers for more information.




# Books by Mail

RHPL offers Books by Mail to Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township residents who experience either temporary or permanent hardship that affects their ability to leave home. Eligible patrons work with Outreach librarians to share reading preferences, request recommendations, and choose the frequency of delivery, whether on-demand or ongoing. Selections are checked out to patrons and sent at no cost through USPS.

RHPL recently visited with patron and Books by Mail user, Sally, to talk about what the service means to her. “There’s a lot more people who would benefit from it if they knew about it...I enjoy reading and doing puzzles and the library helps in every way they can. They’re very accommodating and I love it. It’s a marvelous service, I think.”

**Learn more about Books by Mail and Sally at rhpl.org/Meet-Sally**

# Adult Programs

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### Crafts & Puzzles for Adults & Teens

*Thursdays, December 3, 17, January 7, 21, February 4, 18, 6 p.m. Adult Desk*

Pick up and return supplies at the Adult Desk and work anywhere you want on the second floor. No registration required.

### Winter Checkerboard Set

*Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A*

Assemble and decorate your own checkerboard set featuring winter-themed pieces. Registration is required.

### If Memory Serves Me... A Memoir Writing Workshop

*Wednesdays, December 2, December 9, 10:30 a.m. Conference Room A*

Everyone has a story to tell, What is yours? You are welcome, even if you've never written a single word. Registration is required.

### Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

*Wednesdays, December 2, January 6, February 10, 6 p.m. Conference Room B*

Discover the magic of Dungeons & Dragons in this fun introductory event! For new D&D enthusiasts. Registration is required.

### Holiday Cookie Decorating Workshop

*Saturday, December 5, 2 p.m. Conference Room A*

Learn to decorate cookies like a professional. All supplies and tools will be provided, including fresh-baked vanilla sugar cookies. Registration is required.

### Writers' Workshop for Younger Adults (20s–30s)

*Monday, December 7, 7 p.m. Conference Room A.*

Join a safe, encouraging space for writers to explore their creativity through word games, scene-building prompts, and in-session writing. Registration is required.

### Where in the World Does Your Coffee Come From?

*Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A*

Discover coffee's journey from farm to roaster in this engaging class. Taste a few coffee samples at the end! Registration is required.

### Introduction to Electrical Soldering

*Wednesdays, December 9, January 13, February 24, 6 p.m. Makerspace*

Learn some basic skills in soldering electronics as we assemble a small circuit board. Separate registration is required for each date.

### Scribes Writers Workshop

*Thursday, December 10, Wednesdays, January 13, February 10, 1 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. No registration required.

## MAHJONG

### Mahjong Sunday

*Sundays, December 13, January 10, February 14, 2 p.m. Conference Room B*

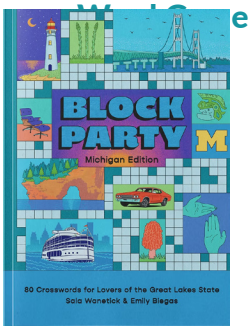
Mahjong for anyone who would like to play! Some experience is required. Registration is required.

### Let's Learn Mahjong!

***Session A**: Thursday, January 14, 12-2 p.m. & Thursday, January 28, 12-2 p.m. Conference Room A*
***Session B**: Thursday, January 14, 2-4 p.m. & Thursday, January 28, 2-4 p.m. Conference Room A*
***Session C**: Thursday, February 11, 2-4 p.m. & Thursday, February 25, 2-4 p.m. Conference Room A*
***Session D**: Thursday, February 11, 4-6 p.m. & Thursday, February 25, 4-6 p.m. Conference Room A*

An instructor will walk participants through the basics of Chinese-style Mahjong and help you get started in a supportive, enjoyable setting. Register for one session only. Registration is required.






## e Party After Hours

*Friday, December 11, 6 p.m. Second Floor*

An after hours party with the creators of, *Block Party: Michigan Edition*. Expect Metro-Detroit deep-cuts, word games, and tons of audience participation. Registration is required.

## Drop-In Genealogy Help

*Saturdays, December 12, January 9, February 13, 2 p.m. Conference Room B or Virtual*

Get tips and tricks from our volunteer genealogist, Heather. Registration is required.

## Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

*Mondays, December 14, February 8, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards, Solarium area*

See if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! The top team will win a prize. Registration is required.

## Advanced Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

*Tuesdays, December 15, January 19, February 16*
*Thursdays, December 17, January 21, February 18*, 6 p.m. Conference Room B*

Create your own hero and take on a dangerous mission with your companions. For D&D enthusiasts ready to level-up. Registration is required.

*Please note, the February 18 session will be in the Makerspace

## Spice Club

*Saturday, January 2, 9 a.m. Adult Desk*

Expand your culinary horizons and learn recipes from all over the world! Registrants will receive a small amount of a spice to take home and can follow the recipes at rhpl.org/news. Registration is required.

## Avoiding AI: A Users Guide to Opting Out

*Tuesday, January 12, 7 p.m. Conference Room A*

Practical, hands-on instruction on how to recognize and disable unwanted AI features from your devices. This session will cover Microsoft, Apple, Android, and search engines. Registration is required.

IN PARTNERSHIP

# RHPL & OU Center for Public Humanities

*These events are made possible by the Judd Family Endowed Fund.*

## *Resurgo* Screening and Panel Discussion

*Wednesday, January 20, 6-9:30 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall, Oakland University*

Watch the celebrated and award-winning documentary, accompanied by a panel discussion with the filmmaker, OU film scholar Annie Sullivan, and Detroit thought leaders. Registration is required.

## Beethoven's Bicentenary Celebration

### *Beethoven: A Political Artist in Revolutionary Times* Book Discussion

*Tuesday, February 9, 4:30-6 p.m. Meadowbrook Hall*

Professor William Kinderman, Associate Professor Jessica Payette, and Meadowbrook Hall Associate Director of Visitor Services discuss Kinderman's book. All are welcome, whether you've read the whole book in advance, part of it, or not at all.

*Copies are available for loan at OU's Kresge Library and Rochester Hills Public Library, and for purchase at Novel.*

## Beethoven Recital

*Thursday, Feb 25, 7:30-9 p.m., Meadowbrook Hall*

UCLA musicologist and pianist William Kinderman presents a lecture drawn from his book and amplifies the discussion with an accompanying piano performance in a historic setting. Registration is required.

## The Odyssey Around You: A Community Writing Contest

Submit your short pieces inspired by Homer's epic. Submission deadline is midnight on Friday, January 15, 2027. Winners will have the opportunity to read their work at the The Odyssey Around You multimedia presentation on Friday, March 12.

For more information, and to submit your piece, visit rhpl.org/calendar. Registration is required.

## Volunteer-Led Technology Classes

Learn computer skills, from the basics to the advanced, from dedicated RHPL volunteers.

***Fridays, 10 a.m. Conference Room A***
***Registration is required***

***January 8***
Smartphone Basics - iPhone

***January 22***
Smartphone Basics - Android

***February 12***
Device Storage Solutions

***February 26***
Setting Up and Using a Gmail Account

### Introduction to MeLCat

*Wednesday, January 13, 2 p.m. Conference Room A*

Use MeLCat to lend titles from libraries across the state, and learn about the key features and databases available. Registration is required.

### Start the New Year by Losing 20 lbs. of Clutter

*Thursday, January 14, 6 p.m. Conference Room A*

An inspiring session on getting organized and feeling lighter in your space! Registration is required.

### Comfort Blanket Event with Gift of Life Michigan

*Monday, January 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Conference Room A*

Make no-sew fleece blankets for organ and tissue donor families! Drop in to receive instructions and supplies, and then work anywhere you'd like in the library. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

### Zine Making

*Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room B*

Are you interested in art, writing, or all of the above? Learn how to make your own zine collection! Registration required.

### Rochester Police K-9 Team

*Wednesday, February 3, 7 p.m. Conference Room A*

Canine Officer James Penman and his partner, Maverick, discuss tracking, patrol, and narcotic detection. Registration is required.

### Speed Friending: Younger Adults (20s-30s)

*Monday, February 8, 7 p.m. Conference Room A*

A fun, easy way to grow your social circle and make meaningful connections. Registration is required.

### Get to Know Your Watershed from Clinton River Watershed Council

*Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A*

Learn about the Clinton River Watershed and learn how to improve water quality at home. Registration is required.

### Breathe Thru Life: Be Your Own Valentine

*Wednesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A*

Learn simple ways to check in with yourself and care for your mind and body in this gentle meditation session. All abilities welcome and every practice can be adapted to your comfort level. Registration is required.

### Mini Art Canvas Painting: Adult & Teen Wellness Take Home Kit

*Monday, February 15, 9 a.m. Adult Desk*

Everything you need for a relaxing creative activity. Take a mindful moment to slow down, relax, and support your overall wellness. Registration is required.

PAINT A MIRACLE art studio

### Nature's Impression: The Stylized Landscape

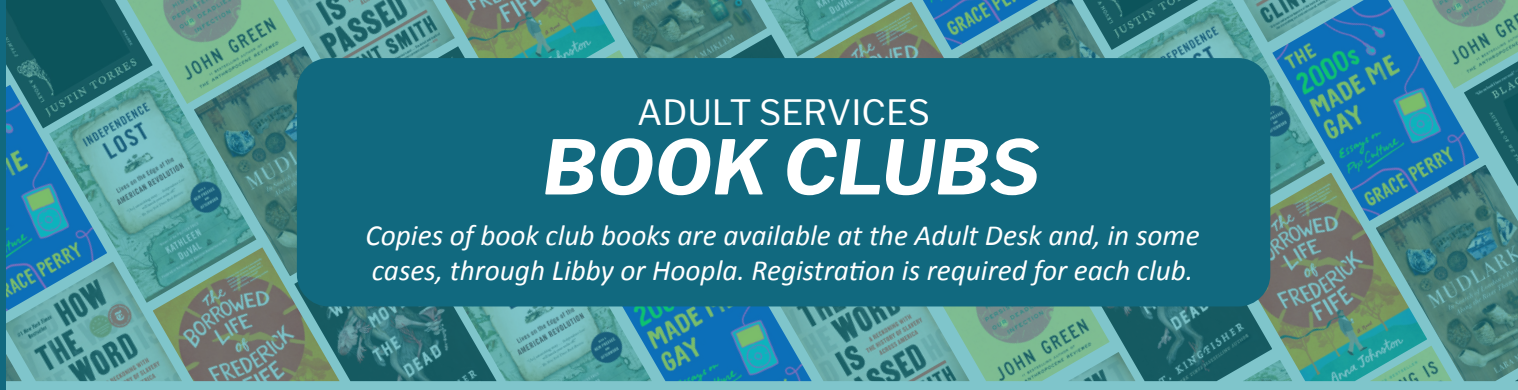
***On view through Spring on the Second Floor***

View the latest exhibit from the artists at Paint A Miracle.

### Marks of Discovery: Paint a Miracle & RCS Adult Transition Program Art Exhibit

***February, Second Floor***

A vibrant exhibition featuring extraordinary artworks by 36 talented young adult artists from Rochester Community Schools Adult Transition Program and Paint a Miracle. Wander, reflect, and discover for yourself during library open hours.



ADULT SERVICES

# BOOK CLUBS

*Copies of book club books are available at the Adult Desk and, in some cases, through Libby or Hoopla. Registration is required for each club.*

## Once Upon a Genre

***Thursdays, December 10, January 7, February 11, 7 p.m. See rhpl.com/calendar for location***

Read and discuss a different genre each month.

**December 10**: *The Irresistible Urge to Fall For Your Enemy* by Brigitte Knightley (Romantasy)

**January 7**: *Pirate Queen* by Ariel Lawhon (Historical Fiction)

**February 11**: *Trad Wife* by Saratoga Schaefer (Horror)

## Reading Rainbow

***Mondays, December 28, January 25, February 22, 7 p.m. Conference Room A***

Reading Rainbow is a book group for people interested in reading and discussing fiction, memoirs, and graphic novels that reflect the diversity of the queer experience.

**December:** *Spread Me* by Sarah Gaileyr

**January:** *The Disaster Gay Detective Agency* by Lev AC Rosen

**February:** *Moss'd in Space* by Rebecca Thorne

## Books on Tap

***Monday, January 11, 7 p.m. Main Street Billiards, VIP room***

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

**January 11:** *Crossing the Wine Dark Sea* by Emily Wilson

## Between the Lines

***Tuesdays, January 19, February 16, 2 p.m. Conference Room A***

Join RHPL's lively monthly book discussion!

**January 19**: T*he Feather Detective: Mystery, Mayhem, and the Magnificent Life of Roxie Laybourne* by Chris Sweeney

**February 16***: Bog Queen* by Anna North

## True Story: A Non-Fiction Book Discussion

***Saturday, February 13, 12 p.m. Conference Room B***

Old, new, short, long, true crime, biographies, history, science - we'll read it all as long as it's true!

**February 13**: *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro



## 50 Books in a Year

***January 2027 - December 2027***

Challenge yourself to read more this year and keep a log of your reading using RHPL's Beanstack account online or on the app. Read and earn badges to win prizes and be entered into grand prize drawings at the end of the year.

## Your 50 Books in a Year Reading Journal

***Tuesday, January 5, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A***

Set up and decorate your 2027 reading log. Supplies will be provided, but participants are invited to bring their own materials. Registration is required.

### The Treasures of Meadow Brook Hall
*Monday, February 15, 7 p.m. Conference Room A*
Hear fascinating stories and see photos of treasures from the collection, from well-known favorites to hidden gems. Registration is required.

### Rochester in the Gilded Age, 1870–1900
*Tuesday, February 16, 6 p.m. Conference Room A*
The Gilded Age was a time of great economic growth in America and also desperate poverty and challenging social times. Learn what Rochester was like during this mercurial time. Registration is required.

### Libby 101
*Wednesday, February 17, 2 p.m.*
*Conference Room A*
Learn how to use the Libby app on your smartphone, tablet, or computer. Please bring your personal devices with you. Registration is required.

### RHPL Book Swap
*Saturday, February 20, 2 p.m.*
*Conference Rooms A & B*
Drop off 1-5 gently used Adult or YA books at the Adult Desk between January 20 and February 20 and receive tickets to pick up new-to-you titles at the swap. No registration required.

### Date with a Mystery Book
*February. Second Floor Book Display*
Select your mystery book from the Adult display, check it out, and upwrap it at home. Love the book? Keep it! Can't commit? Drop it in the Book Sale donation bin at the Circulation Desk to pass it on. No registration required.

**Do you love fixing things? We need you.**
***Rochester Hills Public Library is hosting our second Repair Café in March, and we're looking for volunteer repair mentors to help make it happen.***

A Repair Café is a free community event where people bring in broken items and work alongside volunteer mentors to fix them, together. It's a fun, social afternoon and a great way to share skills you've spent a lifetime building.

Repair mentors help people troubleshoot and fix items during a single 4-hour event. We welcome people with experience in electronics, sewing, woodworking, jewelry, general fix-it skills, and everything in between.

**Interested? Sign up at rhpl.org/repair**



## Library Board Trustee
# Madge Lawson
## Retires

The Rochester Hills Public Library extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Madge Lawson for her service to the community.

Madge was first elected to the Board on November 2, 1999 and served RHPL for 30 years in multiple capacities as Trustee, officer of the Board, and Friends President.

Spanning four decades, Lawson's tenure oversaw major art acquisitions, service and building expansions, milestone anniversary celebrations, and countless committee, policy, and library improvements benefitting the residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township.

The staff of RHPL and the Library Board wish Madge good health and great happiness in the future. We are a stronger and more future-ready library because of her dedication and commitment to our community.

# Teen Programs

*Teen programs are open to teens in the 7th-12th grade unless otherwise noted.*

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.

## Teen Video Game Hangout

*Wednesdays, December 2, January 6, February 3*, 6 p.m. Conference Room A*

Head to the library for video games and some friendly competition. We'll have Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, and plenty of snacks! Registration is required.

*Please note, the February session is in Conference Room B.

## Teen Gingerbread Engineering Challenge

*Wednesday, December 9, 6 p.m. Conference Room A*

Build and decorate a gingerbread house with edible materials while trying to meet our secret design challenge! Registration is required.

## Teen Cozy Crochet Class

*Saturday, December 12, 1 p.m. Conference Room A*

Learn how to crochet, just in time for cozy season! Good for beginners or teens who need a refresher on the basics of crochet. Registration is required.

## Teen New Year Vision Boards

*Wednesday, January 13, 6 p.m. Conference Room A*

Start the new year off strong using the art of collage to visualize your goals for 2027. The library will provide supplies, feel free to bring additional collage materials from home. Registration is required.

## Comfort Blanket Event with Gift of Life Michigan

*Monday, January 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Conference Room A*

Make no-sew fleece blankets for organ and tissue donor families! Drop in to receive instructions and supplies, and then work anywhere you'd like in the library. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

## Teen Book Club

*Tuesday, January 26, 6 p.m. Conference Room A*

Explore all the latest and greatest young adult literature and eat pizza, too. Book club members get to keep the book they receive after signing up. Books available at the Adult Desk. Registration is required.

**January:** *Children of Owl* by Darcie Little Badger

## Teen Dungeons & Dragons

*Wednesdays, January 27, February 24, 6 p.m. Conference Room A*

Roll for initiative! No experience required; all materials provided. Registration is required.

## Teen Manga Book Club

*Tuesday, February 23, 7 p.m. Conference Room A*

Discover new Manga series you might have missed! Every other month we will read a different series opener. Book club members get to keep the book they receive after signing up. Books are available at the Adult Desk. Registration is required.

**February**: *Shinobi Undercover* by Ippon TakegushiTeen Advisory Board

Membership on the Teen Advisory Board is now by application only. Applications are accepted during the summer and require a valid work permit.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) holds monthly meetings to help shape teen services at the library. Contact the teen librarian at teen@rhpl.org with any questions.

GROUND News

NEW RESOURCE

**Ground News**

**rhpl.org/databases**

Learn how to analyze news coverage, spot media bias, and think critically about current events in real time.

# Youth Programs

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## Out & About Storytime Session

Out & About storytimes will take place in various locations throughout Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township. Groups begin on Monday, January 11 and continue for 5 weeks, with registration beginning on Monday, December 28 at 9 a.m.

There are many different groups offered during this session. Detailed descriptions, locations, and registration information for each group can be found online at rhpl.org/events.

### 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. No registration required.

### Tween Book Club

*Wednesdays, December 9, January 13, February 17, 6 p.m. Grades 4-6. Conference Room B*

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 9**: *The Lumbering Giants of Windy Pines* by Mo Netz

**January 13**: *Uprooted* by Ruth Chan

**February 17**: *Stitch Head: The Forgotten Creation* by Guy Bass

### Battle of the Books Coach Meeting

*Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m. 5th Grade Battle of the Books coaches. Zoom*

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

### Homeschool Club

*Fridays, December 11, January 22, February 19, 12 p.m. Grades K-6. Conference Room A*

Meet up with other homeschool families, make new friends, and have fun at the library! Separate registration is required for each date.

### Harry Potter Crafts for Tweens

*Saturday, December 19, 1 p.m. Ages 8-12. Conference Room A*

Get ready for the new Harry Potter series with magical and enchanting crafts. Registration is required.

### STEAM Storytime

*Mondays, December 21, January 11, February 1, 6 p.m. Ages 5-8. Conference Room A*

Join us for a picture book read-aloud and a STEAM activity! Separate registration is required for each date.




### Baby-Sitters Club Party

*Wednesday, December 30, 2 p.m. Ages 8-12. Conference Room A*

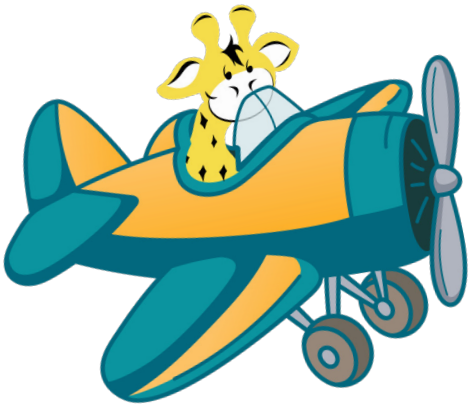
Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Baby-Sitters Club series! Registration is required.

*Say hello to your friends with these favorites.*

## Letters to Stretch

*January 4-31. All Ages. Multipurpose Room*

Our favorite giraffe mascot, Stretch, has decided to take a vacation to read around the world. Send Stretch a letter using our special mailbox located in the Multipurpose Room and Stretch will write you back! No registration required.



## Grades 2-3 Book Club

*Thursdays, January 7, February 4, 6:30 p.m.*
*Grades 2-3. Conference Room B*

Chat about books, do activities, and have fun! Pick up books at the Youth Services Desk one month in advance. Separate registration is required for each date.

**January 7**: *The Book No One Wants to Read* by Beth Bacon

**February 4**: *Leave It To Plum!* by Matt Phelan

## Comfort Blanket Event with Gift of Life Michigan

*Monday, January 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*
*Conference Room A*

Make no-sew fleece blankets for organ and tissue donor families! Drop in to receive instructions and supplies, and then work anywhere you'd like in the library. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

## Tape Town!

*Saturday, January 30, 2 p.m. Ages 2-5.*
*Conference Room B*

Bring your favorite toy cars and follow the roads, navigate intersections, and explore our Tape Town as you drive, park, and play. Registration is required.

## On-the-Go BINGO

*February 1-16. All ages. Multipurpose Room*

Explore a store, park, museum, or restaurant or simply meander along Main Street to complete a scavenger hunt BINGO! Pick up a BINGO sheet and an ink stamper at the Youth Desk.
No registration required.

## Parent Tween Crafternoon

*Monday, February 15, 2 p.m. Grades 4-6.*
*Conference Room A*

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 required.



## Preschool Fair

***Saturday, February 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.***
***Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm***

Find the right fit for your family.

Preschool Fair serves as a one-stop opportunity for families to explore a wide range of preschool and pre-kindergarten options available in and around Rochester Hills.

Representatives from public, private, faith-based, and Montessori programs are on hand to share details about their schools and programs and answer questions from parents and caregivers.

Please note, this event will be held off site at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm in the Calf Barn. No registration required.

# Take & Make Mondays

*Mondays, December 7-February 22, Ages 5-12.*
*Multipurpose Room*
Register online, pick up your kit on the date listed, and take it home to create! Registration is required.

### Royalty
*Monday, December 7*
Make your own crown and scepter.

### Polar Bear
*Monday, December 14*
Make a little polar bear for the winter season.

### Puzzle Piece Snowflakes
*Monday, December 21*
Assemble and paint a trio of puzzle piece snowflakes.

### Happy New Year
*Monday, December 28*
Ring in the New Year with your very own picture frame.

### Winter Snowflake Suncatcher
*Monday, January 4*
Make a wintery snowflake suncatcher.

### Flying Dino!
*Monday, January 11*
Soar in the sky with a flying Dino.

### Hanging Foam Houseplant
*Monday, January 18*
Creating your own houseplant.

### Beaded Pipe Cleaner Snowflake
*Monday, January 25*
Make a snowflake and decorate it with beads.

### Valloween
*Monday, February 1*
Celebrate Valentine's day by making a monster valentine.

### Valentine Card
*Monday, February 8*
Celebrate Valentine’s Day by making a card for your loved one.

### Paint-by-Sticker: Pets
*Monday, February 15*
Peel & stick to make an adorable picture of a pet animal.

### I love Cryptids
*Monday, February 22*
Learn what Cryptids are and create your own.



## Youth Giveaways

Visit during our renovations to contribute to a community project on our temporary construction wall. Stop by Youth Services this December with your little one to pick up their own construction hat and pose for a picture while supplies last.

Due to ongoing renovations, RHPL will pause Winter Wonder Library this year. We’ll be back in 2028, bigger and better than ever!

Sign up for *The Leaflet* for construction, program, and service updates in your inbox at rhpl.org/news.

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