

# NEWS & VIEWS



ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY | SUMMER 2026



## **OPENING NEW DOORS**

*Exciting changes coming to RHPL*

## **SUMMER READING WITH RHPL**

*Read, track, and win!*

## **SUMMER SUNSET BLOCK PARTY**

*Fun for everyone at RHPL's biggest bash*

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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](http://rhpl.org/card).

### Library Board

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| Julianne Reyes | Treasurer      |
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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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Scan the QR codes throughout this issue for recommendations inspired by our events.



## A Letter from the Library Director

There's something about popular music and summer that goes together like floaties and pools – you can have one without the other, but together is so much better. Nostalgic music seems to be having a moment in pop culture, film, and TV lately. This past spring, many of us reminisced about '90s culture with the television show *Love Story*, which chronicled the life and love of John F. Kennedy Jr. The soundtrack immediately transported me back to the decade of making mix tapes or burning CDs with music we loved. There was something intentional and slow about that process, and it is no surprise to me that, as a counterweight to the hyperspeed of 2026, younger generations (Gen Z and Gen Alpha) are rediscovering outmoded technology. Cassette sales have increased 400% over the past ten years, and a March 2026 article in the *New York Times* reported on the resurgence of the iPod, noting that the tech is becoming popular with younger generations who want to purposefully disconnect from their phones.

RHPL is here to support your music habits, whether you are old-school and long to burn a CD (or perhaps today's generation will choose a thumb drive) or want everything immediately at the tap of a finger. Our newest service, Freegal, provides an unlimited streaming music library and up to five downloads of DRM-free, high-quality songs each week. This enables you to have license-free music on the device of your choosing without worrying that a subscription service will remove the album or put it in a vault to artificially drive up demand. Not only does this provide a measure of privacy and permanence, but it also allows you to curate your own personal library at an affordable price (free), helping you keep more of your own money in your pocket just by using your library card.

I hope you join me this summer and stream some summer hits or download some throwback jams. If you want to have a truly retro experience, consider joining RHPL on July 29th for our Millennial Night, where we will feature nostalgic crafts and give away some vintage tech. And for those that will learn the hard way the pitfalls of using outdated tech, we look forward to the fall when we will host a Repair Cafe to help you revive those old boomboxes or CD Walkmans. We hope to see you and your family, either virtually or in person, at the library soon.

*Juliane Morian*  
Juliane Morian



## Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library

### Summer Used Book Sale

Thursday, July 23, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, July 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, July 26, 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Bag Day - all you can fit in a standard grocery bag goes for \$5)

Grab your next beach reads at a great price! 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, July 22 from 5:30-8 p.m. (New member sign-ups and renewals are available at the door. See [rhpl.org/friends](http://rhpl.org/friends) for details.) All proceeds benefit the library.

### We Will, We Will... ROCK You

*at the Friends Store, that is!*

The Friends Store has developed quite a reputation for our great selection of high-quality rocks and fossils, and our fresh haul from the recent rock and mineral show will thrill and amaze you.

Come in and shop soon for the best selection.



*New stock includes Sardonyx tableware, Petoskey stones, rose quartz, ammonite, labradorite, and tourmaline.*

### Digital Delivery

Email [friends@rhpl.org](mailto:friends@rhpl.org) to sign up for the digital version of the Friends Newsletter and get the latest news and events delivered right to your inbox.

### Little Neighborhood Libraries

Spread extra library love this summer with a made-to-order free lending library from the Friends of RHPL. Each library comes with a selection of used books, and library owners may replenish their book supply for free at the end of every used book sale.

Each library is handmade after payment of \$325.00. Order forms are available in the gift shop, or you can contact Vickie Baker at 248-444-9758.



# OPENING NEW DOORS

We hear you! Thanks to voters in Rochester Hills and the comprehensive feedback from patrons in our biannual community and Find Yourself Here surveys, RHPL is set to undergo exciting renovations to ensure your library remains a vibrant, welcoming, and future-ready space. Projects are slated to begin in late summer with the installation of a new elevator, followed by a complete overhaul of the Youth Services department beginning in late fall. From there, we'll work on other enhancements and modernization, both inside and outside of the building. You can find more details about these projects on the next page of this article, and at [rhpl.org/renovations](http://rhpl.org/renovations).

All of our upcoming renovations are driven by what you value and how you want to use our space. In our latest survey, 70% of patrons requested updates to the library, and the Director, Board of Trustees, and staff consulted with architects about the areas you commented on most. While disruption and change are inevitable with any remodeling, we did our best to plan around how and when people use the building, with a strict dedication to staying open and offering service to all patrons. Where we can't promise frictionless access, we will focus on limiting disruptions and providing flexible accommodations.

To keep you informed about upcoming projects and building and service adjustments, we've created a new page on our website and will provide reports in the *Monthly Current* (our digital newsletter) to make it as easy as possible to keep up with changes. For the latest details about ongoing and upcoming improvements, including updated timelines, and to request assistance or accommodation during the elevator replacement, visit [rhpl.org/renovations](http://rhpl.org/renovations). Sign up to have the *Monthly Current* delivered right to your inbox at [rhpl.org/news](http://rhpl.org/news).





## Elevator

To complete much-needed updates to the elevator, a new car and equipment need to be built within the existing shaft, which means the elevator will be unavailable from August to October. We recognize this is a huge disruption to the way many patrons use the library, so to get you as close as possible to your preferred experience, a librarian will be stationed at the circulation desk, computers will be relocated to the MPR, and increased staffing levels will help with collecting books and other materials that you may need. While the entire project is slated to take six to eight weeks, we will return the elevator to service as soon as we are able to do so safely.

## Youth Room

Youth Services has some of the oldest and most well-loved furnishings and fixtures, with some items originating as second-hand donations or dating back to the old building on Pine Street. In order to fully update the Youth Department, the room must be closed to patrons and staff during the renovation period for safety and efficiency. We'll offer a pint-sized experience of the Youth Room elsewhere, with collections in the lobby, and other designated spaces for play and programs. While it can be disappointing to our littlest patrons to not have the exact experience they expect, we're sure something of what you love will still be here, and we cannot wait to show you the new, comfortable, enriching, and family-friendly space.

## More to Come

Upcoming renovations include roof repairs, bathroom makeovers throughout the building, entryway remodels, including the porticos outside of the building, parking lot replacement, Multipurpose Room modernization, and updates to the lobby to provide new multi-use spaces for patrons. Find information about these future projects at [rhpl.org/renovations](http://rhpl.org/renovations).



## Outreach Services

For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit [calendar.rhpl.org](http://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](mailto:help@rhpl.org).

### Bingocize

*Wednesdays, June 3-July 15, Fridays, June 5-July 10, 10 a.m. Ages 60 and up. Multipurpose Room*

A fun twist on Bingo that blends fitness and connection to help you stay active and feel your best! Caregivers and adults with disabilities are welcome to register. Registration is required.

### ELL Conversation Groups

*Tuesdays, June 30-July 28, 10 a.m.*

*Thursdays, June 25-July 30, 7 p.m.*

*Saturdays, June 27-August 1, 10 a.m.*

*Conference Room A*

Meet new friends while improving and practicing your English. We discuss a wide variety of topics, play classroom games, meet for coffee or a walk in the park, and share food at our international potluck. Registration is required.

*No meeting Saturday, July 4*



### Free Assistive Devices

RHPL offers free, 3D-printed accessibility tools to help with mobility and strength for everyday tasks.

Visit [rhpl.org/outreach](http://rhpl.org/outreach) or the Outreach Services Department to see available tools. You can request a device online or contact the Makerspace at [rhpl.org/makerspace](http://rhpl.org/makerspace) for more information.

## See you this summer on the Bookmobile!

### Books with BoB Storytimes

Meet BoB for stories, songs, and rhymes! Don't forget to bring a blanket and snacks. Storytimes may be canceled due to inclement weather, see [calendar.rhpl.org](http://calendar.rhpl.org) for updates. No registration required.

#### Hampton Community Center

*Tuesdays, June 9, July 7, August 4, 7:30 p.m.*

#### Borden Park

*Wednesdays, June 17, July 15, August 12, 9:30 a.m.*

#### The Pond at Rochester Municipal Park

*Thursdays, June 25, July 23, August 20, 11:45 a.m.*

#### Timberlea Apartments

*Saturdays, June 27, July 25, August 22, 1:45 p.m.*

### New Thursday Morning Stops

Visit the Bookmobile Thursday mornings at these locations, May-August.

#### American House Stone

*9:15-10 a.m. (Inside lobby service)*

#### Flourish Collections at Oakland Township

*10:30-11:15 a.m. (Inside lobby service)*

#### The Pond at Rochester Municipal Park

*11:45-12:15 p.m.*

#### Grace Senior Living

*12:30-1:15 p.m. (Inside lobby service)*





## Adult Programs

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### The Why, How, and What of the Declaration of Independence

*Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

In the third and final lecture in our series, Professor Emeritus John R. Todd, J.D. focuses on the creation and enduring legacy of the Declaration of Independence. Registration is required.

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

*Wednesdays, June 3-24, 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.

### Intro to Electrical Soldering

*Wednesdays, June 3, July 15, August 5, 6 p.m.*

*Makerspace*

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

### Squeeze & Relax: Mini Stress Ball Kit

*Monday, June 8, 9 a.m. Adult Services Desk*

Take a moment for yourself: relax, take a deep breath, and explore these stress-relief activities. Registration is required.

### Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

*Mondays, June 8, August 10, 7 p.m.*

*Main Street Billiards, Solarium area*

Meet up with your team of up to 6 people and see if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! The top team will win a prize. Food and drinks available for purchase. Registration is required.

**June 8:** '80s Movie Madness

**August 10:** General Trivia

## Small Business Summer

*Last Wednesday of each month. 1:30 p.m.*

*Conference Room A. Registration is required.*

### SBA 101: Programs & Services

*June 24*

Learn about programs and services that the Small Business Administration offers to help businesses start, grow, expand, and recover. Q&A to follow, and a light lunch will be provided.

### How To Talk With A Lender: The Five C's of Credit

*July 29*

Learn about the way lenders from all kinds of financial institutions evaluate and decide your loan application. Q&A to follow, and a light lunch will be provided.

### Creating your One-Page Business Plan—The Lean Canvas Business Model

*August 26*

Learn about the Lean Canvas Business Model for developing a business plan. Q&A to follow, and a light lunch will be provided. Presented by SCORE SE Michigan.

## Do you love fixing things? We need you.

*Rochester Hills Public Library is launching a Repair Café on Saturday, October 10, 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](http://rhpl.org/repair)



## Beat the Heat! Movies at RHPL

*Tuesdays, June 9, July 14, August 11, 6 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room*

Feature films on the big screen! Separate registration is required for each date.

**June 9:** *Elvis* (2022)

**July 14:** *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3* (2023)

**August 11:** *The Italian Job* (2003)

## Scribes Writers Workshop

*Wednesdays, June 10, July 8, August 12, 1 p.m.  
Conference Room B*

This drop-in workshop is for those who love to write, want to learn from experienced writers, or want to let their writing ideas flow. No registration required.

## Introduction to Udemy

*Wednesday, June 10, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Learn a new skill through thousands of on-demand video courses. Registration is required.

## Plant Swap

*Saturday, June 13, 12-2 p.m. Library Lawn*

Take a piece of RHPL home with you during our summer reading kickoff. Pot cuttings from our plants, and bring your own to swap! No registration required.

## Outdoor Concert Series

*6 p.m. Library Lawn. Bring your own blanket or chair. Registration is required.  
(Rain location: Multipurpose Room)*

## OPC Guitar Group

*Wednesday, June 17*

Sing and dance along to popular songs from the '50s to '70s, including the Beatles, Johnny Cash, and Carol King.

## The Kate Hinote Trio

*Wednesday, July 22 (Rescheduled from January 25)*

A contemporary folk ensemble rooted in storytelling, rich melodies, and an unmistakable chemistry between its members.

## J + E Acoustic Duo

*Wednesday, August 12*

You won't just hear the music — you'll feel it, and leave uplifted and a little more connected.

## Genealogy Help

*Saturdays, June 13, July 11, August 8, 2 p.m.  
Conference Room B*

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

## LEGO® Club for Adults

*Mondays, June 15, July 20, August 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Conference Room A*

LEGO® isn't just for the kids! We've got bricks, all you need to bring is your creativity. Separate registration is required for each date.

## Citizen Science at the Library: Testing Our Local Streams

*Saturday, June 20, 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Learn about Citizen Science and how you can help support local research. Then head outdoors for a real scientific experiment. Registration is required.

## Introduction to FamilySearch

*Saturday, June 20, 2 p.m. Conference Room A*

Learn how to use FamilySearch to research and build your family tree. Registration is required.

## Speed Friending for Young Adults (20s-30s)

*Monday, June 22, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Looking to meet new people? Join our speed friending event for a relaxed, friendly setting with quick one-on-one conversations. Registration is required.

## Art House Afternoon

*Thursdays, June 25, July 16, August 27, 3 p.m.  
Conference Room A*

Join us for an engaging documentary film series. Separate registration is required for each date.

**June 25:** *An Open Door: Temple Grandin* (2025)

**July 16:** *King of Color* (2024)

**August 27:** *Meme Gods* (2025)

## Pride Crafts for Adults

*Saturday, June 27, 2 p.m. Conference Room A*

If you celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month, what better way to commemorate it than with community, conversation, and crafts? No registration required.

## Spice Club

*Thursday, July 2, 9 a.m. Adult Services 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](http://rhpl.org/news). Registration is required.

## Libby 101

*Wednesday, July 8, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Learn how to use the Libby app. Please bring your personal devices with you. Registration is required.

## Murder Mystery

*Friday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Solve a 1920s Murder Mystery after hours! 1920s costume encouraged, but not required. Registration is required.

## Your Detroit Tigers: The Great, The Good

*Monday, July 13, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Former Tiger Alex Avila and author Tom Gage present their new book, a precise, clear-eyed, and performance-based journey through Tigers' history. Registration is required.

## The Patriotism of Our Settlers and Beyond

*Monday, July 13, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Learn how acts of service, kindness, and education are considered key components of local patriotism as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Presented by the Oakland Township Historic District Commission. Registration is required.

## The French Era of Detroit

*Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Author Charles Bird explores Detroit's little-known French history and the lasting influence of French culture through British and American rule. Registration is required.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

*Monday, July 20–Tuesday, July 21, 12-6 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: RHLIBRARY or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Registration is required.

## Millennial Night

*Wednesday, July 29, 7 p.m. Conference Rooms A & B*

Join us for an evening of nostalgic Millennial crafts, snacks, and tunes. Enter our guessing game to win your pick of a gently used "vintage" tech. Registration is required

## Decoupage Shell Dishes

*Wednesday, August 5, 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Make a beautiful trinket that can be used to hold jewelry, office supplies, and more! Registration is required.

## Pronunciator 101

*Wednesday, August 12, 2 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Learn how to use Pronunciator to learn a new language or brush up on one you already know! Registration is required.

## Pedal the Past

*Tuesday, June 30, 6–7:15 p.m.  
(Tours leave every 15 minutes)*

Enjoy a leisurely bike ride exploring Rochester's past celebrations. Museum staff will share historical moments like the Avon Township Double Jubilee, Rochester's Centennial/Floatable Boatables, and the 1927 Bridge Day at their former locations.

The ride is 3 miles, lasts about 1.5 hours, and includes frequent stops. Riders are encouraged to wear a helmet and bring a water bottle. Presented in partnership with the RH Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Registration is required.



## Teen & Adult Flower Crown Craft

*Thursday, August 13, 6 p.m. Conference Room A*

The Ren Fest is fast approaching! Join us and make an easy Flower Crown that is sure to turn heads. Registration is required.

## Art & Exploration: Rochester Hills

*Saturday, August 15, 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Learn about art, architecture, and cultural histories found within a 30-minute drive of the Rochester Hills Public Library. Registration is required.

## Wish You Were Here: Some Brief Notes on the History of Postcards

*Wednesday, August 19, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Take yourself back in time for the price of a stamp with photographer Corey Seeman. Hear the history of the postcard, and explore images on the front and the messages on the back. Registration is required.

## Fossil Dig for Adults

*Tuesday, August 25, 7 p.m. Conference Room A*

Get a fossil brick, a set of excavation tools, and an hour to dig for fossils. Each participant will receive a Michigan fossil to take home. Registration is required.

## Adult Dungeon Master Bootcamp

*Tuesdays, June 9, July 7, August 11, 6 p.m.  
Conference Room B*

Build a fantasy world, bring your friends into it, let the drama unfold, and bring the story to life in this Dungeon Master Bootcamp with DM BattleBardJon. For new D&D enthusiasts. Separate registration is required for each date.

## Adult Intro to Dungeons & Dragons

*Wednesdays, June 10, July 8, August 12, 6 p.m.  
Conference Room B*

A brief overview of how to play, storytelling, and gameplay, followed by a mini-adventure. For new players only. Separate registration is required for each date.

## Adult Advanced Dungeons & Dragons

*Thursdays, June 11, July 9, August 13, 6 p.m.  
Conference Room B*

Register for and attend the Adults Only Intro to Dungeons & Dragons prior to this program. Test your wit, strength, and skill with DM BattleBardJon. For new D&D enthusiasts. Separate registration is required for each date.



# ADULT SERVICES BOOK CLUBS

## Adult Battle of the Books

*Saturday, September 26*

Grab a team of 2-6 people, read selected books over the summer, and then join us in the fall to see how well you all remember the titles! Copies of the books are available at the Adult Reference desk. Sign up at [calendar.rhpl.org](http://calendar.rhpl.org) to receive reminders. For more information and the list of titles, visit [rhpl.org/adult](http://rhpl.org/adult).

## 50 Books in a Year

*January 2026–December 2026*

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

## Books on Tap

*Monday, July 13, 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. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference desk. Registration is required.

**July:** *Nothing Special, Volume One:*

*Through the Elder Woods* by Katie Cook

## Reading Rainbow

*Mondays, June 29, July 27, August 24, 7 p.m.  
Conference Room B*

A book group for people interested in reading and discussing fiction, memoirs, and graphic novels that reflect the diversity of the queer experience. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference desk or through Libby or Hoopla. Registration is required.

**June:** *Vampires at Sea* by Lindsay Merbaum

**July:** *Awakened* by A E Osworth

**August:** *Sorcerer of the Wildeep and A Taste of Honey* by Kai Ashante Wilson

# SUMMER READING

June 13–August 8

Read and win this summer! Use your existing Beanstack account or sign up at [rhpl.beanstack.org](http://rhpl.beanstack.org) to track your reading every week. Pick up your Spread Library Love sign at a reference desk after you sign up and display it all summer to spread the word about your library!

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF

June 13, 12–2 p.m.  
All ages



Non-Profit Fair



Sweet Treats



Family Fun



Plant Swap



Chalk Art



Classic Cars



Live Music



Games

## SUMMER READING SUNSET BLOCK PARTY

August 7, 6–8 p.m.  
All ages

Registration is required to participate in the chalk art contest, classic car show, and kids bike show. Visit [calendar.rhpl.org](http://calendar.rhpl.org) for more details.

## TRACK YOUR READING WITH BEANSTACK!

Visit [beanstack.rhpl.org](http://beanstack.rhpl.org) or download Beanstack in the App and Google Play stores to log your reading. Every week you log gives you a chance to win awesome prizes for all ages. Make summer reading work for you and track as you go, every week, or every month. Check in throughout the summer for a chance to win a limited edition Summer Reading pin!



## Teen Programs

*For patrons ages 13–18*

*For a complete listing of all of our programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit [calendar.rhpl.org](http://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](mailto:help@rhpl.org).*

### Teen Fuse Beads

*Wednesday, June 3, 6 p.m. Grades 7-12.*

*Conference Room A*



Take a study break at the library with a nostalgic fuse bead craft. Follow one of the provided patterns or create your own work of art. No registration required.

### Teen Dungeons & Dragons

*Wednesdays, June 10, July 8, August 12, 6 p.m.*

*Grades 7-12. Conference Room A*

Roll for initiative! Join the teen librarian and a local teen DM to play Dungeons & Dragons this summer. No experience required – all materials provided. Registration is required.

### Teen Video Game Hangout

*Wednesday, June 17, 6 p.m. Grades 7-12.*

*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! No registration required.



### Teen Manga & Comic Book Button Making

*Wednesday, July 1, 6 p.m. Grades 7-12.*

*Conference Room A*

Upcycle damaged manga and comic books that the library can't circulate anymore into wearable statement buttons. No registration required.

### Percy Jackson Crafts

*Saturday, July 11, 1 p.m. Grades 5-12. Storyroom*

A fun-filled crafting session inspired by your favorite demigod adventures! Create themed crafts, meet fellow fans, and bring a little Camp Half-Blood magic to life. Registration is required.

### Teen Dinosaur Egg Bath Bombs

*Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m. Grades 7-12.*

*Conference Room A*

A fun, fizzy self-care craft using ingredients you can find around the house. Hide a dinosaur inside for a scaly surprise. No registration required.

### Teen After Hours Laser Tag

*Friday, July 31, 7 p.m. Grades 7-12. Second floor*

Grab a friend and join us after the library closes for some electric fun! Dodge and sneak around the stacks as we play a round of laser tag in the library. Registration is required for each player.

### Tween & Teen Crafternoon

*Monday, August 3, 2 p.m. Ages 9-18.*

*Conference Room A*

Tweens and teens are invited to join us for a special crafternoon at the library! Enjoy crafting some unique items while visiting with friends and new acquaintances. Registration is required.

### Teen & Adult Flower Crown Craft

*Thursday, August 13, 6 p.m. Ages 13 and up.*

*Conference Room A*

The Ren Fest is fast approaching! Join us and make an easy Flower Crown that is sure to turn heads! Registration is required.

### Teen Sharpie Tie-Dye Tote Bags

*Saturday, August 22, 1 p.m. Grades 7-12.*

*Conference Room A*

Use permanent markers and rubbing alcohol to make a swirly, colorful pattern on a tote bag. Registration is required.





## Youth Programs

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### Summer Creative Writing

*Mondays, June 1, June 15, July 13, Tuesday, June 30, Thursday, July 30, 6 p.m. Ages 9-12. Storyroom*

Unleash your creativity this summer with fun writing workshops! Separate registration is required for each date.

### Outdoor Explorers

*Mondays, June 8-July 27, 10 a.m. Ages 3-6. Rotary Park*

Come learn about nature as we explore the world outside of RHPL! Siblings are welcome, but projects will be limited to registered patrons 3-6 years old. Separate registration is required for each date.

### PAWS for Reading

*Wednesdays, June 10, 24, July 8, 22, August 12, 26, 6:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up. Youth Room*

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

### Father's Day Take & Make

*Wednesday, June 10 -Tuesday, June 16, all day. Ages 4-12. Youth Room*

Create the perfect card for your Dad with our Father's Day Take & Make Kit. Pick up your kit at the Youth Services Desk. Registration is required.

### Summer Reading Kickoff Party

*Saturday, June 13, 12-2 p.m. All ages.*

Enjoy sweet treats and free family entertainment. Visit our non-profit fair to connect with local organizations that can help this summer and all year long, and take a plant friend home from our potting bench. No registration required.

### Teddy Bear Picnic

*Tuesday, June 16, 12 p.m. Ages 2 and up. Library Lawn*

Bring a blanket, food, and your child's favorite teddy bear or stuffie and join us for a storytime and picnic on the lawn! Drinks provided. No registration required.

### Tween Book Club

*Wednesdays, June 17, July 15, August 19, 6 p.m. Grades 4-7. Storyroom*

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

**June 17:** *Rapunzel's Revenge* by Shannon Hale

**July 15:** *I Survived: The American Revolution 1776 Graphic Novel* by Lauren Tarshis

**August 19:** *The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter* by Aaron Reynolds

### Storytime in the Park

*June 11, 15, 23, July 1, 9, 13, 21, 29, August 6, 11 a.m. All ages. Rochester Lions Park*

Join your favorite youth librarians for a fun outdoor storytime at Rochester Lions Park! Follow the trail from the library toward River Oaks Senior Living and meet us at the amphitheater by the river. We'll read books, sing songs, and enjoy the summer weather! No registration required.



## Thomas the Tank Engine Party!

*Friday, June 19, 11 a.m. Ages 3-7. Storyroom*

Create train crafts to take home with you. Wear your overalls and build some great train routes with your friends. Enjoy a sweet treat and meet other Thomas fans! Registration is required.

## How to Catch a Mermaid

*Saturday, June 20, 1 p.m. Ages 5-10. Storyroom*

Build your very own mermaid trap and listen to the magical story *How to Catch a Mermaid!* Get creative, use your imagination, and see if you can outsmart a mermaid! Registration is required.

## Water Babies

*Mondays, June 22, July 13, August 10, 2 p.m.*

*Ages 0-2 with a caregiver. Library Lawn*

Splash outside with water toys and fun music. Dress your little one in their bathing suit and bring a towel to dry off. Separate registration is required for each date.

## STEAM Storytime

*Mondays, June 22, July 20, August 31, 6 p.m.*

*Ages 5-8. Storyroom*

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

## LEGO® Club

*Tuesdays, June 23, August 18. 6 p.m.*

*Ages 4 and up. Multipurpose Room*

A free-build club where creativity is in charge—no themes, no timed challenges, and no rules other than having fun! Registration is required.

## Toddler Drum Circle

*Thursday, June 25, Wednesday, July 22, Tuesday, August 4, 10 or 11 a.m. Ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Storyroom*

Drum along to fun songs with our toy percussion instruments! Separate registration is required for each date & time.

## USA 250 Scavenger Hunt

*June 25-July 15. All Ages. Youth Room*

Visit the youth room for a scavenger hunt of historical and patriotic symbols. No registration required.



*No need to hunt, enjoy these America 250 inspired reads.*

## Family Concerts at RHPL

*7 p.m. All Ages. Library Lawn. Registration is required.*

Head to the library for a lively evening of music and fun the whole family can enjoy. Bring your own blanket or chair. (Rain location: Multipurpose Room)

## Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady

*Thursday, June 18*

With her guitar in hand, Beverly charms all with her energy, compelling voice, and quick wit.

## Jim Gill

*Thursday, July 16*

Get ready to sing, dance, clap, and spin along during this visit by award-winning musician and author Jim Gill.

## Joe Reilly

*Thursday, August 20*

Joe Reilly writes songs from his heart that are playful, clever, engaging, joyful, and always have something meaningful to say.



## Family Movie Night

*Thursday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. All Ages.*

*Multipurpose Room*

Celebrate the semiquincentennial with *Felicity: An American Girl Adventure*. Bring your blankets & pillows for a cozy family event! No registration required.

## Let's Paint our Jeans!

*Monday, June 29, 2 p.m. Ages 8 and up. Storyroom*

Please bring a light-colored pair of jeans that you currently wear but are okay with painting. All other materials will be provided. Registration is required.

## Mom and Dad Walking Club

*Thursdays, July 2-28, 10 a.m. Ages 0-3.*

*West Entrance*

Join Ms. Carolyn and new friends and walk to Rochester Municipal Park (approximately 1 mile) for a brief storytime. Registration is required.

### Percy Jackson Crafts

*Saturday, July 11, 1 p.m. Grades 5-12. Storyroom*

A fun-filled crafting session inspired by your favorite demigod adventures! Create themed crafts, meet fellow fans, and bring a little Camp Half-Blood magic to life. Registration is required.

### Tween Summer Drawing Club

*Tuesdays, July 14, 28, August 11, 2:30 p.m.*

*Ages 8-12. Storyroom*

Take a little bit of time to hang out with kids who love to draw. Separate registration is required for each date.

### Family Game Night

*Thursday, July 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

*Families with children. Multipurpose Room*

Try a new game, or play a familiar favorite. Drop in anytime. No registration required.



Try a new game at home with these family favorites.

### Cardboard Weaving

*Friday, July 24, 2 p.m. Ages 6 and up. Storyroom*

Learn how to weave on a cardboard loom using simple materials and mount the finished piece for a beautiful wall decoration. Registration is required.

### Spiderman Scavenger Hunt

*July 27-August 3. All ages. Youth Room*

Search for Spiderman clues in the youth room. Complete the hunt and collect your prize! No registration required.

### Tween & Teen Crafternoon

*Monday, August 3, 2 p.m. Ages 9-18.*

*Conference Room A*

Enjoy crafting some unique items while visiting with friends and new acquaintances. Registration is required.

### The Great Play-Doh Party!

*Wednesday, August 5, 10 a.m. Ages 3 and up.*

*Storyroom*

Create from your own imagination or use some prompts to get your creative juices flowing. Remember to dress for mess and that Play-Doh contains gluten. Registration is required.

### Summer Reading Sunset Block Party

*Friday, August 7, 6-8 p.m. All ages.*

Peruse a classic car show, participate in our sidewalk chalk art contest, boogie to live music, and enjoy free treats and fun for the whole family. Register for a sidewalk canvas, or sign up for the classic car show or kids bike show at [calendar.rhpl.org](http://calendar.rhpl.org). No registration required for the rest of the fun.

### Kids Bike Show

*Friday, August 7, 6 p.m. Ages 2-12.*

Participate in our kids' bike show at the Summer Sunset Block Party! Registration is required.

### Fairy Wands

*Saturday, August 15, 1 p.m. Ages 6-12. Storyroom*

Design, decorate, and create a wand with imagination and a little bit of fairy dust. Registration is required.

# SUMMER READING

**June 13-August 8. All ages.**

Read and win this summer with RHPL! Use your existing Beanstack account or sign up at [rhpl.beanstack.org](http://rhpl.beanstack.org) to track your reading every week. Pick up your Spread Library Love sign at a reference desk after you sign up and display it all summer to spread the word about your library!

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF

**June 13, 12-2 p.m.**

Non-profit Fair, Plant Swap

## SUMMER SUNSET BLOCK PARTY

**August 7, 6-8 p.m.**

Car Show, Chalk Art,  
Kids Bike Show, Live Music





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Visit [rhpl.org](http://rhpl.org) for hours & holiday closures

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