Steve Berry Visits Rochester Community

Thursday, March 30, 7-9 p.m.
Great Oaks Country Club

Steve Berry is a New York Times bestselling author of the Cotton Malone series and four stand-alone thrillers.

Berry will be speaking at the Great Oaks County Club, March 30 at 7 p.m., on his new book Lost Order, scheduled to be released April 4. You can buy your copy before it hits shelves the night of the event. The program is free to the public but registration is required at calendar.rhpl.org.

Select attendees can meet Steve Berry before the event, during a VIP cocktail reception at 6 p.m. Chat with Mr. Berry, get your free copy of Lost Order autographed and enjoy wine and light appetizers. Tickets for the VIP event are $50, only 50 spots are available, reserve yours now at calendar.rhpl.org.

The event is made possible by Frank Rewold, & Son Inc.

Wine, Wit & Wisdom

Tickets are on sale for one of the Rochester area’s must-attend events: the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library’s fourth annual Wine, Wit & Wisdom fundraiser. This year’s soiree is set for Saturday, March 25.

The event takes place from 6:45-10 p.m. Tickets are $55 per person, until March 10 when it increases to $65.

Attendees will partake in a strolling dinner, beverages (beer, wine and soft drinks) and a choice of two presentations by seven individuals from the world of the arts, dining and business.

Please choose two of the following speakers when purchasing your tickets:

- Alan Tenniswood of Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort, Kentucky provides insight into what Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey is and why it’s different from Canadian, Scotch and Tennessee whiskey.
- David Galli, a 16-year veteran docent at the DIA, provides an up-close look at the Detroit Industry murals. Artist Diego Rivera considered the murals the most successful work of his career.
- George L. Davis discusses the historic, geologic and industrial wonder that is the Detroit Salt Mine, operating miles under Detroit. Davis will present the mine’s history, its basic operations and its role as an economic hub.

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The Rochester Hills Public Library is proud to announce this year’s attending authors for the Authors in April celebration, the week of April 24, 2017.

An Author Signing Party will be held Wednesday, April 26, from 5-7 p.m. at the library.

Unique to Rochester, Authors in April is a non-profit group that offers children and parents the opportunity to spend time with renowned authors.

Neal Shusterman is the middle school author. This will be Shusterman’s second Authors in April. As a middle school author, he has won the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature for Challenger Deep.

Cynthia Lord will speak to the 5th grade. Her debut novel, Rules, was published in 2006, and was a 2007 Newbery Honor book and winner of the Schneider Family Book Award.

The 2nd-3rd grade author, Lenore Look, has been creating picture books since she was a kindergartner. Some of Look’s published credits include Ruby Lu, Brave and True and Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things.

Author Mike Wohnoutka will be talking with children in Kindergarten and 1st grade.

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RHPL is proud to offer a new book bike. It is exactly what it sounds like, a bike that will have a load of books available to check out. Main Street Pedi-cabs out of Colorado, manufactures pedi-cabs and have recently expanded to building book bikes for libraries. To start we will only be offering print materials for all ages. We will not collect materials that need to be returned. If you have an event you would like us to ride to, please call Mary in Outreach at 248-650-7152 or email Mary.Davis@rhpl.org.

The Book Bike’s schedule this spring includes:

- RARA Easter Egg Hunt
  Rochester Municipal Park
  Saturday, April 8
  9:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

- Rochester Farmer’s Market
  Saturday, May 13
  9 a.m. -1 p.m.

We plan to name the book bike and need your help. The bike will be on display in our lobby. You can share your name suggestions with us at Facebook.com/rochesterhillspl. An esteemed panel of judges will choose a winner, and the name will be announced at the Easter Egg Hunt.

New Book Bike

Wine, Wit & Wisdom Continued

- President of the Detroit Medical Orchestra, Michelle Lynch will reveal how medical and healthcare professionals can use their musical talents to promote health and healing.

- Mary (Sis) Moore dominated the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1950, leading the fast-pitch softball league. This Hall of Famer shares insights and stories that were immortalized in the 1992 film starring Tom Hanks and Geena Davis.

- Lynn Kaiser and Kimberly Judd are experts on all things cheese. From Bries to Blues, the owners of Rochester’s The Cheese Lady take you on a journey through a vast array of textures, milks, regions of Europe and domestic creameries.

- Lee Meadows, specialist in management consulting and development and performance management, examines a downward trend in civility and common decency in society today, and suggests how it can be reversed.

Tickets are available online at winewitwisdom2017.eventbrite.com and rhpl.org. Ticket order forms are available at the rack near the library’s Information Desk. Completed forms and checks can be dropped off at the Information Desk or mailed.

Everyone’s Reading David Maraniss’s
Once In A Great City

To recognize the 50 year anniversary of the Detroit Race Riots David Maraniss will be this year’s featured author for Everyone’s Reading. Detroit native David Maraniss is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist at The Washington Post and the author of six critically acclaimed books.

Everyone’s Reading begins April 10 and concludes on May 23 with visits by the author. Take part by reading his book, attending book discussions and programs on the riots, and meeting David Maraniss himself!

Between the Lines book discussions are scheduled for April 20 and May 17. See the events calendar at calendar.rhpl.org to register or call 248-650-7130.

Meet David Maraniss!

Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m. at The Community House
380 S Bates St,
Birmingham, MI

or May 22, at 7 p.m. at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue
27375 Bell Rd., Southfield MI

Beginning April 10, you may register for tickets to attend the event at calendar.rhpl.org. There is a limit of two tickets per library card. Check out the website everyonesreading.org for details of events. For further information, please contact Jessica Parij at 248-650-7132.

Press Coverage of Race Riots

Thursday, May 18 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

As part of the Everyone’s Reading, we’ve invited Cassandra E. Ulbrich, vice president for College Advance- ment and Community Relations at Macomb Community College, to discuss press coverage of the 1967 race riots.

Bike Parade

Wednesday, May 24, 6-7 p.m.
All Ages

West parking lot (Rain location: Multipurpose Room)
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Get your bike ready for the summer! We’ll have supplies to decorate your ride and then take it on a parade to the park. Bring a picnic dinner. We’ll provide water and a sweet treat! The book bike will be leading the parade!
Librarians Advocate For Information Literacy

Share Truth is a new campaign created by librarians, to help social media users learn how to evaluate the quality of the news in their feeds and encourage them to seek out quality news sources. As part of the campaign we’ve invited respected journalists to talk about journalism ethics, fake news and the importance of where your news comes from.

Please join us to hear from:

- Oakland University Professor of Ethics and Journalism Garry Gilbert, Saturday morning, April 1 from 10-11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Professor Gilbert’s talk is part of our Discovery and Coffee series. Coffee will be served.
- The Wall Street Journal Bureau Chief John D. Stoll, Tuesday, April 11, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

To learn more about our campaign please visit causes.com/sharetruth.

Discovery and Coffee:

How Bears Think
Saturday, March 4
10-11:30 a.m.
Multipurpose Room

American black bears may be able to recognize things they know in real life, like pieces of food or humans, when looking at a photograph of the same thing. This is one of the findings of a study led by Zoe Johnson-Ulrich and Jennifer Vonk of Oakland University. Professor Vonk will visit our library to further discuss her findings and take questions. As always, coffee will be served at this Saturday morning program.

Natchez Country
Saturday, April 15
10-11 a.m.
Multipurpose Room

Oakland University Professor George Milne’s new book Natchez Country explores The Natchez tribe, the French, and the development of racial consciousness among native peoples. Professor Milne will discuss his findings before opening up the lecture for discussion, questions and of course coffee.

Origami at the Library
Tuesday, April 22, 1 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

Learn the history of origami and how to make an origami heart and crane with specialist Amy Haung.
**Smart Towns**

Smart Towns is a lifelong learning program for everyone in the community led by educational non-profit organizations including the Rochester Hills Public Library. Smart Towns’ ‘partners’ work together to provide a unique series of programs exploring one period in history for one year. For 2017, the Smart Towns’ topic is “The Gilded Age in America: 1870 – 1900.”

Presentations include:

**American Renaissance Architecture**

Tuesday, April 18
7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Joseph Odoerfer, associate dean and professor of the School of Architecture at the University of Detroit Mercy, will provide an overview of the American Renaissance, looking at the art, buildings, fairs, and urban plans it produced, including the Boston Public Library, the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition, the Library of Congress, the 1901 Plan for Washington D.C.

**Victorian Architecture**

Tuesday, May 23
7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Dan Bollman of the American Institute of Architects Community takes an in-depth look at Late Victorian architecture. He’ll include some of the world’s most famous buildings and examples that can be seen locally. Please join him.

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**Between the Lines Book Discussion Group**

Join us for this Spring’s library book groups. All discussions are led by library staff in the Second Floor Conference room. Please choose just one of the following series when registering. Registration is open.

**Wednesday morning**
10–11:30 a.m.

March 15, *In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware

April 19, *A Dog’s Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron

May 17, *Once in a Great City* by David Maraniss

**Thursday afternoon**
2–3:30 p.m.

March 16, *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin

April 20, *Once in A Great City* by David Maraniss

May 18, *A Dog’s Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron

Copies of the books are available upon registration. You may register at calendar.rhpl.org or by contacting Annette at 248-650-7134 or Annette.Similuk@rhpl.org.

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**A Widow’s Guide to Healing**

Tuesday, March 7
7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Kristin Meekhof, MSW, is a regular contributor to the Huffington Post, MariaShriver.com, WomenThatSoar, and others. Widowed at a young age, she will speak from experience on the unique and unforeseen challenges of widowhood.

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**Avoiding Financial Scams with Rick Bloom**

Tuesday, March 14
7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Rick Bloom is focused on helping people avoid common financial errors that usually result in the loss of tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars over their lifetime.

People need financial strategies that work. Bloom provides comprehensive financial planning for individuals, professionals, and business owners. His planning process will help you identify hidden flaws in your financial world that result in money worries and erode financial efficiency.

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**Book Folding**

Saturday, April 8
10–11:30 a.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

We will fold the pages of a book in order to create an image. Books and directions are provided for this project.

**Zen Garden**

Saturday, March 11
10 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

Adults of all ages – join us in making a small “zen” garden to take home. Relaxing and fun. Supplies provided.

**Puzzle Table**

Stop by the Adult Department on the second floor and enjoy a relaxing puzzle.
proves that a mother's love will always persevere over evil.

One woman's courage and dogged determination to seek freedom for her family hunted by tracking dogs, and nearly captured by a Soviet patrol. Her journey to seek a better life, she is betrayed by a money-hungry guide, cated charges by the new Communist regime, Rose decides to escape. During the return from Switzerland to Prague where he faces imprisonment due to fabri-
tookover of their native country. When Rose's husband Anthony is unable to...
World Cinema Night: Film & Discussion Series
Multipurpose Room
Join us on one Wednesday night each month to enjoy a well-reviewed film from another country. Non-English films will be subtitled in English. To register, visit calendar.rhpl.org.

Our Little Sister: Japan
March 8, 6:30 p.m.
After the death of their absent father, three sisters travel to the countryside for his funeral and to meet their teenage half sister. They quickly bond with the younger girl and invite her to come and live with them in their grandparents’ house. (Japanese, Rated PG, 128 min.)

Labyrinth of Lies: Germany
April 12, 6:30 p.m.
A principled young prosecutor in post-WWII Germany uncovers inconvenient truths about his country’s recent past. (German, Rated R, 123 min.)

Volver: Spain
May 10, 6:30 p.m.
After passing away, a mother returns to her town in the form of a ghost to try and fix the things in her life that were left unresolved. (Spanish, Rated R, 121 min.)

Spring Break at RHPL!
You may have noticed the library is going high tech! Digital literacy and STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) education are important. Thanks to a grant from the Best Buy Foundation, we have started acquiring tools like a 3D printer and laser cutter for our patrons to get hands-on experience.

Build Your Own Video Game Controller
Thursday, April 6, 10 a.m.
Grades 4-8
Thursday, April 6, 2 p.m.
Teen
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL ATTENDING.
Use a MaKey MaKey to play online video games with controllers you create!

3D Printer Demo
Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL ATTENDING.
Come see a demonstration of how the library’s new 3D printer works while we answer all your questions. No registration required.

Pi Day Bake Off
Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Participants will select a pie recipe from one of the library’s cookbooks to bake. Bring your pie and copies of the recipe to share with everyone, and at the end of the night, one pie baker will be crowned Pi Day Champion!

Bristle Bots
Monday, April 3, 2-4 p.m.
Grades K-8
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Participants will build their own Bristle Bot to take home. Caregivers are required to attend with children K-2nd grade.

Make It! Craft It!
Wednesday, April 5, 10-11:30 a.m.
Ages 5-11
REGISTER ALL ATTENDING.
Bring your open mind and ideas. We’ll have all kind of materials for you to build things and craft things. Glue, staple, sew, knit till you’ve got something cool to take home.

Get Mobbed With Minecraft!
REGISTER ALL ATTENDING.
Mondays, March 6, April 3, & May 8 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Ages 8-17
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL ATTENDING.
Come punch a few trees and build your own world - open to beginners and experienced Minecrafters.

Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown
Monday, April 24, 7-9 p.m.
Bar Louie of Rochester Hills, fireplace area
Think you know more random trivia than your neighbors? Meet up with us at Bar Louie with your team of up to six people and see if you have what it takes to be crowned champions! Prizes will be awarded to the top team.

Books on Tap
Mondays March 20 and May 22, 7 p.m.
Bar Louie of Rochester Hills, fireplace area
RHPL is excited to partner with Bar Louie Rochester Hills (1488 N. Rochester Rd) for a casual book club (discussion will be available but not enforced) in a relaxed setting. Meet up at the restaurant to talk about books and enjoy Bar Louie’s happy hour specials extended for our program. March 20: Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn
May 22: The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood

Nerf at Nite
Friday April 21, 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 others. All supplies provided. Registration with an RHPL library card is required. This event is limited to ages 18 and up.
Ages 13–18 are welcome at our teen events. If you have questions or comments, please call Kricket at 248-650-5683 or email Kricket.Hoekstra@rhpl.org.

The Fabulous Vocabulous League: Teen Writer’s Workshop
Saturdays, March 18
April 15, May 20
2:30-4:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Interested in writing fiction or poetry? Come to this afternoon session and meet other teen writers, share your own work, learn tips and pointers, and enjoy snacks.

Geek Club
First four Wednesdays of every month* (We do not meet on the 5th Wednesday of the month)
7-8:45 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
A casual hang-out night for teens who enjoy graphic novels, manga, anime, videogames, RPGs, etc. Snacks included. Welcome one and all!

Teen Pokémon Club
Saturdays,
March 11, April 8
May 13, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
A casual gathering for teens to meet, compete and enjoy Pokémon together.

8th Grade Essay Contest
Write an essay about a woman who has inspired you and be the winner of the Fourteenth Annual Rochester AAUW 8th Grade Essay contest. Entry forms and instructions are available at the middle schools, and at rhpl.org.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
First and 3rd Wednesday
Second Floor Conference Room
5:30-6:30 p.m.
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!

Smash Brothers Video Game Tournament
Saturday, April 1, 2:30-5 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Be here no later than 2:45 p.m. to join our Super Smash Bros. (Wii U) tournament. We have GameCube controllers and Wii-motes; you may also bring your own 3DS. First and second place get prizes. Regular drop-in freestyle before and after the tournament.

Make Your Own 3D Printed Phone Case
Wednesday, April 5, 2 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
We’ll show you how to design your own phone case with Tinkercad, and then we will print it on the library’s 3D printer! Please list the model of your phone when registering.

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 ....................... 248-650-2900
Adult Services ............. 650-7130
Youth Services ............. 650-7140
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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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Basic Computer Help For Seniors
New to computers, smartphones, tablets, email, or Microsoft Office? Make an hour-long appointment with a teen volunteer who can show you the basics here at the library. Call Kricket at 248-650-5683 or email Kricket.Hoekstra@rhpl.org to schedule a time on a library computer or on your own device.
Registration begins at 9 a.m. one week before each program. Children must be registered for programs with their own cards.

**Story Groups**
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Spring Story Groups begin on Monday, April 17. Registration begins on Monday, April 10, at 9 a.m. This session will last for five weeks. There are many different groups offered during this session. Detailed information on each group can be found at rhpl.org. Please make note of the following guidelines before registering:
- Each child can only register for one group.
- Children must be registered for a Story Group with their own card. Library cards are issued to residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township of any age at the Information Desk.
- Registrations covers the entire five week session. You do not have to register separately for each week.

**BIG Fun Storytime**
Every Tuesday, Wednesday, OR Thursday in March, 10-10:45 a.m.
Birth-5 years with caregiver
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Join us for stories, songs, and BIG fun in a non-traditional storytime! Please register for only one day and come to that same day for four weeks. Registration begins Feb. 27, at 9 a.m.

**Cardboard City**
Saturday, March 4, 2-4 p.m.
Ages 4-10
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Parents MUST attend with child. Build your own tiny town in the library. We’ll supply the boxes, you bring the imagination!

**PAWS for Reading**
Wednesdays, 6-7:15 p.m.
Youth Room
Practice your reading with trained therapy dogs Trinity or Abbey! Call 248-650-7140 to schedule your 15 minute appointment.

**Be Our Guest**
Saturday, March 18
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
All Ages
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. The live-action Beauty and the Beast movie has been released in theaters this weekend. Let’s celebrate! Feel free to dress up as your favorite Disney character and join us for an Enchanted Castle Party that will include crafts and activities related to the movie. Then, stick around for a showing of Disney’s original animated classic of Beauty and the Beast.

**Yarny Crafternoons**
Saturdays, March 25, April 1, April 8, & April 15, 1-2:30 p.m.
Story Room, All ages
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Come learn a new skill or share what you know! We’ll have some supplies for loom knitting, finger knitting, crochet, or knitting with needles, but you’re welcome to bring your own too. Each week’s registration is separate.

**Fantastic Fridays**
March 17, 10 a.m.
April 21, 10 a.m.
May 12, 10 a.m.
Ages 1-5 with caregiver, Multipurpose Room
PLEASE REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Fantastic Fridays offer music or animals or other kid-friendly entertainment. Check calendar.rhpl.org to find out what the exact entertainment is scheduled for each date.

**Lego Time!**
Saturday March 18, 2-3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4, 2-3 p.m.
K- grade 6
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN & ADULTS ATTENDING
Build a creation with the library Legos & then display them in the Youth Department.

**Do Not Pass Go! Do Not Collect 100 Stanzas!**
Saturday, April 15, 2-3:30 p.m.
Grades 3 and up
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. In honor of National Poetry Month, come play a life-size board game where you and a team will create some lightning-quick poems in different formats such as odes, haikus, ekphrastic, acrostics and limericks. At the end of the program, we will share favorite poems and put them together in a book.
Cloudy Day Story Time
Saturday, April 1
11-11:45 a.m.
Ages 3-6, Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Join us as we sing songs and read books about weather, clouds, and imagination. Afterwards, we will make a sensory cloud creation.

Children's Book Day Celebration
Monday, April 3, 6-7 p.m.
All Ages, Story room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Families are invited to the library for snacks and book discussion about their favorite children's books. Each family member should bring their favorite children’s book, or a book that has inspired them, and be ready to tell everyone about it.

Sink or Float!
Thursday, April 13 6:15-7 p.m.
Grades 1-3
Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. In this fun and informative program, we will be reading and discussing some non-fiction books about floating, sinking, and density. Then, we will conduct some science experiments to make our "boats" sink or float!

D.E.A.R. - Drop Everything and Read!
Friday, April 14, 1-4 p.m.
All Ages, Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Children under eight MUST be accompanied by a grown-up. Celebrate Ramona Quimby’s birthday by dropping everything and reading! Bring blankets, pillows, and of course, a good book! Snacks will be provided.

Olympians Party
Tuesday, May 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Grades 4 and up
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Spend some time in Percy Jackson’s world! With mythology trivia, crafts, and other activities.

Wacky Science with Scheer Madness
Saturday, April 22
2:30-3:15 p.m., All Ages
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Bring the whole family and be ready to be amazed at all of the "magic" you can do with science! This show is from the creative mind of Doug Scheer, one of our favorites.

Bee Appreciation Day
Monday, April 17, 6-7 p.m.
Grades K-2, Story room
FOR GRADES K-2
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. In the past few years, more and more species of bees have become endangered. Learn about how important bees are to our agriculture, what steps can be taken to prevent their endangerment and enjoy some fun bee crafts.

Earth Day & Arbor Day with The Lorax
Saturday, April 29 2-3:30 p.m.
Ages 4-10 with caregiver
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING. Celebrate these two environmental holidays with fun and games, plus (of course!) reading Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax. Online registration opens Saturday, April 22, at 9 a.m.

RIF Paperback Book Giveaway!
Saturday, May 20, 1-4 p.m.
Ages 3-18
Multipurpose Room
No Registration Required. All community residents who are between ages 3 & 18 on Saturday, May 20, are invited to come to the library to select a new, free, paperback book. Children are required to choose their own book without assistance from their adult caregiver.

Battle of the Books Awards Ceremony
Monday, March 13, 6:30-8 p.m.
Stoney Creek High School Auditorium
We’ll be announcing all the winners of the Battle of the Books and celebrating students’ hard work. Feel free to join us!

Early Childhood Caregiver Training
Tuesdays March 28, April 25, & May 30, 6-9 p.m.
Adults only
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Join Margaret Sclesky of Oakland Family Services for monthly training sessions on early childhood development. All attendees will receive certificates of participation. Hours can be counted towards yearly training requirements. To register visit greatstarttoquality.org and click on “Professional Development.”

Free Play Saturday!
Saturdays March 11, April 8, & May 13 10-11 a.m.
1-5 year olds with caregiver
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Join us for a fun-filled hour of play-based learning for toddlers and preschoolers. Parents/caregivers will follow their child’s lead as they explore the materials provided while connecting with other families, interacting with the librarians, and getting information on early literacy programs at the library. Open to children ages one to five years. Registration for each session begins on the prior Saturday at 9 a.m.
Another Good Year for the Book Sales!

The Used Book Sales had another successful year, making a profit of $150,921 in 2016. This included $20,926 from the Lobby Cart which continues to be a popular attraction, and $43,237 from our online sales, thanks to the hard work of Peggy Philippi and the online crew. None of this would be possible without the efforts of our many dedicated volunteers. We are so thankful for all the wonderful donations from the community and their support at our sales. We are looking forward to another profitable year. Our next sale starts April 26!

Behind the Scenes Tour of the Library

Wednesday, April 12, 10 a.m.
Multipurpose Room

Join Director Christine Lind Hage for a behind the scenes tour of the library. The tour will begin in the Multipurpose Room and proceed to various areas of the library. To register, please go to calendar.rhpl.org or call 248-650-7155.

The Newcomers’ Book Club: A Circle of Friends

Thursdays, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25 and June 8, 10-11:30 a.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

If you are new to this country and want to improve your English language skills, we invite you to join this fun discussion group. At each session participants read and discuss poems and short stories written in English. Together we’ll improve English literacy skills while sharing traditions and cultures that celebrate diversity.

The discussion sessions are facilitated by Dr. Elana Izraeli, who has years of experience educating English language learners. Registration begins March 16. Please register online at calendar.rhpl.org or by contacting Michelle at 248-650-5681 or Michelle.Wisniewski@rhpl.org.

English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

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! Registration will be open on Tuesday, March 7.

Tuesdays, March 21- May 9, from 10-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays, March 23- May 11, from 7-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, March 25- May 13, from 10-11:30 a.m.

For further information, please contact Kari at 248-650-7155.

Community Bookmobile Schedule

**Monday**
- Oakmont Rochester
  - 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
  - 3460 South Blvd.
- City of Rochester Hills, 1000 Rochester Hills Dr.
  - 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- Streamwood Estates, 1900 Streamwood Dr.
  - 2-3 p.m.
  - 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- S & M Market, 10 Rochester Rd.
  - 5:15-6:15 p.m.
- Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Rd.
  - 7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Wednesday**
- Creekside Village Estates, SW Corner of Runyon Rd. & Dequindre
  - 2-3 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church, 2675 John R. Rd.
  - 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Avondale Meadows Upper Elementary School, 1432 W. Auburn Rd.
  - 5-6 p.m.
- Hampton Community Center, 254 Hampton Cir.
  - 7-8:30 p.m.

**Thursday**
- American House Village, 3741 S. Adams Rd.
  - 2-3 p.m.
- University Presbyterian Church, 1385 S. Adams Rd.
  - 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- West Middle School, 500 Old Perch Rd.
  - 5-6 p.m.
- Brewster Elementary School, 1535 Brewster Rd.
  - 7-8 p.m.

**Saturday**
- Country Creek Commons Shopping Center, NW Corner of Adams Rd. and Silverbell
  - 10-11 a.m.
- Delta Kelly Elementary School, 3880 N. Adams Rd.
  - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Woodland Estates, 1441 Woodland Dr.
  - 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Timberlea Village Apartments, 416 Timberlea
  - 3:15-4:15 p.m.
RHPL Partners With Local Organizations

Rochester Avon Historical Society

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

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, who want to learn from more experienced writers, or who 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.

Helpful Information

If you owe fines/fees ($1 minimum) and would like to pay them online, please visit “My Account” at rhpl.org. You will need your library account number and pin/password.

At the time a Melcat is checked out to you, there is paperwork with the item. Please make sure the paperwork stays with the item when returning it. This helps with the return process to ensure there are no delays or errors.

When returning library items through the drive-up slot, the items must be returned one at a time. If items are returned in multiples (or rubber banded) there could be errors in since only one barcode can be read at a time.

From the Director Christine Lind Hage

Smart Towns: A New, “Smart” Way to Learn about America’s History!

The Rochester Hills Public Library is pleased to join with Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester College, and Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm to form a new collaboration called Smart Towns.

Smart Towns is a lifelong learning program for everyone in the community. Smart Towns’ partners work together to provide a unique series of programs exploring one theme for each year. Lectures, presentations and courses introduce participants to the arts, sciences, transportation, industrial, social and economic aspects of the topic and are presented by experts in their respective fields of study.

For 2017, the Smart Towns topic is “The Gilded Age in America: 1870 – 1900.” Presentations include talks on architecture of the Gilded Age, Louis Comfort Tiffany pieces at Meadow Brook Hall, railroads that built America and Rochester in the Gilded Age. Presentations on American Gilded authors, art, music and agriculture are in the works.

The Library is proud to be the first partner to offer a mini-series on architecture of the Gilded Age. On April 18, we will host Joe Odoefer, AIA, Professor of Architecture & Associate Dean of Architecture, University of Detroit Mercy, when he speaks on American Renaissance Architecture. On May 23, Dan Bollman, AIA, founder of East Arbor Architecture will present on Late Victorian Architecture. We will be scheduling more programs on the Gilded Age for the fall of 2017.

While the library presentations are always free, other Smart Town partners may require the purchase of a ticket. A website, smarttowns-mi.com, is under construction and you will soon be able to see the full listing of program options and to sign up for those programs. A Facebook page and Twitter feed are under development. You will also be able to register for programs directly with individual Smart Town partners.

For our first topic we selected “The Gilded Age in America – 1870 – 1900” because it was such an interesting period. It was a time when ruthless robber barons ruled the rapidly growing economy and waves of immigrants came to American shores. Railroads opened the West to all seeking opportunities while Native Americans suffered from the expansion. Levi Strauss invented jeans and Burbank, Carver, Edison, Ford, Tesla and Westinghouse made industrial and scientific advancements. Frank Lloyd Wright created a new American aesthetic with the Prairie School and the wealthy of the Gilded Age spent fortunes on the arts. Mark Twain saw it all and wrote of the country’s efforts to justify its growth by using gold paint to hide serious social problems. Most of all, the Gilded Age put the United States on the world map as a preeminent economic power.

I hope you, as lifelong learners, will take advantage of this opportunity at the library and its Smart Town partners to learn more about this fascinating period.
Library News and Events

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Dreaming of Summer?
Daydreams of summer breezes and sunshine come easy when you're wearing a dragonfly. The Friends Store is thrilled to feature a new line of jewelry designed by Holland, Michigan, artist, Robin Satterthwaite of Robin Goodfellow Designs. Pieces are produced using silver or gold-plated wire, Swarovski crystals, glass pearls, metal and glass beads, and freshwater pearls. The chains used in the designs are brass, but do not tarnish. Watch for more additions to our always affordable but never boring jewelry at the Friends Store!

Store Hours
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