

**Rochester Hills Public Library**  
**500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, MI**

**Mission:**

Rochester Hills Public Library empowers people to explore and create with resources that enlighten, educate, entertain, and inform.

**August 21, 2023 – 8pm**

**Agenda**

- I. Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 RHPL Budget
- II. Call to order of the regular meeting
- III. Public Comments\*
- IV. Minutes of regular meeting on July 17, 2023
- V. Treasurer’s Report for July 2023
- VI. Monthly bills for July 2023 in the amount of \$376,656.48
- VII. Communications
  - a. Customer Comments
  - b. Fall 2023 News & Views Newsletter
  - c. Press Coverage
- VIII. Reports
  - a. Library Director
  - b. Statistical Report
- IX. Committee Updates
  - a. Finance Committee – adopt 2024 budget plan and a resolution to appropriate funds
  - b. Director’s Evaluation
- X. Other Business
- XI. Board Comments
- XII. Questions from the Liaisons
- XIII. Adjournment

\*Each individual shall state their name, municipality, and will be permitted 3 minutes of comment time.

# Minutes



ROCHESTER HILLS  
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**Rochester Hills Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**July 17, 2023**

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023. The President called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Madge Lawson.  
A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Julianne Reyes, and Chuck Stouffer.  
Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian, City of Rochester Liaison Alice Moo and Oakland Township Library President, Michael Tyler. Three invited speakers were present: Leanne Scott, City Clerk for the City of Rochester Hills, Sheila Brown, Deputy Clerk for the City of Rochester Hills, and Roxanne Thatcher, Deputy Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Oakland. Three members of the public were present.
- II. Update regarding RHPL serving as an early voting site
  - A. Ms. Scott, City Clerk for the City of Rochester Hills, provided an update on the possibility of RHPL serving as an early voting site.
    1. Ms. Scott thanked the board for approving use of the RHPL facility as an early voting site for the local election in November of 2023.
    2. She stated that Oakland County has asked municipalities and voting sites to sign a commitment to offer early voting through the general election in November 2024. Ms. Scott informed the board that the agreement would be among Oakland County, City of Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, and the Rochester Hills Public Library (the City of Rochester opted out).
    3. Mr. Stouffer asked about splitting locations between two sites, and Ms. Scott said that is not a workable solution since the integrity of the equipment could be compromised (if it is moved).
    4. Ms. Reyes asked what alternate locations were being considered, and Ms. Scott said RHPL and only the Older Person's Commission would meet the criteria for an early voting site, but that the library was the preferred location.
    5. Ms. Deel asked about any prediction for volume of foot traffic, and Ms. Scott answered that volume is unknown since early voting is a completely new method of running an election in Michigan. She also stated that since November 2023 is a local election only, turnout is much lower than a general election.
    6. Discussion ensued on the impact to the library (primarily on programming that could have occurred in the multi-purpose room during the time it is requested to be reserved). Ms. Thatcher offered use of space in Oakland Township to conduct off-site programming during this time. Ms. Morian commented that with enough advance planning, alternate plans could be made for library programs in 2024.
    7. President Lawson tabled the discussion to a later point in the meeting agenda and the clerks left the meeting at 8:25pm.

III. Public Comments – None

IV. Minutes

- A. On a motion by Mr. Stouffer, which Mr. Bonam seconded, the board unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes from June 12, 2023 with minor clarification on what was meant by “virtual student cards” on the statistical report.

V. Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.

VI. Monthly Bills

- A. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. Deel seconded, the board unanimously approved the monthly bills for June 2023, which totaled \$466,375.64.

VII. Communications

- A. The board reviewed the communications; discussion ensued regarding comments received either in praise of, or dismay with, the Pride commemorations at the library.
  - 1. Mr. Stouffer stated that he would like the staff to exercise caution in creating displays that are controversial in nature. He stated that he hadn’t seen the display but felt that displays should not be forced on patrons using the library. He asked Ms. Morian how a librarian determines something is age-appropriate.
  - 2. Ms. Morian stated that professional librarians with advanced degrees have years of training on how to evaluate literature for a given age group, and no display is compulsory to engage with. Age-appropriate determining factors can include: difficulty of language, the amount of pictures, the age of the protagonist, and the topic and complexity of theme. She stated that she is proud to work in a library where advocating for critical thinking is a stated strategic goal of the board, and has confidence in the professional librarian staff’s ability to provide appropriate access to information despite perceived controversy.
  - 3. Ms. Morian also stated that this is not a new practice at RHPL and that the library has provided a Pride commemoration for the past 7 years. In response to positive feedback from residents who have lived LGBTQ experience, there was no reason to depart from the practice.
  - 4. Ms. Reyes stated that she had no issue with the adult Pride program on the schedule, but commented that patrons took issue with the display in the children’s department because kids are under age 13.
  - 5. Ms. Deel commented that the term age-appropriate can vary based on the unique development of each child and noted that the youth department spans ages birth to age 13.

VIII. Director’s Report and Statistical Report

- A. The board reviewed and filed the director’s and statistical report with some discussion.
  - 1. Mr. Tyler requested more information on patron data privacy within the integrated library system (ILS) to ensure that the parent company cannot sell data for their own purposes. Ms. Morian will follow up and report back.
  - 2. There were two corrections noted on upcoming events – the board meeting was confirmed for August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm and the September 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting was

corrected with a 7pm start time.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Centennial Celebration Committee – Ms. Lawson reported that the committee met on July 13<sup>th</sup> and finalized an 18-month timeline of various activities throughout 2024.
- B. Finance Committee – The committee met on June 29<sup>th</sup> for an in-depth review of the proposed 2024 RHPL Budget. Ms. Morian presented the draft budget to the full board and confirmed a public hearing on the proposed budget at their August meeting.
  - 1. Ms. Deel expressed support for the capital projects included in the draft budget.
  - 2. Mr. Tyler expressed a desire for the RHPL board to assign a portion of fund balance for dedicated library presence in Oakland Township and more generally to the four corners of RHPL’s service area. Such services might include: self-service lockers, patron optional mail delivery of all hold requests, and library programs. He stated that the Oakland Township Library Board could consider an additional monetary commitment (from its fund balance) for the Oakland Township portion of start-up/capital expenses of four corner initiatives. He also stated that he felt residents along the Adams Rd. corridor would be particularly less likely to engage with RHPL because their daily travels would not bring them to, or through, downtown Rochester, close to the library. Consequently, RHPL needs to be especially focused on increasing awareness of the library’s online services and enhancing service delivery where feasible.

X. Other Business

- A. Mr. Stouffer made a motion, which Ms. Deel seconded, and the board unanimously approved RHPL to enter into an agreement with Oakland County, City of Rochester Hills, and Charter Township of Oakland to serve as an early voting site starting with the local election in November of 2023 through the general election in November of 2024.

XI. Board Comments

- A. Ms. Reyes commented that the board meeting dates and documentation did not render correctly on a mobile phone. Ms. Morian said she would will look into it and resolve it.
- B. Ms. Deel commented that she and her family enjoyed the “Pedal the Past” program at RHPL and commended the library and RH Museum for planning such a great event.

XII. Questions from the Liaisons

- A. Mr. Tyler thanked the board for allowing him to express his opinions and stated his support for the library serving as a regional early voting site. He also reiterated his desire to see more library presence in the northern parts of Oakland Township.

XIII. The regular meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.

# Treasurer's Report



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**ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**July 31, 2023**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Circ Registers/Coin	\$	2,020.00	
<b>PNC</b>			
Payroll		8,858.27	
New Operating Fund PNC		429,767.89	
<b>UBS</b>			
Operating - UBS		3,163,209.31	
OTBS		0.00	
Plant		111,369.15	
Roof		430,267.47	
Self-Insurance		7,620.95	
Vanguard		15,871.36	
Total Current Assets			4,168,984.40
 <b>Other Current Assets</b>			
Total Other Current Assets			0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$ 4,168,984.40</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**Current Liabilities**

Staff Cash (pop cans)	\$	122.10	
Flexible Spending W/H Payable		(1,050.19)	
Supplemental Ins W/H Payable		526.89	
Total Current Liabilities			(401.20)

**Fund Balance**

Prior Years' Balance		1,883,356.60	
Current Year Operations		2,286,029.00	
Total Fund Balance			4,169,385.60
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 4,168,984.40</b>

**Rochester Hills Public Library**  
**Budget vs Actual**  
**For the Period January 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023**

	Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Annual Budget
<b>Revenues</b>					
Rochester Hills	0	3,075,399	3,037,230	38,169	3,037,230
City of Rochester	191,834	460,676	446,812	13,864	537,680
Oakland Twp	321,438	873,473	884,948	(11,475)	966,100
State Aid	20,536	96,154	100,622	(4,468)	147,800
OTBS	0	150,480	150,000	480	150,000
Penal Fines	146,748	146,748	0	146,748	153,100
Fines and Fees	5,369	35,932	29,167	6,765	50,000
Interest	1,573	14,123	1,167	12,956	2,000
Gains/Losses	11,490	52,284	0	52,284	0
Designated Gifts	150	2,775	5,833	(3,058)	10,000
Undesignated Gifts	328	7,091	0	7,091	37,800
Undesignated Gifts-Friends	0	0	0	0	171,000
Grants	0	0	2,333	(2,333)	4,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,020	19,320	2,444	16,876	4,190
Transfer-ReservedOTBS	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer-ReservedPlant	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>700,486</b>	<b>4,934,455</b>	<b>4,660,556</b>	<b>273,899</b>	<b>5,270,900</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Payroll	180,053	1,334,060	1,492,050	(157,990)	2,557,800
Employee Benefits	52,540	303,881	337,577	(33,696)	578,700
Books	25,945	158,204	210,000	(51,796)	360,000
Print Subscriptions	12	11,888	8,750	3,138	15,000
Electronic Materials	23,481	165,293	186,142	(20,849)	319,100
Innovative Items	7,212	13,207	15,167	(1,960)	26,000
Audiovisual	4,157	40,160	69,942	(29,782)	119,900
Bookmobile Operation	585	8,140	14,583	(6,443)	25,000
OTBS	561	3,025	3,792	(767)	6,500
Voice and Data Services	804	3,435	15,166	(11,731)	26,000
Utilities	13,830	100,334	95,667	4,667	164,000
Insurance	0	2,081	11,083	(9,002)	19,000
Professional/Contract Services	3,091	41,389	47,083	(5,694)	70,000
Supplies	3,698	11,848	16,625	(4,777)	28,500
Promotion and Printing	11,750	24,918	26,175	(1,257)	50,800
Mileage	36	582	2,917	(2,335)	5,000
Postage	3,184	13,922	12,250	1,672	21,000
Staff Development/Membership Programs	6,585	18,863	20,709	(1,846)	35,500
Facilities Maintenance	1,851	24,985	30,917	(5,932)	53,000
IT Maintenance	21,489	124,305	134,749	(10,444)	231,000
IT Maintenance	179	89,902	55,416	34,486	95,000
Staff/Volunteer Recognition	0	3,358	7,042	(3,684)	8,500
Gift and Grant Expense	738	8,373	0	8,373	0
Tax Tribunal Refunds	0	0	292	(292)	500
Equipment/Fixed Assets	0	62,612	50,458	12,154	86,500
Furnishings	0	0	7,467	(7,467)	12,800
Bookmobile	0	19,677	105,000	(85,323)	180,000
Capital Improvements	11,600	59,984	44,217	15,767	75,800
Contingency	0	0	58,333	(58,333)	100,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>373,381</b>	<b>2,648,426</b>	<b>3,079,569</b>	<b>(431,143)</b>	<b>5,270,900</b>
<b>Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	<b>327,105</b>	<b>2,286,029</b>	<b>1,580,987</b>	<b>705,042</b>	<b>0</b>

# Monthly Bills



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Payment Information		
Payment Due Date	For online and phone payments, the deadline is 8pm ET.	
<b>Aug 11, 2023</b>		
New Balance	Minimum Payment Due	
<b>\$13,317.53</b>	<b>\$133.00</b>	
<p><b>LATE PAYMENT WARNING:</b> If we do not receive your minimum payment by your due date, you may have to pay a \$39.00 late fee and your APRs may be increased up to the Penalty APR of 34.40%.</p> <p><b>MINIMUM PAYMENT WARNING:</b> If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:</p>		
If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay...	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about...	And you will end up paying an estimated total of...
Minimum Payment	33 Years	\$42,447
\$537	3 Years	\$19,314
Estimated savings if balance is paid off in about 3 years: \$23,133		
If you would like information about credit counseling services, call 1-888-326-8055.		

Account Summary	
Previous Balance	\$7,316.52
Payments	- \$7,316.52
Other Credits	- \$29.53
Transactions	+ \$13,347.06
Cash Advances	+ \$0.00
Fees Charged	+ \$0.00
Interest Charged	+ \$0.00
<b>New Balance</b>	<b>= \$13,317.53</b>
Credit Limit	\$30,000.00
Available Credit (as of Jul 17, 2023)	\$16,682.47
Cash Advance Credit Limit	\$15,000.00
Available Credit for Cash Advances	\$15,000.00

Rewards Summary		Rewards as of: 07/16/2023	
<b>Rewards Balance</b>	<b>\$432.48</b>	Track and redeem your rewards with our mobile app or on <a href="http://capitalone.com">capitalone.com</a>	
<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Earned This Period</b>	<b>Redeemed this period</b>	
\$232.27	\$200.21	\$0.00	

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Payment Due Date: **Aug 11, 2023**

Account ending in 9289

New Balance	Minimum Payment Due	Amount Enclosed
<b>\$13,317.53</b>	<b>\$133.00</b>	\$ _____

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**Do you assess a Minimum Interest Charge?** We may assess a minimum Interest Charge of \$0.00 for each Billing Cycle if your account is subject to an Interest Charge.

**How do you Calculate the Interest Charge?** We use a method called Average Daily Balance (including new transactions).

1. First, for each segment we take the beginning balance each day and add in new transactions and the periodic Interest Charge on the previous day's balance. Then we subtract any payments and credits for that segment as of that day. The result is the daily balance for each segment. However, if your previous statement balance was zero or a credit amount, new transactions which post to your purchase segment are not added to the daily balance.

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## Transactions

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### JULIANE MORIAN #9289: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jun 30	Jun 30	CAPITAL ONE ONLINE PYMTAuthDate 30-Jun	-\$7,316.52

### JULIANE MORIAN #9289: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jun 18	Jun 19	AMZN Mktp US*I95HN92K3Amzn.com/billWA	\$42.99
Jun 19	Jun 20	AMZN Mktp US*D68979BZ3Amzn.com/billWA	\$30.38
Jun 19	Jun 20	AMZN Mktp US*8K0WR4VE3Amzn.com/billWA	\$6.59
Jun 19	Jun 20	AMZN Mktp US*JRO367W13Amzn.com/billWA	\$42.73
Jun 23	Jun 27	FEDEX OFFICE 800000836800-4633339TX	\$25.88
Jun 29	Jun 30	IN *ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB248-6019500MI	\$80.00
Jul 3	Jul 3	AMZN Mktp US*CI5V82EH3Amzn.com/billWA	\$56.65
Jul 7	Jul 7	AMZN Mktp US*GB4GA4XM3Amzn.com/billWA	\$9.98
Jul 7	Jul 8	SQ *AFFORDABLE LIBRARY PRgosq.comNY	\$860.00
Jul 12	Jul 13	STAPLES DIRECT800-3333330MA	\$113.95
Jul 12	Jul 13	OAKLAND PRESS888-977-3677MI	\$12.00
Jul 12	Jul 13	MARSHALLS #0235ROCHESTERMI	\$479.07

**JULIANE MORIAN #9289: Total Transactions** **\$1,760.22**

### ALLISON SARTWELL #6129: Payments, Credits and Adjustments

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jun 16	Jun 17	STORE.CREALITYHONG KONG	-\$29.53

### ALLISON SARTWELL #6129: Transactions

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jun 16	Jun 17	STORE.CREALITYHONG KONG	\$521.68
Jun 21	Jun 22	SP LETSTICKTOGETHERLETSTICKTOGETNY	\$44.35
Jun 22	Jun 23	AB* ABEBOOKS.CO JZVYVOHTTPSWWW.ABEBWA	\$156.97
Jun 22	Jun 23	AB* ABEBOOKS.CO JZVYVRHTTPSWWW.ABEBWA	\$23.88
Jun 22	Jun 23	AB* ABEBOOKS.CO JZVYVQMUNCHEN	\$25.83
Jun 22	Jun 23	AB* ABEBOOKS.CO JZVYVSMUNCHEN	\$32.62
Jun 22	Jun 24	AB* ABEBOOKS.CO JZVYVPMUNCHEN	\$108.80
Jun 28	Jun 29	LULZBOT970-377-1111ND	\$22.67
Jun 29	Jun 30	SP XTOOL STOREHTTPSWWW.XTOOCA	\$6,589.99

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### Transactions (Continued)

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jul 11	Jul 12	CITY OF ROCHESTER PARKINGROCHESTERMI	\$4.25
Jul 11	Jul 12	CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS G888-8916064MI	\$128.50
Jul 14	Jul 15	ROCHESTER DDAWWW.DOWNTOWNRMI	\$250.00

**ALLISON SARTWELL #6129: Total Transactions** **\$7,909.54**

**MARY DAVIS #9241: Payments, Credits and Adjustments**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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**MARY DAVIS #9241: Transactions**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jul 10	Jul 11	ABOS800-8438482MO	\$135.00

**MARY DAVIS #9241: Total Transactions** **\$135.00**

**WENDY LEHMAN #2405: Payments, Credits and Adjustments**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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**WENDY LEHMAN #2405: Transactions**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jul 13	Jul 13	AMERLIBASSOC ECOMMERCE866-746-7252IL	\$209.00
Jul 14	Jul 15	Spotify USA877-7781161NY	\$15.99

**WENDY LEHMAN #2405: Total Transactions** **\$224.99**

**CAMILLE WESTMORE #4614: Payments, Credits and Adjustments**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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**CAMILLE WESTMORE #4614: Transactions**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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**STEVEN CLEMENT #7892: Payments, Credits and Adjustments**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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**STEVEN CLEMENT #7892: Transactions**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jun 16	Jun 19	MAIN'S ROCHESTERROCHESTERMI	\$163.95
Jun 20	Jun 21	AMZN Mktp US*DH5CG03K3Amzn.com/billWA	\$9.99
Jun 20	Jun 21	AMZN Mktp US*BG9JM9TU3Amzn.com/billWA	\$67.99
Jun 26	Jun 27	AMZN Mktp US*JU1Q90JV3Amzn.com/billWA	\$1,792.80
Jun 29	Jun 29	AMZN Mktp US*I59SF7IM3Amzn.com/billWA	\$34.88

**STEVEN CLEMENT #7892: Total Transactions** **\$2,069.61**

Additional Information on the next page

### Transactions (Continued)

**ELIZABETH RACZKOWSKI #9004: Payments, Credits and Adjustments**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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**ELIZABETH RACZKOWSKI #9004: Transactions**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jun 16	Jun 17	PRSA212-460-1400NY	\$122.00
Jun 17	Jun 17	AMERLIBASSOC ECOMMERCE866-746-7252IL	\$236.00

<b>ELIZABETH RACZKOWSKI #9004: Total Transactions</b>			<b>\$358.00</b>
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**DEREK BROWN #8061: Payments, Credits and Adjustments**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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**DEREK BROWN #8061: Transactions**

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
Jun 16	Jun 17	CHATGPT SUBSCRIPTIONOPENAI.COMCA	\$20.00
Jun 18	Jun 19	SOCKETLABS484-418-1285PA	\$63.96
Jun 19	Jun 20	USPS STAMPS ENDICIA888-434-0055DC	\$200.00
Jul 1	Jul 3	USPS STAMPS ENDICIA888-434-0055DC	\$200.00
Jul 2	Jul 3	STAMPS.COM855-608-2677TX	\$19.99
Jul 6	Jul 7	STAMPS.COM855-608-2677TX	\$263.80
Jul 7	Jul 8	DNH*GODADDY.COM480-5058855AZ	\$89.97
Jul 11	Jul 12	TECHSOUP4156339300CA	\$5.00
Jul 13	Jul 15	MICRO CENTER #055-RETAILMADISON HEIGHMI	\$26.98

<b>DEREK BROWN #8061: Total Transactions</b>			<b>\$889.70</b>
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<b>Total Transactions for This Period</b>			<b>\$13,347.06</b>
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#### Fees

Trans Date	Post Date	Description	Amount
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<b>Total Fees for This Period</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
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#### Interest Charged

Interest Charge on Purchases	\$0.00
Interest Charge on Cash Advances	\$0.00
Interest Charge on Other Balances	\$0.00
<b>Total Interest for This Period</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Additional Information on the next page

**Transactions (Continued)**

**Totals Year-to-Date**

<b>Total Fees charged</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Interest charged</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Interest Charge Calculation**

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account.

Type of Balance	Annual Percentage Rate (APR)	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charged
Purchases	25.99% P	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Advances	27.99% P	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Variable APRs:** If you have a letter code displayed next to any of the above APRs, this means they are variable APRs. They may increase or decrease based on one of the following indices (reported in The Wall Street Journal) as described below.

Code next to your APR(s)	How do we calculate your APR(s)?	When your APR(s) will change
P	Prime Rate + margin	The first day of the Billing Cycles that end in Jan., April, July and Oct.
L	3 month LIBOR + margin	
D	Prime Rate + margin	The first day of each Billing Cycle
F	1 month LIBOR + margin	



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7/14/23	72672V	5301-80 1123-00	Interlibrary Loan (ILL) New Operating Fund	Invoice: 061523 PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY	13.00	13.00
7/31/23	72678V	6200-40 1123-00	Other Programs New Operating Fund	Invoice: 072923 SHAKESPEARE IN DETROIT	250.00	250.00
7/17/23	72683	5301-10 5301-10 5301-50 5301-10 5301-50 1123-00	Adult Books Adult Books Materials Processing Adult Books Materials Processing New Operating Fund	ACT #C019265 ACT #L410629 PROCESSING ACT #L424469 PROCESSING THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	101.93 431.97 22.91 2,923.74 290.19	3,770.74
7/17/23	72684	5301-30 5301-50 5301-30 5301-50 1123-00	Outreach Books Materials Processing Outreach Books Materials Processing New Operating Fund	ACT #L449673 PROCESSING ACT #L395513 PROCESSING THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	83.38 8.64 1,039.98 72.28	1,204.28
7/17/23	72685	5301-20 5301-50 1123-00	Youth Books Materials Processing New Operating Fund	ACT #L554618 PROCESSING THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	3,579.54 177.60	3,757.14
7/17/23	72686	5306-10 5303-11 5303-10 5301-50 5306-10 5301-50 5306-10 5301-50 1123-00	Adult DVDs Adult Audio-Music Adult Audio-Books Materials Processing Adult DVDs Materials Processing Adult DVDs Materials Processing New Operating Fund	CUSTOMER #2000005835-DVD CUSTOMER #2000005835-MUSIC CUSTOMER #2000005835-AUDIO PROCESSING CUSTOMER #2000005843-DVD PROCESSING CUSTOMER #200014883-DVD PROCESSING MIDWEST TAPE LLC	706.64 21.73 121.97 258.10 56.23 9.58 298.39 73.73	1,546.37
7/17/23	72687	5306-30 5301-50 5306-30	Outreach DVDs Materials Processing Outreach DVDs	CUSTOMER #2000005836-DVD PROCESSING CUSTOMER #2000005839-DVD	188.16 43.11 166.42	

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		1123-00	New Operating Fund	#2000005839-DVD MIDWEST TAPE LLC		397.69
7/17/23	72688	5306-20	Youth DVDs/Videos	CUSTOMER	386.82	
		5303-20	Youth Audio	#2000005837-DVD CUSTOMER	415.88	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	#2000005837-AUDIO PROCESSING	152.32	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	MIDWEST TAPE LLC		955.02
7/17/23	72689	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 42767	320.00	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	AQUARIUM DESIGN & MAINTENANCE		320.00
7/17/23	72690	5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 2027232	213.93	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT		213.93
7/17/23	72691	5306-82	Oakland Talking Boo	Invoice: 648279252	0.96	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	CENTURY LINK		0.96
7/17/23	72692	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 4158140900	164.80	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	CINTAS CORPORATION #354		164.80
7/17/23	72693	8002-00	Capital Improvement	Invoice: 22408	10,900.00	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	DUROSS PAINTING COMPANY		10,900.00
7/17/23	72694	6403-00	Misc Repairs	Invoice: 11617	3,800.00	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	E.L. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING INC		3,800.00
7/17/23	72695	5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 81431625	83.17	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 81431683	113.56	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 81456556	24.00	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 81526384	218.40	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	Invoice: 81538141	187.95	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING		627.08
7/17/23	72696	5910-00	Newsletter	Invoice: 2032	11,650.00	
		5930-00	General Printing	Invoice: 2039	100.00	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	JM DESIGN & PRINTING SERVICES LLC		11,750.00

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				SERVICES LLC		
7/17/23	72697	5302-13 1123-00	Electronic Materials New Operating Fund	Invoice: 355739-PPU KANOPY INC.	610.30	610.30
7/17/23	72698	3000-00 1123-00	Fund Balance - Unre New Operating Fund	Invoice: 22-300-01 LIBRARY DESIGN ASSOC	6,752.00	6,752.00
7/17/23	72699	5401-00 1123-00	Basic Phone New Operating Fund	Invoice: 33425701 LINGO COMMUNICATIONS	172.86	172.86
7/17/23	72700	5804-00 1123-00	Other/Public Supplies New Operating Fund	Invoice: 154763 METCOM	2,865.00	2,865.00
7/17/23	72701	5302-13 1123-00	Electronic Materials New Operating Fund	Invoice: 504011476 MIDWEST TAPE LLC	9,835.14	9,835.14
7/17/23	72702	6100-50 1123-00	Professional Member New Operating Fund	Invoice: 15947 MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	1,303.33	1,303.33
7/17/23	72703	5302-13 5302-13 5302-13 1123-00	Electronic Materials Electronic Materials Electronic Materials New Operating Fund	Invoice: 721MA23205420 Invoice: 721SA23207603 Invoice: 721SV23207215 OVERDRIVE INC	2,153.36 3,009.40 8.97	5,171.73
7/17/23	72704	5301-80 1123-00	Interlibrary Loan (ILL) New Operating Fund	Invoice: 061523 PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY	130.00	130.00
7/17/23	72705	6401-00 6401-00 1123-00	Service Contracts Service Contracts New Operating Fund	Invoice: 42395 Invoice: 42395 SABER BUILDING SERVICES INC.	8,190.00 333.00	8,523.00
7/17/23	72706	5303-50 1123-00	Innovative Items New Operating Fund	Invoice: 063023 T-MOBILE	600.95	600.95
7/17/23	72707	5401-00 1123-00	Basic Phone New Operating Fund	Invoice: 10899 TELNET WORLDWIDE	238.95	238.95

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7/17/23	72708	5701-30	Collection Agency	Invoice: 6114563	305.35	
		5701-30	Collection Agency	Invoice: 6114572	61.75	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC		367.10
7/17/23	72709	5401-00	Basic Phone	Invoice: 9931215563		64.38
		5401-00	Basic Phone	Invoice: 9938340736	260.36	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	VERIZON WIRELESS		195.98
7/17/23	72710	6401-00	Service Contracts	Invoice: 070123	2,900.00	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	WHITE BIRCH LANDSCAPE		2,900.00
7/31/23	72711	5301-10	Adult Books	ACT #C019265	478.60	
		5301-10	Adult Books	ACT #L410629	505.85	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	25.28	
		5301-10	Adult Books	ACT #L424469	4,455.99	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	347.07	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY		5,812.79
7/31/23	72712	5301-30	Outreach Books	ACT #L449673	29.07	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	2.88	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	ACT #L534941	744.23	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	41.49	
		5301-30	Outreach Books	ACT #L395513	1,975.16	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	97.82	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY		2,890.65
7/31/23	72713	5301-20	Youth Books	ACT #L554618	3,485.73	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	166.24	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	THE BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY		3,651.97
7/31/23	72714	5306-10	Adult DVDs	CUSTOMER #2000005835-DVD	113.95	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	29.79	
		5306-10	Adult DVDs	CUSTOMER #2000005843-DVD	22.49	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	4.79	
		5306-10	Adult DVDs	CUSTOMER #200014883-DVD	87.72	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	20.13	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	MIDWEST TAPE LLC		278.87

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7/31/23	72715	5306-30	Outreach DVDs	CUSTOMER #2000005836-DVD	22.49	
		5303-30	Outreach Audio & Vid	CUSTOMER #2000005836-AUDIO	39.99	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	7.78	
		5306-30	Outreach DVDs	CUSTOMER #2000005839-DVD	44.98	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	MIDWEST TAPE LLC		115.24
7/31/23	72716	5306-20	Youth DVDs/Videos	CUSTOMER #2000005837-DVD	224.91	
		5303-20	Youth Audio	CUSTOMER #2000005837-AUDIO	63.98	
		5303-21	Youth Music	CUSTOMER #2000005837-MUSIC	23.98	
		5301-50	Materials Processing	PROCESSING	60.66	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	MIDWEST TAPE LLC		373.53
7/31/23	72717	6406-00	HVAC Maintenance	Invoice: 23100085639	1,195.20	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	AIR FILTERS DELIVERED		1,195.20
7/31/23	72718	5303-10	Adult Audio-Books	Invoice: 2109825	7.95	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING		7.95
7/31/23	72719	5302-13	Electronic Materials	Invoice: CINV17550	2,995.00	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	CANDID		2,995.00
7/31/23	72720	5301-20	Youth Books	Invoice: CAL343048I	372.06	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	CAVENDISH SQUARE		372.06
7/31/23	72721	7001-01	Misc. Reimbursable	Invoice: NOWAK BROTHERS	250.00	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER ROC		250.00
7/31/23	72722	5502-00	Gas	Invoice: 071823	122.13	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	CONSUMERS ENERGY		122.13
7/31/23	72723	6200-40	Other Programs	Invoice: 082323	850.00	

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		1123-00	New Operating Fund	TRAVIS COOK		850.00
7/31/23	72724	5202-40	Other Dental	Invoice: RIS0005050090	1,522.84	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF MICHIGAN		1,522.84
7/31/23	72725	5301-50 1123-00	Materials Processing New Operating Fund	Invoice: 7337769 DEMCO INC	405.62	405.62
7/31/23	72726	6200-40 1123-00	Other Programs New Operating Fund	Invoice: 081023 DINOSAUR HILL NATURE PRESERVE	100.00	100.00
7/31/23	72727	5503-00 1123-00	Electric New Operating Fund	Invoice: 072423 DTE ENERGY	13,707.68	13,707.68
7/31/23	72728	6100-50 1123-00	Professional Member New Operating Fund	Invoice: 2024-005 FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY	4,500.00	4,500.00
7/31/23	72729	5703-00 1123-00	Legal New Operating Fund	Invoice: 862062 FOSTER SWIFT	822.50	822.50
7/31/23	72730	5301-30 5301-30 5301-30 5301-30 5301-30 5301-30 1123-00	Outreach Books Outreach Books Outreach Books Outreach Books Outreach Books Outreach Books New Operating Fund	Invoice: 81546664 Invoice: 81554094 Invoice: 81553974 Invoice: 81583006 Invoice: 81589098 Invoice: 81605520 GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING	375.10 199.14 86.38 461.48 175.15 72.00	1,369.25
7/31/23	72731	6401-00 1123-00	Service Contracts New Operating Fund	Invoice: 61902348 GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL	280.33	280.33
7/31/23	72732	6401-00 1123-00	Service Contracts New Operating Fund	Invoice: 22796345 GUARDIAN ALARM	562.62	562.62
7/31/23	72733	5201-40 1123-00	Other Medical New Operating Fund	Invoice: 100009744089 HEALTH ALLIANCE PLAN	21,600.06	21,600.06
7/31/23	72734	5201-40	Other Medical	Invoice: 100009745508	5,774.87	

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		1123-00	New Operating Fund	100009745508 ALLIANCE HEALTH AND LIFE		5,774.87
7/31/23	72735	6402-10 1123-00	Maintenance Supplie New Operating Fund	Invoice: 072023 HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	91.87	91.87
7/31/23	72736	5306-82 1123-00	Oakland Talking Boo New Operating Fund	Invoice: 2041 JM DESIGN & PRINTING SERVICES LLC	560.00	560.00
7/31/23	72737	5401-00 1123-00	Basic Phone New Operating Fund	Invoice: 33473101 LINGO COMMUNICATIONS	172.86	172.86
7/31/23	72738	5402-00 1123-00	Postage/Shipping New Operating Fund	Invoice: 071723 POSTMASTER - ROCHESTER, MI	2,500.00	2,500.00
7/31/23	72739	5306-80 1123-00	Bookmobile Operatio New Operating Fund	Invoice: 070723 CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS DPS	451.80	451.80
7/31/23	72740	6406-01 1123-00	HVAC Repair New Operating Fund	Invoice: 905638 TECH MECHANICAL, INC.	1,580.60	1,580.60
7/31/23	72741	2168-00 1123-00	Supplemental Ins W/ New Operating Fund	Invoice: 071923 UNUM LIFE INSURANCE - SUPP	42.51	42.51
7/31/23	72742	5206-40 1123-00	Other LTD Insurance New Operating Fund	Invoice: 071923 UNUM LIFE INSURANCE CO OF AMERICA	459.91	459.91
7/31/23	72743	6200-50 1123-00	Summer Reading New Operating Fund	Invoice: 072723 UPDOG YOGA	300.00	300.00
7/31/23	72744	5207-30 1123-00	Vision Insurance New Operating Fund	Invoice: 818369062 VISION SERVICE PLAN	226.37	226.37
7/31/23	72745	5302-13	Electronic Materials	Invoice: 721SA23219754	4,868.92	

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		1123-00	New Operating Fund	OVERDRIVE INC		4,868.92
7/29/23	CREDIT72923	6200-40	Other Programs	Invoice: 072923	250.00	
		6200-40	Other Programs	Invoice: CM 072923		250.00
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	SHAKESPEARE IN DETROIT		
7/10/23	EFTAZ071023	5301-10	Adult Books		420.43	
		6200-10	Adult Programs		42.08	
		5306-13	Teen & Adult Video G		1,215.92	
		6200-20	Youth Programs		185.97	
		5306-80	Bookmobile Operatio		121.11	
		6200-50	Summer Reading		97.79	
		5306-20	Youth DVDs/Videos		19.99	
		5303-50	Innovative Items		21.25	
		8002-00	Capital Improvement	BOARD ROOM PROJECT	220.49	
		5301-20	Youth Books		106.73	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		2,451.76
7/19/23	EFTVISA0719	6402-10	Maintenance Supplie		208.82	
		6200-20	Youth Programs		15.99	
		5301-50	Materials Processing		860.00	
		6506-00	Software Support/Mai		178.93	
		5940-00	3D Printing/Makerspa		514.82	
		6100-50	Professional Member		782.00	
		6200-50	Summer Reading		455.58	
		5807-00	Office Supplies		47.46	
		6200-10	Adult Programs		53.91	
		6402-00	Cleaning Supplies		67.99	
		5402-00	Postage/Shipping		683.79	
		5802-00	Circulation Supplies		120.94	
		5809-00	Marketing Supplies		78.36	
		5301-10	Adult Books		348.10	
		6406-00	HVAC Maintenance		1,792.80	
		5303-50	Innovative Items	LASER CUTTER	6,589.99	
		5302-00	Periodical/PrintSubs		12.00	
		8002-00	Capital Improvement	ADMIN AREA IMPROVEMENTS	479.07	
		5808-00	Board Room Supplie		26.98	
		1123-00	New Operating Fund	CAPITAL ONE BK(USA), NA		13,317.53
	<b>Total</b>				<b>176,237.02</b>	<b>176,237.02</b>

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Supplemental Information  
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Checks & EFT's - Operating Account			175,396.64
Payroll Account - Net Payroll			133,475.69
Employee Benefit EFTs and Misc Debits -			
Payroll Taxes		43,817.54	
Employee FSA Debits - Wage Works		1,121.30	
Employer Pension Contributions - MERS		8,608.63	
Employee Deferred Contributions		12,335.39	
Bank/Merchant Fees		247.90	
ADP & WageWorks Fees		1,653.39	
NSF Checks		-	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	67,784.15
			<b>\$ 376,656.48</b>

# Communications



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Followed up and thanked this person for their comments. Juliane 7/26/23



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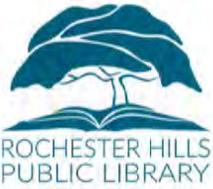
Date 7/23/23

I think it would be a great idea to add ramps, same as those in front of the friend's store, at both ends to the circulation desk, it would really warm that area up and bring it all together. Lighting and ambience makes a significant difference in people's energy.

Optional: Name



Contact No. 7/23/23



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rochester, Michigan 48307-2043

# Comment Card



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This was great & a true surprise  
I will be looking you up on here

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# Comment Card



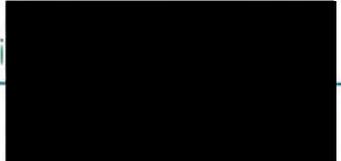
This was great. Thank you for adding Diversity & Culture to an already great library.

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# Comment Card



"Shakespeare in Detroit"  
 was so enjoyable, interesting,  
 funny — I really enjoyed  
 it + would have paid!! for it.  
 Thanks For bringing a more interesting  
 program.

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Please check the options below if we have your permission to use your story	- On our web site - In a press release - For other purposes to help promote RHPL
<p><b>Share your story here:</b></p> <p>Years ago I read a science fiction series that I really loved. BUT I couldn't remember the name of the series, books, author, or characters. I could remember the main character was a female who fought in mechanized armor and her love interest was a symbiont. Not much to go on, right? Well, Mary upstairs at the information desk was able to find the series in no time at all! She's a wizard! I truly enjoyed re-reading the Paradox series by Rachel Bach. I'm so grateful to Mary for finding it for me!</p>	

**“Share Your Story,” 7.1.23**

**Fjona Tabaku**  
Local Guide · 18 reviews · 202 photos

★★★★★ 21 hours ago **NEW**

I love how they have the latest books.

Like

**Response from the owner** 18 hours ago  
Hi Fjona, Thank you for your 5-star review! We're so glad you found the books you wanted. Happy reading!

**Google review, 7.5.23**



**Shane Petrillo**

3 reviews



14 hours ago

**NEW**

I love this library, have since I was a kid, even at the old location. However, making study room reservations over the last few months has been ridiculous. On multiple occasions, I've been told my room is either occupied and we shouldn't bother the person currently in there or my reservation flat out doesn't exist... even after presenting a confirmation email. The solution is to put me into a room surrounded by windows, next to a group that doesn't know libraries are places where people come to study quietly. It takes a lot for me to just pack up my stuff and walk out of a place... very irritating.



Like

**Response from the owner** an hour ago

Hi Shane,

We're sorry to hear about the trouble you had with our study rooms, this is not the experience we want our patrons to have.

The staff does their best to put patrons in the rooms they requested, but unfortunately there are times when the reservation needs to be moved so that you are not delayed in getting access to a study room.

We apologize that this particular move was not ideal.

Please feel free to call the adult services desk directly to get a reservation so that you can let them know you need a specific room.

Our IT department is looking into the reservation software to make sure there are no issues. In the near future we will be updating the study room door locks so you will be able to go directly to the room you requested and enter using a person pin. There is no set date for this, but we are actively working on it to make study room bookings quicker and easier.

**Google review, 7.5.23**



**Nathan Zhang**

Local Guide · 48 reviews · 53 photos



a week ago

**NEW**

I have been using this library for almost a decade now. It's a decent place to read interesting books, but the noise level is unacceptably high for someone who - like myself - has high functioning autism and needs it to be as silent as outer space, in order to concentrate on what I'm reading.

The books collection here is much more up to date than in Troy. It's a two story building and it has an elevator. The library cards rarely get mixed up in their system but it has happened, and wouldn't you know it, I was the one it happened to.

They have a board game night for both kids and adults - just in two separate groups - and an eSports league for teenagers. They also have a public use 3D printer. Supply your own filament.



Like

**Response from the owner** just now

Thank you for your review, Nathan. We appreciate feedback about how our patrons want to use the library and are constantly working to provide a space for everyone. We will bring your concerns to our management team. For the time being, you may find our Quiet Study Room useful – it is located at the northern end of the library, and is a designated quiet space for those who need it. A librarian at the Adult Service Desk will be happy to direct you to it. We are sorry you have experienced issues with your library card. For assistance, please feel free to reach out to our Circulation Department at (248) 650-7100 or stop in at the Circulation Desk to speak with someone on staff.

### Google Review, 7.13.23

<b>Name</b>	Garry Kugler
<b>Phone</b>	(423) 609-8635
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:kuglergarry@gmail.com">kuglergarry@gmail.com</a>
<b>What is the best way to contact you if we need more information?</b>	- Email
<b>Please check the options below if we have your permission to use your story</b>	- On our web site - For other purposes to help promote RHPL
<b>Share your story here:</b>	
Thank you so much ! Usually the book I have placed on hold are ready in i-2 days which is very good service. I know that RHPL is hard hit with lack of staff, but you still manage to do a fantastic job . Thanks again	

### "Share Your Story," 7.19.23



**Colin Reed**

Local Guide · 51 reviews · 2 photos

★★★★★ 18 hours ago **NEW**

Great library. I love the reading areas



**Response from the owner** 18 hours ago

Hi Colin,

Thank you for your review! We're glad to hear our reading areas are a favorite spot for you.

**Google Review, 7.19.23**



**Dale Gorter**

1 review

★☆☆☆☆ 3 days ago **NEW**

No books on beekeeping, but within cycling range. One star.



**Response from the owner** a day ago

Hi Dale,

I'm sorry you weren't able to find our beekeeping books. I've made a brief list here, but feel free to call our reference desk directly at 248-650-7130 for more recommendations.

<https://rhpl.na3.iivega.com/library-list/list/64475228-a22f-4f8e-b725-158759280026>

**Google Review, 7.22.23**



**Angela**  
5 reviews

★★★★★ a day ago **NEW**

The staff is wonderful and there's a huge selection of books, toys, games, and other resources. There's plenty of places to sit and read or study.

Like

**Response from the owner** a day ago

Hi Angela,  
Thank you for your review! We're glad you're able to find everything you need at the library. Come visit again soon!

**Google Review, 7.26.23**



**Kayla Powell**  
Local Guide · 122 reviews · 85 photos

★★★★★ a day ago **NEW**

Today was the first time I've ever been in there. It was beautiful- very clean- big selection of things.

Reply Like

**Response from the owner** just now

Thank you for your 5-star review, Kayla! So glad you enjoyed the library. We hope to see you back soon!

**Google Review, 7.27.23**



**Mark Herrell**  
20 reviews · 1 photo

★★★★☆ 14 hours ago **NEW**

Workers still wearing masks I don't know why, pandemic is over, just making everybody else uncomfortable with their "protest" really.

Reply Like

**Response from the owner** just now

Hi Mark, thank you for your review. While mask-wearing is not mandatory within the library, staff are able to make their own decisions regarding wearing a mask at work.

**Google Review, 7.28.23**



**Christi Sanders**

3 reviews · 1 photo



a week ago

**NEW**

Very friendly people, comfortable, a wonderful kids room, huge selections. I love it there. It also has an amazingly beautiful outdoor atmosphere. And they are right near Rochester Municipal park, walking distance, with a safe path leading there. I would also like to add that they are flexible in paying fines and kind about it. They have excellent programs and events. I love the Scribes writing group. Madge is excellent and so are the group members. I highly recommend this group. Rochester Hills Public Library is absolutely wonderful in every way!!!!



Like

**Response from the owner** a year ago

Good Morning, Christi, and thank you for your five-star review! It makes our week knowing visitors love their public library! Thank you, too, for your kind comments. We appreciate it!

**Google Review, 7.31.23**

# NEWS & VIEWS



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## **RHPL REVEALED**

*Get the most out of your library card*

## **LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR**

*With Rochester Writers*

## **MEMORY CAFE**

*Socialize in a safe and friendly environment*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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- Youth ..... 650-7140
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- TDD ..... 650-7153
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- Friends Book Sales ..... 650-7178
- Friends Gift Shop ..... 650-7179

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The library board meets monthly on the second Monday. Meetings are open to the public. Reasonable auxiliary aids & services are available.

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Many programs require registration with an active RHPL card unless otherwise noted. To apply for an RHPL card, visit [rhpl.org/get-a-library-card/](http://rhpl.org/get-a-library-card/)



## A LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

A point of pride in Rochester is how much we value education and learning. According to 2020 census numbers, approximately 60% of adults in our community have obtained their bachelor’s degree (or higher) compared to the national average of 32%. Greater Rochester is home to two universities, has the largest school district in Oakland County, boasts numerous award-winning educators, and offers enrollment in at least ten private schools in the library’s service area.

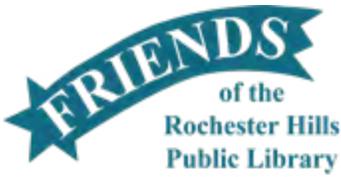
We value education, but it can sometimes be a struggle to fund it. As many of us feel the pinch of inflation, we’re getting creative on how to stretch the family dollar and squeeze value out of resources within reach.

As we head into fall and get reacquainted with the rigor and rhythm of the school year, I invite you to rediscover how RHPL can support lifelong learning and academic success. Your library card is the smartest card in your wallet; it connects you to collections and resources that would otherwise be cost-prohibitive on an individual basis. With an RHPL library card you have free subscriptions to the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*, access to equipment like instruments and telescopes, technology to borrow like laptops and mobile hotspots, and of course, we offer a collection of library materials to check out with an estimated value of \$5.9 million dollars.

This September, as we celebrate National Library Card Sign Up month, I encourage you to sign up for a card if you don’t already have one and put the smartest card in your wallet to work for you. If you haven’t been to the library recently, we invite you to come back and see how a contemporary library meets modern day needs. In this issue of *News & Views*, you’ll read about a promotion called “RHPL Revealed” where we spotlight a collection, service, or initiative that you may not know about. We encourage you to explore these resources on your own or ask a staff member to tell you more. I look forward to seeing you at the library again soon.

*Juliane Morian*

Cover: A patron uses her library card at a self-checkout station. Photo by T.Rosa Studios



## FALL USED BOOK SALE

The Friends' fall used book sale begins with a Members Night on October 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friends memberships will be available for purchase at the door. Public sale hours:

Thursday, October 19, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Friday, October 20, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 22 (\$5 Bag Day), 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Questions? Call 248-650-7178 for more information.



## GIVING TUESDAY

November 28 is Giving Tuesday, a global day of generosity that encourages people to do good deeds and make a difference. This year, consider making a donation to the Friends by visiting [rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl](http://rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl). Every donation supports the library by raising money for projects, activities, or acquisitions in excess of those provided for by the general library budget at the discretion of the Friends Board of Directors.



## THE FRIENDS STORE HELPS SOOTHE

Rock and mineral lovers, rejoice! The Friends Store has some exquisite, collector-quality specimens available now. The stones may enhance your well-being as they add beauty to your home. Collectors believe that green fluorite inspires new ideas, quick thinking, and originality as it clears negative energy from the environment. Amber calcite may calm the overactive mind and help with sleep. The calm and soothing energy of rose quartz may lower stress and tension as it opens one's heart to compassion. Come in to see these beauties in person to appreciate them.

## VOLUNTEER AT THE FRIENDS STORE

If you have a few hours a week, why not join our team of store volunteers? You'll have the first look at new merchandise and get the satisfaction of supporting the library. Ask for a store volunteer application to go with your new treasure.

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# SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

**First, a library riddle:  
What do a paella pan, a  
bard, podcasts, a stuffed  
giraffe, and a cardigan  
have in common?**

**Give up? Read on to find the  
connection.**

It's hard to overstate the value of a library card. After all, no other card in your wallet can offer free access to hundreds of thousands of books, magazines, movies, music, and audiobooks. Still, every year, we highlight the month not only to welcome new patrons but to remind our cardholders just how far their access stretches. Here are just a few features of your library that you may not be familiar with.



## **INNOVATIVE ITEMS COLLECTION**

This staff-curated collection allows you to try out a new tool or borrow for free those items you only need occasionally. Like that oversized paella pan that will not fit anywhere in your kitchen.



## **OAKLAND TALKING BOOK SERVICE**

The Oakland Talking Book Service (OTBS) is a free service available to people with visual or physical impairments or reading disabilities that make it difficult to read standard texts. Eligible Oakland County residents are able to listen to over 200,000 digital audiobooks

on the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) mobile app or with an easy-to-use machine. Visit [otbs.rhpl.org](http://otbs.rhpl.org) or call 248-650-7150 for more information.



## EUREKA LAB

This makerspace houses tools, software, and equipment to help you learn a new skill, grow your hobbies, or build pieces and parts from scratch. Now, instead of talking about starting that podcast, you can actually do it!



## KITS

MYLE (Make Your Life Easier) kits come with information and adaptable educational tools for people with dementia, sensory processing-related disorders, and visual and physical disabilities. Beyond storytimes and other high-quality programming, the Youth Department offers educational toys, games, and science experiments for checkout. You can even take home your very own Stretch the Giraffe!



## LIBRARY STAFF

The cardigan is a tad cliché, but more than anything else, the staff at RHPL are a precious resource that you cannot find anywhere but a library.



They are eager to show you everything the library offers from your new favorite book, to the tools for your next project, to free community resources and assistance. They have committed their careers to providing services and programming tailor-made to meet the needs of all community members. Plus, they really do have great taste in cardigans.

## Did you solve the riddle?

If you haven't been to RHPL in a while, stop by in person or online and see all that we have to offer. If you've never been, there is no better time than September to get a card and check out everything available to you at your library. Who knows what connections you'll make?

Visit [rhpl.org](http://rhpl.org) and click on Programs, Collections, and Services for more information.





## ADULT PROGRAMS

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

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS



#### Pen Pal Program

*Begins Tuesday, Sept 5, 12 p.m. Adults.  
Adult Services Desk.*

Register for the Pen Pal Program and get paired with a local pal! No addresses or last names will be shared. Cardholder registration with a valid email begins August 5. Registration is required.

#### League of Women Voters Library Board Candidate Forum

*Wednesday, September 20, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room*

League of Women Voters of Oakland Area will moderate a forum for the five candidates running for library board in the November election. The forum will be recorded and available to view online and on Rochester Hills Public Television. No registration required.



#### COACH: Make The Big Time Where You're At Documentary Premiere

*Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room*

Garth Pleasant's influence on countless Rochester University students and the institution as a whole is unparalleled. Presented by Rochester University and Tell Studios, this 40-minute documentary is sure to inspire and entertain audiences of all ages, sports and non-sports fans alike. Registration is required.



#### RAYA Family Education Committee Speaker Series *Tuesday, September 26, and Thursday, November 9, 7-8 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

The Rochester Area Youth Assistance League's Family Education Committee presents speakers relevant to Rochester Community parents and

caregivers. Visit our program calendar for more information. Registration is required.

#### Water Infrastructure 101: What You Need to Know Below and Beyond

*Thursday, November 16,  
7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

This year's discussion, "Preparing the Road Ahead: Water and Infrastructure" will educate and provide a forum for the public to ask questions about the various aspects of water, infrastructure, roads, drains, and more. In collaboration with Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash and the Road Commission for Oakland County. Registration is required.



#### Leaders, Legends, and Liars

*Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

The Rochester community has had amazing leaders in science, agriculture, women's rights, surveying, medicine, and even leading a cult. Come and meet the leaders from our past. Presented by the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Registration is required.



## HISTORY, ART, & CULTURE

### Great British Baking Show Presentation with Claire Evans

Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m. Adults.

Multipurpose Room & Online Zoom

Join UK travel and relocation consultant Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by "The Great British Baking Show." Register for the Zoom link or to attend the viewing party in the Multipurpose Room. Registration is Required.

### Drop-In Genealogy Help

Saturdays: September 9, October 14, 2 p.m.

Conference Room B

Need a little help jump-starting your family research? Stop by and get tips and tricks from our volunteer genealogist, Heather! No registration required.



### Albert Kahn in Europe

Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Join architectural historian Dale Carlson for a travelogue of architecturally significant European sites as seen through the prism of architect Albert Kahn's freehand drawings. Registration is required.

### Film: *Many Passages of Time*

Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

This documentary, third in the *Peoples of India* series, tells a personal story of Indian Muslim immigrants in America with a unique religious and cultural identity. Registration is required.

### Yan's Chinese Tea Ceremony

Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room

With a deep appreciation for the artistry and significance of tea, Yan's Tea strives to share this cultural treasure with the world. The program also aims to educate and raise awareness about Chinese tea, its history, traditions, and diverse varieties. Registration is required.

## SCIENCE & THE ENVIRONMENT

### Let's Go Birding with Greg Bodker

Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Let's Go Birding uses photos, videos, and stories to prepare the audience to go on a birding adventure of their own in the field. Mr. Bodker will talk about places to go birding in our area and share personal stories and photographs from the field. Registration is required.

## WRITING & BOOKS

### Author Fair

Saturday, November 25,  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Multipurpose Room



Hosted by RHPL and Rochester Writers, the Rochester Author Fair is an opportunity to discover local writers who are traditionally or self-published and represent many genres. No registration required.

### Books on Tap

Mondays: September 11, November 13, 7 p.m.

Main Street Billiards, VIP Room

Meet at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St) for a casual book club in a relaxed setting. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference desk upon registration. Registration is required.

**September 11:** *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

**November 13:** *Well, This Is Exhausting* by Sophia Benoit



## FALL CONCERT SERIES

*In the Multipurpose Room.  
Registration is required for  
each concert.*

### Blue Water Ramblers

*Sunday, September 24, 2 p.m.*

The Blue Water Ramblers write and sing traditional music with modern themes - the songs of Michigan, America, and YOUR life. Registration is required.



### The Squirrel Hillbillies

*Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m.*



From deep within the urban forest of Pittsburgh's East End, the Squirrel Hillbillies often emerge to share their eclectic mix of acoustic roots music, spanning folk, country, and blues. Registration is required.

### South Street Dixie Band

*(See [calendar.rhpl.org](http://calendar.rhpl.org) for date and time)*

A traditional jazz and Dixie band using lead sheets and improvisation located in North Metro Detroit Michigan. Registration is required.

### Blackthorn

*Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m.*

Blackthorn welcomes you to the rich tapestry of Celtic music. Traditional songs of emigration, sea shanties, lively jigs and reels, and ancient airs combine with some of Ireland's best contemporary songs for a musical experience that captures the history and legend of Ireland and its people. Registration is required.



### Scribes Writers Workshop

*Wednesdays: September 13 and 27, October 11 and 25, November 8, 1-4 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. Members will write on a given topic or thought starter and give and take positive feedback. No registration required.

### Readers Wanted!

*Saturday, September 16, 11 a.m.*

#### Multipurpose Room

Learn about online library resources to help you find your next great read and discover more about your favorite authors! Librarians will demonstrate how to use premium databases such as NovelList and Gale Literature Resource Center. Registration is required.

### Between the Lines

*Tuesdays: September 19, October 17, November 14, 2 p.m. Thursdays: September 21, October 19, November 16, 7 p.m. Adults.*

#### Conference Room A

Join RHPL's lively monthly book discussion! Pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Reference Desk or download an audiobook edition using the Libby app. Space is limited. Registration is required.

**September 19:** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

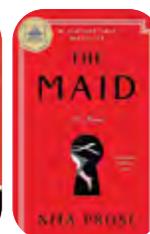
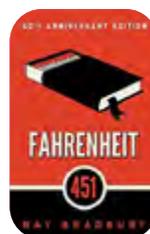
**September 21:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose

**October 17:** *Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life with 600 Rescue Animals* by Laurie Zaleski

**October 19:** *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams

**November 14:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose

**November 16:** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury



## POP CULTURE & GAMES

### Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

*Saturday, September 9, 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room*

Form a team of no more than six people and compete to see who can finish a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest. Refreshments and prizes provided! Registration is required.

### Adult Board Game Night

*Tuesdays: September 19, October 17, November 21, 7-8:30 p.m.*

*Conference Room B*



Looking to play a new game or maybe meet fellow board gaming friends? We will have different games available but feel free to bring one of your favorites from home! Registration is required.

### Nerf® at Nite: Teens vs. Adults

*Friday, October 6, 6:45-9 p.m. Adults.*

*West Entrance*

We're taking over the library for an epic Nerf war after the library closes. Register with your RHPL card, which will admit up to two people. Registration is required.

### Know-It-All Trivia Smackdown!

*Monday, October 16, 7 p.m.*

*Main Street Billiards, Solarium*

Meet up with us at Main Street Billiards (215 S. Main St) with your trivia team of up to six people. The top team will win a prize. Food and drinks available for purchase. Registration is required.

## CRAFTS

### Take and Make Paper Pumpkin in 3D!

*Tuesday, October 17- Tuesday, October 24.*

*Adult Reference Desk*

Make your own stand-up pumpkin with paper and glue. Pick up at the Adult Reference Desk or Drive-up Window. Registration is required.

### DIY Shower Steamers

*Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m. Conference Room A*

It's time to relax! These steamers slowly release a scent each time you take a shower. Each patron will make four steamers that can be used multiple times. Registration is required.



In order to help RHPL patrons get the most from their library, we've created "RHPL Revealed," a showcase for all of our lesser-known offerings.

We'll share anything and everything from which chairs are the comfiest to which community resources we have at hand to help. Check out our social media channels and our monthly newsletter for the lowdown on our favorite features.

## What will RHPL reveal to you?





# Eureka Lab

This makerspace houses tools, software, and technology to help you learn a new skill, grow your hobbies, or build pieces and parts from scratch. Visit [rhpl.org/eureka-lab](http://rhpl.org/eureka-lab) for a list of equipment, a 360° tour, and to make an appointment.



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## Creating Your Own Photo Puzzle

*Wednesday, September 6, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Come with access to a digital photo, either on your phone through a computer.

Registration is required.

## Crafts at the Makerspace

*Wednesdays: September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 8, November 22, 6 - 8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Join us twice a month for a makerspace craft in the Eureka Lab. Registration is required.

## Creating Spooky Decals

*Wednesday, September 20, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Learn how to make decal stickers using the Cricut. Registration is required.

## Creating an Acrylic Light Up Jack o' Lantern

*Wednesday, October 4, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Create a light up jack o'lantern using acrylic and LEDs. Registration is required.

## Creating Halloween Totes

*Wednesday, October 18, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Use the Cricut (a cutting printer) and HTV (heat transfer vinyl) paper to create your own tote.

Registration is required.

## Creating Fall Decor

*Wednesday, November 1, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Make some small wooden fall decor using the laser cutter. Come with ideas and an enthusiasm for pumpkins! Registration is required.

## Creating Cookie Cutters

*Wednesday, November 15, 6-8 p.m.*

*Ages 8 and up. Makerspace.*

Learn how to use Cookiecad ([app.cookiecad.com/](http://app.cookiecad.com/)) to create your own cookie cutters and then print them using our 3D printer. Registration is required.



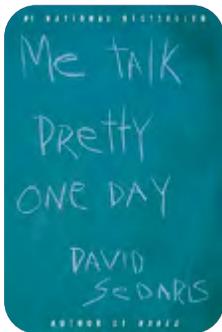


## OUTREACH SERVICES

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

### ELL Book Club: *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris

**Thursdays: September 7 - November 30, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference room B**



Meet with Rebecca and other English language learners to read a book and talk about it in a friendly setting. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting. Contact [rebecca.lafave@rhpl.org](mailto:rebecca.lafave@rhpl.org) with questions. Registration is required. (Note: No meeting week of Thanksgiving)

### English Matters: ELL Conversation Group

**Tuesdays: Starting September 12, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
**Thursdays: Starting September 14, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Saturdays: Starting September 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m.**  
**Conference room A**

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! (Note: no meeting week of Thanksgiving) Registration is required. For further information, contact Mariano at [Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org](mailto:Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org).

### American Culture

**Mondays: October 2 - 23, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
**Conference room A**

Join Mariano for an informal group discussion. This group is open to all ELL students and newcomers. We will discuss and share our own experiences and observations regarding the customs and manners of American culture. Registration is required. For further information, contact Mariano at [Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org](mailto:Mariano.Cadiz@rhpl.org).

### Memory Cafe

**Thursdays: September 21, October 26, November 16, 2-3:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room**

Memory Cafe is a welcoming place for people with memory challenges and their care partners to socialize in a safe and friendly environment. Please note that this is not a respite program. Registration is required. Questions? Call Outreach Services at 248-650-7150 or send an email to [outreach@rhpl.org](mailto:outreach@rhpl.org)

### Books on Board (BoB) Update

With a couple of seasons and nearly six months under its wheels, BoB is officially part of the RHPL family. We've received positive feedback from our mobile library patrons and have decided to adjust our schedule beginning this fall so that our staff can better serve the community.

Look for the new schedules at the library and online at [rhpl.org/bookmobiles](http://rhpl.org/bookmobiles). For questions, please contact the Outreach Services desk at 248-650-7150.





## TEEN PROGRAMS

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### Video Game Tournament

**Wednesdays: September 6, October 4, November 8,  
7-8:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room/Conference Room A**

Show your skills at one of our monthly video game tournaments!

### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

**Wednesdays: September 13, October 11, November 15,  
7-8:30 p.m. Conference Room A**

Now holding hybrid online and in-person meetings. Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays, and other library matters at these fun-filled meetings. Please fill out the RHPL TAB application on the Teen Services page of the RHPL website. Contact the teen librarian at [teen@rhpl.org](mailto:teen@rhpl.org) for more information.

### RHPL Players Guild (RPG)

**Wednesdays: September 27, October 25, November 29,  
7-8:30 p.m. Conference Room A**

Join other teens for tabletop games, including board games, card games, role-playing games, and more! If you are interested in becoming a dungeon master (DM) for D&D or leading a specific board game, email [teen@rhpl.org](mailto:teen@rhpl.org) for more information.

### Nerf® at Nite: Teens vs. Adults

**Friday, June 9, 6:45-9 p.m.**

What's more fun than a Nerf battle? A Nerf battle in the library after hours! We're taking over the library for an epic Nerf war after the library closes. Register with your RHPL card, which will admit up to two people. Registration is required.

## Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints



Perfect for your next research project, Opposing Viewpoints is a resource that presents all sides of current events, topics, and social issues. This database provides supporting journal and magazine articles, primary source documents, statistics, images, videos, and audio files all in one place. Included in each vetted entry are discussion points and citation tools to help you or your student understand issues and engage in high-quality research for every assignment.

Access it in the library or at home using your RHPL library card.

Visit [rhpl.org/research-databases](http://rhpl.org/research-databases) for more.





## YOUTH SERVICES

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### Early Lit Group: Fall Storytime

*The Fall Storytime session will begin on Monday, September 11th, and continue for 6 weeks.*

There are many different groups offered during this session. Detailed descriptions and registration information for each group can be found online at [rhpl.org/program-calendar](http://rhpl.org/program-calendar). Registration is required.

### Authors in April Kickoff

*Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m.*

*All ages. Multipurpose Room*

Join us to celebrate the Authors in April kickoff and discover who has been named the mystery author! No registration required.

### Why All The Screaming? The Art of Edvard Munch

*Monday, September 18, 6-7:30 p.m.*

*Ages 4-12 with a caregiver. Storyroom*

Come learn about Edvard Munch and his most famous painting, 'The Scream'. Afterward, recreate this famous painting using the face of your favorite librarian. Registration is required.

### Evening Family Storytime

*Thursday, September 21, October 19, and November 16, 7 p.m. All ages. Storyroom*

Join Angela for a special monthly-themed storytime and project for the whole family. Registration is required for each date.

### Fall Leaf String Art

*Monday, September 25, Take & Make. Ages 8-12. Youth Room*

Fall leaves are falling! Please join Ms. Kim in the creation of your very own, super-cool string art featuring a leaf! All materials are included (except scissors). This craft is best suited for kids over the age of 8. One kit per registered child. Registration is required.



### Saadia Faruqi Author Visit

*Saturday, September 30, 11 a.m. All ages.*

*Multipurpose Room*

Join RHPL for a special visit with Saadia Faruqi, author of the popular children's early reader series *Yasmin* and other books for children, including chapter books, graphic novels, and picture books. Registration is required.



### Paws for Reading Returns!

Paws for Reading is returning this fall! Check our online calendar for more details, dates, and times.



### Shaving Cream Marbling

*Friday, October 6, 2 p.m. Ages 6-12 with a caregiver. Storyroom.*

Come create some fun and easy masterpieces that smell amazing by using cardstock, shaving cream, and food coloring. Registration is required.

### Tiny Tailgate

*Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m.  
Ages 0-2 with a caregiver.  
Multipurpose Room.*

Join us for a sports-themed extravaganza designed especially for the littlest fans in town! Wear your favorite team gear and enjoy some light refreshments. Siblings are welcome, but activities are limited to registered patrons ages 0-2. Registration is required.



### Halloween Snow Globe

*Monday, October 9, 2 p.m. Ages 6-12 with a caregiver. Storyroom*

Come and create a spooky Halloween snow globe. Registration is required.



### Free Play Saturday!

*Saturday, October 14, and  
November 18, 10 a.m.  
Ages 1-5 with a caregiver.  
Multipurpose Room*

Join Wendy for a fun-filled hour of play-based learning for toddlers and preschoolers. Registration is required for each date.

### LEGO® Club

*Tuesday, October 17, and November 14, 6:30 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 with a caregiver. Multipurpose Room*

The ultimate destination for all LEGO® lovers out there! Join us for a brick-tastic time as we unleash our imaginations and building blocks. LEGOs® are supplied by the library, please leave your bricks at home. Registration is required for each date.



### Library Campout

*Thursday, October 26, 6 p.m.  
Ages 4-12 with a caregiver. Multipurpose Room.*



Join us around the campfire for a camping storytime with crafts! Registration is required.

### Mini Holiday Balloon Floats

*Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m. Ages 5-10 with a caregiver. Storyroom.*

Make mini holiday balloon floats to put on display in the youth room. Registration is required.

### Early Lit Group: Parent-Child Workshop

*Wednesdays: November 8, 15, 22, 29, and  
December 6, 10 a.m. Ages 1-3 with a caregiver.  
Multipurpose Room*

Join Angela for a fun, five-week playgroup where families can play, relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. Registration is required.



## Early Lit Group: Big Fun in the Big Room

*Mondays: November 13–December 11,  
Tuesdays: November 14–December 12, OR  
Thursdays: November 16–December 7,  
10:30 a.m. Ages Birth-5 with a caregiver.*

### Multipurpose Room

Join your favorite youth librarians in the big room for some big fun! We'll read stories, sing songs, and enjoy a lot of active play & movement! Registration is required.



## Battle of the Books Kickoff

*Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m. Grade 5 and caregivers. Multipurpose Room*

Discover this year's 12 battle titles! Battle of the Books is a reading competition for all 5th grade residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, or Oakland Township. Students form their own teams, read books as a team, and battle in March (answer questions about the books). Team registration runs from Wednesday, November 15 to Saturday, February 10. The kickoff will be recorded if you are unable to attend. No registration required.



## Super Mario Bros. Keychain

*Saturday, November 18, 11-12:45 p.m. Ages 4-12. Storyroom.*

Come join Ms. Kim in the creation of a Mario, Luigi, or Princess Peach Perler Bead keychain. Registration is required.

## Picnic Flicks

*Saturday, November 18, 1-3 p.m. All ages. Multipurpose Room.*

Bring a picnic and enjoy a movie on the big screen! The featured film will be, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*. No registration required.

## Parent Tween Craft Night

*Thursday, November 30, 6 p.m. Grades 4-6 with a caregiver. Storyroom.*

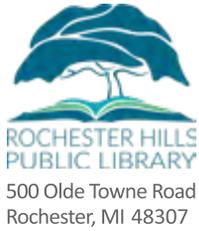
Tweens and their parents are invited to join us for a special craft night at the library! Enjoy quality time together while creating some beautiful crafts and memories. Registration is required for each tween.



## Student Library Cards

By now you know that September is library card sign-up month, but did you know that your RCS student already has an RHPL library card? To access this information, log into your ParentVUE account or stop by the circulation desk. If your student goes to school in Rochester but isn't part of the RCS district, they are still eligible for a card. Register online or at the desk in the lobby.

Your student's card offers them access to homework help, databases, books, eMaterials, and everything else they need to make this school year a success. Talk to a librarian to learn more.



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# ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Public Notice Rochester Hills Public Library

The Trustees of Rochester Hills Public Library will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 8 p.m. in the Boardroom at Rochester Hills Public Library on the Library's budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023. Rochester Hills Public Library is located at 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, MI 48307.

The regular monthly meeting will follow at the conclusion of the public hearing. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for review at the Library on Friday, August 5, 2022.

For more information please contact Juliane Morian, Library Director, Rochester Hills Public Library, at 248-650-7122.

NOTE: The library will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon one weeks' notice to the Library by contacting the following:

### Outreach Services

Rochester Hills Public Library  
500 Olde Towne Road Rochester, MI 48307  
248-650-7150, TDD 248-650-7153

LOCAL NEWS

## **Oakland County community calendar July 2 and beyond**

- Rochester Hills Public Library presents Gratitude Steel Band, 7 p.m. July 12 at the library, 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, open to RHPL cardholders. Registration is required at [calendar.rhpl.org](http://calendar.rhpl.org) or 248-656-2900.

**Oakland Press, July 2, 2023**

# Michigan Library Association's new campaign encourages residents to fight book bans

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**By Gina Joseph**

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Book banning and censorship efforts have been going on for 2,000 years.

A timeline of book bannings and censorship by Freedom to Read shows that books have been under fire for centuries. A Chinese emperor is said to have killed hundreds of Confucian scholars and burned all of the books in his kingdom during his reign in 212 BC, so history would begin with him.

The Bible and works of Shakespeare, even Beatrix Potter and Mickey Mouse have come under fire.

England banned Potter's collection of children's classics because

# Books

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the stories of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny only portrayed middle-class rabbits. While Germany banned the mousekeeper's comic books because Mickey was said to be an anti-Red Rebel.

While books have been under fire for centuries, the heat has become unbearable for libraries and librarians.

So, they're fighting back. This past week the Michigan Library Association (MLA) launched its MI Right to Read campaign encouraging residents to protect their First Amendment right to read whatever they choose — by opposing censorship and book banning.

"The majority of Michiganders support the work our public libraries do and want to see various perspectives portrayed in the content available at their local libraries," said Debbie Mikula, executive director of the Michigan Library Association. "Michigan's public libraries are centers for community, and we want to ensure that librarians across Michigan can do their jobs and serve the needs of all individuals."

Michigan's Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II concurred.

"Every family in Michigan has a different background, and our youth deserve to see themselves reflected in books available at their local public library," said Gilchrist. "Reading unlocks creativity, courage and imagination. Having diverse content available at our public libraries is crucial in making Michigan a better place for our kids to learn and grow."

Public libraries are being targeted at an alarming rate by individuals and extremist groups to remove books that discuss topics such as racism, sexuality, gender, and history — cen-

soring different perspectives.

"I think it's great to get the word out to communities," said Jamie Morris, head of communications and strategy for Clinton-Macomb public library. "They need to know these things are going on in society."

One would think book banning and censorship was a thing of the past but it's actually a growing movement.

"From July to December 2022, PEN America found 1,477 cases of books being removed, up from 1,149 during the previous six months. Since the organization began tracking bans in July 2021, it has counted more than 4,000 instances of book removals using news reports, public records requests and publicly available data," according to an article by the New York Times.

In Michigan, Ottawa County's Jamestown Township, residents voted down a library millage in the last midterm election, forcing the closure of the only local library after staff refused to remove LGBTQ books from its collection.

"We read those stories and feel so bad for the people involved," Morris said, noting that librarians are leaving their profession because of what's going on and eventually that's going to impact communities that rely on their knowledge and training.

Librarians are required to have a master's degree in information science in order to be able to develop a collection that is well rounded and resonates with the community. If a reader wishes to challenge a book in the collection, that is their right. What follows the challenge is a procedure practiced by most libraries.

"We do get book challenges," Morris said, and that's perfectly fine.

Many of the challenges are motivated by a desire to protect children from inappropriate sexual con-



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Rochester Hills Public Library Director Juliane Morian, stands in front of a display of new releases at the library, which in its 100-year history has never banned a book from its collection.



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Jamie Morris, head of communications and strategy for Clinton-Macomb public library, holds a few of the books that are on the banned book list including the Harry Potter series.

tent or offensive language or because the reader felt the material was unsuited for a specific age group.

When a challenge is made, the library reviews the book to determine its merit. It can take weeks as it involves a professional, in-depth analysis of the work. In the end it is up to the library director to make the informed decision to remove, relocate or retain a title based on the facts reviewed by the library staff.

"No book has ever been removed," Morris said, but she does recall a time when a book was moved to a different section of the library.

The same is true of Rochester Hills Public Library. In its 100-year his-

tory, no book has ever been

banned. "As a staff we focus less on banning and more on the right to read and building broad collections of popular interest at Rochester Hills Public Library," said Juliane Morian, its director.

Minutes from public meetings show patrons appreciate the stance:

A resident who is a member of the LGBTQ community said that from a young age, she knew her identity and was born this way, not just experimenting with a lifestyle. She said she appreciates the library including people like her and representing her in collections and programs.

Another resident commented that change is hard, and it is hard to counter a belief that has

been taught to you for many years, but that recognizing LGBTQ individuals is long overdue. She said that no one of the LGBTQ community is recruiting anyone to a lifestyle and instead you are born into that identity. She said she appreciates the library's efforts to help youth figure out what they are going through with trusted material and professionally curated information resources.

A teacher in the community expressed high praise for the library being a good resource for students, especially in the summer months. She commented that some of the elementary students she teaches have revealed they are part of the LGBTQ community even at a very young age. She said not all family members support LGBTQ youth in their family units and having library resources that reflect the entire community is pivotal to the health and well-being of all adolescents.

They're not alone.

In a statewide poll commissioned by MLA, 75% of respondents said we need to protect access to books, especially for young people learning about different perspectives, and 83% of all respondents would support state legislation that would protect the right of the public to read what they wish to read in local public libraries and not have books banned.

One state has already approved such legislation.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a bill in June that makes his state the first to outlaw book bans, according to a story by the Associated Press. Any public library that restricts or bans materials because of "partisan or doctrinal" disapproval will be ineligible for state funding as of Jan. 1, 2024 when the new law goes into effect.

Morris said despite what some people think, public libraries have no agenda other than to serve the general public's information

needs, and provide them with access to the books they want to read.

"If you don't like a book, don't read it," she said. "There's no shame in quitting a book."

And if you do like a book, take a stand on its behalf.

The MI Right to Read campaign is urging Michigan parents to join the coalition of more than 1,500 members and speak out against book banning and censorship efforts happening throughout the state. The MI Right to Read website also has tips and resources for families looking to explore their local public library.

"We need help from parents and all community members when they see these types of efforts to limit or censor content at our public libraries," said Morian. "Parents should know that librarians want to partner with them during their family visits to the library to help guide children to age-appropriate content. We can also share resources they might not know exist at the library, like e-books, audiobooks, STEM kits and more."

Readers can make a difference.

Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" was threatened with banning by Boston's district attorney unless some of its questionable content was removed. The public's uproar over the threat, however, not only stopped the ban in 1884 but the sale of his books increased so much that Whitman was able to buy a house with the proceeds.

"Maintaining and strengthening trust in the public library is arguably my most important job," said Morian. "I believe your faith in this institution will crack the minute I allow books to be censored."

For more information about the campaign visit [MIRightToRead.com/parents](http://MIRightToRead.com/parents) or the Michigan Library Association website at [mibraries.org](http://mibraries.org).

# Library Director's Report



ROCHESTER HILLS  
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# Director's Report

August 21, 2023

## 1. Patron Privacy

In the era of big data and data mining, it is beneficial to conduct a review of how our parent ILS software company, Clarivate, can access and use library data. Clarivate is the parent company of three major ILS platforms – Polaris, Sierra, and ExLibris—and as a result, manages just under 3500 clients across the nation and globe. The information stored by any of their ILS products is generalized in order to improve the product usability and functionality. This includes data points quantified over time for things like browsers use, time of day accessed, area or region of use, and age range. Specific patron data is not stored at an identifiable level and is regulated by library privacy laws. Other data markers captured and stored to improve the search algorithm and include things like the type of content that is popular, such as catalog results, event, or other informational services within the software itself. Clarivate confirmed they maintain proprietary access to generalized data on their products performance, and do not resell said data, but should they be acquired by another vendor or equity firm, the big data they have about product performance and use would be included in the sale.

## 2. Landscaping review

RHPL consulted with an arborist and our lead landscaper to understand why pine trees had died in a cluster on the property. The source of the problem could be linked to poor planting practices that created the conditions for a fungus (Rhizosphaera) to set in and spread. Once the fungus was in the tree, the lower branches carried the fungus up the trunk spreading to the entire tree. The pines located behind the library were determined to have had a root ball mesh (more enduring than burlap) that strangled the roots.

Junipers are still recommended for planting on the site since they are native plants and, with the proper planting, should thrive. The Rhizosphaera fungus should not be an issue, but now that it has been identified our Facilities Manager can be prepared if any new trees show signs of the fungus. Treatment includes cutting back the affected branches and adjusting the watering cycle. The junipers and holly bushes planned for the west entrance are on an isolated section of irrigation and prefer drier soil conditions regardless, so watering is less of an issue there.

## 3. Michigan Community Center Grant (for programming)

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity announced the availability of up to \$60 million in Community Center Grant program funds for Michigan municipalities and organizations to expand programming or work on capital projects. There are two types of grants available – program grants and capital project grants. Grants are competitive and based on need. Grant applications are due August 31, 2023 and awardees are notified by October 23, 2023. RHPL is pursuing a program grant for bookmobile related programming.

## 4. Summer Reading Summary

1,671 patrons signed up for summer reading in 2023, which was a 12% increase from the prior year. Engagement remained steady with last year's rate of 72%. Engagement measures how

much the individual interacted with the logging app. Patrons were able to log daily reading, rate books and provide reviews, and complete non-reading challenges in order to earn other badges and prizes.

In addition to the all-ages summer reading program, RHPL offered community-building activities during the summer months. Approximately 550 community members participated in the collaborative summer art project. RHPL exceeded the goal set by the American Red Cross for the blood drive on July 17, and collected 42 pints (39 was the goal) and welcomed 5 new, first-time donors.

**5. Michigan Library Association Conference**

The Michigan Library Association annual conference will take place in Kalamazoo, MI, October 17<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>. This year’s conference is called “Connecting the Dots” and features keynote speakers and sessions that focus on community building and building inclusive environments. Early bird registration price of \$295 ends September 8, 2023.

**6. Upcoming Events**

August 22, 2023	Friends of the RHPL board meeting, 7pm
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Library Closed in Observance of the Labor Day Holiday
September 10, 2023	Library resumes Sunday hours
September 11, 2023	RHPL Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
September 20, 2023	League of Women Voters – Oakland Area library board candidate forum, 7pm (Candidates should arrive around 6pm)
September 26, 2023	Friends of the RHPL board meeting, 7pm
October 9, 2023	RHPL Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm



## Statistical Report - Usage for the month of July 2023

<i>Circulation</i>	LY Month	Month	MTM	Last YTD	YTD	YTY
Staff-Assisted	13,758	14,349	4.3%	92,755	91,794	-1.0%
Self Check	35,802	34,305	-4.2%	209,757	215,354	2.7%
Renewals	56,122	52,252	-6.9%	352,347	349,920	-0.7%
e-Materials	20,599	23,577	14.5%	139,974	158,726	13.4%
Bookmobile	2,728	3,152	15.5%	27,687	23,112	-16.5%
Mini-Branch	1,490	1,558	4.6%	10,531	10,752	2.1%
OTBS Circ	6,249	6,368	1.9%	48,259	43,728	-9.4%
MeLCat Borrowed	1,333	1,349	1.2%	10,469	9,577	-8.5%
MeLCat Loaned	1,908	1,315	-31.1%	14,750	12,409	-15.9%
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>139,989</b>	<b>138,225</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>907,043</b>	<b>915,814</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

<i>Other Statistics</i>	LY Month	Month	MTM	Last YTD	YTD	YTY
In-Person Visits	30,910	39,447	27.6%	201,266	249,419	23.9%
Meeting Rooms	15	27	80.0%	254	348	37.0%
Study Rooms	522	664	27.2%	4,235	5,204	22.9%
Adult Programs	10	11	10.0%	98	118	20.4%
--Attendance	224	216	-3.6%	2,358	2,651	12.4%
Teen Programs	5	3	-40.0%	32	28	-12.5%
--Attendance	42	12	-71.4%	129	138	7.0%
Youth Programs	16	16	0.0%	69	142	105.8%
--Attendance	445	883	98.4%	3,827	7,492	95.8%
Computer Use	1,346	1,725	28.2%	8,955	11,547	28.9%
Wireless Use	4,946	6,677	35.0%	35,630	39,623	11.2%
Database Use	5,132	5,579	8.7%	40,010	41,047	2.6%
Volunteer Hours	356	278	-21.9%	2,685	2,171	-19.1%

### Number of Library Card Holders

<i>Municipality</i>	LY Month	Month	% Total
Rochester Hills	46,648	46,452	59.9%
Rochester	9,849	10,100	13.0%
Oakland	10,219	9,619	12.4%
Non-residents	4,406	4,546	5.9%
Virtual Students	0	6,852	8.8%
<b>Total Card</b>	<b>71,122</b>	<b>77,569</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Number of Items

<i>Type</i>	LY Month	Month
Print	242,088	259,736
Audio	18,330	18,882
Video	44,544	46,476
Other	430	429
E-Material	22,795	24,951
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,187</b>	<b>350,474</b>

## **Committee Updates**



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## **Budget Plan**

Year Ending December 31, 2024

**Rochester Hills Public Library**

**Budget Plan**

	<b>Year Ending December 31, 2024</b>			
	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Projected	2024 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
Property Taxes (City of Rochester Hills)	\$2,943,475	\$3,037,230	\$3,075,399	\$3,248,470
Service Contracts:				
City of Rochester	552,974	537,680	537,680	575,500
Oakland Township	912,447	966,100	966,100	1,038,000
Total Service Contracts	\$1,465,421	\$1,503,780	\$1,503,780	\$1,613,500
State Aid	148,596	147,800	147,800	151,100
Oakland Talking Book Service	158,640	150,000	150,480	155,365
Oakland County (penal fines)	163,476	153,100	153,100	148,800
Library Fines and Fees	57,411	50,000	50,000	37,000
Investment Income	-30,245	2,000	40,000	25,000
Gifts:				
Designated Gifts - General	11,295	10,000	10,000	10,000
Designated Gifts - Friends of RHPL	170,000	171,000	171,000	190,000
Undesignated Gifts	43,396	37,800	37,800	35,000
Total Gifts	\$224,691	\$218,800	\$218,800	\$235,000
Other Income:				
Miscellaneous & Grants	13,205	8,190	18,300	18,765
Total Other Income	\$13,205	\$8,190	\$18,300	\$18,765
Fund balance transfer				
Total fund balance transfer			\$0	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,144,670</b>	<b>\$5,270,900</b>	<b>\$5,357,659</b>	<b>\$5,633,000</b>

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## Budget Plan

Expenditures	Year Ending December 31, 2024			
	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Projected	2024 Budget
Personnel:				
Salaries and Wages	2,243,614	2,557,800	2,551,500	2,613,100
Employee Benefits	549,433	578,700	585,000	619,000
Total Personnel	<u>\$2,793,047</u>	<u>\$3,136,500</u>	<u>\$3,136,500</u>	<u>\$3,232,100</u>
Library Materials:				
Books	307,635	345,000	345,000	322,000
Audiovisual	83,926	134,900	134,900	96,400
Print & Electronic Subscriptions, Innovative Items	359,039	360,100	360,100	441,600
Total Library Materials	<u>\$750,600</u>	<u>\$840,000</u>	<u>\$840,000</u>	<u>\$860,000</u>
Facilities and Equipment:				
Bookmobile Maintenance	106,362	25,000	20,000	17,100
IT Equipment Maintenance	117,599	95,000	95,000	107,000
Facilities Maintenance	208,327	231,000	231,000	235,900
Insurance	19,495	19,000	19,000	20,000
Voice and Data Services	16,347	26,000	26,000	26,000
Utilities	169,975	164,000	170,000	173,000
Total Facilities and Equipment	<u>\$638,105</u>	<u>\$560,000</u>	<u>\$561,000</u>	<u>\$579,000</u>
Capital Outlay	\$663,896	\$355,100	\$355,100	\$559,900
Professional and Contractual Services	\$63,590	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$71,500
Programs (underwritten by Friends of RHPL)	\$28,260	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$60,000
Other Operating Expenses:				
Postage	25,588	21,000	21,000	22,000
Promotion and Printing (underwritten by FRHPL)	56,200	50,800	50,800	63,300
Staff Memberships & Development (underwritten by FRHPL)	30,474	40,500	40,500	38,800
Supplies	16,870	28,500	28,500	31,900
Miscellaneous (OTBS supplies, tax refunds)	25,224	15,500	15,500	14,500
Contingency	0	100,000	0	100,000
Total Other Operating Expenditures	<u>\$154,356</u>	<u>\$256,300</u>	<u>\$156,300</u>	<u>\$270,500</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u><u>\$5,091,854</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,270,900</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,171,900</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,633,000</u></u>

## Other Business



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