Rochester Hills Public Library
Hit 2 Million Checkouts in 2015

We had more than two million checkouts in 2015. That’s up 9.6 percent from the previous year and an all-time high for the library’s 92-year history. The increase is credited in part to a new feature in the library’s automation system that automatically renews borrowed materials for the items allotted renewal time.

“This has been a very popular feature with library users, they get to keep their items without having to personally renew or worry about late fees,” said Christine Lind Hage, director of the Rochester Hills Public Library.

Even though items are being checked out for longer periods of time, patrons who want the materials haven’t experienced longer waits. That’s because the library’s new materials handling equipment has greatly improved the turnaround time for books, DVDs and other library materials.

To find out if your materials qualify for automatic renewal, ask one of our librarians!

Wine, Wit & Wisdom
Saturday, March 12, 7–10 p.m.

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Sensory Friendly Movies
We have started offering Sensory Friendly Movies in the Multipurpose Room on the first Saturday of each month. We will turn the lights up and the sound down. Moviegoers can roam around the room. Talking and signing are allowed. These movies are intended for those with special needs. Children must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver. Each person attending must register. Learn more at RHPL.org.

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Available to find starting in May

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Clues are available to pick up at the Adult Reference Desk on the 2nd floor through May, or access the clues anytime from letterboxing.org or at lasquest.com.

Get the clues, follow them, and find the letterbox. Bring a notebook and inkpad to capture the image found in the letterbox. Bring your own stamp to leave your mark on the logbook inside the letterbox, or simply sign and date the logbook. Want more? See if you can find the Teen RHPL Letterbox too!

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The evening’s agenda? Attendees get to partake in a first-class strolling dinner, beverages (beer, wine and soft drinks), and a choice of two speaker presentations from six interesting and intriguing presenters from the world of the arts, dining and business. Attendees also have the opportunity to bid on unique items including a week at the Bel Air condo in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, a gourmet dinner for eight prepared by Library Director Christine Hage, as well as other services and entertainment opportunities in a silent auction. Free parking will be available in the library lots.

The speakers and their topics appeal to a wide audience. They are:

- **Behind the Scenes at Apollo Mission Control:** Where were you on July 20, 1969 when Neil Armstrong took man’s first step on the moon? Harlan Neuville, a retired Delco Electronics engineer who worked on NASA projects, was in the mission control room, managing the space ship’s navigation and guidance systems.

- **The Craft Beer Revolution:** This year, it’s brew instead of wine. Ales, lagers, hops and grains. Chuck Osberger, of Frankenmuth Brewery, expands on the factors that make for delicious craft beer.

- **The Secret Code of Spirituals:** Spiritual songs, such as “I Shall Not be Moved,” were vehicles for slaves to share their sorrows and sing of their hope for a better future. Dr. Gilbert Jackson, Director of the Jackson Chorale, will share how slaves used spirituals to convey secret messages as they sought their way to freedom.

- **Detroit Newspapers – Illustrious Past, Uncertain Future:** From copyboy to special features and syndicate editor, John Smyntek’s 38 years with the Detroit Free Press gave him experience during the glory days of the newspaper industry and insight into its somewhat cloudy future.

- **Appetizers: What, When and How Many?** Join Chef Lynn Miller, author, cooking show host and Executive Chef for MexAmerica Foods, as she shares ideas and recipes, giving you a perfect formula for all occasions.

- **Ten World Events and How They Affected Rochester:** Pat McKay, Supervisor of Interpretive Services at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, will use archival material from the museum to show how our community rose to meet global challenges.

How does it play out? The evening opens with the strolling dinner and beverages. It’s followed by the first of two 30-minute presentations by the six speakers. Question-and-answer periods conclude each presentation. After the first speaker, more food and beverages, and then the second round of presentations and Q&As are held. (Attendees choose two different speaker presentations to attend when they make their reservation; one different speaker per session). The evening concludes with dessert, coffee and the announcement of the silent auction winners.

How do you get tickets? Registration can be done totally online via credit card at the library’s website RHPL.org by following the Friends of the Library tab to link to the Event Brite ticket service. Ticket order forms are also available at the rack near the library’s Information Desk and can be printed from the library’s website. Completed forms and checks can be dropped off at the information counter or mailed to the library (500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, MI 48307).

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**STEM Mini Camp**

K-8th Grade (caregivers required for grades K-2),
April 4, 5, 6, 7, 10-12 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Join us for a Spring Break STEM Mini Camp! Participants will build Bristle Bots, learn about Simple Machines, conduct Science Experiments, and participate in the Toilet Paper Olympics! STEM Mini Camp is open to children Kindergarten-8th grade. Caregivers are required to attend with children Kindergarten-2nd grade. Register for one, two, three, or all four days! Registration begins on March 28th at 9 a.m. Each day will have separate registration.

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**Detroit Institute of Arts: Director’s Cut**

Monday, April 11, 7-8:30 p.m.,
Multipurpose Room
Please join Salvador Salort-Pons, Director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, as he discusses his vision for the museum, explores some of his favorite works of art, and answers your questions about the DIA.

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**Adult Coloring Club**

Saturday, March 5, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 7, 1:30 p.m.
Adults of all ages, please join us for drop-in coloring and snacks! We have coloring pages, colored pencils, and gel pens, but feel free to bring your own materials if you’d like. Please register in advance.
Books on Tap
Mondays March 21 & May 23, 7 p.m. at Rochester Mills Brewery

RHPL is excited to partner with the Rochester Mills Brewery for a casual book club (discussion will be available but not enforced) in a relaxed setting. Meet up at the Brewery to talk about books and enjoy free appetizers as well as drinks for purchase.

March 21: Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides
May 23: Landline by Rainbow Rowell

Copies of the books are available upon registration, which begins February 21, and is open to those with a library card. You may register online through the Schedule of Events calendar at www.rhpl.org or by calling 248-650-7130. For further information, please contact Jessica at 248-650-7132 or Jessica.Parij@rhpl.org

Financial Workshops
Multipurpose Room
The Cygnet Institute of Personal Financial Literacy, a non-profit organization that promotes economic and personal financial literacy, will be presenting a series of financial workshops this spring.

To register, go to calendar.rhpl.org or call 248-656-2900.

Estate Planning
Tuesday, March 8, 7–8:30 p.m.
Do you really need a trust? Learn other options for avoiding probate and the proper use of Power of Attorney.

Income Tax
Wednesday, March 23, 7–8:30 p.m.
It’s more complex than ever; learn about the different strategies the IRS allows that could help reduce your income tax bill for the year.

Financial Fusion
Tuesday, April 26, 7–8:30 p.m.
This presentation challenges you to connect the dots between your pocketbook, your use of time, and your current and future spending patterns. You’ll receive actual tools you can take home and use to guide your personal decisions.

Between the Lines Book Discussion Groups
Join us for thoughtful discussion in this winter’s library book groups. All discussions are led by library staff and are held in the Second Floor Conference Room. Please choose just one of the following series when registering.

Wednesday morning 10–11:30 a.m.
March 16: Shanghai Girls by Lisa See
April 20: Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
May 18: All That Is Solid Melts into Air by Darragh McKeon

Thursday evening 7–8:30 p.m.
March 17: Shanghai Girls by Lisa See
April 21: Neverhome by Laird Hunt
May 19: Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

For more information about the selections and their authors, visit the library’s website at RHPL.org/bookclubs. Copies of the book are available upon registration, and is open to those who work or reside in Rochester, Rochester Hills, or Oakland Township. You may register online through the Schedule of Events calendar at www.rhpl.org or by calling 650-7130. For further information, please contact Annette at 248-650-7134 or Annette.Similuk@rhpl.org.

Change of Phone Number, email or Home Address
Have you moved recently, changed to cell phone from land lines, changed email providers, or just your email address? Please let us know at the library. We want to make sure that you get your reminders and hold request notices. You are welcome to stop by the Information Desk and update your account or log in to “my account” on the library website and select the preferences tab to make changes to any of the above areas. Some change immediately, others are emailed to staff to make the change.
The Art and Science of Food
Thursday, March 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Chef Jake Williams shares his cooking philosophies and his love for fresh, nutritious foods. Williams attended Macomb Community College where he received an Associate of Science in Culinary Arts. He is currently attending Wayne State University for a BA in Food Science and Nutrition. Williams enjoys teaching others about cooking and sharing his knowledge at the table.

The Underground Railroad: A Movement That Changed America
Tuesday, March 15, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Author Evelyn Millstein is a librarian with two masters degrees, one in Library Science; the second in Health Delivery Systems. She has studied African American history for 70 years. This is her first published book.

Driverless Cars
Tuesday, April 19, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
David Maloney will talk about how connected and driverless cars are disrupting the transportation industry. Gain insights and ideas to be prepared for the historic changes coming to the automotive industry and its surrounding ecosystem.
World Cinema Night:
Film & Discussion Series
Multipurpose Room

Join us on one Wednesday night each month to enjoy a well-reviewed film from another country. Non-English films will be subtitled in English. To register, visit calendar.RHPL.org or call 248-656-2900.

Paradise Now: Palestine
March 16, 6:30 p.m.
The story of what may be the last 48 hours in the lives of two Palestinian men who have been recruited as suicide bombers. When they reach the Israeli border, their plan starts to crumble and they are forced to reconsider their actions. (Arabic, Rated PG-13, 91 min.)

Good Bye, Lenin!: Germany
April 20, 6:30 p.m.
After his proud, socialist mother wakes up from a coma, Alex is convinced that the fall of the Berlin Wall is too much of a shock for her to handle, so he sets out to recreate East Germany in the family’s apartment. (German, Rated R, 121 min.)

The Class: France
May 18, 6:30 p.m.
Francois Marin and his fellow teachers gear up for another difficult year at a Paris middle school. Through the ups and downs, successes and failures, Marin’s composure is tested. (French, Rated PG-13, 130 min.)

A Polish Doctor in the Nazi Camps: Reflections On My Mother’s Story
Tuesday, March 22, 7-8:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room
Anthropologist Barbara Rylko-Bauer will speak about her recent book, A Polish Doctor in the Nazi Camps, which interweaves personal family narrative with history to present a daughter’s account of her Polish Catholic mother’s World War II experiences as a prisoner-doctor in Jewish slave labor camps in Nazi Germany. Her mother, Jadwiga Lenartowicz Rylko, was training to be a pediatrician in Poland when the war began. Arrested at the start of 1944, she endured three concentration camps, a 42-day death march, and the challenges of “surviving survival”—rebuilding a new life as a refugee doctor in Germany, and then a U.S. immigrant, first in Detroit and later in Grand Rapids, MI. The book was named a 2015 Michigan Notable Book and a Gold medalist for Biography in the 2015 IPPY Book Awards. For more information about the author and the book visit rylkobauer.com.

19th Century Presidential Elections:
From Elite Politics to Festivals of Democracy
Thursday, April 14, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Professor Bruce Zellers shares his analysis of 19th Century Presidential Elections. He’ll discuss the role ordinary citizens played during the First Party System (1796-1824), in presidential elections. And how the candidates themselves only played a minor role. However, in the Age of Jackson the new politicians invited ordinary citizens to join them and presidential elections became a quadrennial celebration of democracy, with voter participation sometimes above 80%. Politics and elections became national passions. Ironically, the candidates themselves still played only the most limited role in their own campaigns.

20th Century Presidential Elections:
The Limits of Spectacle and Professional Domination
Thursday, April 21, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Professor Bruce Zellers talks about how presidential elections became celebrations of democracy; focused less on the candidate, and more on the excitement of ordinary voters at the local level. In the 20th century this configuration of politics changed. Candidates became much more active, their personalities much more central to the event. The first candidate debates occurred in 1960. Advertising professionals were now consulted, and messages went out over radio, television, and ultimately the Internet. The focus became the national campaign, rather than the local.

How to Be Carl Lundgren
Tuesday, April 5, 7-8:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Artist Carl Lundgren created rock posters in the 1960’s for seminal bands such as The Who, Pink Floyd and Jefferson Airplane. He’ll talk about what he calls his “incredible luck,” insights on becoming a professional artist and details of his new book How to Be Carl Lundgren.

All programs are free, but registration is required with an RHPL card. To register visit calendar.RHPL.org or please call 248-656-2900.
**Story Groups**

Spring Story Group registration begins April 11th. This session lasts for 5 weeks. There are many groups offered every week, but

- Each child can only register for one group
- Children must be registered for a story group with their own card. Library cards are issued to residents of Rochester Hills, Rochester and Oakland Township of any age at the Information Desk
- Registration covers the entire 5 week session. You do not have to register separately for each week

Detailed information can be found at www.RHPL.org

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**Choose Your Own Book Club**

Grades 5-8  
March 29, April 26, May 31, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

5th to 8th grade book club! Each month we’ll pick a different theme to read about -- choose your own book on that theme, and we’ll meet to discuss what we read, then pick a new theme for next month!

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**Gumdrop Structure Challenge (STEM Program)**

Grades 2-4  
Thursday, March 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Do you like to build things? Are you good at solving puzzles? Use your engineering skills to create a gumdrop house that can hold a large book. We will talk about shapes and then you will pair up with a partner to build and test your gumdrop structures.

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**Doodle and Daydream**

Grades K-3  
Friday, March 25, 1-3 p.m., Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Spend your day off making free-form doodles and drawings. Design your own or let the Spirograph make the pattern. Caregivers are required to attend with children K-2nd grade.

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**Painting with Light**

Grades 3 and up  
Saturday, May 21, 3-4 p.m., Story Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

Come play with photography and learn how to draw on a photo with glowsticks and flashlights!

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**RIF Paperback Book Giveaway**

Ages 3-18  
Saturday, May 21, 1-4 p.m., Multipurpose Room

No Registration Required

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. All residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township who are between the ages of 3 & 18 on Saturday, May 21, are invited to come to the library to select a new, free paperback book. Per program rules, children are required to choose their own book without the assistance of their adult caregiver. Only children 18 & under will be allowed in the room. No registration needed.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. one week before each program. All Programs are FREE. Unless noted otherwise, children cannot be left unattended.

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**Early Childhood Caregiver Training**

Adults only  
2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL ADULTS ATTENDING. Join Margaret Sclesky of Oakland Family Services for monthly training sessions on early childhood development and early literacy skills. March: Partnerships with Children-Playing and Learning Together; April: Activity Times that Support Children’s Learning and Development; May: Planning & Recall Time. All attendees will receive certificates of participation. Hours can be counted towards yearly training requirements. Registration begins two weeks prior to each session. To register call 248-650-7146 or email Wendy.Lehman@rhpl.org. No online registration.

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**Free Play Saturday!**

1-5 year old (with parent/caregiver)  
March 19, 10-11 a.m.  
April 9, 10-11 a.m.  
May 14, 10-11 a.m., Multipurpose Room

REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Join us for a fun-filled hour of play-based learning for toddlers and preschoolers. Parents/caregivers will follow their child’s lead as they explore the materials provided while connecting with other families, interacting with the librarians, and getting information on early literacy programs at the library.

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**Special thanks to the Friends of RHPL for funding all the Youth programs.**
Tips on Tricks
Grade 3 and up
Monday, March 28, 6 p.m.
Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
In this program we will be doing nothing at all...April Fools! But we will be preparing for April Fool’s day so the contents of this program should remain a secret until April 1st. Come to the story room to create and learn some fun, but harmless tricks to play on your friends and family.

Cinderella Around the World Story-time
Grades 1-4
Saturday, April 2, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Story Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
Join us for a unique story time celebrating the many retellings of the classic “Cinderella”. From Cinder-Elly to the Golden Sandal, we’ll read and talk about one of the most famous princesses of all time. You’ll also get a chance to write your own Cinderella (or Cinder Fella) story!

Poetry Board Game
Grades 3 & up
Saturday, April 16, 10-12 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING.
In honor of National Poetry Month come play a life-size board game where you and a team will create some lightning quick poems in different formats such as Odes, Haikus, Ekphrastic, Acrostics and Limericks. At the end of the program we will share favorite poems and put them together in a book.

Lego Time!
Grades K-8 (with a caregiver), Saturday, March 26, 2-3:30 p.m.,
Tuesday April 12 & May 17, 7-8 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN & ADULTS ATTENDING. Come build with the Library Legos & put your creation on display in the youth room.

Mother’s Day Crafts
Ages 5-12
May 6, 3:30-5:30 p.m. & May 7, 10-12 p.m.
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Make crafts for your mother’s special day. Cards, Perler Bead magnets, & Shrinky Dink pendants will be available for your crafting skills.

Fold and Fly!
Grades K-8
Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Perfect your paper airplane folding technique and learn some new styles. Test out your aircraft on the runway and see how far it flies! Caregivers are required to attend with children K-2nd grade.

Pi Party
Grades 4 & up
Monday, March 14, 6 p.m.
REGISTER ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING. Join us for math related activities dedicated to the infinite number, Pi. Kids will measure, memorize and create digits related to Pi and participate in other cool surprise math related activities.

PAWS for Reading
Every other Wednesday 6–7:15 p.m., Youth Room
Practice your reading with Trinity, a trained therapy dog, and her trainer Bill! Call 248-650-7140 to schedule your 15 minute appointment.
Ages 13–18 are welcome at our teen events. If you have questions or comments, please call Kricket @ 248-650-5683 or email Kricket.Hoekstra@rhpl.org. More info on everything at www.rhpl.org/teen

**Letterboxing Art Contest**

March 1 – April 17

Design a stamp that may be used in our new letterbox! Stop by the Adult Reference Desk on the 2nd floor to pick up an entry form. Complete a stamp design in the space provided and return the form by April 17. The stamp design winner will be chosen by a committee announced when we launch our new letterbox in May. The winner will receive a prize and their design will be the image used for our new letterbox stamp. For more information on letterboxing check out our Teen RHPL Letterbox article.

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**Teen Events**

*New* Teen Book Club

Mondays, March 21, April 18 & May 16, 7 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room

All area teens are welcome to join us for a teen-led book discussion! Book choices TBA; please check RHPL.org for titles.

**Murder Mystery Party**

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

Join us to find out whodunit in this teen-written and acted interactive murder mystery event. Please register at RHPL.org and await further instructions!

**The Go Club of Rochester Hills**

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month 7-9 p.m. Group Study Room

This club’s goal is to teach Go to new players and to improve the skills of those already experienced. The 3000 year-old strategic board game has its roots in ancient China. With only three rules, it’s easy to learn for all ages! Stop by and compete for a chance to win prizes and enjoy the highly addicting and exciting experience. All ages are welcome; anyone under 13 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**League: Teen Writer’s Workshop**

Saturdays, March 19, April 16 & May 21, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room

Interested in writing fiction or poetry? Come to this afternoon session and meet other teen writers, share your own work, learn tips and pointers, and enjoy snacks.

**Videogame Day with Smash Brothers Tournament**

Saturday, April 2, 2:30-5 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Be here no later than 2:45 to join our Super Smash Bros. (Wii U) tournament. 1st and 2nd place get prizes. Regular drop-in free-play before and after the tournament. No registration required.

**Teen Pokemon Club**

Saturdays March 12, April 9, and May 14, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room

A casual gathering for teens to meet, compete and enjoy Pokémon together. Note: Our March 12 meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room.

**Lobby Display Case**

March: Daughters of the American Revolution Women’s History Display

April: Authors in April

May: Rochester Grangers Vintage Baseball Team
**General Information**

**Hours**
- Monday–Thursday: 9 am–9 pm
- Friday: 9 am–6 pm
- Saturday: 9 am–6 pm
- Sunday (School year): 1–6 pm

**Phone Numbers**
- General: 248-656-2900
- Adult Services: 650-7130
- Youth Services: 650-7140
- Outreach & Bookmobile Services: 650-7150
- Bookmobile: 650-7150
- TDD: 650-7153
- Hours: 650-7170
- Book Renewals–Auto: 650-7173
- Book Renewals–Person: 650-7174
- Friends’ Membership: 650-7160
- Friends’ Events: 650-7176
- Friends’ Book Sales: 650-7178
- Friends’ Library Store: 650-7179

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**eBooks and Downloadables**

Our website may look different, but you can still access all your favorite electronic resources by pointing your browser to ebranch.rhpl.org! Still need help? Give your friendly Adult Services librarians a call at 248-650-7130 to set up a one-on-one appointment.

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**Wednesdays @ your library**

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**
- Wednesdays: March 2, March 16, April 6, April 20, May 4, and May 18, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
- Second Floor Conference Room
- Got ideas for the library? Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays and other library matters at these fun-filled meetings, all while eating pizza and making friends. (These meetings can be used for volunteer hours!) Check out our website at tabtimes.weebly.com

**Geek Club (Formerly known as GNBC)**
- Wednesdays: March 2, March 9, March 23, April 6, April 13, April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 25
- 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room
- A casual hang-out night for teens who enjoy graphic novels, manga, anime, video games, RPGs, etc. Snacks included. Welcome one and all!

**Teen D&D Night**
- Wednesdays: March 16, April 20, and May 18
- 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room
- All levels of talent are welcome at our creative and rambunctious evenings of Dungeons & Dragons (version 3.5). We’ve got dice. We’ve got snacks. Feel free to bring a favorite character or create a new one.

**Everyone’s Reading Lisa See’s Shanghai Girls**
- Join readers from all over the metro area in the 2016 Everyone’s Reading community program. See is the critically acclaimed author of 9 novels, and writes often about Chinese culture and history.
- Everyone’s Reading begins February 15 and concludes April 16 with visits by the author. Take part by reading the book, attending book discussions, and meeting the author. Between the Lines book discussions are scheduled for March 16 and 17. See the events calendar at calendar.rhpl.org to register. Check out everyonesreading.org for details of events.

**Meet Lisa See!**
- Monday, April 11, 7 p.m. at The Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College’s Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills MI 48334 OR Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Township MI
- Beginning March 14, you may register for tickets to attend the event at either location through the Events Calendar at calendar.rhpl.org. There is a limit of two tickets per library card. Check out the website everyonesreading.org for details of events. For further information, please contact Jessica Parij at 248-650-7132.
English Matters: ELL Conversation Group
Tuesdays, March 22 & 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, and May 3 & 10 from 10-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays, March 24 & 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5 & 12 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7 & 14 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Our conversation groups are a time to come together and discuss hometowns, food, hobbies, jobs, and other informal topics. Joining a group will introduce you to new friends and a great time! Registration will be open on Monday, March 7. For further information, please contact Kari at 248-650-7155.

Books By Mail
Books By Mail service is available for residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township who are physically unable to come to the library because of a temporary or permanent disability. Materials are mailed directly to your home at no charge. For more information, visit RHPL.org or call Outreach & Bookmobile Services at 248-650-7150.

Community Bookmobile Schedule

**Monday**

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<td>10-11 a.m.</td>
<td>Hampton Village Shopping Centre, N.E. Corner of Rochester &amp; Auburn</td>
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<td>11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>City of Rochester Hills, 1000 Rochester Hills Dr.</td>
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<td>Streamwood Estates, 1900 Streamwood Dr.</td>
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<td>Avon Hills Co-Op, 1400 Drexelgate Pkwy.</td>
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<td>S &amp; M Market, 10 Rochester Rd.</td>
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<td>Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Rd.</td>
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<td>Creekside Village Estates, SW Corner of Runyon Rd. &amp; Dequindre</td>
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<td>St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church, 2675 John R. Rd.</td>
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<td>Avondale Meadows Upper Elementary School, 1432 W. Auburn Rd.</td>
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<td>Hampton Community Center, 254 Hampton Cir.</td>
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<td>9:45-10:45 a.m.</td>
<td>ACE High School, 1440 John R. Rd.</td>
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<td>Whole Foods – 1404 Walton Blvd.</td>
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<td>All Seasons of Rochester Hills, 175 E. Nawakwa</td>
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<td>Bedford Square – 1685 Bedford Square Dr.</td>
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<td>Rochester Estates, 700 LeGrand Blvd.</td>
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<td>University Presbyterian Church, 1385 S. Adams Rd.</td>
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<td>West Middle School, 500 Old Perch Rd.</td>
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<td>Brewster Elementary School, 1535 Brewster Rd.</td>
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<td>10-11 a.m.</td>
<td>Country Creek Commons Shopping Center, NW Corner of Adams Rd. and Silverbell</td>
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<td>11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Delta Kelly Elementary School, 3880 N. Adams Rd.</td>
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<td>1:30-2:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Woodland Estates, 1441 Woodland Dr.</td>
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<td>3:15-4:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Timberlea Village Apartments, 416 Timberlea</td>
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A Letter from the Friends of RHPL

2015 was a banner year for the Friends Used Books Online Sales Group. For those of you reading about this group for the first time, about a dozen people sell donated books and other items on Amazon. The donations are both library discards as well as patron donations.

In 2015, we made a profit of $45,497.64. This was almost double the previous year’s total. To achieve that goal, we sold 3,462 items. Some of the higher category totals include: AV, which includes DVDs, CDs and Audio Books (835); Textbooks (444); How To Books (268), History & Government (239) and Fiction (224).

About 17% of the items sold were library discards. The highest priced sold discard was an AV book on learning to speak Spanish, which sold for $212. And the highest priced sold patron donation was a book about jets, which sold for $389. At any given time, over 1,100 items are for sale on Amazon. The online group shares a corner of the 2nd floor Used Book Room.

There is a link to get directly to the Amazon storefront, but it takes a few steps. From the main RHPL page, click on “I AM”. Then click on “Visit Friends of RHPL”. Over on the right hand side, under Useful Links, click on “Friends of RHPL Amazon Store”. This will take you directly to Amazon. Click on the tab that says Products, to see everything we have for sale. There is now even a search field, as the items displayed are in the order they were listed. Items get added to the site several times a week.
**RHPL Partners With Local Organizations**

**Rochester Avon Historical Society**

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

**Scribes Writers’ Workshop**

Second & Fourth Wednesdays 1–4 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

A twice monthly drop-in workshop for those who love to write, who want to learn from more experienced writers, or who just want to get their writing “juices” flowing. Members will write on a given topic or thought starter, then give and take positive feedback. RHPL card holders have first priority, but the workshop is open to others as well. For more information, call 248-650-7124.

**Online Tools for Success**

Did you know that you have access to data on over 24 million U.S. businesses through the library? Try out ReferenceUSA, a premium online database that RHPL subscribes to. You can research who your local competitors are, the area’s demographics, and more! Just visit rhpl.org/research-database and click on Business & Investments to get started.

**From the Director Christine Lind Hage**

**Did you know that May is “LEAVE A LEGACY®” month?**

I recently attended a program that was so interesting that I decided to invite a representative to speak here at the library on May 3rd. Roberta Trzos from Leave a Legacy of Southeast Michigan will be here to talk on the ideal of philanthropy. She will NOT offer her services to help you write a will or to invest your money, but will talk about your opportunity to leave a lasting gift to your community.

While more than 82% of Southeast Michigan residents give to charities each year, fewer than 9% of them leave a bequest through their wills. LEAVE A LEGACY is a cooperative effort of estate planning professionals and nonprofit groups whose aim is to encourage individuals to remember their favorite charity(s) when they plan their estates.

These legacy gifts can make a tremendous difference to human service and arts organizations, hospitals, libraries and educational institutions and other nonprofit agencies — and to the individuals who turn to these organizations in times of need.

The library has been the recipient of several bequests that have been used to build the first public library building for this community. A later bequest allowed us to add a small addition to the old library. Another bequest allowed us to update our computer system. Another gave us funds to purchase and operate our early literacy bookmobile.

I was so impressed with the LEAVE A LEGACY presentation I attended that I am making changes in the way I give to local charities. As my husband and I approach a “certain” age we need to start withdrawing money from our IRA’s. This presentation gave me good suggestions on how to continue to support the non-profits we annually support in a way that is advantageous to our estate.

If you had asked me when I was a child what I wanted to be when I grew up I would have said a librarian. I’ve never worked anywhere but in a library, but as I’ve matured I’ve become more interested in being a philanthropist. Granted I lack the resources to do a lot, but I am learning how I can make a difference with what I have.

I think you will find the presentation interesting and that it will inform you on how to make the most of the resources you have.

**Behind the Scenes Tour of the Library**

Wednesday, April 13, 10 a.m.
Multipurpose Room

Join Director Christine Lind Hage for a behind-the-scenes tour of the library. The tour will begin in the Multipurpose Room and proceed to various areas of the library. To register, please go to calendar.rhpl.org or call 248-656-2900.

**The Newcomer’s Book Club: A Circle of Friends**

2nd Floor Conference Room, Thursdays, March 10 & 24, April 7 & 28 and May 19, 10-11:30 a.m.

If you are new to this country and want to improve your English Language skills, then join this fun discussion group. At each session, the participants will read and discuss poems and short stories written in English. Together they will improve and enhance their English literacy skills while sharing traditions and cultures that celebrate our diversity. The discussions sessions are led by Dr. Elana Izraeli, who has years of experience educating both teachers and students of English.

Registration is limited to residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. You may register online through the Events Calendar at calendar.rhpl.org or by calling Michelle at 248-650-5681 or Michelle.Wisniewski@rhpl.org.
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This colorful throw and matching pillow with butterfly and hummingbird motif is made in the USA. It’s available at the Friends Store, along with lots of new spring merchandise.

The Friends Store is run entirely by volunteers. If you enjoy interacting with customers and have a few hours free, please stop by for an application. We can always use helpful, smiling people!

Big Blue Bus

RHPL is so fortunate to have not just one bookmobile but two! The Big Blue Bus is our early literacy bookmobile that offers books, music, and dvds for children age 0-5. It only makes visits to child care centers and pre-schools in the RHPL service area. In September, the staff on the Blue Bus saw 849 kids! These visits are a great introduction to RHPL.

Store Hours

Monday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday 1-4 p.m.

A Sign of Friendship

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