

Rush Library News

April & May, 2017

Submitted by:

Kirsten Flass, Library Director

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Dear Neighbors,

We hope you're enjoying the arrival of spring; we love to see our "snowbirds" returning and patrons coming out of hibernation. Welcome back!

Silent Auction: The Friends of the Rush Library will be organizing a Silent Auction Fundraiser to run during the month of October. You'll have a whole month to see the array of donated goods and services, and extra time to bid on coveted items. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year! **If you would like to donate an item for auction** (antique, collectible, artwork, gift card, or services) please call me at the library to arrange a pick-up, or bring it into the library; we'll issue you a tax receipt. **This is a great way to advertise your business while you support your local library!** The Friends of the Rush Library provide funding for educational programs and other events that fall outside of our regular budget.

Small Business Resource Center: Thinking of starting or revitalizing your own business? We live only 30 minutes away from the award-winning **Small Business Resource Center** run by the Business Division at the Rochester Public Library; it was awarded the **Urban Libraries Council 2016 Top Innovator Award in the Workforce and Economic Development category**. These specialized librarians offer research services for businesses in the Greater Rochester Area, and they have extensive training and experience in delivering information you may need, including demographic statistics, industry and market data, business plan samples, access to industry and investment databases, plus other information to help you get on track and stay there. Research requests can be submitted by phone: **585-428-8130** or by email: **busref@libraryweb.org**.

Book Donations: Spring cleaning is underway! If you are interested in donating items to the Friends' Book Nook we are always grateful, and can issue you a receipt for your taxes, but **we'd like to remind residents that we have limitations on what we can accept.**

- **We will accept up to 4 boxes per family per week, due to space limitations.**
- **We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, VHS Tapes, or textbooks** because they do not sell and create a burden for volunteers and staff with respect to storage and disposal.
- **We also won't accept dirty or musty/moldy books due to health hazards for the book sorters; but you can recycle any unreadable book in your recycle bins at home.**
- **And please bring in donations during our open hours.** Thank you for your understanding!

Tax Forms: A limited number of federal forms and instruction booklets are still available in the library **until April 18th**. If you require an uncommon form, or we have run out of the form you

need, our clerks can download it from the federal or state government web sites. Printing costs 15¢ per page. Or you can visit a larger public library or the following links: <http://www.irs.gov> or <https://www.tax.ny.gov/>.

Holiday Closing: We will be **closed Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th-29th**. When we open on Tuesday, May 30th, we will backdate the book drop to May 26th. Our books and movies are never due on days we are scheduled to be closed, but if you have borrowed items from other libraries you have to abide by *their* due dates; as always, please refer to your check-out receipt for your due dates.

**Looking forward to seeing you,
Kirsten Flass**

Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for April and May 2017

Submitted by Joan Celentano, Children's and Adult Services Coordinator

*We try to make services and programs available to patrons of all abilities, including those with disabilities. Please let us know a week in advance of a program of any special needs you may require so that we can accommodate you or your child.

April Events:

Ozobots! For Kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays, April 4th and April 11th from 3:45-4:30 PM**. Come play and learn with our Ozobots; we'll gain skills in sequential thinking, logical reasoning, and coding concepts. Space is limited; please call to register in advance.



Toddler Story Time: Engaging stories with a different theme each week for the younger set, ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursdays, April 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 11:30 AM-Noon**. No registration is required. This is a nice opportunity for you to make some new friends.

Knit Chicks: We meet up on two Saturdays each month, **April 8th & 29th at 10:30 AM**. Come join our lively group of dedicated crafters and charity knitters! New members are always welcome, coffee and snacks provided; no need to register in advance.

View Finders: Our dynamic photography group meets on **Monday, April 10th and Wednesday, April 12th from 2:30-4:30 PM**. Bring **three** photographs on a flash drive or printed out to share, and you'll receive feedback in a friendly environment. This month's optional theme will be **Water Drops**. All skill levels are welcome, and we serve coffee and dessert. Please register in advance.



College 101- Planning, Preparing and Paying: **Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 PM**, for parents of students in grades 9-11. In this educational presentation parents will hear noteworthy ways to cut college costs, plus tips on scholarships, financial processes, and the college search. Most importantly we will discuss what parents can do to help children minimize overwhelming student loan debt. Presented by *College Assistance Plus*. Please register in advance.

Social Security Class for Baby Boomers: Will be held on **Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 PM** by popular demand. You'll learn what Social Security is, how to enroll, what a survivor benefit is, how payout is calculated, and how to determine what is right for each individual. This educational program will be facilitated by **Patrick Kelly**, Senior Strategist at USB, Swiss Bank. Please register in advance.

School Break Week Programs:

- **Teen Crafting Corner:** Teens ages 13 and up can come learn how to make beautiful *Friendship Bracelets* with Abby on **Friday, April 14th from 6:30-7:30 PM**. Bring a friend and learn how to make a string bracelet or expand your knowledge. All levels of experience are welcome, and all materials will be provided. Please call to register in advance.



- **Movie Matinee for Kids:** *TROLLS* (Rated PG) for kids ages 8 and up on **Tuesday, April 18th from 1:00-3:00 PM**. This “terrifically funny” musical adventure features songs performed by Justin Timberlake and Anna Kendrick; it’s the feel-good movie of the year! Snacks will be provided. Please register in advance. Parents who wish to sit with their child must also register for a seat.
- **Family Doodle Night!** Come celebrate spring with us on **Friday, April 21st from 6:30-7:30 PM**. We will listen to a story then doodle with oodles of colors; it’s relaxing and creative fun for everyone! Please register in advance.



Celebrate Arbor Day! Join us on **Saturday, April 22st (also Earth Day) at 11:00 AM** in the gazebo behind the library. Children are invited to listen to stories about how Arbor Day began, and what we can do to preserve our trees and forests. Learn about the process for tapping maple trees and making syrup, and then try a sample. Children will be able participate in a simple craft activity, and the first 30 kids registered in advance will take home a FREE tree seedling. This event will be held inside the library in case of inclement weather. Please call to register.



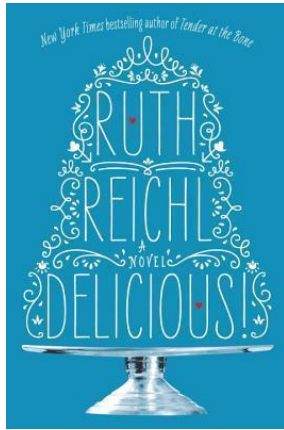
Knitting for Beginners: For ages 12 and up on **Monday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 26th, continuing on Monday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 3rd from 3:30- 5:00 PM.** If you are new to knitting or need a refresher, Trisha will be able to teach you the basic stitches. All materials will be provided by the instructor. Space is very limited; please register in advance.

After-School Fun & Games! For kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, April 25th from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Come and find out who will be the quickest sushi chef, by testing your skill and speed using only chopsticks to play *Makemaki*. Children will also create fantastic designs with our new *Spirograph Kits*, which will make parents nostalgic for their childhood! Please register your children in advance.

Travelogue & Exhibit: *On the Road to Monte Alban, Mexico (and Back)* with world traveler, **James Nofziger on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 PM.** Enjoy a power-point presentation about sites in Hidalgo, Oaxaca, and Chiapas, Mexico. We'll examine primitive sculptures and the meanings they relay about the culture, religion and politics of these ancient civilizations. During his travels, Mr. Nofziger learned to create the bas-relief wood sculptures himself, and they'll be on display for you to enjoy during the month of April. Please register in advance for a seat for this educational program.

Aspiring Authors: Will meet on **Wednesday, April 26th from 6:00-7:30 PM.** Whether you are a "newbie" or a published author, this program is for you. Please bring 5 pages, double-spaced, of your craft, plus a few to share, for friendly feedback. Any genre is welcome. This group is intended to be very diverse and *respect* is of the utmost importance. Please register in advance, as space is extremely limited.

Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection is *Delicious!* written by former *Gourmet Magazine* editor-in-chief, Ruth Reichl. "Vivid descriptions of food will have readers salivating, and an insider's look at life at a food magazine is fascinating. Her satisfying coming-of-age novel of love and loss vividly demonstrates the power of food to connect people across cultures and generations." Join us for discussion, coffee, and dessert on **Thursday, April 27th and Thursday, May 4th, from 7-9:00 PM.** Space is limited; please register in advance.



Family Finders: Meets on **Friday, April 28th from 1-2:30 PM**. Have you been bitten by the genealogy bug by having your DNA tested? Join our search guru, Cathy Frank, for ideas on getting started. Coffee, tea, and a snack will be available; please call to register in advance.

May Events:

View Finders: Our photography group meets on **Monday, May 8th and Wednesday, May 10th from 2:30-4:30 PM**. Please bring **three** photographs on a flash drive or printed out to share, and you'll receive feedback in a friendly environment. This month's optional theme will be **Long Exposures**. All skill levels are welcome. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

Toddler Story Time: For children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursdays, May 11th, 18th and 25th from 11:30 AM-Noon**. Expose your child to the wonder of books at an early age; studies have shown that story times can provide many opportunities to help children develop early literacy skills. No prior registration is necessary- just drop in!



Medicare Program for Baby Boomers: **Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 PM**. Learn about the complexities of Medicare and the use of private insurance to cover medical expenses not covered by Medicare- also known as Medigap Coverage. You'll understand the challenges that long-term care expenses can have on someone's assets, and the various types of insurance available to protect them. This program will be presented by **Patrick Kelly**, Senior Strategist at UBS, Swiss Bank. Please register in advance.

Knit Chicks: Our crafty community of fiber artists will meet at **10:30 AM** on **May 13th & 20th** (*please note the date change* due to Memorial Day Weekend on May 27th; the library will be closed that Saturday.) Drop in for coffee, snacks and inspiration!



High Tea with Susan B. on Saturday, May 13th from 3-5:00 PM. The Friends of the Rush Library invite you to their annual **High Tea Fundraiser** to be held at the library. Wear your fancy hat or fascinator, and bring your favorite china tea cup if you wish; enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors for this charming afternoon social. *This year, to honor the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, we have invited Jeanne Gehret to portray Susan B. Anthony in period costume, using the suffragist's own words. Feel free to dress up as a suffragette!* High Tea includes sweet and savory delights. Bringing your favorite cookies or dessert to share is also an optional, lovely tradition at our Tea. Tickets are \$15.00 per person (on sale at the library April 3rd.) **Proceeds benefit our Summer Reading Program.**



Art Classes for Kids: for kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays, May 16th and May 23rd from 3:45-4:45 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion behind the library. Students will get “blown away” by creating a windsock animal, studying 3-dimensional shapes, making their own dice, and learning about *Splashdown* –the eagle sculpture by artist, Chester Fields. This class will be taught by art instructor, Jennifer Martin. All supplies included. Please register your child in advance.



Rush Reader's Book Club: Will meet on **Thursday, May 25th and Thursday, June 1st from 7-9:00 PM.** This month's selection will be *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly. “Set in the Adirondacks in 1906 against the backdrop of the murder that inspired the true story, *An American Tragedy*, Ms. Donnelly's astonishing debut novel effortlessly weaves romance, history, and a murder mystery into something moving, real, and totally original.” Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

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We welcome your ideas for programs and your feedback. Call or email the library director anytime: kflask@libraryweb.org