

**Rush Library News**  
**February & March, 2018**

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,

**Don't let the winter doldrums get you down!** Stop in for an abundance of ways to stay sane and active during the last months of winter; we have local museum passes, puzzles, magazines, exercise & yoga DVDs, hobby classes, foreign language CDs, a tech tutor, and more! If you're looking to start a new club, consider using our meeting room for your non-profit meeting space (our web site has the meeting room policy & application to download.) **If you can dream it, the library can help you do it!**

**Art Display Space:** We have room to display your artwork so others can enjoy it too! Call the library and ask for me or Joan Celentano to arrange for a month to show off your talent to the community. Our patrons really appreciate it.

**E-book Tutorials:** The Monroe County Library System lends e-books and digital audiobooks for free! If you require assistance with a smartphone, an e-reader device, or tablet app for e-books, feel free to call the Library and ask for me. We'll set up a time for one-on-one help to get you started. Most appointments take an hour or less.

**Tax Forms:** As of the writing of this newsletter, Federal tax forms have not yet arrived at the library, even though they were ordered last fall. I am not expecting any NYS forms this year, as they have not been sent for the last 5 years. You *can* download NYS forms at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/> and Federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/> or stop in and see our library staff members for help. (We expect to have a limited amount of free forms, but printing out unusual forms at the library will cost you 15¢ per page.)

**Looking forward to seeing you,  
Kirsten**

**Upcoming Classes & Events at the Rush Library for February & March, 2018**

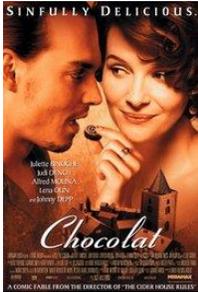
Submitted by Joan Celentano, Children's and Adult Services Coordinator

**\*\* Nearly all classes require a minimum of 3 participants or they have to be canceled. Please register early online or by phone and share this calendar of events with a friend!**

**February Events:**

**Drop-In Story Time** for children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursdays, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **11:30 AM-Noon**. Children will make new friends and listen to stories with a different theme each week, chosen especially for this age group! No prior registration is necessary.

**Movie Matinee for Adults: *Chocolat***, rated PG-13, will be shown on **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-3:00 PM**. This beautiful and captivating romantic comedy was nominated for 5 Academy Awards, and stars Juliet Binoche, Johnny Depp, and Judy Dench. Nobody could have imagined the impact that a very unusual chocolate shop would have in an old-fashioned French town! Chocolate refreshments will be served. Please register in advance.



**Rush Bicentennial Craft: *Learn to Embroider***, just as ladies did during their free time back in 1818 when Rush was founded. We will have a Rush Bicentennial logo design to embroider on a tea towel, or choose from other simple designs on hand. All supplies will be provided. Join us **Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-4:00 PM**. Please register in advance online or by phone.



**Valentine Stories and Craft Session** for children ages 3-6 on **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-Noon**. Children will listen to Valentine's Day stories make a simple Valentine craft project. Children must be registered in advance for this activity.



**Medicare Program for Baby Boomers: Thursday, February 8th at 2:00 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**, Swiss Bank Financial Advisor. Please register in advance.

**Knit Chicks:** Our fiber crafting club meets up on two Saturdays each month, **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM**. Join our fun community of makers and charity crafters; new members are always welcome, coffee and snacks provided. No registration required.



**View Finders:** Our monthly photography group will meet on **Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 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 ***Patterns in Black and White***. All skill levels are welcome, and we serve coffee and dessert. Please register in advance.



**Valentine's Day Crafts and Cookies!** For kids ages 5-10 on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:45 PM.** Children are invited to come and create Valentine's Day craft projects and decorate a valentine cookie. Please register your child in advance.

**Family Finders:** on **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 PM (in the Town Supervisor's Meeting Room this month.)** Searching your family tree can be fun and challenging! Join our search guru, **Cathy Frank**, for ideas on getting started or unstuck. Please register in advance.



**Fidelis Care:** This is a free informational session about health insurance on **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:00 PM.** Fidelis Care provides health insurance coverage through Qualified Health Plans, Child Health Plus, Essential Plan, and Medicaid - available through the NY State of Health Marketplace - as well as through the Medicare Advantage, Dual Advantage, and Managed Long Term Care programs. There will be giveaways for attendees (while supplies last.) Please register in advance online or by phone.

**Lego Club:** for children ages 6-10 will resume on **Tuesdays, February 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Come and build with some of our **newest Lego kits!** We provide the Lego, you bring the creativity! Please register in advance.



**Rush Readers' Book Club:** Join us on **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM.** We are collaborating once again with Writers & Books for **Rochester Reads**, a community-wide reading event. This year the selection is ***The Distance Between Us*** by Reyna Grande. The author vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years when her parents made the dangerous trek across the Mexican border in pursuit of the American dream. Ms. Grande will be in Rochester in March for author readings and book signings. Join us for coffee, dessert and good conversation! Space is limited; please register in advance online or by phone.

**Estate Planning: Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** This free course will cover the basics of estate planning, roles and responsibilities of the executor, and the estate administration process. We will cover terms such as probate, letters testamentary and gross taxable estate. This class will show ways to simplify your estate and minimize potential taxation, plus explain living trusts and their characteristics. This event will be hosted by **Patrick Kelly**, Financial Advisor at Swiss Bank. Please register in advance.

**Let's Create!** A new *afterschool program* for kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Try your hand at any of these four fun activities...bring a friend & remember to sign up in advance.

1. ***Q-BA-MAZE***: Build a colorful marble maze with Lego-type connectors.



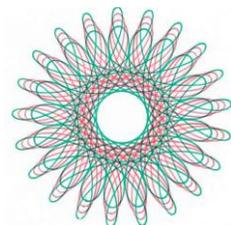
2. ***Makemaki***: A realistic cooking game that challenges you to make Sushi in record time.



3. ***Strawbees***: A creative construction set that lets you build small or large items with special straws and connectors.



4. ***Spirograph***: Distinctive tools to help you to draw fantastic colorful designs on paper.



**Toddler Story Time:** Engaging stories with a different theme each week for the younger set, ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursdays, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-Noon.** No registration is required. This is a nice opportunity for you to make some new friends.

**Crafter's Corner for Adults:** *The Art of Needle Felting* on **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM.** In this class we'll be embellishing this 10" x 13" felt handbag with wool roving. Prior experience in needle felting is recommended in order to complete this project in one evening. **There is a \$10.00 materials fee** to cover the cost of the bag, payable that night. Please register in advance online or by phone, as there will be limited seating. Examples of needle felting will be on display in the library.



**Knit Chicks:** We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun and share ideas! Join us on **Saturdays, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend. No registration needed.

**View Finders:** Our dynamic photography group meets on **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 ***One Predominant Color.*** All skill levels are welcome, coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.



**St. Patrick's Day Crafts and Cookies:** For kids ages 5-10 on **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Children will create St. Patrick's Day crafts and decorate a shamrock cookie to eat! Please register your child in advance.



**Family Finders:** on **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 PM in the Library meeting room.** Have you been bitten by the genealogy bug by having your DNA tested? Get one-on-one help from **Cathy Frank** on your ancestor search. Coffee, tea, and a snack will be available; please call to register in advance.

**Travelogue:** *When Irish Eyes are Smiling- A Journey Through Southern Ireland* with **Christy Simons** on **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Travel through Ireland, stopping off in the historic city of Dublin with all of its glorious sites including Trinity College, The Guinness Brewery, and Dublin Castle. You will also visit the small towns of Ennis, Kilarney, Kilkenny and Glenalough and kiss the Blarney Stone! Irish music and dessert will be provided. Please register in advance.



**Stampin' Up!** Join instructor **Karen Burke** on **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-8:00 PM.** In this session you will create beautiful, unique Easter cards and gift card holders using specialty papers, fancy embellishments and rubber stamps. All materials will be provided. There is a \$5.00 materials fee for this class, payable that evening. Please register early online or by phone, as this class fills up quickly.



**Flower City Decorative Artists Class:** Make your own hand-decorated **Easter Chick Figure** with instructor **Barb Fragale** on **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-4:00 PM.** In this class you will be taught how to use sculpting materials, plus learn sponge and float painting techniques. Please bring in an acrylic paintbrush if you have one. There is a \$5.00 materials fee for this class, and an example of this project will be on display in the library. Please register in advance online or by phone.



**Rush Readers' Book Club:** For March we will be reading *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger, "a coming-of-age novel that documents the strength of a father, the depth of friendship and the horrors of misfortune while capturing small town life and the profound and enduring bonds of sibling love." Join us for discussion & dessert on **Thursdays, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 PM.** Space is limited; please register in advance.

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