

## Rush Library News

June & July 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,

**Foreign Language Database:** We have just subscribed to **Pronunciator!** It is a language-learning database that you, as a Rush resident, can access from home, on any browser or any device, with your library card! 80 languages are available for English-speakers to learn and 50 languages for ESL speakers. Not only can you prepare for a trip abroad or help your high school student, you can also track your progress, perform pronunciation drills & analysis, prepare for a citizenship test, take a 6-week immersion class for healthcare providers, learn workplace-specific exercises, watch subtitled foreign movies, *and so much more*. Start at our own website: [www.RushLibrary.org](http://www.RushLibrary.org) to click on Pronunciator and get started today learning a new language, or perfecting an old one!



**Summer Reading:** We're gearing up! Our New York State Summer Reading Program runs the month of July; this year's theme is ***Libraries Rock!*** We've planned lots of activities around this theme in order to entice **everyone** to keep reading during summer vacation. This reading program helps children remain "ready to learn" when they return to school in the fall; and it encourages great reading habits in all of us. **We have prizes for kids donated by local businesses and the Friends of the Library;** select the events that interest you and your family from the list below, and **register online in advance** because some programs fill up very quickly!



### **Technology Updates:**

- **New Overdrive App:** If you use Overdrive for borrowing free eBooks and downloadable audiobooks, check out **their new app called Libby**. It's available for free now in your app store and it is a **much more user-friendly way to use Overdrive**. It's less

complicated and requires fewer steps to check out and manage what's on your virtual bookshelf. As always, I am available for free one-on-one tutoring for Overdrive. Just call to set up an appointment. **Also returning to Overdrive in June: eMagazines to download! Stay tuned.**



- **Library Card Update:** Please remember to bring your card with you to the library when you check out books & movies. We make fewer mistakes when we can scan your actual card. Replacement cards are free! **You can also put your library card on your smartphone** (via the app called **MCLS-To-Go**), and we can scan that.
- **Text Messaging Feature:** We have the ability to send smartphone texts for **your 3-Day Courtesy Reminders and Hold Alerts**. Call us or stop by the circulation desk to sign up for this feature. (If you pay for your texts, normal rates will apply.)

**V.I.P. Museum Passes:** We have partnered with several local museums & arts organizations for a program that allows you to check out a pass with your library card, and then receive a discounted admission rate when you arrive. We have passes for **Genesee Country Village, The George Eastman Museum, Rochester Museum & Science Center, Memorial Art Gallery, The Susan B. Anthony House, Geva Theater, and more**. These are great if you have company coming, or are planning a staycation!

**Holiday Closings:** We will be closed:

- **Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday, May 26- Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **Firemen's Parade: Closing early at 5:00 PM on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Remember, our items are never due on a day we are scheduled to be closed. Check your receipt or online account to verify all of your due dates.

Looking forward to seeing you...  
Kirsten

### **Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for June and July, 2018**

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

#### **June Events:**

**Knit Chicks:** Our friendly fiber crafters meet twice per month to work on their projects on two **Saturdays June 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-noon**. Come make new friends, and share patterns and inspiration. No registration necessary; coffee and snacks provided.



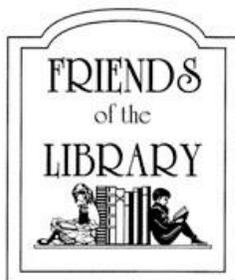
**View Finders:** Our photo collective meets on **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** from **2:30-4:30 PM**. Please bring **three** photographs on a flash drive or printed out to share, and you'll receive feedback in a friendly environment. This month's optional theme will be *Landscapes from Unique Perspectives*. All skill levels are welcome. Coffee and dessert will be available. Please register in advance online.



**Bingo for Kids!** **Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** from **3:45-4:30 PM**. Children ages 6-10 are welcome to come and play bingo and win prizes. This is a **FREE** event, but children must be registered in advance. Parents may sit with their child if they need assistance.



**Friends of the Library:** Join the Friends as we brainstorm ways to make the library even better than it is now! We run fundraisers to pay for library classes, events and projects that fall outside of the regular budget, and we need you. Your time commitment will be small. Our meeting is **Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, upstairs in the Town Board Meeting Room.**



**Ditch & Switch: A Guide for Chemical-free Living!** **Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 PM**. **Amanda Sprinkle** will teach you to take simple but life-changing steps to identify harmful, common ingredients in many cleaning and personal care products. What are some of the effects on our health and well-being, and what alternative products/ingredients are safe and effective? There will be short demo of DIY products you can make, plus a Q & A following the class. Please register online in advance.



**Drop-In Story Time:** For children ages 3-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursdays, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** from **11:30 AM-Noon**. Children will meet with their peers, sit and listen to

stories, and learn to follow simple instructions in a fun atmosphere. Books are chosen with a different theme each week, specifically for this age group. No prior registration is required.



**Learn About CSA (Community Supported Agriculture): Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

Meet the owners of **Rainwater Farms**: a small, local, sustainable family farm that raises seasonal vegetables and pastured eggs using ecological practices, without any chemical fertilizers or pesticides. Your membership in this CSA includes a weekly box of 8-10 different items, ready for pick-up, comprised of vegetables, salad mixes, cooking greens, plus some interesting, new varieties. Come learn more. Please register online in advance.



**Rock Art for Teens:** Join us on **Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** to paint rocks any way you'd like. All supplies including *large rocks*, snacks and drinks will be provided. This program is for teens ages 13 and up. Please register in advance.



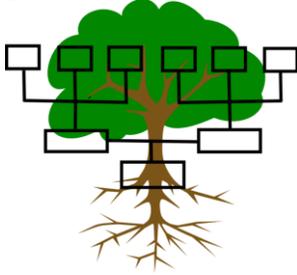
**Ozobots:** This class is for ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Parents and children are invited to come and see what an Ozobot can do. Kids playing with Ozobots will be learning sequential thinking, logical reasoning and coding concepts. Space is limited; please register online for this class.



**Crafter's Corner for Adults:** **Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Make yourself a **summer scarf** out of an upcycled t-shirt! This is a no-sew project but you will need to bring *good pair of sharp scissors* and a *large cotton blend T-shirt*. Bring your own t-shirt, or scour the thrift stores for one with an interesting print. Please register in advance online or by calling the library.



**Family Finders:** Come and hear what everyone is saying about finding their long lost ancestors! See where your search will take you on **Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-2:30 PM** with our expert genealogist **Cathy Frank**. Register in advance at [RushLibrary.org](http://RushLibrary.org)



**Movie Matinee for Adults: Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-5:00 PM.** Join us for *The Greatest Showman*, a 2017 American musical starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, and Michelle Williams. “The film is inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum’s creation of the Barnum and Bailey Circus, and the lives of its star attractions.” Please register in advance for a seat. Refreshments will be served.



**A Bevy of Beverages: Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Come and sample some new adult beverages to celebrate summer. We will have tastings of peach sangria, a fruity beer, and pineapple-flavored moonshine, along with succulent food pairings that complement each beverage. This class will be presented by our exuberant wine aficionado, **Joan Meyers**. Please register in advance. You must be 21 to attend and be able to show proof at the door; **there is a \$5 tasting fee, payable that evening.**



**Rush Readers Book Club:** This month we have selected *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan from the list provided by the PBS show, **The Great American Read**, “an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading, told through the prism of America’s 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey). It investigates how and why writers create their fictional worlds, how we as readers are affected by these stories, and what these 100 different books have

to say about our diverse nation and our shared human experience.” The TV show starts airing May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and offers us plenty to discuss! We will have printed copies of the PBS book checklist for you at the library. Join us **Thursday, June 28th and Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM**. Coffee and dessert will be served.



## July Events:

**NYS Summer Reading Program: *Libraries Rock!*** runs **Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. These events (in red) will fill up fast; please register in advance, and give us a courtesy call us if you cannot attend a program for which you registered - we often have patrons who are waiting to join a full program. Thanks.



***Libraries Rock!*** is this year's theme for kids in grades K-12.

- **Children:** Avoid falling behind in school by continuing to read during summer vacation. You can win prizes for reading & completing our game cards. The more you read, the better the prizes!
- **Teens in grades 6-12:** Check out and read any ***Rush Library*** book (including school assignment books) then fill out an entry blank to become eligible for a prize. Two prize winners will be chosen at random each week; enter as many times as you wish. The more you read, the better your chances!

**View Finders:** Will be meeting on **Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM**. Join our monthly photography group and see your pictures on the big screen! Bring in three photos to share, either printed or on a flash drive. You will receive friendly criticisms and helpful advice. This month's optional theme is *Creative Camera Auto Modes*. Please register in advance for this class.



**Ancient Life Beneath Our Feet:** This class is for families, hosted by **Professor Emeritus Rich Hamell** on **Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion**. Trace the fossil history of New York State from the origin of the ancient Adirondack Mountains to the glacial

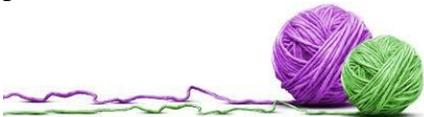
valleys in Western New York. This slide program will be augmented with a fantastic display of fossil animals and plants from around the world. Please register online or by calling the library.



**Art Class for Kids:** with art instructor **Jennifer Martin: Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Children ages 6-10 will have rockin' good time painting rocks; make a pet rock or a paper weight, or whatever your heart desires. We will also have fun learning about the Cubist painting, *Guitar and Clarinet* by Juan Gris. Please register your child in advance for a spot.



**Knit Chicks:** Too hot to knit at home? Cool off in our meeting room and share your projects with your friends. Join us on two **Saturdays, July 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** Snacks will be provided.



**Summer Sundae Party for Teens!** Beat the summer heat on **Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM;** make a sundae on Monday with all of your favorite toppings. This is a **FREE** event for ages 13 and up, but you **must be registered** ahead of time so we can plan to have enough for everyone.



**Bach to Rock!** On **Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion,** meet ***Bach to Rock*,** a comprehensive music school for all genres and instruments, and for students ages 1-100. Please join us for a musical performance plus an ***instrument petting zoo*** where children will have a chance to explore various musical instruments up close. This is a program for families. Please register in advance.



**Family Finders:** Our genealogy group will meet on **Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 PM.** Let our expert sleuth **Cathy Frank** help you along the way as you search for your roots. She will show you how to begin, or help you if you are stumped. Please register in advance for a seat.



**Film Noir for Adults** on **Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 PM.** Join us for the 1951 drama, *A Place in the Sun*, based on the novel, *An American Tragedy* by Theodore Dreiser. It tells the story of a working-class young man who is entangled with two women, one who works in his uncle's factory and the other a beautiful socialite; starring Montgomery Clift, Elizabeth Taylor and Shelly Winters. This film has been selected for preservation by the Library of Congress National Film Registry as being "culturally, historically and aesthetically significant." Find out why! Please register in advance for a seat.



**Concert in the Round!** Join us on **Friday evening, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM** at the gazebo behind the Rush Library. We welcome *Val Fowler and Friends* for an acoustic/vocal guitar performance of traditional and contemporary music. Bring your own lawn chairs and a picnic dinner if you wish. Tell your friends and neighbors about this FREE concert!



**Genesee Country Village Moveable Museum: A Rush Bicentennial Event** for children in grades 3-12 on **Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion. In this inquiry-based program, our *Genesee Country Tinsmith* shows us some shiny wares and his tools. See how this technology was employed to solve specific problems and meet particular needs of the time. Learn how the Tinsmith's role in early American economies compares to that of the 21<sup>st</sup> century hardware store. There is no fee for this program, but we ask that you please register in advance. **Note: After the demonstration, children may make a tin ornament to bring home. Each ornament will cost \$3.00, payable that evening.**

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**Fossils Rock!** This craft class for children ages 5-10 will be held in the **William Udicious Pavilion on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30 PM.** Kids will be able to handle real fossils and then create a reproduction fossil pendant using various clay products. Be sure to register your child ahead of time for this fun and educational class.



**Dirt Sundaes on Thursday!** Join us **July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion,** rain or shine. Families who participate in our Summer Reading Program are invited to come and make a Dirt Sundae; we will provide ice cream and all of your favorite toppings! Be sure to register in advance so we have enough for everyone.



**Rush Readers' Book Club:** We will be taking a break in July. Read something great and tell us about it at our next gathering!

**Thank you to all of our Summer Reading Prize Sponsors. A full list will appear in the next newsletter!**

**~Library Staff**