

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

**Library Cards:** We are seeing more of the trend of patrons who want to check out their items without a library card in hand; perhaps it's lost, or simply left behind at home with other "reward cards" that can fill a wallet quickly. While we *can* and do look up patrons in the circulation system by name, please understand that it is time-consuming, inefficient, and can lead to mistakes due to human error. Having your card ready at checkout speeds up the process and reduces errors. It can also eliminate the possibility of **identity theft** (yes, it happens with library cards, if someone else finds your card and uses it!) Please remember to carry your card with you and present it at checkout- it makes our job faster and more accurate. Thanks!



**Attention Inventors:** Do you have an idea for a new invention? The **Chester F. Carlson Patent & Trademark Center** at the downtown Central Library can help you protect your idea. As a Patent & Trademark Depository Library, they are partners with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, and can offer (free of charge) the resources and specialized databases you would find in our nation's Capital. The Central Library's staff can help you navigate through the process, either one-on-one or in a group. For more information, call the Science & History Division at 428-8110.

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

**Display Case:** Calling all collectors! Do you have a stash of unusual items with a story to tell? Our display case is waiting for you to fill it! Give us a call to coordinate the display; we'd love to see it and share it with the community.

**Shut-in Service:** Don't forget that we will deliver books or movies to you if you are housebound, even just temporarily. If you cannot drive here due to illness or surgery, we'd be happy to help. Give us a call to make arrangements for home delivery.

**Research Databases:** As a member of the Monroe County Library System (MCLS) we subscribe to many databases that you can use for research, including Consumer Reports, HeritageQuest, Opposing Viewpoints, Global Road Warrior, and many more. Go to [www.libraryweb.org](http://www.libraryweb.org) and click on “Magazines & Databases” near the top right side of the page. Happy searching!

Looking forward to seeing you,  
Kirsten Flass

**Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for February and March 2017**

Submitted by Joan Celentano, Children’s and Adult Services Programmer

**February Events:**

**Tiny Tots Story Time:** For children ages 2 and up (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursday mornings, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 AM-Noon**. Each week is a different theme with stories geared to this age group. It’s a nice way to meet new parents with similar interests. No registration required.

**Take Your Child to the Library Day!** **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.** Come visit us and see what we have to offer you and your family. Our children’s room is full of *new* books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, and kids’ audiobooks, plus beloved classics. Children are invited to play with our huge array of puzzles, Legos, and games, or hone their skills on our child-friendly computers or “test drive” our car. Children 5 or older (accompanied by a parent or guardian) are eligible to get their own library card! Each child who comes in with a parent or guardian at any time on this day will receive a FREE book courtesy of Kohl’s Department Store. **Make your library visit a weekly habit in the New Year!**



**View Finders:** Our lively photography group meets on **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM** and on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 PM**. Bring **three** photographs on a flash drive or printed out to share, and you’ll receive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

**Lego Club:** for children ages 6-10 will resume on **Tuesdays, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM**. Come and build with some of our *new* **Lego kits!** Please register in advance. All Lego will be provided.

**Story Time with Erin:** **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM**. Children will be delighted to listen to these stories; *Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake* and *Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes*. Children will then decorate and eat a chocolate cupcake! Please register in advance by **February 9<sup>th</sup>**, so we know how many cupcakes to have ready.



**Knit Chicks:** Our fiber crafting club meets up on two Saturdays each month, **February 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** Come share your projects, and get inspiration too! New members are always welcome, coffee and snacks provided; no need to register in advance.

**Valentine's Day Crafts and Cookies!** For kids ages 5-10 on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:45 PM.** Children are invited to come and create Valentine's Day craft projects and decorate and eat a valentine cookie. Please register your child in advance.



**Medicare Program for Baby Boomers: Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 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**, Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor. Please register in advance.

**Children's Book Jeopardy!** Children in **grades 3-6** can stop in during school break week on **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 PM** to play. Can you answer these questions: *Don't let the Pigeon...., Where are there thousands of skeletons under Paris? ...and Which is the only Disney Princess who has brothers?* Join our game show hostess, Trisha Vanable for an afternoon of fun. Children will receive prizes for participating. Please register in advance.

**Aspiring Authors - Setting as a Character:** Join us on **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM.** "World-building" is an essential cornerstone of science fiction and fantasy. Think about Middle Earth, Westeros, and Downton Abbey; places in your stories require a complex web of characters and settings to drive the drama and establish theme. Whether "building a world" is intimidating, terrifying, or a seductive time-sink for you, our local author & speaker **James Martin** can help. Please register in advance, as space is very limited.



**Rush Reader's Book Club:** Join us on **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM.** We are collaborating once again with Writers & Books for *Rochester Reads*; this year the selection is *The Enchanted* by Rene Denfeld. "The narrator is locked inside an ancient prison, waiting for death. Guilt and innocence collide in this story of the beauty that can exist in the midst of despair, and of the human capacity to transcend even the most nightmarish reality." Join us for coffee, dessert and good conversation! Space is limited; please register in advance.

**Family Finders:** meets on **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 PM.** Looking for a new hobby? Join our genealogy guru, Cathy Frank, for ideas on how to get started. Coffee, tea, and a snack will be available; please call to register in advance.

### **March Events:**

**View Finders:** Photography group meets on **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM and on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9 PM.** Join Elena for a friendly critique of your photos in a relaxed atmosphere. Please bring three of your favorite prints on a flash drive or printed to share with the group. Refreshments will be served. Please register in advance.



**Bingo!** For kids ages 6-10 on **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Children may be accompanied by an adult if they need assistance. This is a FREE event and every child will receive a prize! Please register in advance.

**Story Time:** For children ages 2 and up (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursday mornings, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM- Noon.** Introduce your child to the wonders and fun of books! No registration required.



**Knit Chicks:** Will meet on **Saturdays, March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** Bring your projects, get inspiration and help from others who share your interest. Refreshments will be provided. No registration is required.

**St. Patrick's Day Crafts and Cookies:** For kids ages 5-10 on **Tuesday, March 14<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.



**Crafter's Corner for Adults:** Join us on **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** as we welcome back **Karen Burke** from *Stampin' Up!* In this session you will create beautiful one-of-a-kind birthday cards plus a gift card holder using specialty papers, fancy embellishments and rubber stamps. All materials will be provided. There is a \$5.00 fee for this class. Please register early as this class always fills up quickly.

**Beyond Susan B. Anthony:** Many people in the Rochester area are familiar with Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott in their fight for women's rights. But you can learn more about Susan B. and these remarkable women who led the way to the suffrage amendment with local speaker, **Jack Kowiak** on **Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM**. Coffee and dessert will be served.

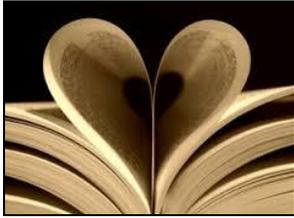
**Rush Readers' Book Club:** Join us on **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM**. This month's selection will be *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. "Hetty 'Handful' Grimke, a slave in early 19th century Charleston, yearns for a life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her. The Grimke's daughter, 11-year-old, Sarah, is given ownership of 10-year-old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. Journey with these two women over the next 35 years, to see how the choices they make shape each other's destinies." Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

**Ozobots! A New Program for Kids ages 6-10: Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Parents and children are invited to come see just what an Ozobot can do. Be a part of a new era in after-school programming; kids using Ozobots will be learning sequential thinking, logical reasoning and coding concepts. Space is limited; please register in advance for this exciting event.



**Estate Planning: Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** This 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 course 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**, Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor, and Attorney **George Gray** of Gray and Feldman LLP. Please register in advance.

**Aspiring Authors:** Come find support and advice from other writers in the community by joining author, Jackie Battisti on **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM**. Bring five double-spaced pages of your craft and a few copies to share; be prepared for kind & supportive feedback. All genres of writing are welcome, and honoring diversity and respect are of utmost importance. Please register in advance, as space is extremely limited.



**Family Finders:** will meet on **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-2:30 PM.** Join Cathy Frank on your search for your ancestors. She'll help you whether you're a beginner or simply stumped in your search. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. Please register in advance.

**We welcome your ideas for programs and your feedback.** Call or email the library director anytime: [kflass@libraryweb.org](mailto:kflass@libraryweb.org)