

Rush Library News

February & March, 2019

Submitted by:

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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 hibernate this winter! We have so many ways to remain active and productive: puzzles for loan, workout and yoga DVDs, hobby classes, local museum discount passes, our new Pronunciator database for learning foreign languages, book clubs, a new game night, and so much more. Stay involved in our community; we love to see you and welcome your ideas.

Rush Hometown Fest: Imagine an afternoon of picnicking alongside Honeoye Creek with great food, music, and arts. **Well, save the date- Saturday, June 1st from 1-5:00 PM!** The library is partnering with the Recreation Dept. to bring back something like the old Rush Hometown Days, and we are seeking community members or groups interested in helping to provide some fun in **Veteran's Park** that day. We are also seeking financial sponsorships to help offset some costs, particularly for the music. Please call Kirsten at the library (533-1370) if you want to assist in any way or to help sponsor the event.



Photo by Mark Goho

Lighted Magnifier:

Thanks to a donation by Rita & Tim McCarthy, we have a **lighted floor stand magnifier** for patron use. It is beside the newspaper rack and available for reading the news beside the fireplace, or at any other table for research, or for crafting in the meeting room.



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 expect further delays due to the government shut-down in January. I am not expecting any NYS forms this year. I called and requested some, but they have not been sent for the last five 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.

Just a reminder... items owned by the Rush library are never due on days that we are closed, such as Sundays and holidays, but if you have borrowed an item from another library branch, it could be due on a day that we are closed if they are open. **Please refer to your check-out receipt to confirm when your items are due.** You can also check your account and renew some items online at www.libraryweb.org or call us to renew by phone. Items placed in our book-drop before we open for the day are always backdated to the last day we were open.

Looking forward to seeing you...

Kirsten

Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library for February & March

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

February Events: register at www.RushLibrary.org

Home Alone Class: EPIC Training's educational class will be on **Saturday, February 2nd from 10:30-1:30 PM.** This 2-hour class is designed to teach children ages 7-12 the importance of behaving responsibly when home alone. Topics include: basic first aid, what to do when a stranger comes to the door, answering the phone, internet safety, and how to react during a variety of emergencies. There is a \$20.00 fee for each child, payable to the instructor that day. **Note: Epic requires a minimum of 5 participants** in order to hold this class; please register online via www.Rushlibrary.org, or call the library as soon as possible.



Game Night at Creekside Inn: We are partnering with Creekside Inn for a fun new monthly event on **the first Monday of each month; join us Monday, February 4th at 6:00 PM** for board games and card games supplied by the library, plus food & drink specials provided by Creekside Inn in the dining room. Come learn some new games, or reacquaint yourself with classics, and have fun with your friends and neighbors. Please register in advance, so we know how many to expect.



Lego Club: will resume on **Tuesdays, February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Boys and girls ages 4-10, come play with our Duplo and Lego kits and make new friends. All building blocks will be provided, just bring your imagination. Please register your child in advance for each of the sessions they would like to attend.



Drop-In Story Time: Thursdays, February 7th, 21st and 28th from 11:30 AM-Noon. Your little ones, ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) can experience a fun morning, making new friends and listening to engaging stories with a different theme each week, chosen especially for this age group. No prior registration is required.



Travelogue: Cape May, New Jersey on Thursday, February 7th from 2:00-3:30 PM. Cape May is a lovely seaside town; there are more Painted Ladies per square mile than in San Francisco. Add to that: lovely brick streets, miles of beaches, horse & carriage rides, and wildlife galore! Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Please register in advance for this afternoon “excursion.”



Great Backyard Bird Count! Meet June Summers from the Genesee Valley Audubon Society on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 PM. As a partner with the Cornell Ornithology Lab, Ms. Summers will explain how to do a quick “bird census” for the Great Backyard Bird Count that takes place February 15-18, 2019. If you love birds this is a class you won’t want to miss! Please register in advance or go to <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/> for more information.



Teen Night: DIY Valentines! Join us on Friday, February 8th at 5:30 PM to create valentines for the loved ones in your life. We will have vintage cards to personalize, related crafts, snacks and drinks. This is a FREE event for ages 13 and up. Please register online in advance.



Knit Chicks: Our diligent crafters meet twice per month to work on their projects on two **Saturdays: February 9th & 23rd from 10:30-noon.** Come join us, and share patterns and inspiration. No registration necessary; coffee and snacks provided.



Rush Art Group: Do you need a deadline and a bit of friendly inspiration to finish your art project? Meet up with local artists once a month for that little nudge. Bring your project and your art supplies to the **William Udicious Pavilion on Monday, February 11 from 6:30-8:30 PM** to work among a community of artists. This group is open to all artistic media and proficiencies. Please register online for a space at the table.



Knitting for Beginners: Are you new to knitting or need a refresher? Trisha Vanable will be happy to teach you the basic stitches *for free!* All materials will be provided by the instructor; just bring yourself. There will be several classes to choose from:

Wednesday, 2/13 from 3:30-5:00 PM

Wednesday, 2/13 from 5:00-6:30 PM

Monday, 2/18 from 1:30-3:00 PM

Monday, 2/18 from 3:30-5:00 PM

Class sizes will be very small; **choose up to 2 free classes per student** at the times that work for you. Please register online in advance.



Valentine's Day Story Time: A special story time for children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursday, February 14th from 11:30 AM- Noon.** Children will listen to Valentine's Day stories, make an easy craft project, and enjoy a treat! Please register your child in advance.



Constant Connection: Tech Addiction and How to Disconnect: Tired of seeing the screen glow on your child's face? This class is for children and teens ages 11 and up on **Thursday, February 21st from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, during February Recess.** Come meet Miranda Stefano (librarian, technologist, and bibliophile) who will teach kids the ways to add more balance to their lives with tips, tricks, and yes, even technology, that can help them to unplug! Please register your child in advance.



Family Finders will resume on **Thursday, February 21st from 1-2:30 PM.** Join Cathy Frank who will help you and your fellow sleuths to find your way to your long-lost ancestors! Please register in advance.

Family Finders



Crafter's Corner for Adults: Will be held on **Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 PM.** Joan Meyers will show you how to make a beautiful wire-wrap gemstone bracelet and a pair of matching earrings. If you own a pair of round nose or jewelry pliers, please bring them to class (we do have some to share.) Be sure to bring your reading glasses or a magnifier if you need them for close-up work. An example of this craft will be available at the library. There is a \$6.00 materials fee for this class, payable that evening. Please register in advance.

American Red Cross Pillowcase Project: A free class for children in grades 3-5 will be held on **Saturday, February 23rd from 11:00 AM-Noon in the William Udicious Pavilion.** The Pillowcase Project is a free, interactive preparedness program designed for youth ages 8 to 11. Students learn about the science of locally relevant hazards and how to best prepare for them. They practice what to do if a disaster occurs and how to cope with related fear and stress. Afterwards, they share the information and skills they have learned with their family and friends so everyone in the household knows what to do. All children will be given a Preparedness Workbook, a Disney-branded pillowcase and fabric markers to decorate their pillowcase. Please register your child in advance.



American
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Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection will be *American War* by *Omar El Akkad.* We are collaborating once again with Writers & Books for *Rochester Reads*, a community-wide reading event. "Sarat Chestnut is 6 years old in 2074 when the Second American Civil War breaks out. Fossil fuels have been outlawed, a plague has been unleashed and half of the coastal areas of the US are under water. Sarat and her family are placed in a camp and there she is befriended by a mysterious older man and turned into a weapon of war herself." Join us for discussion & dessert on **Thursday, February 28th or Thursday, March 7th from 7-9:00 PM.** **Space is limited; please register in advance online.**



March Events: register at www.RushLibrary.org

Game Night at Creekside Inn: Join your library friends for a fun evening of cards and board games at Creekside on Monday, March 4th with drink & food specials starting at 6:00 PM. Stay active and social this winter! Please register in advance online, or by calling the library, so we know how many to expect.



Knit Chicks: Our fiber artists meet twice per month to work on their projects on **two Saturdays: March 9th & 30th from 10:30-noon.** Come make new friends who share your enthusiasm for crafting. No registration necessary; coffee and snacks provided.



Rush Art Group: Will meet on **Monday, March 11th from 6:30-8:30 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion.** Bring in your current art project, whether it's painting, drawing, knitting, paper crafts, or any other UFO (unfinished object!) Please register in advance for a spot.



Kids' Book Club: A new program for children ages 5-8 on **Tuesdays, March 12th and 19th from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Children can read any book they choose (at their current reading level) and then come and share with their peers what their book was about, why they chose it, and why they liked or disliked it. This will be a very casual atmosphere with snacks. If your child is uncomfortable talking in a group, parents are encouraged to sit with them. Please register in advance.



St. Patrick's Day Story Time: will be held on **Thursday, March 14th** from **11:30 AM-Noon**. Children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) will listen to St. Patrick's Day stories, make an easy craft project and enjoy a treat! Please register your child in advance.



Beginning Computers and Internet: **Thursday, March 14th** from **1:00-2:30 PM**. Meet librarian, technologist and bibliophile Miranda Stefano, who will teach you the basic computer terms and functions, as well as introductory internet skills. This workshop is for those looking to understand browsers, search engines and search strategies. Bring in your laptop or iPad if you own one, but it's not necessary if you don't. You can register in advance by calling the library.



Craft and Cookie Night with Erin: Children ages 5-10 are invited to join her on **Friday, March 15th** from **6:30-7:30 PM**. Art students will make a clay bowl and then decorate it with buttons, sequins and glitter and enjoy a cookie snack. A sample of this craft will be on display for you to see beforehand. Please register in advance.

Button Bowl



Drop-In Story Time: for children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) will be held on **Thursdays, March 21st and 28th** from **11:30 AM-Noon**. Children in this age group are most impressionable and learn quickly from new experiences. Give your child a head start by coming to story time! No prior registration is required.

Story Time



at Rush Library

Family Finders: will be held on **Thursday, March 21st** from **1-2:30 PM** with Cathy Frank. Cathy will help you to reveal the secrets of successfully locating your family origins. Please register in advance for a seat.



Stampin' Up! With **Karen Burke** on **Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 PM**. In this class you will create four all-occasion cards using rubber stamps and coordinating accessories, featuring delicate laser cut overlays that let colors peek through. All materials and instruction will be provided. There is a \$5.00 materials fee payable the night of the class. Please register online in advance.



Rush Readers' Book Club: This month we are reading *The Muralist*, by B.A. Shapiro. "Shapiro once again pens the art world into vivid life. Set during World War II and the dawn of Abstract Expressionism, it an intriguing story masterfully imagined about art, war, family, truth, and freedom." We will enjoy discussion and dessert on **Thursday, March 28th and Thursday, April 4th**. Space is limited; please register online in advance.



Teen Night: DIY Spa Products: Join us at the library on **Friday, March 29th at 5:30 PM**. Skip the store-bought lip scrubs and face masks and learn how to make your own self-care products and take them home with you! There is a \$3.00 fee for this class. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend or two, but be sure to register yourself and your friends online in advance.



We welcome your feedback and suggestions. ~Rush Library Staff