

## **Rush Library News**

August & September 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,

**Construction News:** The Library Board of Trustees and Town Board both voted to approve what we are calling the **Lighted Sidewalk Awning Project**. **The plan is to provide an awning structure, lit from underneath with LED lighting, covering both sidewalks that lead from library to the two municipal parking lots.** In the last two years, I have planned, applied for, and received a NYS Construction Grant to pay for half of this project intended to improve our library entrance and patron experience.

The benefits of this covered walkway are as follows:

- It will protect our residents during poor weather as they walk the 125 feet from the lots to the library doors.
- It will protect our books and other materials from the rain & snow. (Books don't like rain either!)
- It will protect staff and materials while the book drop is being emptied twice per day and as books are delivered from other libraries.
- It will provide more lighting for safety and security purposes for staff and residents after dark.
- It will provide *entry identity* for library and town hall users, particularly those from out of town looking for the entrance at night.

My idea for this project stems from census data plus my observations of elderly patrons after their long walk from the parking lots; some find the distance challenging and express this to staff. **The reality is that nearly half of Rush householders in the 2010 census are over the age of 55. Data shows that between the years of 2000-2010 the population of Rush residents over 55 has increased by 43%, even though the overall population of Rush dropped by 3.5% during that time. (During that same decade, the under 55 population decreased by 16%.) We can say for a fact that Rush is tipping toward being a majority elderly population. (Data source: Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Atlas.)**

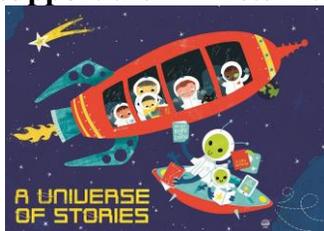
Funding for the awning project will come from Library Board funds (thanks to a large gift from **the estate of James P. Dunn** in 2014) as well as Bullet Aid grants from Senator Funke, and the matching NYS Library Construction Grant that I mentioned above. **No local Rush tax funds (apart from State tax funds from the grant) will be used in this project.**

In my opinion it's a good use of donations and grants that will benefit so many in our community. I promise to strive to match the beauty and dignity of the current Town Hall building as it exists today, and to maintain ADA compliance.

Fabrication and installation will take 4-6 weeks. During installation the sidewalk and/or library entrance may be closed for safety reasons; the court entrance and front door to the town hall will be available and I will post signs to help you find the library. Our web site (RushLibrary.org) will have updates as we progress.

Stay tuned for a ribbon-cutting ceremony when the project is completed! Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

**Summer Reading Program:** We are having so much fun this summer encouraging our young friends to keep reading for pleasure during school vacation. **THANK YOU SO MUCH to the following sponsors for making our program exciting:** Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club, Colby's Ice Cream, Rush 7-Eleven, Dipper Dan's Ice Cream, Minnehan's Fun Center, Kohl's Department Store, Genesee Country Village & Museum, Seneca Park Zoo, The Strong Museum, Rochester Museum & Science Center, and Altitude Trampoline Park. Please support them in return!



**Holiday Closings:** We will be closed *Labor Day Weekend: Saturday, August 31-Monday, September 2*. We are open all the rest of the Saturdays this summer.

Remember, Rush Library items are never due on a day we are scheduled to be closed, but you may have items from other libraries due on a day we are closed if they are open. Check your receipt or online account to verify all of your due dates.

Looking forward to seeing you...  
Kirsten

### **Upcoming Events at the Rush Library for August and September 2019**

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

#### **August Events:**

**Rush Reading Rabbits:** Meet our fun new reading partners for kids: four plush rabbits named **Cynthia, Ezra, Rosemary, and Maurice**. These sweet friends are named after beloved children's authors; they love to travel and to listen to stories. Beginning **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, they can each be checked out along with their favorite blanket and some beginner books in a special backpack, and they're eager to share a travel adventure with you during vacation. Be sure to take your photo with them and post it on our Facebook or Instagram pages with the hashtag **#RushLibraryRabbits** so we can see what fun adventures they're on. Come visit them in the children's room! (A special thanks to Lisa Schnurr who crocheted their unique blankets!)



**Reading Buddy:** Is your child a reluctant reader, or just learning how to read? If so, come and meet **Ally**, a certified therapy dog on **Thursdays, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30 PM**. Ally has gone to school weekly for the past 3 1/2 years to train as a reading buddy. Welcome her

to the Rush Library and read a book of your choice to her. Please register your child in advance for a spot!



**Knit Chicks:** Come stitch up fun and share the projects you've completed **on two Saturdays per month, August 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** from **10:30 AM-noon** (note the date change due to our Labor Day weekend closing.) Stay cool with your fiber arts in our air-conditioned meeting room; refreshments provided, no registration necessary.



**Art Class for Kids** ages 4 and up on **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 PM**. Kids are invited to color a giant space poster for themselves using markers or crayons, and they will also be able to help decorate a large cardboard Rocket Ship Playhouse that will be used in the library! Please register your child in advance.



**Watercolor Class for Adults:** Join us on **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion. You will paint along with instructor, **Susan Micciche**, and return home with your own matted masterpiece. We will paint an easy summer flower composition. No experience is needed. We require a minimum of at least 6 patrons to hold this class. There is a \$10.00 materials fee, payable to the instructor on the night of the class. Please register in advance.



**Learn to Crochet:** **Two Wednesdays, August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 PM**. Join Rush resident, Michele Ayers, who will teach you the basic stitches **for free** or help you if you need assistance to complete a project. *Each student will need to bring in a size K crochet hook and worsted weight craft yarn.* Class size is limited, please register in advance.



**Art Class for Teens and Adults** on **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 PM**. Come and color or paint a beautiful portrait of the Town of Rush, created by local artist, **Nell Rorick**. All materials will be included, and refreshments will be served. Please register in advance.



**Outsmart the Scammers!** **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 PM**. Incidents of fraud are on the rise, and scammers' tactics are becoming more complex. Join us for this presentation and learn what strategies you can use to protect yourself and your loved ones. Facilitated by **Leann Hill**, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. Register in advance for a seat at this FREE seminar.



**Movie Matinee:** **Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00 PM**. Beat the heat and enjoy a FREE movie and refreshments on our big-screen TV! Join us for the remake of Disney's *Mary Poppins Returns*; the magic continues as Mary Poppins helps the Banks family remember how it was to be a child. Emily Blunt and Lin-Manuel Miranda celebrate "Pure magic in the most delightful way!" Please register yourself and your child in advance. Rated PG.



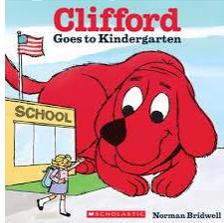
**Teen Craft: Sharpie Tie Dye T-shirt:** Teens (ages 13 & up) can create a fab T-shirt on **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM**. Learn how to create cool designs on fabric with different colors of Sharpies, using fun patterns and rubbing alcohol. All materials will be supplied by the library. Tell a friend and register in advance. Please call the library and let us know what size shirt you'd like.



**Bingo!** **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:00 PM** This event is for children ages 4 and up and a caregiver. This is a FREE event and all children will receive a prize. Please register your child in advance.



**Kindergarten Story Time** for those entering kindergarten this fall on **Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM- Noon**. Kids and a caregiver are invited to hear fun adventures about children starting school for the very first time. Each child who registers in advance will receive a FREE copy of the book, *Clifford Goes to Kindergarten*, courtesy of Kohl's Department Store. Please register your children in advance.



**New! Tween Book Club:** We'll be reading *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman. "After a prank, Donovan Curtis is accidentally sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction (ASD), a special program for gifted students. He doesn't belong, but can he show them that his gifts might be exactly what the ASD students never knew they needed?" **Kids ages 10-13**, come discuss this funny and insightful book along with a supper of **Montesano's famous pizza**. **We meet from 5:30-6:30 on the last Thursday of the month, August 29<sup>th</sup>**. We have copies available at the library for you to check out. Please register online so we know how much pizza to order!



**Rush Readers' Book Club:** We will be taking a break during August.

### **September:**

**Let's Build It!** A program for young engineers (ages 4 -10) using Lego, Duplo Blocks, and our Magna Tiles. Join us on **Tuesdays, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30 PM**. All building supplies will be provided. Please register in advance.



**Drop-In Story Time:** will resume on **Thursdays, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-Noon**. This is for children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) and is a nice opportunity for children whose older siblings are off to school for the first time, or for parents to meet others with young children. No prior registration is required.



**Make the Most of Your Business:** Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00- 8:30 PM. As a business owner you probably have your hands full minding day-to-day activities; but consider making a plan to see this free seminar: *The Entrepreneurial Equation*. It will help you to save time, attract and retain customers, network with others, and preserve your business for yourself and your heirs. This is facilitated by **Leann Hill**, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. Please register in advance for a seat.



**Knit Chicks:** Our warm & welcoming knitting community meets twice a month **on Saturdays, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** from **10:30 AM-noon** in the meeting room. Time to stitch up fall weather accessories! Refreshments provided, no registration necessary



**Watercolor Class:** Join instructor, **Susan Micciche**, on **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** from **7:00-8:30 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion. In this class you will paint along with the instructor and return home with 3 watercolor cards and envelopes. Three different techniques (one for each card) will be used. Cards can be framed or used as gifts. No prior experience required. There will be a \$10.00 materials fee payable that evening to the instructor. Space is limited, please register in advance.



**Movie Matinee for Adults:** Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. This month's feature movie will be *Stan and Ollie* starring John C. Reilly and Steve Coogan. It's a gentle, sweet story of two of cinema's most legendary comics... a warm hug of a movie with superb spot-on performances, big laughs, and touching moments. Please register in advance for a seat. Refreshments will be served. Tell a friend!

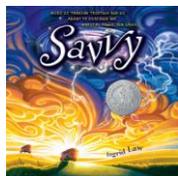


**Crafter's Corner for Adults:** Join us on **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 PM**. Come craft with **Joan Meyers** and make a color-coordinated set of greeting cards and an adorable clutch to

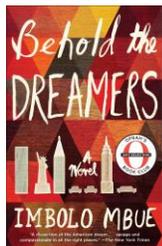
keep them protected and organized. Choose from a selection of beautiful papers to create this project. There is a \$6.00 materials fee for this class payable to the instructor on the night of the class. Please bring in a tape measure if you have one. A sample of this craft will be on display in the library. Space is limited, register in advance.



**Tween Book Club:** This month we're reading *Savvy* by Ingrid Law. "Thirteen is when a Beaumont's **savvy** hits—and with one brother who causes hurricanes and another who creates electricity, Mibs Beaumont is eager to see what she gets. But just before the big day, Poppa is in a terrible accident. And now all Mibs wants is a savvy that will save him." Kids ages 10-13, come discuss this extraordinary adventure along with a supper of **Montesano's pizza**. **We meet from 5:30-6:30 on the last Thursday of the month, September 26th.** We have copies available at the library for you to check out. Please register online so we know how much pizza to order!



**Rush Readers' Book Club:** This month's selection will be *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. "A beautiful book about one African couple starting a new life in a new land... it will teach you as much about the promise and pitfalls of life in the United States as about the immigrants who come here in search of the so-called American dream." Join us on either **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> or October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM.** Please register online for the date that works for you. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served.



We welcome the opportunity 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 have so that we can accommodate you or your child. Call us at (585) 533-1370 at least two weeks in advance of the event to discuss accommodations.

We have been serving our community for more than 100 years, and we always welcome your feedback and ideas!