Dear Neighbors,

Don’t hibernate this winter! We have so many ways for you to remain active and productive: workout and yoga DVDs, hobby classes, local museum discount passes, our Pronunciator database for learning foreign languages, multiple book clubs, Creekside Game Night, and so much more. Stay involved in our community and keep your brain sharp; we love to see you and welcome your ideas.

**Tech Tutor:** Do technology questions leave you baffled? If so, we can connect you with our volunteer Tech Tutor, **Tim McCarthy** who can assist you with questions about: hardware, software applications and updates, training on Microsoft Office, digital imaging and editing, email accounts, the internet, and more. Our web site has the form you need to fill out under *Quick Links* or stop at the library for a form. All tutoring takes place at the library.

**Genealogy Tutor:** **Cathy Frank** now offers individualized help by appointment for your ancestry searches. Our web site has the form you need to fill out under *Quick Links* or stop at the library for a form. All tutoring takes place at the library at a time that’s mutually agreeable.

**Puzzles for Loan:** We have hundreds of puzzles that you can check out with your library card and work on this winter at home. They range from 300 pieces-2,000 pieces, with all kinds of scenes to choose from. You can keep them as long as you need to finish them; even if they go overdue, no late fee will be assessed as long as you bring it back.

**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. I called and requested some, but they have not been sent for the last six years. You can download NYS forms at [http://www.tax.ny.gov/](http://www.tax.ny.gov/) and Federal forms at [https://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs](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](http://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


**Library Game Night**: Join us for neighborly fun at Creekside Inn on Monday, February 3rd at 6:00 PM. We’ll have pub food & drink specials and lively board games & card games as we persevere through winter. Please register in advance so we know how many to expect.

**Healthy in 2020**: Presented by Debbie Waidl/Functional Health Coach on Tuesday, February 4th from 7-8:00 PM. By looking at the foods you eat, your perception of stress, how much quality sleep you get each night, if you practice safe movement daily, what you do you do for FUN and more. Debbie supports you in determining your wellness goals and how to follow through with steps that will start you on the right path to feeling YOU again! Seating is limited, register in advance.

**Learn to Crochet**: Two Wednesdays, February 5th and 12th 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.

**Crafter’s Corner for Adults**: On Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 PM, come learn to make Swedish Woven Heart Baskets for Valentines Day. These are darling little packages that can hold a love note or a few chocolates. You can make several of them from paper or felt; all materials will be provided for a $5.00 fee, payable that night. Space is limited, please register in advance.

**Tiny Tots Story Time**: Thursdays, February 6th, 20th and 27th from 11:30 AM-Noon. This class is for children ages 2-5, accompanied by a caregiver. Children will engage in fun stories and fingerplays with a different theme each week. Children who attend this type of program are
learning the skills that they will use in any type of group situation. This is a nice opportunity to meet with other parents in your area. Prior registration is not required.

**Health Insurance Solutions for Seniors:** Thursday, February 6th from 2-3:00 PM and facilitated by **Luis Morales** of Coordinated Care Services Inc. Did you know you can apply anytime for Child Health Plus, Medicaid, Medicaid Buy-In for people working with disabilities, The Essential Plan, and more? Mr. Morales will be able to assist you with the application process for any of these programs. This is a FREE service. Space is limited, please register in advance online or by calling the library. For more information go to: [www.CCSI.org/Navigators](http://www.CCSI.org/Navigators)

**Chess Club:** Resumes on Fridays; February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 1:00-2:30 PM. Become part of the active and growing Chess community. Whether you’ve always wanted to learn or just want to hone your skills, this is the club for you. Facilitated by **Frances Rapport**, member of the Rochester Chess Center. Please register in advance.

**Knit Chicks:** Our fiber crafters will meet on Saturdays, February 8th and 29th at 10:30 AM to share projects and inspiration; won’t you join them? Coffee and snacks provided; no need to register, just drop in!

**Social Security Class for Baby Boomers:** will be held on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 PM. You will learn what Social Security is, how to enroll, what a survivor benefit is, how payout is calculated, and how to determine what is right for each individual. This educational program will be facilitated by **Patrick Kelly**, Financial Advisor at Swiss Bank. Please register in advance online or by calling the library.

**Valentine’s Day Story Time:** A special story time for children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on Thursday, February 13th 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.
Census 2020: What You Need to Know: Thursday, February 13th from 2-3:00 PM.
Presented by Susan M. Perry, Partnership Specialist with the New York Regional Census Center. This presentation will discuss the 2020 Census and how a complete and accurate count of the population will benefit your community. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, by phone, or with a Census Taker. Q & A will follow the presentation. Seating is limited, please register in advance.

CBD 101: The Power of the Plant: Presented by Debbie Waidl, Functional Health Coach on Saturday, February 15th from 11:00 AM-Noon. With the current trend of moving toward more natural products, CBD tops the list! If you are living with chronic pain or seeking natural stress relief, learn how CBD might be a beneficial part of your health plan to restore the balance within your body. Q&A period will follow the presentation. Seating is limited, please register in advance.

Afternoon Book Talks: Visit our new book group on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. By patron request, members will meet to chat about any book they have read that they’d like to discuss and recommend to others. It will be a fun way to get reading suggestions and make new friends. Join us at the library from 2-3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 19th. Coffee and snacks will be served, please register in advance.

Vintage Video Games for Teens: Wednesday, February 19th from 6-7:30 PM during school break week. Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to try out a selection of classic video game console systems. There will be age-appropriate computer, board, and card games for everyone to play. Refreshments will be served. Please register in advance.

Therapy Dog Reading Buddy: Is your child a reluctant reader, or a new reader who needs practice? If so, come and meet Ally, a certified therapy dog on Thursday, February 20th from
1:00-2:00 PM during school break week. Ally has gone to school weekly for the past 3 1/2 years to train as a reading buddy. Children will spend some time reading a book of their choice to her; she’s such a sweet pup and a good listener! Please register your child in advance for a spot.

Classic Movie Matinee: Thursday, February 20th from 2:30-4:30 PM. This month’s feature film will be Laura starring Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews and Clifton Webb. This classic mystery/romance film from 1944 tells the tale of a detective who falls in love with a portrait of a murder victim whose death he is investigating. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

Tween Glove Monsters: Join us Friday, February 21st from 2:30-4:00 PM during school break week. Have a knit glove missing its mate? Bring it and turn it into a Glove Monster with a few simple sewing tricks. We will supply extra gloves and all the materials to make 2 monsters. This event is for kids who are 9-12 years old, and space is limited; please register your child in advance.

Watercolor Class: Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 PM. Paint along with Art Instructor Susan Micciche. In the class you will create a winter sunrise landscape. All materials including canvas and instruction are included. There is a $12.00 fee for this class payable on the night of the event. Please register in advance. Meet in the William Udicious Pavilion.

Tween BookVenture Club: Kids ages 9-12 will read a book of their choice and be prepared to bring it along and do a book talk for the group on Thursday, February 27th from 5:30-6:30 PM. This is a fun opportunity to practice public speaking, recommend a book to others, and
enjoy Montesano’s pizza and dessert. Please register in advance so we know how much pizza to order!

Rush Readers’ Book Club: This month’s selection will be *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. Lucy Barton is slowly recovering from what should have been a simple operation, when her mother, whom she hasn’t spoken to in many years, comes to visit her. Just below the tension of trying to reconnect her troubled past is the brilliant storytelling voice of Lucy herself: “keenly observant, deeply human, and truly unforgettable”. Join us on Thursday, February 27th or Thursday, March 5th from 7-9:00 PM. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.


Library Game Night at Creekside Inn returns on Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM. Join your neighbors for friendly card games and board games while enjoying dinner & drink specials. If you have a favorite game to share, bring it and teach it! Help build a vibrant and fun community. Please register in advance online, so we know how many to expect.

Tiny Tots Story Time will be held on Thursdays, March 5th, 19th and 26th from 11:30 AM-Noon. Children ages 2-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) are invited to the library to listen to engaging stories with a different theme each week. This is a nice opportunity for you and your child to make some new friends. No prior registration is required…just drop in!

Chess Club: Meets on Fridays, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th from 1:00-2:30 PM. Frances Rapport, member of the Rochester Chess Club, will guide you through the complexities of this timeless game. It is beneficial for you to attend most classes so you can continue to learn as you play. Please register in advance for a seat.

Medicare Program for Baby Boomers: Tuesday, March 10th 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, Financial Advisor at Swiss Bank. Please register in advance.
Learn to Crochet: Wednesdays, March 11th and 18th from 2-3:30 PM. Learn how to begin a simple project with instructor Michelle Ayers. It is beneficial to attend both classes in order to complete what you started. Please bring with you to class a Size K Crochet Hook and Worsted Weight Yarn. Space is limited. Please register in advance online or by calling the library.

St. Patrick’s Day Story Time: will be held on Thursday, March 12th 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.

Crafter’s Corner for Adults: Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 PM. Create a Springtime Journal to record your thoughts and garden plans. You will learn how to craft a hand-bound journal using fancy papers, embellishments and ephemera. All instruction and materials will be provided by instructor; Heather Iannone. There will be a $10.00 materials fee for this class, payable the night of the class. A sample of this craft will be on display in the library. Please register in advance.

Knit Chicks: We welcome all fiber artists to join us at our meet-up on two Saturdays each month, March 14th & 28th at 10:30 AM in the meeting room. Bring your latest project and work in the company of a warm, welcoming community of knitters and crocheters. Coffee and snacks are provided, just drop in.

Afternoon Book Talks: Visit our new book group on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. By patron request, members will meet to chat about any book they have read that they’d like to discuss and recommend to others. It will be a fun way to get reading suggestions and make new friends. Join us at the library from 1-2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18th (please note the earlier start time this month.) Coffee and snacks will be served, please register in advance.
**Classic Movie Matinee:** Thursday, March 19th from 2-4:00 PM. This month’s feature will be the noir film *Double Indemnity*, nominated for 7 Academy Awards in 1944. Insurance salesman, Walter Neff (Fred MacMurray) gets roped into a murderous scheme when he falls for the seductive Phyllis Dietrichson (Barbara Stanwyck), who is intent on killing her husband in order to benefit from his life insurance policy. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance for a seat.

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**Teen March Madness: Junk Food!** Friday, March 20th from 6-7:30 PM. Which is the best: salty or sweet snack food? Teens in grade 6-12 will use a March Madness-themed bracket contest in order to sample and judge favorites until we reach a final winner! Grab a friend and get ready to challenge your taste buds. Please register in advance.

**Watercolor Class:** with art instructor Susan Micciche on Wednesday, March 25th from 7-8:30 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion. You will create watercolor picture on a 6x6 canvas, painting independently or following along with the instructor using textural techniques. You’ll also learn about Rochester Contemporary (RoCo) Art Center’s 6x6 exhibition which brings together thousands of original art works donated by celebrities, international & local artists, youth, and possibly you! (Entering the RoCo exhibition fundraiser is free if you choose to participate. Come and learn all the details at this class.) Space is limited and you must register in advance. There is a $12.00 materials fee, payable on the night of the class.

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Rush Readers’ Book Club: This month’s selection will be *Magpie Murders*, a mystery novel that topped many “Best Of” lists in 2017, written by Anthony Horowitz. “This fiendishly brilliant, riveting thriller weaves a classic whodunit worthy of Agatha Christie into a chilling, ingeniously original modern-day mystery.” Please join us for coffee, dessert and great discussion on **two Thursdays, March 26th or April 2nd, from 7-9:00 PM**. Choose the date that works for you, but please register in advance, as space is limited.

*At the Rush Library 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. Please 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!