From the Director's Desk:

I invite you to join us at The Rockville Public Library for our upcoming fundraisers — both held before the end of this year. A description of each of these events is given below. Our fundraisers allow us to offer a variety of library materials and programs to our patrons to promote lifelong learning in Vernon. I hope to see you there, and thank you for your continued support.

Donna Enman
Library Director

ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL PRESENT A COMMUNITY TREE FESTIVAL

The library will be displaying small artificial trees decorated by local community organizations during the month of December. Trees can be bid on by the public from December 5 to December 19. Our Tree Festival will begin with an open-house reception on December 5, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Completed applications should be returned to the library between November 30 to December 4.

For more information, contact Sharon Redfern, Head of Fund Development, at 860-875-5892 x113.

ROCKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SCRABBLE® CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

The Rockville Public Library (RPL) is seeking teams for the 1st Annual Scrabble® Challenge fundraiser to be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The proceeds will fund library programs to promote lifelong learning in Vernon. Opened in 1904, Rockville Public Library provides free public library services, and is funded by an endowment, gifts and donations, and a partnership with the Town of Vernon.

The fundraiser will be held in the historic Reading Room at the Library, 52 Union Street, Vernon, CT. The fee, which includes refreshments, is $120 per team or $30 per individual. Players can sign up as a team or as individuals, and be matched with a team if desired. Players may buy a peek at a word list, get help from an expert, or purchase a blank tile.

All registrations with payment are due by November 14. The event is limited to the first 20 teams to sign up. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

The Architects, Santini Homes, Clay Furniture Industries, L. Bissell & Son Insurance, People’s United Bank, CNC Software, Tom & Susan Mason, and the Summers Family are sponsors for the event. RPL welcomes additional sponsors or corporate teams to participate in this year’s challenge.

For complete details and registration forms, visit rockvillepubliclibrary.org or call Sharon Redfern, Head of Fund Development at 860-875-5892 x113.
I can’t believe we are approaching the end of the year—and what a year it has been! The Children’s Department had a very successful summer with their Summer Reading Program and the many events they offered to our young patrons, ranging from a Nature Program to Airborne Jugglers to a Karate Workshop...and more!

In the Adult Department we ran our summer movie series once again—which has always been a big hit. We also hosted an ex-Hartford Police Officer who spoke about his 20-year career on the force in the Capital city. We welcomed a staff member from the Genealogy Library in Middletown, CT as she presented an extensive two-part program on researching your family history, and we also started an Adult Coloring Club once a month on Monday evenings. However, this has been so successful that these sessions will now be scheduled every other Monday.

I am really looking forward to 2016. We will continue to plan a variety of programs that will both educate and provide enjoyment—and they are free! Check out our website at rockvillepubliclibrary.org and keep an eye out in the newspaper to see what’s coming up. Suggestions for new program ideas are always welcome.

Karen Perna
Editor
Head of Circulation & Technology
RPL’s Services for the Homebound Program

Our Homebound Program provides free delivery of books and books on CD to patrons who cannot leave their homes to come to the library.

Patrons interested in receiving homebound services can contact the Library at 860-875-5892 x100, and leave a message with the Circulation Desk staff for the Program Coordinator. The Coordinator will return the call and gather some information about the patron’s location and reading preferences. This program is managed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library.

Once a request is made, a volunteer member will be contacted to set up a time convenient for both the patron and the driver. When ready to return the materials, the patron will call the library and leave a message for the Program Coordinator. In addition to people who cannot leave their homes, the service is also available to those who are temporarily confined due to medical conditions. Feel free to call the library for further details regarding this program.

IT’S COOKIE TIME!

The Friends of Rockville Library’s annual holiday cookie sale will be held on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00-1:00 at the library in the Edith Peck Room. Cookies may also be picked up on Friday, December 11th, at the same location from 2:00-3:00. Each platter contains 2 lbs. of assorted homemade cookies and will sell for $13.00.

The platters can be ordered by calling the library’s main desk at 860-875-5892 x100. Proceeds from the sale provide funding for museum passes for library patrons, as well as support the library and community with additional needs. If you haven’t baked before and would like to bake this year, please call the Adult Circulation Desk at 860-875-5892 x100.

News From the Children’s Department

Our summer reading program “Every Hero Has a Story” was very successful. A total of 369 children participated and read 9,765 books. The program ran from June 17 through August 14 during which time we presented approximately 50 programs. Some of our more popular programs included: a magic show, Chinese acrobat, Airborne Jugglers, puppet show, science show entitled, “Super Cold Science,” a llama’s visit, and reptiles and amphibians, as well as craft workshops, story hours, dance workshops, LEGO club and nature programs.

The Children’s Department would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their generous donation which allowed us to update one of our computers. A special thank you to Shirley Davidson of Roscoe, Illinois for her generous contributions to the Children’s Department for the last fifteen years. These contributions were made in memory of her friend, Connie Kelly, a reading teacher in Vernon, who passed away in 1999. Thanks to Shirley’s donations, we have increased our selection of easy reader books.

Our upcoming monthly programs will include story hour on the first three Wednesdays of the month, LEGO Club on the second Saturday, and craft on the third Wednesday. We will also be having a special “Trim the Tree” story hour in December.

Shahla Zarinejad
Head of Children’s Services

During the months of November and December, Rockville Public Library will be accepting food for fines. Non-perishable food items will be accepted for donation to the Hockanum Valley Community Council (HVCC) to help replenish their food pantry for the holidays.

When you bring in your food items to the Circulation Desk, we will remove fines on your library card starting with the smallest fine first. A food item must be brought for each overdue item, and must have an expiration date no earlier than February 2016. The fine waiver will not be applied to late fees for museum passes or towards the cost of lost or damaged items.
Have You Visited our BOOK NOOK?

Did you know that Rockville Public Library has a Book Nook? We do! It's located right off the main hallway as you enter towards the Adult Circulation Desk.

The Book Nook is comprised of hardcover books, paperbacks, fiction, non-fiction, DVDs, CD's and audiobooks. The price for these items is either $.50 or $1.00. What a bargain! The items stocked on these shelves are generous donations from our patrons. However, if you would like to donate your items to the library, certain rules will apply.

We limit the amount of your donation to one bag or box of gently used items at a time. We do not accept Reader's Digest, Encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines or VHS tapes. Our staff will peruse all materials before acceptance. As always, we appreciate your generosity!

Are you looking for answers to your medical questions?

If you are a Connecticut resident, the answers to your medical questions are just a phone call or mouse click away. Healthnet is the Connecticut Consumer Health Information Network, located at the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library at the UConn Health Center. To get answers to your medical questions, you can call Healthnet at 860-679-4055. Experienced medical information professionals will research a medical topic for you and provide you with a free customized packet of information based on your specific needs. They will mail the information to your home or you may pick it up at the UConn Health Center library. The resources they use to answer your questions include medical textbooks, medical journals, computer databases, and the Internet. Healthnet staff is available from 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you want to do your own research, iconn.org offers access to up-to-date medical databases, such as Medline Plus and PubMed. At Rockville Public Library, you can find basic medical reference books to use on the premises, as well as books you can borrow about specific medical conditions. If you plan to use the Health Center Library, you might want to do so when a professional Information Services librarian is available to assist you.