

events at PCL
FEBRUARY
2025

Mon—Thurs: 9am-8pm | Fri: 9am-6pm | Sat: 10am-5pm | Sun: 12-5pm

ALL AGES EVENTS

ESL for the Family!

Saturdays, February 8, 15, 22, March 1, 22, 29, April 5, & 12 | 10:30am-12:00pm | Fletcher Steele Room & Children's Room

This class is open to all adults, with English learning activities and games offered for children and teens. Kids ages 3 and up will work with Nazareth University Partners Program students in the Children's Room. Adults will work with a Literacy Rochester teacher. [Registration is required and is for all dates.](#)

Cozy Puzzling

Saturday, February 15 | 11:30am-1:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

All are invited for snacks and puzzling! Puzzles for kids and adults will be available.

All Ages Bingo!

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Round up your family and friends for a fun evening of Bingo. For all ages.

ADULT EVENTS

Tina Turner Knits: Lydian Cowl

Saturdays, February 1, 8, & 22 | 10:15am-12:15pm | Learning Center

Find this month's pattern, "Lydian" by Dee O'Keefe, on Ravelry. Please bring all supplies. [Registration required.](#)

The Tuskegee Airmen: Keeping an MIA Redtail Pilot's Story Flying

Saturday, February 1 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

On April 21, 1945, Tuskegee Airman Leland "Sticky" Pennington took off on a flight in his P-51 Mustang *Lucy Gal*, but en route the Rochester pilot went missing in action and has never been found. His story will be shared by pilot and flight instructor Austin Hancock, museum specialist for the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo.

Shirley Chisholm: Breaking Barriers in Politics

Monday, February 3 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Shirley Chisholm was the first woman of color to be elected to the House of Representatives. Chisholm fought for women's issues, was a founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, and in 1972 became both the first Black person to run for President and the first woman to run for President on the Democratic ticket. Presented by Mark Sample, professor of history at MCC.

Knitting for Charity

Tues. & Thurs., February 4 & 20 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Fletcher Steele Room

This group creates items for charity organizations. Bring needles and yarn.

ESL with Literacy Rochester

Tues. & Thurs., starting February 4 | 12:30-2:00pm | Learning Center

This class is for adults to improve their English listening and speaking skills.

Great Decisions

Tuesdays, February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20

6:30-8:00pm | Fletcher Steele Room

This group centers on discussion of foreign policy. Registrants read from the briefing book before each meeting then view and discuss a short documentary during each session. Topics are: American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads; U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy; U.S.-China Relations; India: Between China, the West, and the Global South; International Cooperation on Climate Change; The Future of NATO and European Security; AI and American National Security; and American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead. [Registration is required and is for all dates. Books will be at the Check Out Desk for registrants and must be picked up by Sunday, February 2.](#)

O Pen: Poetry Over Lunch

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 | 12:00-1:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Read and discuss provided contemporary poems.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, February 7 | 10:00am-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Donate blood to help save lives. Make an appointment through the Red Cross.

Where to Begin? Meeting the Challenge of Plastic in our Lives

Sunday, February 9 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Inspired by the film *We're All Plastic People Now*, a panel discusses the health effects of plastic pollution, plastic recyclability, alternative non-plastic options, and more. Panelists include: Jane van Dis, Asst. Prof. of OBGyn at UR Medicine; Jackie Ebner, sustainability educator and consultant with Resource Recycling Systems; and Robert Putney, CEO of Impact Earth. A link to the film will be sent to registrants. [Registration required.](#)

Clean Energy Tax Credits

Tuesday, February 11 | 10:00-11:00am | Learning Center

Learn about changes to home improvement and residential clean energy tax credits available since the implementation of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. Presented by an IRS representative. [Registration required.](#)

Trivia Night!

Tuesday, February 11 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Compete solo or with a team to be crowned champion(s) of trivia! Win or lose, everyone will have a fun evening. Hosted by adult services librarian Jim. [Registration required.](#)

Scrap Happy Scrapbookers

Wednesday, February 12 | 4:00-6:00pm | Learning Center

Practice skills, discuss techniques, and learn from fellow scrapbookers.

Book Covers We Love

Wednesday, February 12 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Join us for a talk by Stephen Brayda, art director for the HarperOne Group of HarperCollins Publishers, to gain insight into how designers work and how the covers that draw your eye and earn your reading time come to be.

Alzheimer's Association Presents: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Thursday, February 13 | 1:00-2:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

This workshop helps caregivers recognize common signs of the disease and identify next steps to take, including how to talk to their doctor.

Senior Rummy 500

Friday, February 14 | 3:00-5:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Come and play Rummy! Open to experienced players as well as beginners.

Celebrating Black History in Rochester
Monday, February 17 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Known as the adopted hometown of Frederick Douglass, Rochester has been on the forefront of abolition, civil rights, and advancements in prosperity for all. While there are many instances of positivity for Black heritage and culture in the Flour City, there were also times we didn't get it right. Presented by Matt Rogers of The Lost Borough.

Crafternoon: Polymer Clay Picture Frame
Friday, February 21 | 12:30-2:00pm | Learning Center

Librarian Robyn will demonstrate how to make a small picture frame with polymer clay and acrylic paint! Supplies provided. [Registration required.](#)

PIRI's Community Circle
Friday, February 21 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Partners in Restorative Initiatives (PIRI) brings people together to share their stories. PIRI hosts community circles to create space for intentional conversations and authentic connection, based on the shared agreements and values of those present. A community circle is a safe place where all are welcome, and all voices are honored and heard.

Exercises for Seniors to Boost Energy with Robyn Brent
Friday, February 21 | 3:30-4:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Hear practical tips to increase your energy levels and enhance your well-being. This class will help you combat fatigue, improve sleep quality, and boost your mood.

The Fire This Time: James Baldwin and Lessons for This Age
Saturday, February 22 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Dr. Jeffrey Q. McCune, Jr., the founding chair of the Department of Black Studies and Frederick Douglass Professor of African American Literature and Culture at the University of Rochester, takes a closer look at James Baldwin's 1963 book *The Fire Next Time*. Dr. McCune will discuss some of the key passages in Baldwin's text, offering a discussion of, and elaboration on, some of the most critical ideas shared in this work.

Fabulous Films @ the Library
Monday, February 24 | 5:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Alien: Romulus | 119 minutes | R | 2024

While scavenging the depths of a derelict space station, a group of young space colonizers come face to face with the most terrifying life form in the universe.

Oscars Preview Party
Tuesday, February 25 | 6:00-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Join PCL staff for a film extravaganza! View trailers of Oscar nominees, vote for your favorites, and pose for a photo on our red carpet. Popcorn and mocktails provided.

Life on the Underground Railroad
Wednesday, February 26 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Jerry Bennett, Underground Railroad enthusiast, uses maps, songs, books, handouts, and other visual aids to show life on the run while introducing many heroes along the way.

Early Bird Bingo
Friday, February 28 | 3:00-3:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Seniors are invited to an afternoon game of bingo! Winners will take home prizes.

CONCERTS

Classical Piano Repertoire with Eugene Boldeskul
Sunday, February 16 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Hear classical pieces by Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Brahms, and an opera aria by Puccini, as well as popular songs from the 1950's-80's. Boldeskul is a longtime musician, playing at churches and weddings and was the lead accordionist for the New Dimension band in the 1980s.

February

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PCL AUTHOR SERIES

***The Roots of Flower City* by Camden Burd Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30-7:30pm | Zoom**

Camden Burd explores the economic and ecological significance of Rochester plant nurserymen over the course of the nineteenth century in *The Roots of Flower City*. Connected to the eastern seaboard by the Erie Canal, the city's unique economic, cultural, and environmental conditions fostered and sustained a vast and influential commercial plant nursery industry that attracted the nation's most prominent horticulturists and nurserymen. [Registration required.](#)

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

A11 @b0ut P@s5w0rd\$ Tuesday, February 18 | 12:30-2:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Password. Just the mention of the word brings frustration and anxiety to many. Join technology instructor Daniel Jones for this seminar to learn all there is about passwords and how to simplify the process of creating and managing them.

ADULT BOOK GROUPS

Books are available at the library for checkout. **Registration required to attend by Zoom.**

Great Novels Book Group Monday, February 3 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

Wise Owls Book Group Monday, February 10 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

Senior Circle Book Group Tuesday, February 11 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fletcher Steele Room OR [Zoom](#) *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

Murder for Lunch Tuesday, February 18 | 12:00-1:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room OR [Zoom](#) *A Pattern of Lies* by Charles Todd

Nonfiction Book Group Monday, February 24 | 6:15-7:45pm | Learning Center OR [Zoom](#) *On Call* by Anthony Fauci

True Crime Book Group Tuesday, February 25 | 7:00-8:00pm | [Zoom](#) *The Amish Wife* by Greg Olsen

TEEN EVENTS

Practice Test: ACT Sunday, February 2 | 12:00-4:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room Chariot Learning will administer a practice test. Please bring a calculator, pencils, and an eraser. For students in grades 9-12. [Registration required.](#)

Crafty Book Buddies

Mondays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24 | 4:00-4:45pm | Storytale Room

Encourage a beginning reader and earn service credit by becoming a PCL Book Buddy! Teen volunteers will help build young readers' skills. They will also provide crafting assistance. Grades 9-12. **Registration required.**

Teen Community Service

Tuesdays, February 4 & 18 | 3:30-4:30pm | Learning Center

Wednesday, February 26 | 5:30-6:30pm | Learning Center

Earn one hour of service credit while helping your library community. For grades 6-12. **Registration required.**

Crochet Club: Hearts 2 Ways

Wednesday, February 5 | 6:00-7:30pm | Learning Center

Create a heart coaster or heart stuffy (or both!) with the materials and tools provided. All experience levels welcome. Grades 6-12. [Registration required.](#)

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, February 1 | 10:00am-4:00pm | Children's Room

Stop into the Children's Room and find the hidden characters to win a prize!

Crafty Book Buddies

Mondays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24 | 4:00-4:45pm | Storytale Room

Join our teen volunteers to practice your reading and crafting skills! Children will read with a teen Book Buddy and complete a special craft. Bring a book from home or choose from the ones provided. For children in grades K-3 and a caregiver. **Registration required.**

Music Makers Session

Sunday, February 9 | 12:15-1:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Join Mr. Ray, from The Local Sound Collaborative, for a fun and festive music session! Bring your dancing feet and get ready to sing along.

Lego Club

Tuesdays, February 11 & 25 | 4:00-4:45pm | Storytale Room

Kids can complete a challenge or explore their creativity through free building. For ages 5-10.

Wildlife Rockstars: Animal Superheroes

Tuesday, February 18 | 10:00-11:00am | Fisher Meeting Room

Superheroes have lots of special powers, but how many of those powers are also found in the animal kingdom? Join Bridges for Brain Injury, Inc. for an animal meet and greet, learn about animal survival techniques, and what makes animals thrive. Best for ages 4 and up, but kids of all ages are welcome.

Mercy Watson Visits the Library!

Saturday, February 15 | 10:00-11:00am | Fisher Meeting Room

Monday, February 17 | 11:00am-12:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Join us in welcoming Mercy Watson to PCL! We will read *A Piglet Named Mercy*, enjoy activities and crafts, and take photos with Mercy! For kids of all ages.



ALL-AGES STORY TIMES

MONDAYS

February 3, 10, & 24 | 10:15am & 12:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

TUESDAYS

February 4, 11, & 25 | 9:30am & 10:15am | Fisher Meeting Room

FRIDAYS

February 7, 14, & 28 | 9:30am, 10:15am, & 12:00pm | Storytale Room

BABY STORY TIMES

For ages 0-2 years old with a caregiver.

MONDAYS

February 3, 10, & 24 | 9:30am | Fisher Meeting Room

THURSDAYS

February 6, 13, & 27 | 9:30am & 10:45am | Fisher Meeting Room

BABY PLAY TIMES

For ages 0-2 years old with a caregiver.

THURSDAYS

February 6 & 27 | 10:00am | Fisher Meeting Room

SPECIAL STORY TIMES

Best for kids ages 2-6 years old. Caregivers and siblings are welcome.

STEM Story Time

Monday, February 3 | 11:00-11:45am | Fisher Meeting Room

This STEM story time is designed to introduce important science and math concepts. Enjoy stories, songs, and activities. Best for ages 3-5.

Bilingual French Story Time

Saturday, February 8 | 10:30-11:15am | Storytale Room

Bilingual Mandarin Story Time

Monday, February 17 | 10:00am | Storytale Room

Flute Story Time

Friday, February 21 | 10:00am | Fisher Meeting Room

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