

Events at PCL January 2025

Mon—Thurs: 9am-8pm | Fri: 9am-6pm | Sat: 10am-5pm | Sun: 12-5pm
PCL will be closed Wednesday, January 1.

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ALL AGES EVENTS

Countdown to Midnight Break-In Room

[Thursday, January 2](#) | 4:00-7:00pm | [Fletcher Steele Room](#)

[Friday, January 3](#) | 1:00-4:00pm | [Fletcher Steele Room](#)

Can you solve the puzzles, open the locks, and break into the box before the clock strikes midnight? This break-in room activity is for groups of 2-6. Each group must register for one 20-minute time slot. Best for ages 7 & up, but all are welcome. **Registration required.**

Planning Your 2025 Reading Goals

Sunday, January 5 | 2:00-3:00pm | **Fisher Meeting Room**

Local Bookstagrammers Hannah Ramsey (@booksandbitesroc) and Emily Waller (@emilyisoverbooked) discuss how to set 2025 reading goals for adults, children, and families. Kids are encouraged to design their own book covers at a coloring station!

Meet an Amerks Player & the Moose!

Monday, January 6 | 6:30-7:15pm | **Fisher Meeting Room**

Join us for a visit from an Amerks player and the Moose. We will have a book reading, equipment demonstration, and autograph session. For all ages.

Blackstorytelling League of Rochester

Saturday, January 11 | 2:00-3:00pm | **Fisher Meeting Room**

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Eunice White and Angela Bamford of the Blackstorytelling League of Rochester will share stories that honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. The stories to be shared are designed to educate, enlighten, and entertain audiences of all ages through the oral tradition of storytelling.

ADULT EVENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, January 3 | 10:00am-3:00pm | **Fisher Meeting Room**

Donate blood to help save lives. [Make an appointment through the Red Cross.](#)

Tina Turner Knits: Headband

Saturdays, January 4, 11, & 25 | 10:15am-12:15pm | **Learning Center**

Pick a free headband pattern from Celeste Knitwear on Ravelry. Bring needles and yarn. [Registration required.](#)

A Walk Through a Disappeared Downtown
Saturday, January 4 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Geoffrey Zeiner, creator of the Gonechester blog, shares a tour of downtown Rochester as it once was, featuring buildings that did not survive to the present. Zeiner uses photographs, articles, and primary documents to paint a picture of lost Rochester locations and the people who occupied them.

Knitting for Charity
Tues. & Thurs., January 7 & 16 | 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 January 7 | 12:30-2:00pm | Learning Center

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

O Pen: Poetry Over Lunch
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 12:00-1:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Read and discuss provided contemporary poems.

Scrap Happy Scrapbookers
Wednesday, January 8 | 4:00-6:00pm | Learning Center

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

Alzheimer's Association Presents: Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body
Thursday, January 9 | 1:00-2:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

This workshop, presented by the Alzheimer's Association, explores research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement to help build a plan for healthy aging.

Early Bird Bingo
Friday, January 10 | 3:00-3:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

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

Online Accounts with the IRS
Tuesday, January 14 | 10:00-11:00am | Learning Center

This presentation by a representative from the IRS will teach you to use your new online account to securely access your federal tax account and view information from your recently filed tax return. [Registration required.](#)

Crafternoon: Learn to Knit
Friday, January 17 | 12:30-2:00pm | Learning Center

Librarian Robyn teaches the basics of knitting! Supplies provided. [Registration required.](#)

King at a Crossroads: Human Rights in Rochester
Monday, January 20 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Dr. Laura Warren Hill, author of *Strike the Hammer While the Iron is Hot: The Black Freedom Struggle in Rochester, NY, 1940-1970*, presents on the activist life of Martin Luther King Jr. and his connection to the civil rights movement in Rochester. Dr. Hill, an associate professor at Binghamton University and expert in history and African American studies, will share how Rochester's unique strategies left an indelible mark on national Black freedom movements.

What is a Death Café?

Friday, January 24 | 11:00am-12:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Jennifer Sanfilippo, the author of *Our Last Walk Home: Love, Cancer, and the Agony of Letting Go*, leads a discussion of death. Sanfilippo decided to serve her community through death education and advocacy after losing her husband in 2020. She is a certified End-of-Life Doula and works as a hospice volunteer and facilitator for Death Cafés. Death Cafés are offered on a not-for-profit basis and in an accessible, respectful, and confidential space with no intention of leading people to any conclusion, product, or course of action. [Registration required.](#)

Preserve Treasured Family Memories

Friday, January 24 | 3:00-4:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Most families have treasured video, audio, and still images they want to preserve but that they don't know how to digitize. John Schroth, owner of Media Transfer Service, LLC has worked with analog formats for over 40 years. He will present on how to properly store original media, what to consider in deciding how to digitize, what formats are best for specific needs, and how to ensure digital media will not be lost.

Fabulous Films @ the Library

Monday, January 27 | 5:30-7:15pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Borderlands | 101 minutes | PG-13 | 2024

An infamous bounty hunter returns to her childhood home, the chaotic planet Pandora, and forms an unlikely alliance with a team of misfits to find the missing daughter of the most powerful man in the universe.

Trivia Night!

Tuesday, January 28 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Compete on your own or with a team to be crowned champion(s) of trivia! Win or lose, everyone will have a fun evening of trivia hosted by adult services librarian Jim! Mocktails provided by AltBar. [Registration required.](#)

CONCERTS

The Pearlz Band

Saturday, January 25 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

The Pearlz Band is an acoustic Americana group that plays a wide mix of music including classic rock, pop, country, bluegrass, folk, blues, and swing.

PCL AUTHOR SERIES

***The Age of Loneliness* by Laura Marris**

Wednesday, January 15 | 6:30-7:30pm | Zoom

Laura Marris, a writer and translator teaching creative writing at the University at Buffalo, discusses her debut essay collection. These essays reframe environmental degradation by setting aside the conventional, catastrophic framework of the Anthropocene in favor of that of the Eremocene, the age of loneliness. This age is marked by the dramatic thinning of wildlife populations and by isolation between and among species. [Registration required.](#)

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Spam, Shams, and Other Scams

Tuesday, January 21 | 12:30-2:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Join technology instructor Daniel Jones for this seminar on how to avoid the scams that are pervasive on the web.

JANUARY EVENTS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS & ALL AGES



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ADULT BOOK GROUPS

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

Great Novels Book Group

Monday, January 6 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room

Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote

Wise Owls Book Group

Monday, January 13 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Senior Circle Book Group

Tuesday, January 14 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fletcher Steele Room OR [Zoom](#)

The Chancellor by Kati Marton

Murder for Lunch

Tuesday, January 21 | 12:00-1:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room OR [Zoom](#)

The Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware

Nonfiction Book Group

Monday, January 27 | 6:15-7:45pm | Learning Center OR [Zoom](#)

The Anthropocene Reviewed by John Green

True Crime Book group

Tuesday, January 28 | 7:00-8:00pm | [Zoom](#)

In the Light of All Darkness by Kim Cross

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Community Service

[Tuesdays, January 7 & 21](#) | 3:30-4:30pm | Learning Center

[Wednesday, January 15](#) | 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: Penguins!

Wednesday, January 8 | 6:00-7:30pm | Learning Center

Create a crocheted penguin with the materials and tools provided. All experience levels welcome. Grades 6-12. **[Registration required.](#)**

Exam Study Halls

The Fisher Meeting Room will be available to students studying for exams.

Thursday, January 16 | 2:00-8:00pm

Friday, January 17 | 2:00-6:00pm

Saturday, January 18 | 10:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, January 19 | 2:00-5:00pm

Tuesday, January 21 | 2:30pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, January 22 | 2:30-8:00pm

Thursday, January 23 | 2:00-8:00pm

Therapy Dog Visit

Sunday, January 19 | 12:30-2:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Take a break from studying and visit with friendly therapy dogs! For students studying for exams, but open to all.

Practice Test: Digital SAT

Sunday, January 26 | 12:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

Get ready for the new Digital SAT by taking a free practice exam. Bring your fully charged testing device with the Bluebook™ application installed and a registered student account, a charging cable, a calculator, and pens or pencils. For students in grades 9-12. [Registration required.](#)

Reading Power Play Through January 31

Each hat trick (3) of books you read is an entry to win suite tickets to a game in the Blue Cross Arena. Sponsored by the Rochester Americans in conjunction with participating Monroe County libraries. For grades K-12.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Scavenger Hunt

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

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

Ballet Jumpstart with the Draper Center

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 & February 5 | 9:30-10:30am | Fisher Meeting Room

Join teachers from the Draper Center for Dance Education in a creative movement series. Five one-hour classes will have students developing physical and social skills as well as expression and creativity through dance. [For ages 3-4, registration is required and is for five Wednesday sessions.](#)

Lego Club

Tuesdays, January 14 & 28 | 4:00pm-4:45pm | Storytale Room

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

Coding for Beginners

Thursdays, January 23 & 30, February 6 & 13 | 6:00-7:00pm | Learning Center

Join staff from Code Ninjas as you code your own video game using the popular block coding platform Scratch! For ages 8-12. [Registration is required and is for all sessions.](#)

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ALL-AGES STORY TIMES

MONDAYS

January 6, 13, 20, & 27 | 10:15am & 12:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

TUESDAYS

January 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 9:30am & 10:15am | Fisher Meeting Room

FRIDAYS

January 10, 17, 24, & 31 | 9:30am, 10:15am, & 12:00pm | Storytale Room

BABY STORY TIMES

For ages 0-2 years old with a caregiver.

MONDAYS

January 6, 13, 20, & 27 | 9:30am | Fisher Meeting Room

THURSDAYS

January 9, 16, 23, & 30 | 9:30am & 10:45am | Fisher Meeting Room

BABY PLAY TIMES

For ages 0-2 years old with a caregiver.

THURSDAYS

January 9 & 23 | 10:00am | Fisher Meeting Room

SPECIAL STORY TIMES

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

Bilingual French Story Time

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

STEM Story Time

Monday, January 13 | 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.

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A Zoom invitation will be sent the day of any virtual event.