APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Join the Mad Scientists of Plumb Library as we explore the letters of STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Children ages 3-6 will hear a story and then work with the Junior Friends of Plumb Library as they demonstrate a science experiment. Come to one or register for them all!

- Tuesday, April 18, 10:30-11:30 AM: Science (Experimenting, Observing, Collecting Evidence) activities.
- Wednesday, April 19, 10:30-11:30 AM: Technology (Tools, Creating) activities.
- Thursday, April 20, 1:30-2:30 PM: Engineering (Design, Building) activities.
- Friday, April 21, 10:30-11:30 AM: Math (Shapes, Size, Patterns) activities.

The A for Arts (Creative Thinking) will be part of all of the above activities. Caregivers must attend to assist with the activities. Sign up on the Plumb Library’s Events Calendar.

Also, don’t forget the MOBY backpacks. Especially good for the April Vacation will be: Stargazing, Bird Watching, Pond Life (check out the vernal pools), and Animal Tracks.

You can also get passes at other libraries. Be sure to call them in advance and have your library card with you.

*-purchased by the Friends
Welcome to Woodwinds!

Join Ms. Chris Williamson of the RMS Music Department, and some of her woodwind students on Thursday, April 27 from 4:30-5:30 PM for “Learn about Instruments Session 3—Woodwinds”. Ms. Williamson and her students will demonstrate flutes, saxophones, clarinets, and other reed and woodwind instruments. A very special guest will be demonstrating different bagpipes: Scottish Smallpipes, Northumbrian Smallpipes, and Uilleann pipes. Best for ages 5 and up, but all are welcome. Register in advance at our Events Calendar. Space is limited.

Plumb Library Closed for Staff Development

The Library will be closed from 10-1 on Wednesday, April 26 so that the staff can attend the SAILS Library Showcase.
Plumb Library has been selected to take part in a long-term project called “Word of Mouth Marketing”. Having grown up in a (neighboring) small town, I know how important word-of-mouth is in publicizing—well—anything, really. In my town, there was a coffee shop nicknamed “The Wind Tunnel”, because any gossip that arrived in the morning was blown out later to the four winds, and, by suppertime, nearly everyone in town knew what was up. Part of this project is to discover the “Wind Tunnels” in our respective towns. In Rochester, that would be the COA, Town Hall, Matt’s Blackboard, maybe the Ponderosa, and definitely the Library. We are good at taking in town news, but maybe not as good as getting our news out. My first meeting about WOMM is April 5, so more on this later.

If you’ve ever wanted to take out the telescope, but are not sure on how the thing actually operates, watch for “Meet the Telescope” on our monthly Events Calendar. They will take place on a random Saturday each month (depending on my schedule). I will have the telescope outside, and will give a short tutorial on how to use it. This will take place in the daytime, so that it is easy to see what dials and knobs to turn and how it operates before you take it out during the evenings. Instructions are included in the telescope kit, but, for some people (and I include myself in this group), it’s easier to understand the written directions if you actually watch someone doing the thing live. Sometime I’d like to have someone tape a session so that we can upload it to YouTube. Then, if you borrow the telescope, you can watch a short video on its use. If there is anyone out there who would like to record this with me, please let me know.

Gail
“A house is just a pile of STUFF with a cover on it”
—George Carlin

Do you have STUFF? Do you need help downsizing, controlling, organizing, and thinking differently about your STUFF?

Join us from 1-2 p.m. Saturday April 8th at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library to hear what professional Clutter Control Expert Dave Downs has to say about STUFF!

This workshop is free and open to the public. Please register online at www.plumblibrary.com Events Calendar, as we are limited on seating.
Read to Amos!

Children of all ages are invited to Read to Amos the greyhound. Amos and his handler Ms. Holly are new to Rochester, and are a certified team for Therapy Dogs International. They are also part of a Children Reading to Dogs program called “Tail-Waggin’ Tutors”. Amos, a 7-year-old greyhound, is a good listener, and children can make a five-minute appointment to read to him. The dates and times for April are:

- Saturday, April 15 10:30-11:00 AM, all ages. 6 children maximum.
- Saturday, April 22, 10:30-11:00 AM, all ages. 6 children maximum.

Registration can be done through the Plumb Library’s Event Calendar at www.plumblibrary.com, and is required for this program. Space is limited.

Reading aloud to a dog is a great way for a child to become a more confident reader. Dogs are non-judgmental, and don’t care if the child makes a mistake in reading.

For more information, visit the Events Calendar, or call us at 508-763-8600.

April is “Adopt a Greyhound Month”. Amos will be here with his humans to answer questions about greyhounds on Saturday April 1 from 10:30-11:30 AM. Come by to meet Amos and hear his story!
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Do you need to renew your Friends membership? Ask at the desk if you’re not sure!

Hours
Monday 1-8
Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 1-8
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-2
Closed Sundays and Holidays.

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