

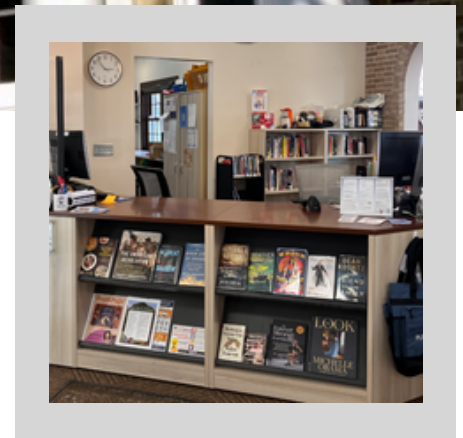


DIRECTOR'S REPORT



From The Circulation Desk

In January, Matthew Vineyard returned as Senior Clerk, organized the Library's new Job Jar, and assisted patrons with locating free tax filing services. Eileen Peters helped patrons identify a book from a cover description and find resources for elder care, travel, and local services. Patrons continued to share positive feedback about the Library's welcoming environment and helpful staff.



Adult Services

January featured a strong lineup of adult programs that balanced learning, creativity, and community connection. A highlight was She, Unsung: Women in Rochester History, an ongoing collaborative research project focused on uncovering the contributions of often-overlooked Rochester-connected women. The first presentation, led by Chandra McKenzie and Anne Coon, was well received and sparked meaningful discussion around local history, women's stories, and popular culture.





CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children participated in engaging programs that blended creativity, learning, and movement. During Storytime, kids explored penguins through stories, songs, crafts, and gross motor activities that encouraged coordination and turn-taking. The first Wednesday Wonder-Lab of 2026 focused on problem-solving as children used Makedo tools to transform cardboard into imaginative creations and shared them in a show-and-tell. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a week-long display featured books from the juvenile and adult collections along with takeaway quotes for patrons.



Need a little help?

We're here for you.

Looking for food assistance or support?

Scan for local resources:



Bring this to the info desk for a care bag of essentials.

DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS

During the month, the Library partnered with Sent by Ravens to offer a Pop-Up Pantry for patrons in need. Care bags containing toiletries and nonperishable food items were made available, along with a resource flyer directing patrons to local food assistance and support services via QR code. This effort helped discreetly connect community members with essential resources while reinforcing the Library's role as a place of care and support.



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