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“Our Library is one of the cultural treasures of Rockingham.

Keep up the great work! What would we do without you! ”

– Rockingham Resident

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Dear Friends,

The Rockingham Free Public Library opened to the public over 108 years ago and since then not only has the Library expanded in size, the very nature of library service has been transformed.

Along with more diverse collections, we now provide a place where people come for community events, local history resources, technology assistance, downloadable audiobooks, online databases, employment searches, programs, exhibits, children’s services, and general information. This happens while the Library is also part of the community’s greater social services and educational network.

Last year we welcomed thousands of visitors, hosted over 250 programs, and circulated more than 36,000 items, showing clearly that the Library is valued. While public funding provides us with a strong financial base, your donation helps to provide the necessary funds to maintain the Library’s services that nourish and enhance all of our lives in this community.

Simply put, we could not do what we do without both public and private support. Today we ask you to support our efforts with a tax-deductible gift to the Library’s 2018 annual appeal. You may return the enclosed form and gift by mail, or drop it off at the Library. *Every* gift of any amount makes a difference to our Library. *Thank you!*

Sincerely yours,

John Bohannon
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Director

The Library’s Mission is to serve as a cultural and educational center for the community, sharing diverse resources, ideas and information.



2019 WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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Genealogy Workshop

Every Thursday 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the Library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

RFPL Reads Book Discussion

First Monday of the month @ 3:00 pm

Be prepared for a lively discussion! Everyone is welcome to drop in. Books are made available at the Library ahead of time to borrow. The book club meets regularly on the first Monday of the month at 3 p.m., except when there's a Monday holiday.

Women's Freedom Center Documentary *Lane 1974*

Thursday, January 10

@ 6:30 pm

Based on Clane Hayward's memoir *The Hypocrisy of Disco*, *LANE 1974* tells a coming of age survival story. 13 year-old Lane lives on a California commune until her mother alienates their family from the community. They move around, and after many dangerous events, Lane must decide how to survive.

Women's Freedom Center Documentary *A Suitable Girl*

Thursday, February 14

@ 6:30 m

3 young women in India struggle to follow their dreams amid intense pressure to get married.

Vermont Humanities Council Programs

Spring Dates to be announced

Sponsored by Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission

The Western Abenaki Today - Jeanne Brink discusses the Abenaki of the 21st century and the many projects in which they are involved to preserve their culture and language in today's fast changing world. How do computers, the internet, cell phones, and DVDs affect Abenaki culture, traditions, and language?

Wolf Peaches, Poisoned Peas, and Madame Pompadour's Underwear: The Surprising History of Common Garden Vegetables - Science and history writer Rebecca Rupp will discuss the stories behind many of our favorites, among them the much-maligned tomato and potato, the (mostly) popular pumpkin, and Vermont's dynamic duo of kale and Gilfeather turnip.

Annual **Spring Book Sale**

Saturday, April 6

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

*** Book Sale will continue through May 11

Friends **Preview Book Sale**

Friday, April 5

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

*** Become a *Friend of the Library* (\$10) to attend

Friends of the Library **Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, and shrubs will be on sale.

Held the day before Mother's Day, it's the perfect opportunity to bring something special home to Mom.

For more information, visit the website at: www.rockinghamlibrary.org | Phone: (802) 463.4270
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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Inspire
Educate
Enrich

Rockingham Free Public Library
Winter * Spring * Summer * Fall



Preschool Storytime
Musical Infant & Toddler Storytime
Storytime for Social Justice
1000 Books Before Kindergarten

[kids.code] Computer Science Club
Friday Science Club | Brown Bag STEAM
Explore STEAM Saturdays
Teen Tech Programs
Family Science Programs



activities and events

Year-Round Special Performers & Presentations
Hands-On Family programming
Annual Summer Reading Program
Friday Night Teen Tabletop Games
Breakout Rooms
Teen Lock-In
Summer Lunch at the Library
Youth Volunteer Opportunities
Lego Club
Film Series and Movie Nights
Youth Writing and Storytelling | Author Events