New Changes to the Leaflet

Instead of the traditional three Leaflets per year we will now be publishing them four times per year, one for each season. Our monthly e-newsletter will also continue as before. Please sign up HERE to subscribe.

Winter 2021 offers a programming season packed full of events that celebrate diversity and inclusion. In addition to Black History in February and Women’s History in March, there are programs for the Chinese New Year and Mardi Gras as well. The standard array of quality programs will also be offered – in health, the arts, nature and technology – so there is something of interest for all!

Another Word About Programming

The pandemic has forced ROPL to pivot to online programming for most of 2020. At this point it is impossible to foretell what will happen but a return to in-person programming is the intention for sometime later in 2021. Many patrons have expressed their preference for online events for convenience, so the staff plans to continue to offer an online component to programming even when they’re able to return to normal. The staff thanks the ROPL community for their continued patience and support with this difficult situation, and plans to continue to offer quality programming no matter the circumstances or format. Stay tuned…
February is Black History Month

Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Equality

Mr. Lincoln shares his ever-evolving perspectives on the subjects of slavery, emancipation, and equality, including the relationship between the white and black races during his times. He gives a brief summary of the long history of slavery in North America, focusing especially on the great debates and compromises over slavery at the time of the formation of the United States and during the subsequent 80 years. He discusses his own political views on slavery and emancipation and how these gradually shifted over the years. He talks about his interactions with both free and enslaved blacks, and about the relationship in general between the white and black races in his times. And, of course, he discusses the great events of his presidency as related to these issues, including the significant decisions to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, to allow black people to join the armed forces, to give up the idea of colonizing blacks elsewhere, and to advocate for black suffrage.

This program is most appropriate for adults and for older youth/teenagers (12 years old and up). It runs 60 minutes and is followed by an additional time of Q&A, photos, and informal interaction. It is also available virtually, whether live via video conferencing (Zoom) or live-streaming (Facebook Live or YouTube Live) or as a pre-recorded video.

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to “the Great Emancipator” and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times.

Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

Race, Death & Justice in Detroit: The Case of Ossian Sweet

Ossian Sweet was an African-American physician in Detroit, Michigan. He is known for being charged with murder in 1925 after he and his friends used armed self-defense against a hostile white crowd protesting after Sweet moved into their neighborhood. Hear the story of this groundbreaking civil rights case from Dennis Fiems, an Oakland Community College professor.

Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

Detroit’s Birwood Wall: Hatred & Healing

In 1941 the Birwood Wall was built in order to separate neighborhoods in Detroit’s West 8 Mile community. Author Gerald Van Dusen tells the history of the infamous wall, the isolated black enclave that persevered despite the racial barriers, and how they transformed this symbol of discrimination into one of strength and hope. Gerry is the author of the 2020 Michigan Notable Book Detroit’s Birwood Wall and the newly released Detroit’s Sojourner Truth Housing Riot of 1942.

Saturday, February 13 at 1:00 PM  Please register HERE

Black and White Like You and Me by Tom Daniels and Tom “Cookie” Marsh

Tom Daniels and “Cookie” Marsh will be the first to tell you that race isn’t everything, but it did shape the way they experienced the world growing up in Detroit in the 1950s and 60s. Tom “Cookie” Marsh grew up in a black neighborhood on Detroit’s west side. Tom Daniels grew up in a mixed, working-class neighborhood on Detroit’s east side. Both men saw their city, their country, and their world transformed around them through the Civil Rights movement, riots, and the Vietnam War. Join Tom Daniels as he talks about their lives, their upbringing, their successes and regrets growing up in black Detroit and in white Detroit – and how when it boils down to it, the things that are truly important are actually black and white, like you and me.

Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

Celebrate Local Artists

Tom Leeper: Every Linear Mile

In this talk, artist/photographer Tom Leeper presents Every Linear Mile, his attempt to photograph every bit of art in Detroit from a bicycle. With his official project beginning in 2017, Tom’s mission is to discover, document and map art. He hopes by doing so, those who live in the Motor City will “be reminded of what beauty is around us.”

Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

Happy Year of the Ox

Virtual Beginner’s Chinese Calligraphy

Join artist Jojo Liu in this beginner’s Chinese calligraphy class, from the comfort of your own home. Jojo will teach traditional Chinese calligraphy basics, including how to hold a brush, write basic strokes, and write stokes while standing.

No prior knowledge is required to participate in this class, except a passion for calligraphy and/or history. This class is ideal for beginners and is a great indoor activity idea for individuals, couples, groups of friends, and kids.

Participants will need several supplies for this class series: a calligraphy brush, ink, and paper. Participate and discover a new hobby!

Saturday, February 6 at 1:00 PM  Please register HERE
Mardi Gras

Why America Has Cajun Culture
Cajun culture did not start in Louisiana. In fact, Cajun culture didn’t even start in the United States. Instead, one must look back to the French-English War over Quebec City in the 1750s to find the start of Cajun culture. The English sacked the French at Louisburg forcing the French out of Nova Scotia. Some of those people ended up in the French territory which turned into Louisiana and kept the culture alive, welcoming others into the Cajun lifestyle and keeping the French language. This program will be presented by Evan Weiner, an award-winning journalist and author of seven books covering sports, politics, and American history.

Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

Cajun Cooking with Chef Jake Williams
In a celebration of Mardi Gras, Chef Jake Williams cooks some classic Cajun Cuisine. Jake is an award-winning, certified Executive Chef and works as a Programs Manager with Gleaners Community Food Bank.

February date and time to be announced. Please contact Adult Services at 248-246-3727 for more information.

Crime and Punishment

Gangsters Up North
Gambling and bootlegging or rest and relaxation? Just what were gangsters doing when they found their way to Northern Michigan? Author Robert Knapp will answer those very questions and set us straight on what is true and what is myth. Robert is the author of Gangsters Up North and Mystery Man: Gangsters, Oil, and Murder in Michigan and has an interest in the history of Clair County.

Monday, January 11 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

The Elusive Purple Gang
Prohibition-era Detroit rackets were dominated by The Purple Gang. Author Gregory A. Fournier details their corrosive pursuit of power and wealth, as well as their inevitable plunge into self-destruction. Gregory is the award-winning author of many books including The Elusive Purple Gang, and Terror in Ypsilanti, which has just been optioned for a mini-series.

Monday, January 25 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

The Snow Killings: Inside the Oakland County Child Killer Investigation
Veteran investigative reporter Marney Rich Keenan details how law enforcement concealed evidence connecting a suspect to the killings of four Oakland County children during 1976 and 1977. Keenan has spent 10 years investigating the killings and alleged cover-up. Marney has been an award-winning reporter and columnist for the Detroit News, and most recently authored The Snow Killings.

Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

Warmth for the Winter
Soup with Chef Jake Williams
Chef Jake’s series of cooking demonstrations returns with some of his favorite soups to help keep you warm during these cold winter days. Jake is an award-winning, certified Executive Chef and works as a Programs Manager with Gleaners Community Food Bank.

January date and time to be announced. Please contact Adult Services at 248-246-3727 for more information.

In Sickness and In Health

The Great Influenza
Join Dennis Fiems for an exploration of disease and the efforts to control it throughout history, emphasizing the 1918 influenza pandemic. COVID is often equated with the Spanish Flu spread by US soldiers returning from World War I.

Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

The A, B, Cs and Ds of Medicare: an Educational Seminar
David Banet, a licensed insurance counselor, will present an educational seminar to give people turning 65 and older a safe place to ask questions and get information without being pressured by insurance companies. The seminar is focused on Medicare Parts A, B, C, & D and how Medicare Supplemental plans work. This allows people to get general answers concerning the moving parts of Medicare, thus turning a complicated process into a simple one for persons faced with these important life decisions. (Please note that both workshops are the same.)

Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE
Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 AM  Please register HERE
**European Ancestors’ Voyage to America**

Genealogical researcher and author Katherine Wilson will talk about the immigrant voyage to America from Europe. Learn about your immigrant ancestors’ voyage from Europe to the United States, and how those journeys changed from the 18th century through the 20th century. How did our ancestors prepare for the journey? What immigration restrictions and quota laws did they face? How were ports of departure and arrival chosen? What was the ticket cost? How long would the journey take, and what were the expected ship accommodations? Find out these answers and more in this vivid tale of entering America.

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

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**The Mackinac Bridge, Then and Now**

Speaker Kim Nowack will discuss the period before the bridge (including the ferry boat system), and give participants an understanding of how the bridge was built. She will also talk about some current events and future projects involving the bridge. Kim previously held the position of Chief Engineer for the Mackinac Bridge Authority where she was responsible for all engineering and maintenance oversight of the bridge. She worked in this position for 17 years and was the first woman to hold this position in the Bridge Authority’s 60+ year history. Kim was appointed to the position of Executive Secretary/CEO of the Mackinac Bridge in 2019.

Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

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**Bottled Goodbyes**

Bottled messages have been discovered on shore nearly as long as glass containers have been invented. They bring tidings from ocean voyagers, invitations for pen-pals, tragic attempts for rescue and floating farewells from long lost souls.

Based on Ric Mixter’s new book, Bottled Goodbyes chronicles the most famous messages ever recovered, including three bottles found after the Titanic disaster. Ric also investigates five messages that floated ashore from the Great Storm of 1913 and shares in-depth information on the barge Plymouth and Lightsight 82 notes. Both ships were lost with their entire crews, so the messages recovered made national headlines.

Each of the Great Lakes are highlighted, making this a lecture that can be shared anywhere on the inland seas. Of particular interest are the near crashes of balloonist Washington Donaldson in lakes Ontario and Michigan and the final flight that took his life off the Michigan coast in 1875. Ric also investigates the development of radio on the Great Lakes and how that led to a decrease in bottles recovered. The rescue of the Pere Marquette 18 Car ferry is specifically highlighted as an example. That ship was discovered in the summer of 2020 in 500 feet of water off the coast of Wisconsin.

Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm  Please register HERE
Beginner Crochet 1 with Creativebug  Ages 11-18
Learn how to crochet with step-by-step instruction from Creativebug. Learn how to make a slip knot, multiple stitches, and finish off your work. This session will be a screen-share with Miss Becca, and you can access Creativebug for free any time with your Royal Oak Public Library card! The yarn and crochet hooks are provided. Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your supplies pickup. Limit 20.

Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

Easy Super Bowl Snacks  Ages 11-18
Make easy and yummy party snacks for the Super Bowl, including Walking Tacos! Join the group on Zoom to watch recipe demos and to show off what you’re making! The recipes are provided upon registration. Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule Fritos® pickup. Limit 20.

Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and Fritos®.

Candy Button Dot Earrings  Ages 11-18
These cute DIY candy button earrings are made with melted Perler Beads® and are sure to be a great (inexpensive!) gift for friends, family, and you! This project requires the use of an oven so supervision for younger teens is advised. This program will be available to view on ROPL YouTube channel. Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your supplies pickup. Limit 20.

Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to schedule craft pickup.

Operation Valentine  Ages 11-18
What do you get when you cross a Conversation Hearts box with electric circuits? A miniature Valentine Operation® Game! How fun is that? Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule supplies pickup. Limit 20.

Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule supply pickup.

Questions? Call Youth Services at 248.246.3725 or email emilycrosby@ropl.org
Winter 2021
Youth Services
Programs and Information

Programs will continue to be virtual and are open to the public free of charge. Advance registration is required for all programs to receive the Zoom link and supplies for certain programs. Register online at ropl.org or call the Youth Services Desk at 248-246-3725.

Most programs are made possible by funding from the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library.

Changes to Twigs Publication

The winter and spring Twigs publications will be published separately this season due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions and the impact on library programming. Since March 16, the library has been offering only virtual programming based on the guidelines outlined by the local health department. We are delaying publication of the Spring 2021 Twigs (March and April) just in case the library opens up for services and programming by spring. If things change, we may be able to offer in-person programming or a hybrid of virtual and in-person.

Tutor.com: Live Tutors for Homework Help

Parents: We have some great resources to help you and your children homeschool, hybrid or any schooling scenario that the COVID pandemic throws your way. One of the most useful is Tutor.com: Live Tutors for Homework Help. ROPL proudly offers tutor.com, a service available for patrons to help with homework assignments, essay proofreading, testing practice, resume writing, interview skills and more! Certified tutors are always ready to assist all students in any school subject. Homework help is a click away!

Coming in 2021

Makerspace

The library has been generously awarded the 2020 Arts Engagement in American Communities grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. This $10,000 grant will be used to create an arts-based makerspace for opportunities for artistic creation and collaboration. The library hopes to have the makerspace ready and available for public use possibly by summer 2021. The new makerspace will have its own dedicated space and will provide patrons access to such equipment as embroidery and sewing machines; printmaking supplies, art supplies, and a 3D printer. To find out more about how the National Endowment for the Arts impacts communities visit www.arts.gov.

Library of Things

The Library of Things is a new and growing collection of items loaned at no charge. Many are already in circulation and we are adding more items regularly. What Things are in the collection? Toys, games, tools, STEM kits, baking pans, telescope, microscope, musical instruments, knitting, and sewing supplies - even a Ghost Hunting Kit! To search the library catalog for these items, limit your search to the Royal Oak Public Library and use the search term “Library of Things” or the specific item, for example, “cake pan”. Then filter by format, in this case “artifact”. The list goes on with more to come! Check it out!
What’s New This Winter?

Make a Noon Year’s Eve Party Hat! Family
Make a crazy, glittery Noon Year’s Eve hat to wear at the Noon Year’s Eve party on Wednesday, December 30! Contact amy@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup beginning on December 22. Limit 30.

Tuesday, December 29 at 11:00 AM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

Virtual Preschool Noon Year’s Eve Party All Ages
It may be too much for your little one to ring in the New Year at midnight, so celebrate with a special preschool party that won’t keep them up past bedtime! Celebrate the holiday with winter stories, dancing, a Noon Year’s Eve fancy hat, and a countdown to noon! Limit 40.

Wednesday, December 30 at 11:30 AM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

Wednesday After School Specials:
Oliver’s Animal Adventure by Alex Thomas and Friends
These programs mix the silliness of puppetry with a series of live exotic animals for an educational and entertaining virtual program! These fun-packed adventures run for 10 weeks and are about 5-7 minutes long. No registration is required. Episodes will be available on ROPL’s Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Wednesdays at 3:30 PM
January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 3 & 10

Mother Goose on the Loose is Back!
Miss Tracy is back with Mother Goose on the Loose! This is a six-week series that will be available on ROPL’s YouTube channel. Based on the award-winning early literacy program of the same name, this unique series incorporates nursery rhymes, music and movement, and utilizes a formula of 80% repetition from week to week. No registration is required.

Mondays at 6:30 PM
January 4, 11, and 25; February 1, 8, and 15

Tween Programs

Winter Blues Tropical Party Ages 7-11
Are you already tired of the cold and being shut in? Beat the winter blues with this virtual tropical beach party. There will be a lei craft along with other tropical-themed activities. Contact jess@ropl.org to schedule supplies pickup. Limit 20.

Wednesday, January 13 at 4:30 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

DIY Easy Bird Feeders Ages 7-11
Keep your backyard birds well-fed and happy this winter with easy-to-make bird feeders. Pinecones and cardboard tubes make great feeders, and are eco-friendly, too! According to MSU Extension, it’s important to choose a site for your bird feeder that is good for birds and where they can be viewed for pleasure. All supplies are provided. Please contact jess@ropl.org to schedule your supplies pickup. Limit 30.

Wednesday, February 10 at 4:30 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

Story Times

No registration is required for Story Times
Story times will be available on ROPL’s YouTube channel with new story times added each week.

Monday Family Story Time Ages 5 and under
These pre-recorded story times for ages 5 and under incorporate many enjoyable pre-reading skills including stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and movement.

Mondays at 10:15 AM
January 4 - February 22

Baby Size! Birth–15 months
These pre-recorded story times are for the youngest children, infants to 15 months, and their caregivers. Enjoy literacy building activities for babies including songs, rhymes, and sharing board books.

Thursdays at 10:15 AM
January 7 - February 25
Tuesday Evening Virtual Family Programs

The whole family will enjoy a variety of virtual evening programs designed for elementary and preschool children. Programs typically last 30-45 minutes. **Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.** You may register online at [ropl.org](http://ropl.org) or by calling 248-246-3725 during library hours. **Registration opens two weeks in advance of the program.**

**Frozen Fun: Virtual Visit with the Snow Queen and Ollie the Snowman**

*Family*  
*Fairytale Entertainment* performers bring Disney’s *Frozen* to life with appearances by the Snow Queen and Ollie the Snowman! Bring your favorite character toys or wear your dress-up costumes for added fun! Contact barbara@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup. Limit 40.  
**Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 PM**  
Please register [HERE](http://ropl.org) to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

**Art Start**  
*Ages 3-5*  
Studies show that the benefits of making art is not only a fun time for preschoolers, but creative play also builds motor skill development that sets the foundation for learning to write, builds self-esteem and self-expression, and helps develop visual-spatial skills. Besides, it’s so fun! Contact amy@ropl.org to schedule supplies pickup. Limit 30.  
**Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM**  
Please register [HERE](http://ropl.org) to receive Zoom link and schedule supplies pickup.

**OpenSpot Theater**  
*Ages 5-12*  
This class is an introduction to musical theatre where kids will learn singing, acting, and dancing. **OpenSpot Theater** (formerly 4th Wall Theatre Company) specializes in inclusive performance activities and children of all abilities are invited to participate. It’s sure to be a fun, dramatic time! Contact emilycrosby@ropl.org for more information. Limit 20.  
**Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 PM**  
Please register [HERE](http://ropl.org) to receive Zoom link.

**Crock Pot Cooking with Kids**  
*Ages 8-12*  
What’s one of the most delicious comfort foods? Macaroni and Cheese! With this crock pot recipe, there is no pre-cooking the macaroni! Supervision is suggested when using hot cookware. Please see the registration page for the shopping list. Contact amy@ropl.org to schedule a time to pick up your box of macaroni. Limit 20.  
**Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 PM**  
Please register [HERE](http://ropl.org) to receive Zoom link and schedule macaroni pickup.

**Super Bowl Story Time**  
*Family*  
Calling all football fans! Just in time for the Super Bowl LV, we’ll have football stories, songs and a craft, and find out where Tampa, Florida is! Contact emilycrosby@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup. Limit 30.  
**Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 PM**  
Please register [HERE](http://ropl.org) to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

**Superhero Friends Virtual Visit!**  
*Family*  
*Fairytale Entertainment* performers bring two of your favorite superheroes to life with appearances by Bat Hero and Warrior Woman! Bring your favorite character toys or wear your dress-up costumes for added fun! Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup. Limit 40.  
**Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM**  
Please register [HERE](http://ropl.org) to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

**Yoga Story Time**  
*Family*  
Join Miss Tracy for a mindful story time that incorporates yoga poses, stretches, and relaxation exercises with stories and music. Everyone is encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and yoga mats or towels are suggested. Please contact tracy@ropl.org for more information. Limit 30.  
**Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 PM**  
Please register [HERE](http://ropl.org) to receive Zoom link.

**Nailed It!**  
*Family*  
ROPL’s virtual take on the critically acclaimed Netflix series *Nailed It!* offers up a special Owl Cupcake challenge. Succeed or fail, all will have a hooting good time! We supply the cake mixes, cupcake papers, frosting, cookies, and candy to make this fun family project! Add additional items from your pantry for a unique Nailed It! creation. ROPL staff will post their Owl Cupcakes on our social media pages. Please share yours (or email to us to share) to #roplowlcupcakechallenge! Contact Amy at amy@ropl.org to schedule your baking supplies pickup. Limit 30.  
**Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 PM**  
Please register [HERE](http://ropl.org) to receive Zoom link and schedule supplies pickup.
**Book Buddies Book Club**

Book Buddies is a book club for ROPL’s youngest independent readers, ages 5-8. Book club meetings include activities, book discussions, and a craft based on the book. Contact barbara@ropl.org to schedule your book pickup. **Limit 25.**

Follow That Furball (#3 in the Magic Bone series) by Nancy E. Krulik

Book and craft pickup begins on Monday, January 4.

Book Club Zoom meeting is on Monday, January 25 at 4:30 PM

Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule book and craft pickup.

Sparky, the cute, lovable sheepdog puppy, is off to Rome. Upon his arrival, he buries his bone and begins to explore the city. He wanders into the Largo di Torre Argentina—the coolest place he’s seen yet. Until he notices...it’s filled with cats, and one of them has his bone! Sparky must chase two conniving cats around Trevi Fountain, through the Borghese Gardens, and into the Colosseum to try to get his bone back. Will he be able to outsmart the cats, or will he have to stay in Rome forever? **The first 25 participants will receive a book to keep.**

**NEW! Tween Biography Book Club**

ROPL has a new biography book club just for tweens ages 7-11! Lively book discussions and activities are all part of the fun. Contact jess@ropl.org to schedule your book pickup. **Limit 15.**

Who Was Alexander Hamilton? by Pam Pollack

Book pickup begins on Monday, February 1

Book Club Zoom meeting is on Wednesday, February 24 at 4:30 PM

Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule book and craft pickup.

Readers will learn the story of the “ten-dollar Founding Father” who inspired the smash Broadway musical “Hamilton.” The **Who Was...?** series, first published in 2002, continues to be a widely popular series. **The first 15 registrants will receive a copy of the book to keep.**

**Kids’ Book Club**

ROPL has a book club just for kids ages 9-12! Join us for a lively book discussion and activities on the featured book. Contact emilycrosby@ropl.org to schedule your book pickup. **Limit 15.**

The Magic Misfits by Neil Patrick Harris

Book pickup begins on Monday, January 11

Book Club Zoom meeting is on Monday, February 8 at 4:30 PM

Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule book and craft pickup.

When street magician Carter runs away, he never expects to find friends and magic in a sleepy New England town. But like any good trick, things change instantly as greedy B.B. Bosso and his crew of crooked carnies arrive to steal anything and everything they can get their sticky fingers on. Carter and five other illusionists together must use teamwork and magic to save the town of Mineral Wells from Bosso’s villainous clutches. **Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book.**
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Donate via PayPal or visit ropl.org/1072/Donate to learn more.

Google Chromebooks Now Available for Public Use

In an effort to increase computer access within our community we are offering Google Chromebooks for public use. Chromebooks are fast, lightweight computers that run apps instead of traditional software. **A Wi-Fi connection is required to log in.** Patrons checking out Chromebooks may also check out a library **Wi-Fi HotSpot.** Sign in as an ROPL Guest to use the internet or to create and share documents, edit photos, listen to music and much more using Chrome apps. Once you log out and/or shutdown, none of your personal data can be accessed by other users and will be completely erased. Anything you don’t save somewhere else will be deleted when you log out.

**Loan and Use Policy**

- Patrons must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid library card that is not blocked in order to check out a Chromebook.
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