



Rock Island

# LIBRARY LINES

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A free quarterly update on library programs, services and opportunities!

- Have a smartphone? Click the "Mobile Users" menu at the top of our library webpage for a more mobile-friendly view.

- September is Library Card Signup Month. Is your library card up-to-date?

- Pick up a schedule of Friends of the Library meetings at the 30/31 booksale room!

- Fall hours resumed Aug. 31.

#### Locations:

**Main Library:**  
401 19th Street

**30/31 Branch:**  
3059 30th Street

**Southwest Branch:**  
9010 Ridgewood Rd

Ask about accessible newsletter formats for qualified people with a disability.

[www.RockIslandLibrary.org](http://www.RockIslandLibrary.org)

## Stimulate Your Mind @ Your Library this Fall!

**Free arts, culture & heritage programs** offered at the Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street, during the East West Riverfest

promotion of Sept. 6-22 include:

**Reformers and Reprobates walking tour.**

**6:00 pm,**

**Thurs.,**

**Sept. 12.** Downtown walking tour with stories of Rock Island 'saints and sinners.'

Registration appreciated, but not required 309-732-7303. Be prepared to walk!

**The WPA in the Quad Cities**  
**2:00 pm, Mon., Sept. 16.**

Talk on Works Progress Administration (WPA) projects

by Dr. Jeffrey Hancks, special collections librarian at Western Illinois University in Macomb.



**Proper Ladies & Painted Women: Women, Work, and Reform in a Wet City. 6:30 pm, Thurs. Sept. 19.**

History of brewing in the Quad Cities, and how it affected women, with Dr. Jane Simonsen, associate professor of history at Augustana College.

**Frieze Lecture Series, 2:00 pm Tues., Oct. 22—Nov. 12, Rock Island Main Library.** Partnership with Augustana College brings college professors into the



Main Library for free and fascinating discussions around a central theme. Speakers on "It IS a Small World After All: Globalism's

Impact on Literature, Art and Culture" include Dr. Peter Kivisto, on ethnicity in the 21st century, Dr. Margaret Morse, on the College's African art collection, Dr. Benjamin Mier-Cruz, on the Swedish Crime Novel as a genre, and Prof. Katie Hanson, on one of Britain's foremost authors, Kazuo Ishiguro. More information at:

[www.rockislandlibrary.org](http://www.rockislandlibrary.org)



Angela Campbell

## From the Library Director's Desk

**Hello Rock Islanders!** I am proud to finally have a

permanent residence in this fine city and I LOVE IT! It's so refreshing to live in a larger

city with a small town feel. Every night when I drive home, I see people out walking, talking with neighbors, and sitting on front porches. Excellent public libraries are just one of the reasons people choose to live in a particular area. Rock Islanders get a bargain, too. We are

one of the only cities of our size in Illinois that has three library locations in addition to our growing online presence. It is an honor to have been chosen to lead the staff of this great library, and arguably, the first public library in Illinois! The rollout of our . . .

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Sign up online for free e-mail news and courtesy notices—[www.RockIslandLibrary.org](http://www.RockIslandLibrary.org)

## New for Fall @ Your Library



You can pick up a free book and read in the botanical gardens, thanks to a partnership between the Rock Island Library and the Quad City Botanical Center that established a "little free library" in a wheelbarrow.

"My sons had a great time at the Babaloo concert. We bought the CD and it has been requested daily. Thank you for all your wonderful summer programming. We love our library!" Heather M.



"I feel very fortunate to live in the Quad Cities with its wealth of libraries. I was able to bring my grandchildren to some interesting programs this summer. They especially loved the reptiles!" Janet C.

### READ BANNED BOOKS

#### Banned Books

#### Reception & Reading with

Midwest Writing

Center, 6:00—7:30 pm, **Tues., Sept. 24**, Main Library. Celebrate your First Amendment Rights. Readings from favorite banned or challenged books, and chances to win merchandise with the



Banned Books theme. Open to all, but some readings may not be suitable for all audiences. Free.

See the play *Irena Sendler: Angel of the Warsaw Ghetto*, with actress Judy Winnick, at 6:30 pm on **Tues. Oct. 1** at the Main Library. Presented with the Jewish

Federation of the Quad Cities. Free.

Learn how to **fund your cause** with a free workshop for **non-profit organizations**, **Wed, Nov. 6**, at 6:30 pm, Main Library. The session will show you how to use the Foundation Center collection to find and write grants and more. Free.



## Food for Thought: *A Night of Roaring Reads!*

#### You may feel like the Great Gatsby

when you step into the Rock Island Public

Library for our **Food for Thought fundraiser on Thurs, Nov. 14.**



including dining at five food stations, complimentary beverages at our "speakeasy," jazz music on

two floors, silent auction and shush-free conversation with friends.

For best rate, RSVP and bring a friend! Admission is \$30 per person or \$55 per couple with advance reservation; \$35 at the door for walk-in guests with no advance RSVP. You may pay at the door with cash, check or credit. Proceeds benefit your library. Please RSVP by Nov. 6 to 732-7302 or [penry.amy@rigov.org](mailto:penry.amy@rigov.org)

**From 5:00 to 8:00 pm**, our **Night of Roaring Reads** will turn the Main Library at 401 19th Street into a jazz-age nightspot to raise funds for programs, materials, library beautification and other special purchases underwritten by the Rock Island Public Library Foundation. The Main Library will be open only to Food for Thought guests on Nov. 14, with admission

### Library Staff News

Thanks to Security Page **Joe DeCook** (Main) for creating our new Children's Room Sign. It looks great!

Congratulations to **Diane Greenwood** (Main Circulation) who retired in June with 20 years of service. **Raneshia Vallejo** (formerly Main Children's desk) was promoted to Branch circulation representative, and **LaRea McMillin** will now



be spending her time at the Main Library. **Jessica Hill** (Main) was promoted to Children's desk aide.

We also would like to welcome new circulation pages **Anna Tunnicliff** and **Claire Larson** (Main.)

## Summer Reading Gets Great Reviews from All Ages

Adult readers returned 5,010 entries for books read in the *Have Book Will Travel*/summer reading contest, a new record!

73 teen readers in the *Beneath the Surface* teen reading program took

home gift cards and other prizes for completing their bingo card logs. Teen program

attendance topped 188!

236 children read more than 3,564 books and 1,188 hours in the *Have Book Will Travel*/summer reading program. New performers included the Mad Mixtures science show and the Serengeti Steve reptile program.

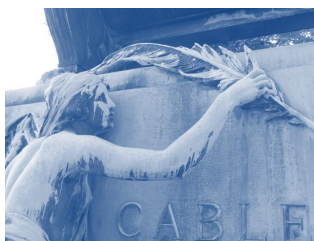
(Photo at right.)

Children's Room staff also

took their show on the road, bringing reading programs to 543 kids and adults at

summer parks programs, day camps, and daycares. (Shown above: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* event at a daycare.)

Summer programming funded by Friends of the Rock Island Public Library, Milan-Blackhawk Area Public Library District and the RI Public Library Foundation. Thank you!



Adults toured historic cemeteries, learned about new technology, and more!



### New for Kids This Fall

#### Smart Start

**Storytimes, 10:30 am, Saturday, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, Rock Island Main Library Children's Room.** Start your Saturday off with coffee for the adults and a story, song, and craft activity for the kids. Afterwards, enjoy nearby Schwiebert Riverfront Park, or just get a head start on errands! Offered on the first Saturday of each month from October-December.

#### Kids' Craft Times for RI School Break

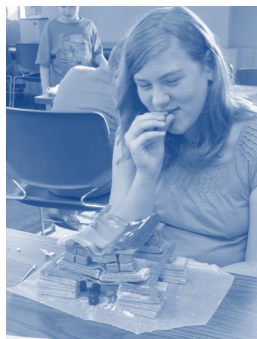
Kids can get their hands dirty with a messy craft during school break with two make-and-take programs on **Oct. 17.**

Join us at 11:00 am at the 30/31 Branch or at 3:30 pm at the Southwest Branch for free messy fun. All materials supplied.

## Teens — Have Your Say with TAB!

Teens who want to have a say in library teen programming and services are invited to volunteer for the Library's **Teen Advisory Board (TAB).**

To sign up, pick up a slip at any Rock Island Library location, and return it to desk staff. TAB service may qualify you for volunteer service hours. Check with your school!



The teen Candy Architecture contest provided delicious fun this summer.

### New Teen Events

#### Teen Allegiant

**Party, 6 pm, Tues, Oct. 22.** Celebrate the final book in the popular *Divergent* teen trilogy by Veronica Roth. Snacks, trivia, and a movie.

#### Teen Halloween

**Party, 6 pm, Thurs. Oct. 31.**

Snacks, scary movie, costume contest and games. Main.

**Catching Fire Party, 6 pm, Thurs., Nov. 21, Main** Celebrate the release of the movie based on Suzanne Collins novel. See the 1st movie, play trivia & enjoy snacks.

**Dr. Who Party, 6 pm, Thurs., Dec. 19, Main.** Celebrate the Doctor's 50th anniversary!

**All teen events for ages 12-18.**

## From the Library Director *(story continued from page 1)*

... new strategic plan in the coming months puts us on the verge of doing even *more* wonderful things for our community. I look forward to sharing more about our new direction in future issues. In the meantime, the Board of Trustees has unanimously decided on a new mission

vision, and value statements.

Thank you *all* for your continued support, and if you know anyone thinking about moving to the Quad Cities, tell them about the uniqueness of Rock Island and the vast experiences it offers to its residents.

*Angela Campbell, director*

**Our Mission:** The Rock Island Public Library serves the public with a collection of community centers, outreach efforts, and online opportunities that provide resources to enhance personal achievement and stimulate the imagination.

**Vision #1:** The Rock Island Public Library will be essential to the city's intellectual and cultural life, deeply rooted in, and responsive to, its community. Look for more about this in our next issue!

**Rock Island Main Library**  
401 19th Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201



**We're Social!**

Scan QR Code for  
Social Media links to  
Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest

**Or current resident**

**Regular Hours**

**Main Library—  
732-7323**

**30/31 Branch—  
732-7369**

**Monday-Thursday:**  
9:00 am — 8:00 pm

**Friday:**  
9:00 am — 5:00 pm

**Saturday:**  
9:00 am — 5:00 pm

**Southwest  
Branch—  
732-7338**

**Monday/Tuesday:**  
10:00 am — 8:00 pm

**Wednesday:**  
9:00 am — 8:00 pm

**Thursday:**  
9:00 am — 5:30 pm

**Friday:**  
9:00 am — 5:00 pm

**Saturday:**  
9:00 am — 5:00 pm

## Get Online Tutoring from Brainfuse!

The Rock Island Library has just subscribed to **Brainfuse**, an online tutoring service. The free service supports the learning needs of Rock Island Library card holders in five ways:

**HelpNow:** Connect to live tutors, access previous sessions, use or create flashcards, work on group projects in the collaboration area, and take practice exams. For grades K-12, with added resources for college-age students. Subjects cover math, reading, and science.

**HelpNow Writing Center:** Submit letters and papers to receive

feedback on grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

**Adult Learning Center:** Receive resume assistance, find career resources and skill building exercises, and work on GED and Citizenship tests.



**brainfuse**  
*ignite your mind*

**JobNow database:** Resume and interviewing skills and assistance.

**LearnNow:** Take dozens of practice tests, like the ACT, SAT, GED, GRE, and ASVAB. Users can connect with a tutor to discuss a learning plan specific to the results from the practice tests.

### Brainfuse Online Tutoring

- Starts September 2013
- Provides live online tutors from 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Sunday-Saturday—7 days a week!
- For Rock Island Library card holders
- Requires Internet connection & library card

### Where to Begin?

[www.rockislandlibrary.org](http://www.rockislandlibrary.org)

Go to the "Online Tools" menu, and click the Brainfuse logo to start a tutoring session.



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