



*Richfield Springs
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Newsletter*



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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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Can you believe it's already March? Another year moving by so fast, if we blink we might miss it!

Did you know that March is National Craft Month? We work on so many different crafts at the library in our Children's Art Class, and the Teen and Adult Art Collaborative Group. Stop in sometime and take advantage of these wonderful programs!

Also this month, March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday! Pick up one of his books at the library to read his amazing stories with your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or siblings!

Read on through the newsletter, as we have a new section with a collaboration with the Richfield Springs Central School Library Media Specialist, Kathryn Prada. She has a wonderful event this month that she would like to share with you all and is asking for help to encourage her many readers!

Chair Yoga continues on Mondays, March 6th, through March 27th every Monday from 2 pm - 3 pm. Instructor Wanda Hunt will lead you through seated and standing yoga poses with many health benefits. All fitness levels are welcome, and only one non-perishable food item for the Richfield Springs Food Pantry is cost. Stop in and take advantage of this awesome class!



Don't forget Storytime with crafts or playtime on Fridays at 11 am and our Art classes on Tuesdays. The art classes this month will be held on March 7th and 21st art for children is at 3 pm on both dates, and the teens and adults class is at 6 pm. We have all the materials you need to create many art forms, and first-time attendees receive a free sketchbook at their first class!

Check out the New Items list for many new books which were added to the collection in the month of February.

In honor Dr. Seuss's birthday, St. Patrick's Day, and National Craft Month, we have two crafts for the Craft Kit of the Month!

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better it's not."

~Lorax, Dr. Seuss





DID YOU KNOW?

John Steinbeck's dog named Toby ate the original manuscript for "Of Mice and Men." The dog, quite literally, chewed up half of the only manuscript of the classic.

MARCH

31 HOURS OF READING *if you read 60 minutes a day*



2 ... DR. SEUSS IS BORN, 1904

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, was the author of children's classics, including *The Cat in the Hat*.

4 ... SHERLOCK HOLMES GETS HIS FIRST CASE, 1881

As recorded by Dr. Watson in a first Sherlock Holmes story, *A Study in Scarlet*.

14 ... THE FIRST MASS-MARKET EBOOK IS PUBLISHED, 2000

Over 400,000 copies of Stephen King's *Riding the Bullet* novella were downloaded in the first 24 hours.

19 ... INTERNATIONAL READ TO ME DAY

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world.

21 ... WORLD POETRY DAY

UNESCO's initiative to promote the reading, writing, publishing, and teaching of poetry.

25 ... TOLKIEN READING DAY

The date is inspired by *The Lord of the Rings*. On this day, the Ring was destroyed, and Sauron was defeated.

31 ... ALICE FOR THE IPAD IS RELEASED, 2010

One of the first books for iPad and a breathtaking interactive version of the classic tale *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

... THE FIRST PART OF *THE PICKWICK PAPERS*, 1836

Charles Dickens' first novel was published in 19 installments, highly contributing to the success of serialized fiction.

READING CHALLENGE

Week 1: One of the Sherlock Holmes stories

Week 2: A collection of poems

Week 3: A book set in the near future

Week 4: A book recommended by a friend

READING MAKES A FULL MAN.

— FRANCIS BACON

2 | *Artist of the Month* *Maureen Culbert*



Stop in and check out Maureen's work as she honors us again with her beautiful watercolor art!

Art has been a part of Maureen's life since she was a child, taught to paint by her mother, an artist herself. Since then she became a teacher and used art in many of her teaching experiences whenever she could. Now that she has retired, she has focused more on her art and we are very pleased to share her work with you at the library.



The Legend of the Leprechaun



If you're going to try and catch a leprechaun, there are a few things you should know before getting started.



Leprechauns are small, about two feet high. Pictures of leprechauns usually show that they are bearded men, but there's no proof that they're only males.

Leprechauns like to be alone, and they usually live in wooded areas. They earn money by making shoes, which requires the use of tiny hammers. If you're walking along in the forest on a quiet evening and hear a tiny tapping sound, it might be a leprechaun finishing a

day's work.

Leprechauns must be honest. Part of the legend of the leprechaun is that each one is in charge of guarding a pot of gold. This gold has been well hidden. But if you are lucky enough to catch a leprechaun, ask him or her where you can find this gold. The leprechaun must tell the truth, and will want his freedom in exchange for the information.



Leprechauns are smart and quick, and even though they must be honest, they can be tricky. The other part of the Legend of the Leprechaun is about how tricky they can be!

A man caught a leprechaun and asked where his gold was hidden. The leprechaun had to tell the truth, and led the man to a bush under which the gold was buried. The man had to get a shovel so he could dig for the gold, and he tied a red piece of cloth to a branch of the bush so he would know where to return to start digging. He made the leprechaun promise not to remove the red cloth. When he got back with the shovel, he found that the leprechaun had tied a red piece of cloth to hundreds of other bushes, too!

Finally, keep careful watch over your leprechaun. If you take your eyes off your leprechaun for even a second, he will vanish!

3 | *New Items*

Adult Books

The Mitford Affair by Marie Benedict

The End of DrumTime by Hanna Pylvainen

Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun by Elle Cosimano

The Twisted Dead by Darcy Coates

The New Guys: The Historic Class of Astronauts that Broke Barriers and Changed the Face of Space Travel by Meredith Bagby

More than Meets the Eye by Roy & Iris Johansen

Encore in Death by J.D. Robb

Unnatural History by Jonathan Kellerman

Lying Beside You by Michael Robotham

If A Poem Could Live and Breathe: A Novel of Teddy Roosevelt's First Love by Mary Calvi

Large Print Books

When the Summer was Ours by Roxanne Veletzos

Calder Grit by Janet Dailey

It's a Wonderful Woof by Spencer Quinn

The Secret Keeps of Old Depot Grocery by Amanda Cox

The One You're With by Lauren K. Denton

What A Dog Knows by Susan Wilson

The Return of the Wolf by Larry D. Sweazy

A Stranger's Game by Colleen Coble

The Moon, The Stars, and Madame Burova by Ruth Hogan

The War Nurse by Emerson Wood

The Walnut Creek Wish by Wanda Brunstetter

Graphic Novels

The Amazing Spider-Man: A World Without Love (Young Adult)

Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez & Gabriela Epstein
(Junior Books)



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss



4 | Calendar

March

Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thur	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3 Story Time 11 am	4
5	6 Chair Yoga 2 PM	7 Kids Art 3 pm Teen/Adult Art 6 pm	8	9	10 Story Time 11 am	11
12	13 Chair Yoga 2 PM	14 Village Board Meeting 7 pm	15	16	17 Story Time 11 am Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18
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*It was one of those
March days when the
sun shines hot and the
wind blows cold: when
it is summer in the
light, and winter in
the shade.*

*~ Charles Dickens,
Great Expectations*



5 | *Craft Kit of the Month*



March Crafts

The take-home craft kit of the month is made available to all in collaboration with the Richfield Springs Community Center's: Stories Come Alive!

Pick up your craft kit on the shelves by the door of the Library. We would love to see your finished craft; please post a picture and tag us on Facebook @RichfieldSpringsPublicLibrary.

Stop in and get creative!



March Crafts

1. For Thing 1 and Thing 2, trace your hands on the blue paper and cut out your handprint for their hair.
2. Color the collars of Thing 1 and Thing 2 then glue the pieces together.
3. For the Shamrock suncatcher, with your parents, grandparents, older siblings, aunts' or uncles' help, cut out the Shamrock.
4. Using markers, color a rainbow design on your coffee filter paper.
5. Spray water on the coffee filter, and watch the colors blend together, creating a tie-dye effect. Blot the coffee filter with paper towels, and let it dry.
6. Glue the coffee filter to the back of the Shamrock and let the sun shine through!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

We would love to see how your projects turned out, so please share a picture with us on our Facebook page, in the craft post!

6 | RSCS Reading Challenge



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
of the Capital Region

In March, Richfield Springs Elementary is starting our March Into Reading Challenge and Ronald McDonald House Charity Fundraiser. The main goal of March Into Reading is to foster and strengthen our students' love of reading while also raising money for RMHC. Read for RMHC-CR is a reading-based community service program that works in partnership with area schools, public libraries, small groups, and individuals.

Participants ask family and friends to sponsor the time they will spend reading, with donations coming to support Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region (RMHC-CR). We are excited to invite the patrons of the Richfield Springs Public Library to join in by giving you the opportunity to sponsor an anonymous child's reading. Fill out the sponsor form with your information and return it with your donation to the Richfield Springs Public Library before April 4th. Miss Kathryn, Library Media Specialist at RSCS, will pick up the completed forms and donations, and then pick a student's name for your sponsorship to go towards. We appreciate any and all donations.

Thank you!



Sponsor Form

Student Name To Be Determined School
 Teacher/Grade Total Minutes Read

Name	Email Address	Amount/minute or flat donation amount	Final Donation Received

(This form is fillable and may be completed, saved on your computer, and printed.)

Please return this completed form to school with your donations.

Donations by check can be made payable to RMHC.

In order to receive a thank you letter/tax receipt, please provide your email address.
 Email addresses provided will not be used for solicitation purposes.

Consider doubling your gift by asking your employer to match your donation!

Thank you for supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Capital Region!



RMHC
of the Capital Region

Our donation entry system automatically creates a fundraising webpage for students when cash/check donations are entered at RMHC CR. This is done in order to document the donations related to each student and to recognize each student as part of his/her school's team. If you do not want a webpage created in your student's name or do not want your student's name to be listed as part of your school's team, please check here.

Our Staff

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Library Hours

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
& Fridays 11 am - 5 pm
Tuesdays 11 am - 8 pm
Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm