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32nd Annual Sokol High School Literary Awards Reception and Ceremony

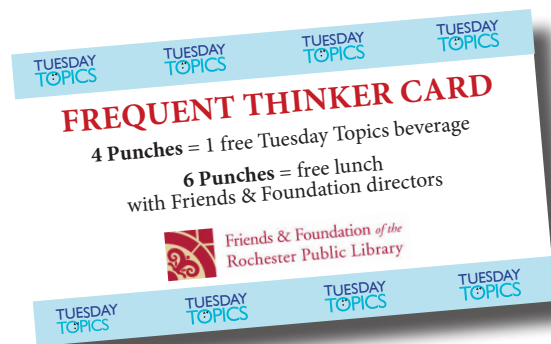
Thursday, May 3 • 4pm

Kate Gleason Auditorium

**Deadline for Submissions:
Wednesday, January 31**

Monroe County students in grades 9 – 12 may enter original poetry and/or prose, either written or performed, to be judged by nationally-known authors for cash prizes.

Visit www.Sokol.ffrpl.org for contest details.



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January 16 Election Reform

Learn more about the state Constitutional Convention, which was on the November 7 ballot, and key issues related to election reform, such as enhanced ethics enforcement, campaign finance reform, independent redistricting, and transparent budgeting and finance policies.

Presenter: Thomas Ferrarese, Commissioner, Monroe County Board of Elections



January 23 The Health of Arts and Their Impact in Rochester

The National Center for Arts Research named Rochester NY as one of the *Top 20 Most Vibrant Arts Communities in America* for 2017. Learn more about the vitality of our region's arts scene and the impact the arts have on our own community.



Presenter: Dr. Dawn Lipson, Chair, Arts & Cultural Council of Rochester



January 30 The New Entrepreneurs of Rochester

With the departure or downsizing of our area's cornerstone companies including Kodak, Xerox and Bausch & Lomb, many Rochester professionals are looking to work independently and control their own careers. Hear about this movement and some of the successful entrepreneurs in our area.



Presenter: Richard Glaser, Senior Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management and co-creator of RocGrowth, the Portal for Innovators & Entrepreneurs in the Rochester/Finger Lakes



February 6 What Is a Trusted News Source?



With traditional and social media often intersecting, what is the best way to appropriately evaluate news sources for credibility? Learn how to become more media literate – including commercial, social and political implications related to ownership of media delivery vehicles – from our area's expert.

Presenter: Tom Proietti, Resident Scholar in Media at St. John Fisher College and Professor Emeritus of Communication at Monroe Community College



February 13 Legal Issues of Gender Identity

Gender identity can correlate with assigned sex at birth (cisgender) or differ from assigned sex at birth (transgender), and can impact many aspects of life. According to the Human Rights Campaign, '2017 was the deadliest year on record for transgender people' in the US.

Note: The Rochester Public Library is working on a multi-year project with the Out Alliance, who are transferring dozens of special collections to RPL's Local History & Genealogy Division. RPL will serve as the permanent home for the collections, enabling greater accessibility to the content, which references and contextualizes LGBTQ life in Rochester against the backdrop of local and national social justice issues.



Presenter: Scott Fearing, Executive Director, Out Alliance (formerly GAGV)



February 20 The Science Behind the Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Floods and Fires We Are Experiencing

According to the National Centers for Environmental Information, there have been more than 15 billion-dollar weather and climate disasters across the US in 2017. Learn what is causing the frequency and strength of these destructive occurrences.

Presenter: Jason Szymanski, Professor, MCC, Chemistry and Geosciences



February 27 The New MCC Downtown Campus: Good for Students, Good for Rochester



Located in Rochester's historic High Falls District, MCC's Downtown Campus opened in the Fall of 2017, and included significant input from students. Hear how the new space is expected to help MCC attract new students and increase college completion, as well as have a positive impact on the community-at-large.

Presenter: Joel Frater, Executive Dean, MCC Downtown Campus

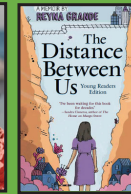
March 6 Flooding/FEMA/Paying for Flood Damage On the Lake

Last year, hurricane damage to residences and businesses was regularly addressed by US Federal Aid. But lawmakers are still seeking federal funds for those along the shores of Lake Ontario, after months of flooding caused damage in 2017. Those without flood insurance were not covered by FEMA. Learn more about this critical issue facing many in our community.

Presenter: TBD

Rochester Reads 2018

The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande



Reading and Book Signing by the Author

Wednesday, March 28
12 noon – 1:30pm
Kate Gleason Auditorium

Offered in partnership with Writers & Books.



Reyna Grande is an award-winning novelist and memoirist. Her novels, *Across a Hundred Mountains* (2006) and *Dancing with Butterflies* (2009), were published to critical acclaim. In her latest book, *The Distance Between Us* (2012), Reyna writes about her life before and after illegally immigrating to the United States from Mexico.



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