

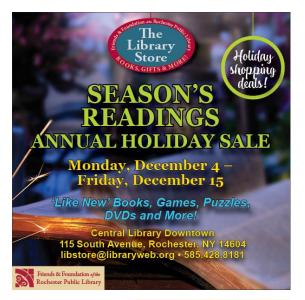




Please note: by submitting your original work to the Sokol Contest, you grant

Judging is by experts in each field and the winners will be announced in the Spring.

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Winter Programs December 2023 – February 2024



Art of the Book & Paper
On view through January 6, 2024
Anthony Mascioli Gallery, Central Library
FFRPL is a Founding Sponsor of the exhibit.

Pictured: Best of Show 2023 Catharsis, Michele Heather Pollock, Columbus, IN

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Our Season's Readings Book Sale,



December 4 – 15 at Central Library's bookstore, will feature many **likenew books**, **games**, **puzzles**, **and DVDs** for holiday gift giving.

The sale is held during regular Library hours.

Shop our **online selection of 8,000 quality used books** at AbeBooks, Alibris, and Biblio. Links are posted on our web site. Proceeds from onsite and online book sales benefit the Library.



Call for entries! The deadline for our Sokol High School Literary Awards contest is

Wednesday, January 31. We offer \$1,500 in cash prizes in three categories: Poetry, Prose and Performance. Monroe County students in grades 9 – 12 (including Home Schoolers) are invited to participate. The awards ceremony and reception is held in the Spring. For more details and to submit work, visit **ffrpl.org.**

TUESDAY TOPICS

Tuesday Topics will showcase some of **RPL's Branches**. Held **12pm-1pm** in Central Library's Kate Gleason Auditorium. **Register: ffrpl.org**



February 6
Bruce Tehan,
Site Supervisor
for the Arnett
Branch, will
discuss highlights

from 2023 (their 100th year of service); mobile services they provide such as *Books by Bike;* special inventory (including oversized games used for outreach, which FFRPL helped purchase) and other unique features of the Branch, which was named the 2015 *Library of the Year* by the Rochester Regional Library Council.

February 13

Lincoln Branch and the Toy Library now have new furniture, fixtures, equipment, and toys in a redesigned and renovated building in the

Joseph/Avenue D area. **Sarah Lehman**, Site Supervisor for the Branch, will discuss the



renovation and its community impact. FFRPL helped raise funds for the project.



February 20
Johanna Buran,
Site Supervisor
for Maplewood,
will provide an
overview of the
Branch's

forthcoming renovations; an update from the Library's community input sessions; and the anticipated impact of the Expansion Project, including use of the space that will be 33% larger. Groundbreaking for Maplewood is slated for 2024, with construction through 2026.



February 27
Cathy Kyle, Site
Supervisor for the
Lyell Branch
Library, will talk
about the

anticipated impact of RPL's new **Book Mobile**, which will support the expansion of outreach services to Rochester residents. FFRPL helped fund the collaboration with RIT's industrial students, who will assist with the retrofit of the van to be used. Lyell will serve as the primary location for the Book Mobile and Central Library will serve as the secondary location.