

Celebrating 25 Years

ROBERT W. ROWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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OF THE COMMUNITY

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Hours

Monday	10am - 4pm
Tuesday	3pm - 7pm
Wednesday	10am - 4pm
Thursday	3pm - 7pm
Friday	10am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - 12pm

From the Director's Desk

The Robert W. Rowe Public Library District is proud to continue to offer free services to everyone. Our library plays a vital and important role in our community. Everyone is welcome inside to learn, grow, explore, or just enjoy spending some restful time just sitting and reading a book or magazine. If some-

one needs assistance, we are here to offer it.

We also offer the opportunity for social interaction through various reading discussion groups, UFO group, weekly craft get-togethers, afternoon movies, programs for all ages, and so much more.

Although we do offer digital services such as Axis 360

and Omni OverDrive for those who enjoy reading books on electronic devices, our physical library is more important than ever as evidenced during this recent pandemic. Social interaction is an indispensable, fundamental need, and our library is here to provide it to everyone.

~Patti Smith, Director

Dig Deeper

This year's exciting summer program, "Dig Deeper," starts Monday, July 1st and runs through Saturday, August 8th. Sign up online, call, or come to the Robert W. Rowe Public Library.

Explore a local dinosaur hunt, check out craft kits for all ages, return book boxes, participate in a Lego® competition, and much more. Join and earn badges for reading and participation.

Sign up today and start summer!



Read, Investigate, Discover

Going Fine Free

Robert W. Rowe Library prides itself on being a dynamic family friendly community center where people of all ages meet and get access to a wide range of information. So the Board of Trustees and the Library Staff made the decision that as of July 1, 2020 the Robert W. Rowe Public Library would become fine free for books and magazines. Fines will

still be in place for any hot spots or DVDS that are returned late. Fees for lost or damaged items still apply. We felt the inability to pay overdue fines only served as a barrier in accessing all the wonderful materials we have available. We hope that this will encourage everyone to come into the library to use all we have to offer.

Why Buy
HAPPINESS
when the
LIBRARY
shares it for
FREE

Adult Crafts Grab & Go

Summer Reading Adult Craft Time is taking a new approach. This year we are launching a new concept called “Grab & Go”! We will have craft kits available for adults, 18 years & older. Stop in the library, pick up a craft kit, (supplies & instructions included) and take it home to create at your leisure. We have three different craft projects available and we will have a different

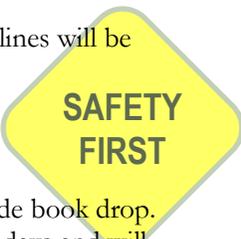
one each week for 3 weeks. These kits will be limited to 15 people, so be sure to either stop in at the library early in the week, or you can call the library at 815-496-2031 and register for that week’s craft kit.

July 13-18 — *Art Tissue Painting*
July 20-25 — *Rag Wreath*
July 27-Aug 1 — *Terra Cotta Pots*

For Your Safety...

To protect patrons and staff, these guidelines will be followed with the state mandates:

- Masks will be worn
- Hand sanitizer will be available
- Water fountain is unavailable
- Books are to be returned by the outside book drop. These items will be quarantined for 7 days and will remain on your account during that time.
- Filling and receiving holds make take longer due to the 7-day quarantine.



Important Reminders

Have you changed your phone number or address recently? It is important that we have your current contact information on file so we can contact you for items you have placed on hold and are awaiting checkout.

We require you to have your library card to check-out materials or use our computers. We value your time, and by having your library card when checking out materials assures you of getting your material in a timely manner.

Did you know that your library card expires every three

years? This is our way of keeping your registration information current, which you provided when you applied for your library card. If you have a library card from another library and it has expired, we cannot renew your card. You will need to visit your home library to get your card renewed. Once it has been renewed you are free to use your library card at over 100 libraries in the Northwest region of Illinois. If you would like a list of all the libraries

where your card is valid, just ask at the desk and we’ll be happy to give you a copy of that list.

Just a friendly reminder...

Taking our UFO Group Outdoors

Having to maintain social distancing guidelines hasn’t stopped our wonderful Unfinished Objects Group from getting together and enjoying our social/crafting time, it’s just moved outdoors for the time being.

Thanks to the Friends of the Robert W. Rowe Library, we have been able to use our beautiful

shaded reading area to host our UFO Group that meets every Monday morning at 10 am, weather permitting. It’s such a joy to be able to be out in the fresh air, enjoying each other’s company, while staying safe. Please feel free to stop and sit a spell, you don’t even need a craft project to work on.



Curbside Pickup Service

We know there are times, when it’s raining cats & dogs, and maybe you have a little one in your car, and it’s a hassle to take them out and bring them into the library just to pick up your holds. We are striving to make this a bit easier for you. We are happy to offer a new service, Curbside Pick-up. Just call the library at 815-496-2031 and make sure your holds are

available. Once we confirm that they are here, come down to the library and call the library again when you park. Give us your library card number, we will check them out to you, and bring them to your vehicle. For more information please call the Robert Rowe Library at 815-496-2031.



Comic and Anime Club

Join us Friday, October 9th at 3pm for our first fall club meeting. Come in costume or a t-shirt showing your favorite character. We will test your trivia skills, try new foods, and draw your favorite comic and manga book characters—join us!

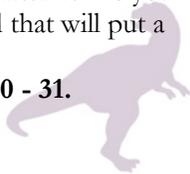
Pay Fines Online

E-commerce is a great feature that allows you to pay your fines online at your convenience. **E-commerce** is accessible through the library website’s catalog by using the pull-down menu labeled *My Account*. Enter your barcode and pin, and you can access your fines/fees. Patrons can pay fines or bills using a major credit card. If you have any questions please call the library at 815-496-2031.

Storybook Walk in the Park

Need to get out? Take a walk but not just any walk - take a Story Book Walk in the Park. Visit Centennial Park in Sheridan behind the library, and enjoy Mo Willems' wonderful tale of *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*. As you stroll enjoy the sun, nature and a fun read that will put a smile on your face.

Storybook Walk will run July 20 - 31.

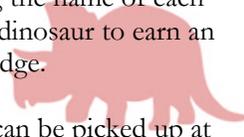
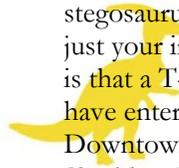


Downtown Dino Search

Out of the corner of your eye did you spot a stegosaurus? Or was that just your imagination? Wait, is that a T-Rex? Yes, you have entered the Downtown Dino Search in Sheridan, Illinois. Take a brisk walk through the business district and see if you can locate all 12 prehistoric images—then submit your completed

form with the business' name that correlates with the number on each dinosaur for a fantastic summer reading badge. Show your expertise by entering the name of each type of dinosaur to earn an extra badge.

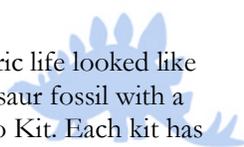
Forms can be picked up at the library and must be completed by August 8.



Dino Kits

We have a glimpse of what prehistoric life looked like from fossils. Create your own dinosaur fossil with a Robert W. Rowe Public Library Dino Kit. Each kit has air dry clay, paint, brush, dinosaur skeleton and directions for you to create your very own clay fossil.

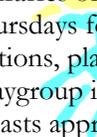
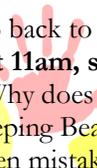
Call 815-496-2031 or email your request to bwood@rwrlibrary.org and pick up your kit today!



Preschool Playgroup

Are you ready to go back to school? Join us every **Thursday morning at 11am, starting October 15**, for Preschool Playgroup. Why does a groundhog want to see his shadow? Will Sleeping Beauty ever wake up? Are giraffes often mistaken as chairs?

Join us on Thursdays for a fun story time to get answers to these questions, play games, create crafts and more. Preschool Playgroup is geared toward ages 3-5 years, and lasts approximately 30 minutes.



Lego® Contest

Don't let those newly-developed Lego® building skills go to waste – show us your latest creation. Submit a photo of your creation with your name and phone number to bwood@rwrlibrary.org. Photos will be posted on Robert W. Rowe Public Library's Facebook page, and our online community will vote on their favorites.

Enter as many creations as you like starting Monday, July 13 and ending August 8.



Teen Book Box is coming back starting July 1st!

Teens will soon be able to subscribe to the Teen Book Box again!

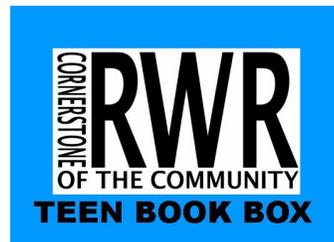
The Teen Book Box is a subscription series similar to other subscription series like StitchFix and Blue Apron. On the first of each month, starting in July, readers will get a box which includes a book and other fun items like candy, bookmarks, pencils, and some fun activity sheets. The boxes will be available at the Robert W. Rowe Public Library for pick-up.

How it works: Read the book, fill out a rating sheet, then return the book, rating sheet, and box (everything else is yours to keep) to the library in order to pick up the next box.

Applications for the boxes are available at Robert W. Rowe Public Library, as well as on the library website under the Teen tab.

Students don't need to have a current library card to enjoy the Teen Book Box.

For more information, call the Robert W. Rowe Public Library: (815) 496-2031



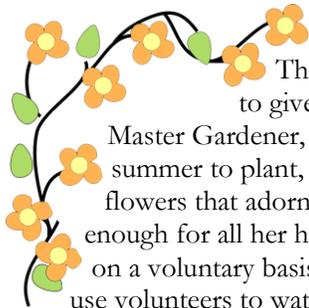
I HAVE ALWAYS IMAGINED THAT PARADISE WILL BE A KIND OF LIBRARY.

~ JORGE LUIS BORGES

Busy Behind the Scenes



While the library may have been closed, the staff have been incredibly busy while sheltering in place. They spent numerous hours attending webinars and Zoom meetings, keeping up with current technologies and library trends. The staff at the Robert W. Rowe Public Library pride themselves on striving to learn new skills and program ideas to make your experience here at the library the best it can be. We have also spent several hours doing inventory so we can be sure our collection is as current and diverse as our budget allows. Please be assured that we are anxious to see you all in person and to safely resume the events, activities, and programs that you have come to expect.



The Library Board and Staff would like to give a big shout out to Brenda Brown, Master Gardener, who works tirelessly every spring and summer to plant, weed, and water all the beautiful flowers that adorn our library. We cannot thank her enough for all her hard work and expertise that she gives on a voluntary basis. If you would like help, we could use volunteers to water and weed our plants and flowers on a weekly basis. Please contact the library at 815-496-2031 to sign up.

Many hands make light work.

Thank You

Newsletter Online

Thank you for signing up to receive news and information from the Robert W. Rowe Public Library District.

Newsletters will be sent from “Robert Rowe Public Library” using the email address rwrlibrary.org. Please add this address to your email client's safe list to make sure you receive our correspondence. We value your privacy and will never share your email address with anyone.

If your email address changes please notify us so we can update your account and be sure that you never miss one. Our newsletter highlights changes in the library, including new services, resources, events, and faces and keeps you up to date on our monthly programs and times.



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