

# News from the Children's Room

## May-June 2017

### **Memorial Day:**

The Library will be closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

### **Summer Hours:**

June 10<sup>th</sup> will be the last Saturday the Library will be open until Saturday, September 9th. Weekday hours will remain the same.

### **Free Comic Book Day:**

Did you know May 6<sup>th</sup> is Free Comic Book Day? Free Comic Book Day is a single day - the first Saturday in May each year - when participating comic book shops across North America and around the world give away comic books absolutely FREE to anyone who comes into their stores. Call Jetpack Comics at 330-9636 or go to [www.jetpackcomics.com](http://www.jetpackcomics.com) for more information about Free Comic Book Day in Rochester!

### **"Read S'more Books!"**

The Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and will run for six weeks! We are doing a camping theme this summer . . . you will find a fishing hole, a tent, a campfire and more in the Children's Room this summer! A calendar of all summer events will be available mid-May at the Children's Room desk and on the library website ([www.rpl.lib.nh.us](http://www.rpl.lib.nh.us)). You don't need to sign up in advance, just come in any time on or after June 26<sup>th</sup>. New this summer is the option to log all the books you read from home using our on-line "Reading Chart"! . We understand how busy summers can be, so we have created a program that children 2 and up can participate in whenever the library is open. All children and young people are welcome regardless of their reading abilities or any other limitations. If you have any questions, please ask us.

### **Summer Story Times:**

Drop-in Story Times for children age 12 months through 5 years old are offered as part of our Summer Reading Program. These Story Times don't require pre-registration, and do not include

a craft. Check out our Summer Reading Program Calendar for dates of Story Times and other fun activities!

### **Child Safety in the Library:**

**Library policy is that children under the age of 10 must be with a parent or adult caregiver (18 years or older).**

We work hard to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for families, and are very happy to see how many of our patrons feel comfortable here. All children need the chance to practice independence, but it is never safe to leave a young child alone in a public place. It is important to remember that the Library is a public building, and while the risk may be small, it would only take a minute for a child to be placed in a vulnerable position. Safety precautions that are routine when parents take children to a mall or playground should not be relaxed just because it is a library.

**Children under the age of 10 should never be dropped off at the library, sent *alone* from the car to return books (that is why we have a drive-up book drop), left on one floor of the library while the parent is on another, or in any other way left unsupervised by the parent or caregiver.**

Library staff cannot provide child care nor can they assume responsibility for supervising unattended children.

### **May and June Holidays:**

Here are some fun (and some silly) dates for you to celebrate at home!

#### **May**

Mother Goose Day	5/1
Brothers and Sisters Day	5/2
Star Wars Day	5/4
No Socks Day	5/8
Clean up Your Room Day	5/10
Eat What you Like Day	5/11
National Chocolate Chip Day	5/15
No Dirty Dishes Day	5/18
Pick Strawberries Day	5/20
Lucky Penny Day	5/23
Tap Dance Day	5/25
Water a Flower Day	5/30

#### **June**

National Trails Day	6/3
Hug Your Cat Day	6/4
Best Friends Day	6/8
Iced Tea Day	6/10
Monkey Around Day	6/14
Smile Power Day	6/15
National Splurge Day	6/18
Midsummer Day	6/21
National Pink Day	6/23
Sunglasses Day	6/27
International Mud Day	6/29
Meteor Day	6/30

