

# OCTOBER 2025

events at PCL

Mon—Thurs: 9am-8pm | Fri: 9am-6pm | Sat: 10am-5pm | Sun: 12-5pm

## PCL: 20 YEARS OF A NEW CHAPTER

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### Early History of the Pittsford Community Library

**Thursday, October 2 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Pittsford Town and Village Historian Vicki Masters Profitt takes us back to explore the beginnings of the library in Pittsford. **Registration recommended.**

### PCL's History Mystery Break-In Room

**Monday, October 20 | 3:00-7:00pm OR Tuesday, October 21 | 2:00-6:00pm**

#### Fletcher Steele Room

Can you solve the puzzles, open the locks, and escape before time runs out? This break-in room activity is for groups of 2-6, each group must register for one 15-minute time slot. Best for ages 7 & up, but all are welcome. [Registration required.](#)

## ERIE CANAL BICENTENNIAL

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### *Heaven's Ditch: God, Gold, and Murder on the Erie Canal* by Jack Kelly

**Monday, October 27 | 6:30-7:30pm | Zoom**

Jack Kelly discusses his Erie Canal book, *Heaven's Ditch*, covering the spiritual and political upheavals along this "psychic highway" in the early 19th century. [Registration required.](#)

## ALL AGES EVENTS

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### Paper Butterfly Decorating for a Local Hospital

**Saturday, October 4 | 1:00-2:00pm**

Decorate paper butterflies for the  
Hearts Medical Foundation.

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## ADULT EVENTS

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### O Pen: Poetry Over Lunch

**Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 12:00-1:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Read and discuss provided contemporary poems.

### ESL with Literacy Rochester

**Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 12:30-2:00pm | Learning Center**

This class helps adults improve their English listening and speaking skills.

### Scrap Happy Scrapbookers

**Wednesday, October 1 | 4:00-6:00pm | Learning Center**

Practice skills, discuss techniques, and learn from fellow scrapbookers.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, October 3 | 10:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Donate blood to help save lives. Make an appointment through the Red Cross.

### Tina Turner Knits: Betangled Cow!

**Saturdays, October 4, 11, & 25 | 10:15am-12:15pm | Learning Center**

Find this month's pattern, "Betangled Cow!" by Jennifer Weissman, on Ravelry. Bring all supplies. [Registration required.](#)

### Knitting for Charity

**Tues. & Thurs., October 7 & 16 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Fletcher Steele Room**

This group creates items for charity organizations. Bring needles and yarn.

### Cornell Cooperative Series: Putting Your Garden to Bed

**Tuesday, October 7 | 6:00-7:00pm | Zoom**

This seminar covers what you should do in the fall, whether you have an annual or perennial garden, to help ensure a successful following year. [Registration required.](#)

### **Make Your Stories Come to Life**

**Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 3:00-4:30pm | Learning Center**

Author Jennifer Collins teaches the components of writing, resources to plot and develop your story, and will have participants share their work. [Registration is required and is for all four sessions.](#)

### **Opera Houses and Halls of the Genesee Country**

**Wednesday, October 8 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Presenter Jane Oakes teaches about the role of the opera house in historic life. From the mid-19th century to the Depression, nearly every city, village, or hamlet in New York had its own opera house or hall. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **Medicare 101**

**Thursday, October 9 | 11:00-11:45am | Learning Center**

Josh Quilty-Koval—wealth advisor with Upstate Financial Network—shares information about Medicare. [Registration required.](#)

### **Alzheimer's Association Presents: Building Foundations of Caregiving**

**Thursday, October 9 | 1:00-2:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

This workshop explores the role of the caregiver and changes they may experience, building a support team, and managing stress. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **Death Café with Jennifer Sanfilippo**

**Friday, October 10 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Jennifer Sanfilippo, author of *Our Last Walk Home: Love, Cancer, and the Agony of Letting Go*, leads this discussion of death with no agenda, objectives, or themes. [Registration required.](#)

### **PiRI's Community Circle**

**Monday, October 13 | 2:00-3:00pm | Learning Center**

Partners in Restorative Initiatives (PiRI) meets to create space for intentional conversations and shared agreements and values of those present. [Registration required.](#)

**CANCELED**

### **Frances Perkins: Breaking a Barrier**

**Monday, October 13 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

MCC history professor Mark Sample tells the story of Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, who was the first woman to serve in a President's Cabinet. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **How to Recycle Right in Monroe County**

**Tuesday, October 14 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Join Meagan Evans-Saurini, of the Monroe County Dept. of Environmental Services, to learn about the County's recycling programs, Recycling Right, and information about the Monroe County Waste Management Ecopark. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **Spooky Trivia Night!**

**Wednesday, October 15 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Compete solo or on a team to be crowned champion(s) of trivia! Hosted by adult services librarian Jim. [Registration required.](#)

### **Crafternoon: Bookmark Boquet**

**Friday, October 17 | 12:30-2:00pm | Learning Center**

Librarian Robyn demonstrates creating bookmarks that look like flowers! [Registration required.](#)

### **Smartphones & Social Media: Protecting Childhood in a Digital Age**

**Saturday, October 18 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Pittsford resident Jeremy Lorch delves into the hidden dangers of giving children unrestricted access to smartphones, the internet, and social media. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **Cornell Cooperative Series: Seed Saving**

**Tuesday, October 21 | 7:00-8:00pm | Zoom**

Did you love a particular vegetable or flower from your garden this summer and want to see it again next year? Learn how to save seeds in this talk hosted by Master Gardener Karen Soanes. [Registration required.](#)

### **Digital Detox with Heidi Saller**

**Wednesday, October 22 | 6:00-7:45pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Detoxing from digital devices and tapping into your senses can enhance your wellbeing and enable you to live more intentionally. Presented by Heidi Saller. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **The Happy, Healthy Feet Show**

**Thursday, October 23 | 1:00-2:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Certified podologists from Andrea's Foot Care & Nails lead a fun presentation and share information about foot care. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **Sweet & Simple: No-Cook, Low Fat, Low Sugar, Plant-Based Desserts**

**Saturday, October 25 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Join Pittsford's Beth Garver to learn how to make delicious, affordable, easy, low fat, low sugar, vegan, minimally processed, and no-cook desserts in minutes. Learn to make three desserts with a blender or food processor. [Registration required.](#)

### **Rochester Legends & Lore**

**Sunday, October 26 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Join Rochester Candlelight Ghost Walks for a presentation on Rochester's unique history, legends, and lore. You'll hear enchanting tales from early Rochester, including the infamous legend of the lady in white. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **Fabulous Films @ the Library**

**Monday, October 27 | 5:30-7:45pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

*The Phoenician Scheme* | 101 minutes | PG-13 | 2025

Korda is ruthless, unscrupulous, and one of the richest men in Europe. He survives many assassination attempts but now must appoint his successor.

### **UR Medicine's Mobile Mammogram Van Visits PCL**

**Wednesday, October 29 | 9:00am-3:00pm | PCL's Parking Lot**

UR Medicine's Mobile Mammography Van will provide an opportunity for those who haven't received a mammogram within the last year to receive a screening. Please note that this event will take place in PCL's parking lot. [Appointment required.](#)

### **Music, Magic, and the Daguerreotype**

**Wednesday, October 29 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

The mid-19th century saw the creation of a professional culture in classical and popular music, in which daguerreotypes became a driving force. Presented by Gerry Szymanski, librarian at the Eastman School of Music's Sibley Music Library. [Registration recommended.](#)

## **CONCERTS**

### **20th Century Vox!**

**Sunday, October 19 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Rochester-based vocal quartet sings a cappella arrangements of classic hits from the 1920s – 1950s and beyond.

### **Eastman Saxophone Sextet**

**Monday, October 6 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

The Eastman Saxophone Sextet, a lively offshoot of the Eastman Saxophone Project, brings the rich sounds of six saxophones to the stage! From the elegance of Vivaldi and Ravel to the vibrant spirit of Florence Price and beyond, this program spans centuries of music with something for everyone to enjoy.

## **PCL AUTHOR SERIES**

### ***Singing From the Heart: The Music and Life of the Dady Brothers***

**Saturday, October 11 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Musician John Dady and author Christopher Shannon present a musical lecture on Shannon's book, *Singing from the Heart: The Dady Brothers, Irish Music and Ethnic Endurance in an American City*. John will perform and Chris will talk about his writing process and John and Joe's place in the revival of Irish music. [Registration recommended.](#)

### **(Un)Learning to Walk Lovingly in My New Shoes: Traversing Change on the Thornell Farm Park Path**

**Sunday, October 12 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

In this talk, Meredith Harrigan, professor of communication and author of *Noteworthy* and *Noteworthy Expanded*, will share her experiences following a diagnosis of early-onset Parkinson's Disease. [Registration recommended.](#)

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## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, & ALL AGES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> 6:00 - Crochet Club: Tiny Ghosties*	<b>2</b> 9:30 - Baby Story Time 10:00 - Baby Play Time 10:45 - Baby Story Time	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30 - Pete the Cat Story Time
<b>5</b> 12:00 - KIWI Author Event	<b>6</b> 9:30 - Baby Story Time 10:15 - All Ages Story Time 11:00 - All Ages Play Time 12:00 - All Ages Story Time	<b>7</b> 9:30 - Pete the Cat Story Time 10:30 - Pete the Cat Story Time 3:30 - Banned Books Buttons* 6:00 - PSAT, SAT, & ACT Q&A*	<b>8</b> 9:30 - Ballet Jumpstart with Draper Center*	<b>9</b> 9:30 - Baby Story Time 10:45 - Baby Story Time 4:00 - Lego Club 6:00 - Preschool Fair	<b>10</b> 9:30 - All Ages Story Time 10:15 - All Ages Story Time 12:00 - All Ages Story Time	<b>11</b> 10:30 - Bilingual French Story Time
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<b>19</b> 12:15 - Music Maker Session	<b>20</b> 9:30 - Baby Story Time 10:15 - All Ages Story Time 11:00 - All Ages Play Time 12:00 - All Ages Story Time 1:00 - Crochet Club: Pumpkins Three Ways*	<b>21</b> 9:30 - All Ages Story Time 10:15 - All Ages Story Time	<b>22</b> 9:30 - Ballet Jumpstart with Draper Center* 5:30 - Teen Community Service*	<b>23</b> 9:30 - Baby Story Time 10:45 - Baby Story Time 4:00 - Lego Club	<b>24</b> 9:30 - All Ages Story Time 10:15 - All Ages Story Time 12:00 - All Ages Story Time	<b>25</b> 10:00 - Scavenger Hunt 10:30 - Rochester City Ballet Presents: The Nutcracker
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 - Baby Story Time 10:15 - All Ages Story Time 11:00 - STEM Story Time 12:00 - All Ages Story Time	<b>28</b> 9:30 - All Ages Story Time 10:15 - All Ages Story Time 3:30 - Teen Community Service*	<b>29</b> 9:30 - Trick or Treat Around the Library	<b>30</b> 9:30 - Baby Story Time 10:00 - Baby Play Time 10:45 - Baby Story Time	<b>31</b> 9:30 - All Ages Story Time 10:15 - All Ages Story Time 12:00 - All Ages Story Time	<div>  Children's Events            Teen Events            All Ages Events         </div> <p>* Registration is required</p>

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## EVENTS FOR ADULTS, SENIORS, & ALL AGES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 12:00 - O Pen 12:30 - ESL	2 6:30 - Early History of PCL*	3 10:00 - Blood Drive*	4 10:15 - Tina Turner Knits*
5	6 6:30 - Great Novels Book Group	7 10:00 - Knitting for Charity 6:00 - Putting Your Garden to Bed*	8 12:00 - O Pen 12:30 - ESL 3:00 - Make Your Stories Come to Life* 4:00 - Scrapbooking 6:30 - Opera Houses*	9 11:00 - Medicare 101* 1:00 - Alzheimer's Assoc.*	10 11:00 - Death Cafe* 3:00 - Early Bird Bingo	11 10:15 - Tina Turner Knits* 2:00 - Singing From the Heart*
12 2:00 - (Un)Learning to Walk Lovingly In My New Shoes*	13 11:00 - Wise Owls Book Group 2:00 - PIRI's Comm. Circle* 6:30 - Frances Perkins*	14 2:00 - Senior Circle Book Group* 6:30 - How to Recycle Right*	15 12:00 - O Pen 12:30 - ESL 3:00 - Make Your Stories Come to Life* 6:30 - Spooky Trivia*	16 10:00 - Knitting for Charity	17 12:30 - Crafternoon* 3:00 - Senior Painting Hour	18 2:00 - Smartphones & Social Media*
19 2:00 - 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Vox!	20 6:30 - The Historic House Handbook*	21 12:00 - Murder for Lunch Book Group* 12:30 - The World of Podcasts* 7:00 - Seed Saving*	22 12:00 - O Pen 12:30 - ESL 3:00 - Make Your Stories Come to Life* 6:00 - Digital Detox*	23 1:00 - Happy Healthy Feet*	24	25 10:15 - Tina Turner Knits* 2:00 - Sweet & Simple*
26 2:00 - Rochester Legends & Lore	27 5:30 - Fabulous Films 6:15 - Nonfiction Book Group* 6:30 - Heaven's Ditch*	28 7:00 - True Crime Book Group*	29 9:00 - Mammogram Van* 12:00 - O Pen 12:30 - ESL 3:00 - Make Your Stories Come to Life* 6:30 - Music, Magic, and the Daguerreotype*	30	31 3:00 - Senior Classic Film	<div> <div></div> Adult Events           <div></div> All Ages Events           * Registration is required         </div>

### ***The Historic House Handbook* by Steve Jordan**

**Monday, October 20 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Written specifically for Rochester and the surrounding area, the book is a guide for old-house maintenance and historic neighborhood living. [Registration recommended.](#)

## **SENIOR EVENTS**

### **Early Bird Bingo**

**Friday, October 10 | 3:00-3:30pm | Learning Center**

Seniors are invited to join us for an afternoon game of Bingo, featuring facts about PCL to commemorate our 20th anniversary! Winners will take home prizes.

### **Senior Painting Hour**

**Friday, October 17 | 3:00-4:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Attendees will be using acrylic paint to paint a scene of the night sky.

### **Senior Classic Film**

**Friday, October 31 | 3:00-4:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

*The Brain That Wouldn't Die* | 90 minutes | NR | 1962

A doctor experimenting with transplant techniques keeps his girlfriend's head alive when she is decapitated in a car crash, then goes hunting for a new body.

## **TECHNOLOGY CLASSES**

### **The World of Podcasts**

**Tuesday, October 21 | 12:30-2:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Join technology instructor Daniel Jones as he walks you through the world of podcasts, one of the most popular forms of online discussion, entertainment, and special interests.

**Registration recommended.**

## **ADULT BOOK GROUPS**

Books are available for checkout. **Registration required to attend by Zoom.**

### **Great Novels Book Group**

**Monday, October 6 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room**

*Erasure* by Percival Everett

### **Wise Owls Book Group**

**Monday, October 13 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room**

*Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

### **Senior Circle Book Group**

**Tuesday, October 14 | 2:00-3:00pm | Fletcher Steele Room OR [Zoom](#)**

*The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny

### **Murder for Lunch Book Group**

**Tuesday, October 21 | 12:00-1:30pm | Fletcher Steele Room OR [Zoom](#)**

*Wild Irish Rose* by Rhys Bowen

### **Nonfiction Book Group**

**Monday, October 27 | 6:15-7:45pm | Learning Center OR [Zoom](#)**

*Countdown 1945* by Chris Wallace

### **True Crime Book Club**

**Tuesday, October 28 | 7:00-8:00pm | [Zoom](#)**

*We Keep the Dead Close* by Becky Cooper

## **TEEN EVENTS**

### **Crochet Club: Tiny Ghosties**

**Wednesday, October 1 | 6:00-7:30pm | Learning Center**

Make a tiny adorable ghost with the yarn and hook provided. Best for crocheters with some experience. Grades 6-12. **Registration required.**

### **Banned Books Buttons**

**Tuesday, October 7 | 3:30-4:30pm | Learning Center**

Celebrate Banned Books Week and the freedom to read by creating buttons that celebrate your favorite banned book. For grades 6-12. [Registration required.](#)

### **PSAT, SAT, & ACT Q&A**

**Tuesday, October 7 | 6:00-7:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Find out what you need to know about the PSAT, the SAT, and the ACT from test experts at Chariot Learning. For high school students and their parents. [Registration required.](#)

### **Teen Community Service**

**Tuesdays, October 14 & 28 | 3:30-4:30pm | Learning Center**

**Wednesday, October 22 | 5:30-6:30pm | Learning Center**

Earn one hour of service credit while helping your library community. Grades 6-12. [Registration required.](#)

### **Crochet Club: Pumpkins Three Ways**

**Monday, October 20 | 1:00-2:30pm | Learning Center**

Use the hook and yarn provided to crochet one of three pumpkins. Beginners and all skill levels welcome! Grades 6-12. [Registration required.](#)

### **Practice Test: SAT**

**Saturday, October 18 | 10:00am-1:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Get ready for the new Digital SAT by taking a free practice exam. Bring your fully charged device with the Bluebook™ app installed (see detailed device requirements) and a registered student account, a charging cable, a calculator, and pens/pencils. For students in grades 9-12. [Registration required.](#)

## **CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

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### **KIWI Fall Into Books**

**Sunday, October 5 | 12:00-4:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Join KIWI (Kids Indie Writers and Illustrators) members for a fun filled book festival. Meet local authors, learn about writing and illustrating, listen to stories, and make a craft. Books will be available for purchase.

### **Ballet Jumpstart**

**Wednesdays, October 8, 15, & 22 | 9:30-10:30am | Storytale Room**

Join teachers from the Draper Center for dance education in a creative movement series. Students will develop physical and social skills and explore expression and creativity through dance. For ages 3-4. [Registration is required and is for all three sessions.](#)

### **Lego Club**

**Thursdays, October 9 & 23 | 4:00-4:45pm | Storytale Room**

Kids can complete a challenge or explore their creativity through free building. For ages 5-10.

### **Preschool Fair**

**Thursday, October 9 | 6:00-7:30pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Searching for the right preschool for your child? Meet staff from area preschools, get information, and ask questions. Children welcome — we will have activities.

### **Music Makers Session**

**Sunday, October 19 | 12:15-1:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room**

Join Mr. Ray, from The Local Sound Collaborative, for a fun and festive music session! Bring your dancing feet and get ready to sing along. For kids of all ages.

### **Scavenger Hunt**

**Saturday, October 25 | 10:00am-4:00pm | Children's Room**

Stop into the Children's Room and find the hidden characters to win a prize!

### **Rochester City Ballet Presents: *The Nutcracker***

**Saturday, October 25 | 10:30-11:15am | Fisher Meeting Room**

Performers from the RCB will read a story and highlight some music and movements from their upcoming performance of *The Nutcracker*. For kids of all ages.

### **Trick or Treat Around the Library**

**Wednesday, October 29 | 9:30-10:30am | Fisher Meeting Room**

Join us for a Halloween themed story time, craft, and a costume parade around the library. Kids can trick or treat at various points in the library. For kids of all ages. Supplies are limited.



## ALL-AGES STORY TIMES

### MONDAYS

October 6, 13, 20, & 27 | 10:15am & 12:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room

### TUESDAYS

October 14, 21, & 28 | 9:30am & 10:15am | Fisher Meeting Room

### FRIDAYS

October 10, 17, 24, & 31 | 9:30am, 10:15am, & 12:00pm | Storytale Room

## BABY STORY TIMES

For ages 0-2 years old with a caregiver.

### MONDAYS

October 6, 13, 20, & 27 | 9:30am | Fisher Meeting Room

### THURSDAYS

October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 | 9:30am & 10:45am | Fisher Meeting Room

## PLAY TIMES

### ALL AGES

Mondays, October 6 & 20 | 11:00am | Fisher Meeting Room

### BABIES

Thursdays, October 2, 16, & 30 | 10:00am | Fisher Meeting Room

For ages 0-2 years old with a caregiver.

## SPECIAL STORY TIMES

### Pete the Cat Visits Pittsford

**Saturday, October 4 | 10:30-11:30am | Fisher Meeting Room**

**Tuesday, October 7 | 9:30-10:00am OR 10:30-11:00am | Fisher Meeting Room**

Join us in welcoming Pete the Cat to Pittsford. We will read a story, have crafts and games, and of course, dancing! No registration required, but supplies are limited.

### Bilingual French Story Time

**Saturday, October 11 | 10:30-11:15am | Storytale Room**





Join us for stories, songs, and a craft in French and English. For kids of all ages.

### STEM Story Time

**Monday, October 27 | 11:00-11:30am | Fisher Meeting Room**

This STEM story time is designed to introduce important science and math concepts. Enjoy stories, crafts, and activities. Best for ages 3-5.

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 PCL's Newsletter: [bit.ly/pclnews](http://bit.ly/pclnews)

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Register for events at [bit.ly/pclcalendar](http://bit.ly/pclcalendar).

A Zoom invitation will be sent the day of any virtual event.