RJ Palacio

Best known for her blockbuster novel *Wonder*, RJ Palacio is also an artist, illustrator, and inspiring speaker. The Library District welcomes Palacio to the Boardman Road Branch Library on **Tuesday, October 8 at 7 pm**. Books will be available for purchase and signing. **Registration is required.**

RJ Palacio attended The High School of Art and Design in Manhattan, and then majored in illustration at the Parsons School of Design. Her early work appeared in *The Village Voice* and *The New York Times Book Review*, which segued into her career as the art director of several publishing companies. She designed thousands of book covers in every genre of fiction and non-fiction.

In addition, Palacio illustrated several of her own children’s books under her birth name, including *Peter Pan: The Original Tale of Neverland; Ride Baby Ride; Look Baby Look; The Night Before Christmas; The Handiest Things in the World;* and *Last Summer*. Palacio also invented a baby toy called The Bobo Glove, a wearable, washable activity toy for infants.

Since its publication in 2012, *Wonder* has sold over five million copies worldwide. Palacio's newest work, a picture book called *We’re All Wonders*, introduces the themes of kindness, empathy, and tolerance to younger children.

**Saving Wonder**

Young readers, aged approximately 11 – 14, have an opportunity to meet the author of this year’s Little Read companion book, *Saving Wonder*, Mary Knight will speak and sign books on **Wednesday, October 30 at 6 pm** at Boardman Road Branch Library. Bring the family!

Author Mary Knight has always loved reading and telling stories. She’s been a librarian, a freelance writer, and a writer-in-residence teaching kids how to write.

**Haunted House**

Wait till you see what we’re doing this year for Halloween! We are building our very own haunted house on the second floor of Adriance Memorial Library. Stop by on **Wednesday, October 30, from 6 to 8 pm** to see the scary transformation. Are you brave enough to enter? It’s designed to be fun for all ages. To manage the crowds, everyone will need to sign up for a time slot to go through the ‘house’. Scheduling starts at 5 pm.

**Chinese Dance Performance & Workshop**

The library is pleased to present an amazing acrobat and circus performer, Li Liu, on **Tuesday, November 12, at 6 pm**, at Boardman Road Branch Library. Li Liu was born in Shenyang, China, and started her acrobatic training at six years old. By seven she was chosen to attend The Chinese National Circus School in Beijing, where she trained for the next nine years. Li has traveled the US with Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus, performs regularly at NBA half-time shows, and with Princess Cruise Lines.

Li started performing in schools in 2005 and enjoys interacting and teaching young people. Her library event may include hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing, and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Li also touches on various aspects of Chinese language, geography, and culture. Following her presentation, she will engage youngsters from the audience in simple movement skills like ribbon dancing and basic plate spinning. **Registration required.**
Adriance Children
For more information visit poklib.org/Events

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Back to School Gaming: VR Gaming
Tuesday, September 17, 4-4:45 pm

Finished all your homework and looking for something fun to do? Stop in and play some virtual reality gaming! Grades K-5.

Autumn Trees
Tuesday, September 24, 4-4:45 pm

Create a fun and funky autumn tree! Grades K-3.

Build Your Own Car
Thursday, September 26, 4-4:45 pm

Learn how to make a small toy car that operates using nothing but a rubber band! How far will it travel? Join us to find out. Grades 2-6.

Halloween Science
Thursday, October 24, 4-4:45 pm

Are you feeling like a mad scientist? Stop by the library for some spooktacular Halloween-themed science experiments! Grades 2-6.

Library Double Dare
Thursday, November 7, 4-4:45 pm

Test your knowledge against your friends, but if you don’t know the answers, you may have to take the physical challenge! Grades 2-6.

Nailed It! Animal Spa Bath
Tuesday, October 1, 4-4:45 pm

Your challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to recreate an edible animal spa bath. Are you up to the challenge? When it is done you’ll be able to eat your creation! Grades 2-6.

Fun with LEGO WeDo
Thursday, October 10, 4-4:45 pm

Welcome to the world of robotics! Learn how to build LEGO models, featuring working motors and sensors, and then program them to move! Grades 2-6.

Milk Jug Monster
Thursday, October 17, 4-4:45 pm

Let’s get into the Halloween spirit by making our own milk jug monster treat containers! Trick or treat! Are you brave enough to snatch the treat from its mouth? Grades K-5.

Halloween Cookies
Thursday, October 31, 4-4:45 pm

Before you go out Trick or Treating, come in and decorate some yummy Halloween cookies! Grades K-5.

Water Color and Glitter Autumn Leaves
Tuesday, November 5, 4-4:45 pm

Create your own festive autumn leaves using paint and glitter! Grades K-3.

Holiday Chocolate Pop Making
Wednesday, December 18, 4-4:45 pm

Give the gift of chocolate. We’ll be making chocolate lollipops in fun festive molds! Grades 1-6.

Give a Kusudama
Tuesday, November 19, 4-4:45 pm

Learn how to make a beautiful ‘flower ball’ out of origami paper! Grades 2-6.

Fairly Tale Slime
Tuesday, November 21, 4-4:45 pm

Who is your favorite fairy tale prince or princess? We’ll be making fluffy slime that represents our favorite fairy tale royalty. Grades 1-5.

Gingerbread Houses
Wednesday, December 4, 4-4:45 pm

Build and decorate your own gingerbread house to take home! Grades K-6.

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Paint a Silly Snake
Thursday, September 19, 4-4:45 pm

Paint your own flexible wooden snake. They slither with a flick of the wrist! Grades K-6.

Wind Racers
LEGO Challenge
Monday, September 23, 4-4:45 pm

Build a LEGO car and race it across the room using only wind power! Who will have the fastest car? Grades K-5.

Make a Paper Animal Cone Heads
Tuesday, October 7, 4-4:45 pm

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Weekly Lego Club

Tuesday, September 17- November 19, 4-4:45

Bring your imagination and we’ll build from there with LEGO blocks and games. Parents welcome! Grades K-5. No registration required.

Goat Yoga: Nothin’ to Kid About

Coming in early November! Date to be determined.

Experience the healing of yoga and an onslaught of goat love as baby goats prance around during your yoga session! Grades 3-6. Goats provided by Hudson Valley Kinder’s Farm.

Weekly Lego Club

Tuesday, October 22, 6-7 pm

Children who need practice reading are partnered with a dog for 15-minute sessions to read for pleasure, fluency, and confidence. The child selects a book to read out loud to a dog. Younger children may “read” the pictures. The reading assistance dogs and handlers are volunteers from Visiting Paws Training School. Grades K-5.

Four-Legged Friends

Canines In Reading Circles

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Early Learning

The Library District supports early literacy through high-quality programs and resources. We’ll help you find the answers you need as you raise the next generation of citizens. For these programs, children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Programs at Adriance

Free parking and easy access is available from the Noxon Street Parking Lot (GPS Locator: 22 Noxon Street). Story times are weekly series. No registration required.

Walk & Wiggle
Mondays, Sept 9-Nov 18, 10-10:50 am
This language enrichment program serves as a transitional story time for walkers as they prepare for toddler story times. The program features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories, followed by 30 minutes of play and socialization. For ages 18-24 months.

Songs and Stories: Bilingual Storytime
Thursdays, Sept 12-Nov 21, 10-11:30 am
Books, flannel board stories, and music enhanced with Spanish vocabulary for ages 2-5, followed by an hour of guided play.

Canciones y Cuentos
Jueves, 12 de Septiembre al 21 de Noviembre, 10- 11:30 am
Libros, historias sobre el fieltro y el tablero de música con la introducción de vocabulario en español para niños de 2 a 5 años, seguido de una hora de juego didáctico guiado.

Sensory Lab
Fridays, Sept 13-Nov 22, 10-10:45 am
Sensory and fine motor skills exploration through unique art processes for children ages 18 months to 5 years. Dress for the mess!

TLC-Toddler Learning Center Story Time
Mondays, Sept 9-Nov 18, 10-11:30 am
Books, flannel board stories, and activities for children ages 3-5, followed by an hour of guided play.

PLC-Preschooler Learning Center Story Time
Mondays, Sept 9-Nov 18, 10-11:30 am
Books, flannel board stories, and music for children ages 3-5, followed by an hour of guided play.

Programs at Boardman Road

Story times are weekly series. No registration required.

Preschool Story Time
Mondays, Sept 9-Nov 18, 10-10:30 am
Stories, songs, action rhymes, and small craft for 3-5 year olds. Parents and siblings welcome.

Baby Rhyme & Play Time
Tuesdays, Sept 10-Nov 19, 10-10:50 am
Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories, followed by 30 minutes of play and socialization. For birth to 18 months.

Walk & Wiggle
Wednesdays, Sept 11-Nov 20, 10-10:50 am
This language enrichment program serves as a transitional story time for walkers as they prepare for toddler story times. The program features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories, followed by 30 minutes of play and socialization. For ages 18-24 months.

Toddler Time
Thursdays, Sept 12-Nov 21, 10-10:30 am
A story time for two-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

Toot & Scoot
Mondays, Sept 9-Nov 18, 10:40-11 am
Thursdays, Sept 12-Nov 21, 10:40-11 am
Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for walkers-5 year olds.

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Wednesdays, Sept 11-Nov 20, 10-10:50 am
Features songs, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.