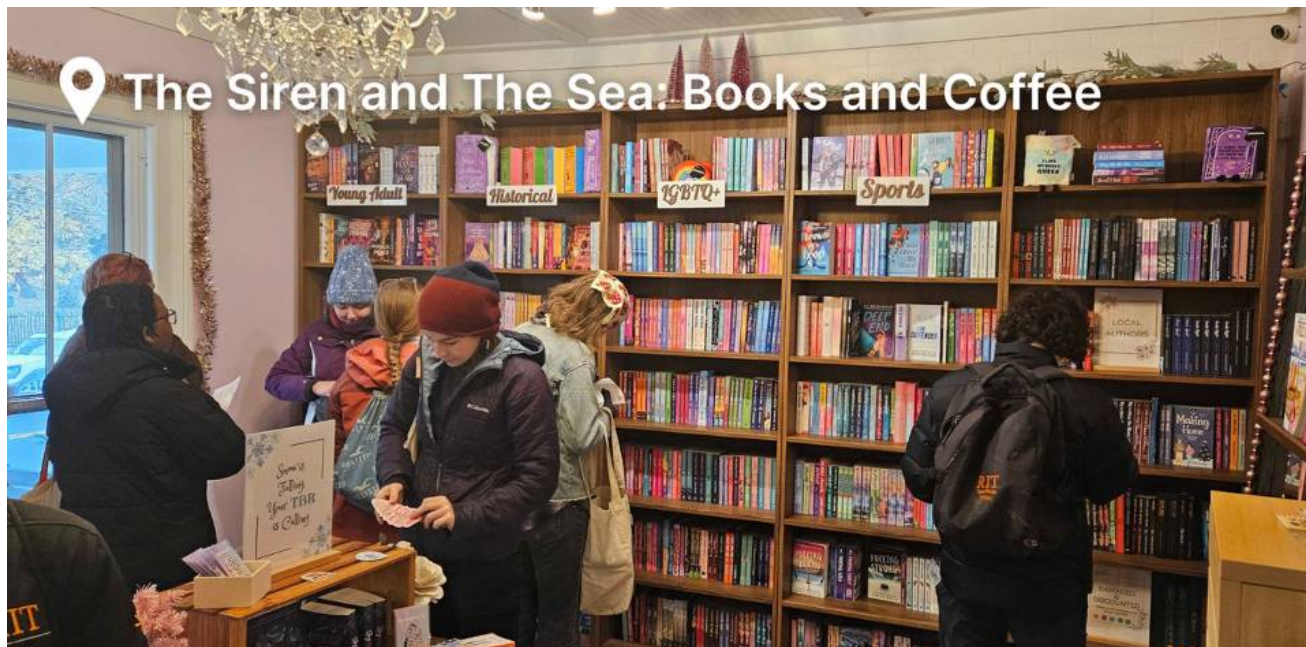


Weekly Newsletter Wed. November 19, 2025



Honors Students at The Siren and The Sea: Books and Coffee during the AEC Rochester Book Crawl | Michael B.

A Novel Way to Spend a Sunday Afternoon

This past Sunday, a group of 20+ Honors students and friends braved the blustery November weather to take part in the Honors Book Crawl, an event organized by the Honors Council Academic Excellence Committee.

Students carpooled from campus to Rochester's Village Gate and then journeyed on foot to six independent bookstores, completing a two-mile walking tour of the city with stops at Before Your Quiet Eyes, Bookeater, Burn Bright Books, Rick's Recycled Books, The Siren and the Sea (pictured above), and The Unreliable Narrator. Participants received a punch card listing 12 bookstores in total; those who visit all locations over the next few months can redeem their card for a prize from the Honors Office. Along the way, students immersed themselves in the life of the city, exploring neighborhoods punctuated by warm and welcoming checkpoints—each with its own character and approach to the bookstore experience.

The exercise of visiting independent, local bookstores in Rochester aligns with the ethos of the Honors Program—students going above and beyond to seek out knowledge that supports both their academic and personal growth. Activities like this enrich our lives and remind us that communities thrive when we invest in people and institutions dedicated to broadening our perspectives and uplifting the shared stories that connect us.

- Spring Break Honors Boston Trip: Half the Spots Left!
- Get Honors Points With VIPs!
- Honors Hour This Friday | Power Yoga With CWC | HRAC Complementary Learning Reminder
- Complementary Learning: CLCE Blood Drive Tabling Volunteers



Honors Spring Break Boston Trip

Only Half the Spots Are Left!

RIT Honors is planning a trip to Boston this upcoming Spring Break. Students will travel together to visit historical and cultural sites and engage in college-specific programming. Attendees will also have the opportunity to visit businesses and industry locations that align with their professional pursuits.

Travel Dates:

Depart from RIT early Tuesday, 3/10 and return late Friday, 3/13.

Trip Details:

- **Transportation:** 56-seat charter bus
- **Accommodations:** Double occupancy rooms at the [Harborside Inn](#)
- **Meals:** Meals will be provided
- **Cost:** \$200 deposit - Can be reimbursed through your Honors Grant *after* the trip.
- **Group Events:** We will attend a networking and alumni event with RIT President William Sanders on 3/12. We are also planning cultural and historical exploration including the Boston Freedom Trail.
- **College Specific Events:** Students will visit businesses and industry sites with their individual college for tours and behind-the-scenes access with alumni and supporters of RIT.
- **Registration and Deposit Deadline:** 2/2/2026.

Sign up today before the trip fills!

[Register & Reserve Your Spot!](#)

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Vertically Integrated Projects

Get Honors Points With VIPs!

Community Initiated VIP Opportunity

Honors would like to highlight a ***Community Initiated VIP*** that will see students working with the Ibero-American Development Corporation (IADC) and Rochester Public Markets. See your work become a reality in the current project of developing a large-scale public art installation of El Coquí at the International Plaza.

All majors are welcome to apply with a special focus on Engineering/Engineering Technology. Skills may involve systems/object design, prototyping, understanding legal and policy frameworks, community based research, interviews/focus groups, proposal writing, project management, advertising, and website development, etc.

Team Meeting Times:

TBD, but at least 2 hours/week M/W between 11:00am-2:00pm

Learn more about this CI-VIP at the information session (virtual or in-person) on **Friday, 11/21 at 3:00pm in COLA 1251** (Mackenzie Commons)

VIPs and Honors Points

Participation in a VIP can count towards your Honors Points requirements where 1 VIP credit = 1 Honors Point.

Look into VIPs as a course option for the spring semester and talk with your academic advisor about how it can fit into your plan of work.

Click the button below to learn more about all of the VIPs that are available in the spring '26 semester.

[Information on all VIPs](#)

[Register for the CI-VIP Information Session](#)

Register for the information session and apply to this special CI-VIP!

Apply to the CI-VIP

Updates & Announcements



11/21 Therapy Dogs Honors Hour This Friday!

Need some time to de-stress? Therapy dogs are back at Honors Hour! Benefit from the relaxing effects of these cuddly creatures and enjoy socializing with your Honors friends all in the same event.

Come for the whole time or just stop by for a little bit in-between classes. As always, pizza and snacks will be provided!

11/21 from 11:30am-12:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)

Register for Therapy Dogs Honors Hour (or just show up!)

Finals De-Stress



& RIT Power Yoga Community & Wellness



12/04 De-Stress With CWC & RIT Power Yoga

Finals can be a stressful time of year, so de-stress and reset for the final weeks of the semester with power yoga!

RIT Power Yoga is inviting Honors students to a yoga session in collaboration with the Community & Wellness Committee. Release your energy and build strength at this event to benefit your physical and emotional wellness.

All levels are welcome and snacks will be provided to give you some fuel!

12/04 from 8:00-9:00pm
HAC A120 (Lower Dance Studio)

[Register for 12/04 Power Yoga With CWC](#)



11th Annual Honors Research & Creativity Symposium

HRAC Complementary Learning Reminder

The 11th annual Honors Research & Creativity Symposium just over two weeks away!

Although poster submissions are closed, we invite all honors students to attend the symposium to count for complementary learning (minus presentation time).

The symposium is open to all, so make sure to invite all your friends and family to see your hard work (no registration required!). The first 100 guests will get a special symposium giveaway!

12/06 from 2:00-4:30pm
SHED 3300

[Learn More About the Symposium Here!](#)

Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlight opportunities this week. There are many other's listed on the [complementary learning webpage](#) that can fit almost anyone's busy schedule and diverse set of interests.

Complementary Learning is an annual requirement based on the year you entered the Honors program. The

submission cycle runs from September to August each year. Please check the [Honors Handbook](#) for details about what counts for complementary learning and how to fulfill your annual requirement and remain in good standing in the program.

All complementary learning hours should be submitted contemporaneously, within 30 days of the event or activity, using the submission form linked below or located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

[Submit Complementary Learning](#)

12/04: CLCE Blood Drive Volunteers

A red vertical rectangle on the left side of the graphic contains a white blood drop shape with a red cross inside it. To the right of this rectangle, the text "Blood Drive: Volunteers Needed!" is written in large, bold, black font. Below this, the RIT logo is displayed, followed by the text "Division of Student Affairs Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement" in a smaller font.

**Blood Drive:
Volunteers
Needed!**

RIT | Division of Student Affairs
Center for Leadership
and Civic Engagement

Table For the CLCE Blood Drive!

The CLCE needs volunteers for their upcoming Red Cross blood drive! This role is perfect for volunteers who enjoy connecting with others and want to help make a meaningful impact on campus. All materials and talking points will be provided so, just bring your enthusiasm!

Volunteer Tasks:

- Promote the blood drive before and during the event
- Encourage participation in the blood drive
- Show interested participants how to register
- Answer questions and provide general information
- Direct donors to the rooms/check-in area during the event

12/04 from 11:00am-2:00pm
(Multiple 1 hour shifts)

[Register for 12/04 Blood Drive Tabling](#)

"The snow reminded me of the beauty and mystery of creation, of the essential joy that is life"
-Orhan Pamuk

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