

# Calendar Overview



## October

- 10/01 Mayo Clinic Lecture Series
- 10/10 Halloween Storytime
- 10/15 Fall Fest
- 10/22 Reading Center's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Fall Fest (October 15)



October 2026

## Event Schedule



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1195 West Circle Drive SW  
Rochester, MN 55902



## Lectures

10/01

### Mayo Clinic Lecture Series Maud Mellish Wilson: A Singular Voice

Join LeAnn Stee in a screening of a short film highlighting the incredible story of Maud Mellish Wilson—the visionary widow and nurse recruited by Dr. William J. Mayo in 1907 to launch Mayo Clinic's library and editorial department. Mellish edited thousands of medical papers, shaping the clear, world-renowned institutional voice that established Mayo Clinic as a global leader in medical publication and oversaw the creation of one of the world's great medical libraries.

7 PM - 8:30 PM (\$5, members free)

10/22

### Reading Center's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Panel Discussion

Celebrate The Reading Center's 75th Anniversary with an inspiring panel discussion at the History Center of Olmsted County, moderated by Ilaya Rome Hopkins, granddaughter of cofounder Paula Rome. Hear accomplished Reading Center alumnus, including entrepreneurs, a lawyer, a doctor, an author, and other community leaders, share how they have made a lasting impact on our community, how they navigated dyslexia, and the role The Reading Center played in helping them achieve success.

6-7 pm- History display and social hour  
7-8 pm- Panel discussion

Free Event

## Family Events

10/10

### Halloween Storytime

Come enjoy a spooky Halloween storytime and come dressed in your favorite costume! Then, stay afterward for a fun Halloween craft activity!

10 AM - 11 AM (free event / free-will donation)

10/15

### Fall Fest

A favorite fall tradition is back for another year! For more than 10 years, families have been gathering at the History Center for a day full of fall fun!

Bring the whole family and enjoy:

- Pumpkin Painting
- Alpaca Storytime with Homestead Arts Farm
- Hay Wagon Rides
- Fall Arts & Crafts
- Explore our Historic Farmstead
- Food Trucks on site

#### Admission:

Register in Advance: \$5 per child / \$2 per adult

At the Door: \$8 per child / \$4 per adult

Advance registration is strongly encouraged!

1 PM - 4 PM