

"Last Stop on Market Street"- a short animated film made by local Rochester children.



## FREE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL THROUGHOUT APRIL

By Ruth Cowing

Looking for a great alternative for younger kids? Check out the fun, free and educator-approved 12th Annual *Rochester International Children's Film Festival*, touring to local public libraries throughout the month of April. The festival focuses on bringing non-violent and creatively inspiring films from around the world to children, in familiar neighborhood settings to which they can easily walk. Films are chosen by Brighton resident and veteran film programmer Ruth Cowing and vetted by a group of local educators and librarians. The festival serves as the cornerstone event of the Rochester Association of the Education of Young Children (Rochester AEYC)'s "Month of the Young Child."

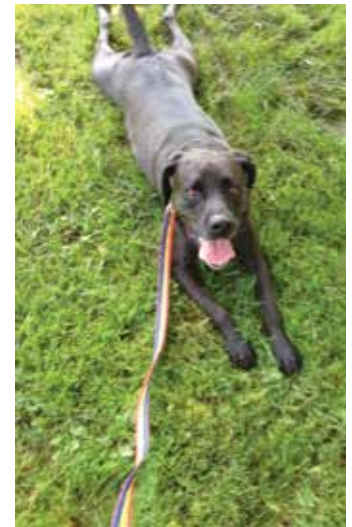
The 2017 festival features an hour-long program of 10 award-winning international short films that range in content from gentle social messages to kids dancing like an alligator! Along with films from such countries as Russia, England and Australia is "Last Stop on Market Street" a short animated film made by local Rochester children enrolled in the School #8 YMCA Afterschool Program. The short was developed during a special hands-on animation workshop, hosted by the Festival in collaboration with Animatus Studio. All festival screenings are followed by art and educational activities; free books associated with one of this year's films will also be handed out to participants at several sites -- the festival has provided over 3,000 free books to children over the years.

The participating libraries include:

- Arnett Branch Library
- Brockport-Seymour Library
- Charlotte Branch Library
- Fairport Public Library
- Highland Branch Library
- Lincoln Branch Library
- Lyell Branch Library
- Maplewood Branch Library
- Monroe Branch Library
- Sully Branch Library
- Phillis Wheatley Library Winton Branch Library

The touring Festival is a collaborative effort between RAEYC and several educational and cultural organizations including the Rochester Public Library, the Rochester City School District Early Childhood Office and several childcare networks. For more information, visit [raeyc.org](http://raeyc.org), or email [cowingcreek@gmail.com](mailto:cowingcreek@gmail.com). Check individual library websites for film dates.

## PET OF THE MONTH



## DILMA

By Jennifer Kierecki

"Dilma" is a 6-year-old Lab - Boxer - Something mix. She was adopted from Lollipop Farm after being abandoned and found walking in Scottsville. She is super friendly and plays with almost everyone and has never bitten anyone. She is deeply affectionate.



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