

**Ramsey County Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 18, 2017  
3025 Southlawn Drive  
Maplewood, MN – 6:30 PM**

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Public Comment (6:30-6:35)**
- III. Consent Agenda (6:35-6:40)**
  - A. Approval of Agenda (1)
  - B. Approval of December 14, 2016 Minutes (2)
  - C. Approval of Revised September 21, 2016 Minutes (3)
  - D. Accept Friends Annual Gift (4)
  - E. Accept Shoreview Capital Campaign Gifts (5)
  - F. Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Sue Gehrz (6)
  - G. Director's Report (7)
  - H. Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Report (8)
- IV. Action Items (6:40-7:00)**
  - A. SirsiDynix Agreement (9)
  - B. Naming Rights
    - 1. Shoreview Naming Rights Opportunities (10)
    - 2. Eilenne Boder Study Room (11)
    - 3. Lynn Belgea Study Room (12)
    - 4. Peter Hilger Study Room (13)
- VI. Discussion Items (7:00-8:30)**
  - A. Phase 2 IT Consolidation Update (14)
  - B. 2017 Workplan (15)
  - C. Shoreview Project Update (16)
  - D. Library Board Self Evaluation (17)
- VII. Adjournment (8:30)**
- VIII. Next Meeting – February 15, 2017, RCL – Mounds View, 2576 Mounds View Boulevard, 6:30 p.m.**

Scheduled Upcoming Meetings		
<b>February 15, 2017</b>	RCL – Mounds View 2576 Mounds View Boulevard	Annual Meeting 2016 Fourth Quarter Reports Racial Equity Report Year End Reserve List Library Finances Overview Branch Update/Tour
<b>March 15, 2017</b>	RCL – North St. Paul 2300 North St. Paul Drive	Annual Report to State Budget Overview/Timeline Review Fines & Fees Branch Update/Tour
<b>April 20, 2016</b>	RCL – Roseville 2180 Hamline Avenue North	2017 First Quarter Reports Budget Priorities Award Library Gold Cards Automation Services Overview/Tech Plan Public Policies Review Branch Update/Tour

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## Minutes of the Ramsey County Library Board December 14, 2016

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**LIBRARY BOARD PRESENT:**

Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, John Hakes, Craig Klausing, Paula Mielke, Kim Vanderwall

**LIBRARY BOARD ABSENT:**

Jan Rapheal, Tou Xiong

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jill Boldenow, Library Director; Lynn Wyman, Deputy Director; Mary Larson, Library Board Coordinator; Jeff Eide, Policy & Planning Manager; Bill Michel, Facilities Planning Manager; Julie Neville, Facilities Manager; Monica Stratton, Branch Manager/Children's Services Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Peter Leatherman, Morris Leatherman Company; Les Siphkema, Shoreview Resident

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vanderwall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview, 4570 North Victoria Street.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Les Siphkema, Shoreview resident, requested that the September 2016 Library Board minutes be amended to more accurately reflect his comments at the meeting. He also requested a response to previous policy questions and discussed his research into flight crashes and investigations.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:**

Mielke made a motion to approve the agenda for December 14, 2016 and the minutes of November 16, 2016, as presented. Klausing seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:**

As part of its fundraising efforts for the new Ramsey County Library in Shoreview, the Friends' Capital Campaign Committee raised money for several museum-quality interactive installations for the children's area at the new library. The first of the three pieces will be installed prior to the Grand Opening in January 2017, with the last two pieces scheduled to be installed in August 2017. The three pieces will be a Tree, a Theater, and a Park Office, at a total cost of \$30,000.

Mielke made a motion to approve the agreement with the Minnesota Children's Museum for three interactive installations for the children's area of the new Ramsey County Library in Shoreview, at a maximum not-to-exceed cost of \$30,000, and to authorize the Library Director to sign the agreement. Klausing seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Library staff, Friends, volunteers, and contractors have completed a dizzying amount of work to prepare for and complete the Shoreview closing, surplus sale, and move of collections and more to the new library.

With a short turnaround between the final day of business (Nov. 23) at Shoreview and the surplus sale on December 1-3, a large team of staff, volunteers, and movers prepared for the sale and moved the collection to the new building. The Friends' final sale dispersed items that could no longer be used, and at the same time, brought in proceeds for the Shoreview Capital Campaign.

There are so many people to thank for planning and achieving a successful transition on this major project. Thanks to all of the Library staff, Heidi Holland's team of volunteers, and the Friends staff and all of their volunteers, for their hard physical and logistical work on the move and the sale. Across organizations and teams, there was great communication and cooperation. Within the Shoreview facility, the Administrative office staff, Technical Services staff, and branch staff did a great job sorting through and making decisions about decades of materials and how to keep business on track. Special kudos to Mary Larson, Nicole Herold, and Carol Jackson for leading their teams. Big thanks to all of the staff (Bill Michel, Julie Neville, Chuck Wettergren, Carol Jackson, Nicole Herold, and all of their crew) who steered the new Shoreview building project to substantial completion and got the staff up and running. Congratulations and thanks to all! This week, once phone and internet service are in place, Shoreview staff can begin working in the new library.

The Library and the Friends of the RCL hosted a retirement party for Sue Gehrz on December 9. Sue was feted for her impressive impact over eight years at the helm of the Friends. She leaves a legacy of successful capital campaigns, valuable library amenities and programs, and a robust community of Friends board members, volunteers, and supporters who were galvanized by Sue's infectious enthusiasm and visionary leadership.

The new Friends Executive Director, Alison Schaub, suffered a serious back injury shortly after starting with the Friends and submitted her resignation on December 9. The Friends Executive Committee is developing an alternative recruitment plan. In the interim, Sue Gehrz has graciously agreed to continue working one day a week to maintain progress on the Shoreview Capital Campaign. Friends officers and board members will assist until a new Executive Director can be trained for the position.

The RCL teen team is growing. Shoreview has hired Paige Fuller as its new teen librarian. Paige has worked at RCL for three years and brings experience with reference, teen programming at Maplewood, and helping visitors with technology. In late December, he will start developing a Shoreview teen program and coordinating with fellow teen librarians Marcus Lowry and Amy Boese.

Maplewood Library hosted an informative program, "Talking with Young Children about Race" on November 21. Panelists provided an overview of child development and age-appropriate opportunities to engage children on race, and they responded to many audience questions. On December 1, RV Library hosted a companion program, "Racially Diverse Books for Youth."

The library director joined the board of the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative (SRFC) as the RCL representative. SRFC is a partnership of schools, County, public health, corrections, nonprofit agencies, mental health service providers, faith communities and youth organizations. SRFC works on behalf of children and families to improve formal and informal support systems with a focus on wellness, learning, safety, and security.

The library director received an orientation to the County budget process. Work on the 2018-19 budget will begin in early 2017.

The MELSA Advisory Board (made up of library directors) met this week to discuss MELSA Formula Funding and Phase Funding. The agenda was to examine the validity of formulas used to determine allocations for both funds. A written report will be provided at the next library board meeting.

The MELSA Trustees and their statewide colleagues voted to bring a new proposal to the Legislature for Regional Library Basis System Support (RLBSS) funds. The proposal seeks an increase in statewide funding, which would increase MELSA's capacity to support library services and purchases.

**FRIENDS OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARIES REPORT:**

Alison Schaub, who was hired as the new Executive Director on November 14, will not be able to serve in that capacity. Alison suffered a serious injury that made it necessary for her to resign. The Friends Executive Committee will develop an alternative recruitment plan. Sue Gehrz was scheduled to retire on December 9 and attended a lovely retirement party. Due to the unusual circumstances of the new Executive Director being unable to serve, it was decided that Sue will continue working one day a week to maintain the progress of the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign. Friends officers and board members will also assist until a new employee can be trained for this position.

Proceeds from the huge book and furniture sale added nearly \$14,000 to the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign revenues bringing the total to \$154,832. Fundraising efforts continue.

Mark your calendars for the Friends Gala *Kids at Heart, a night to support the Ramsey County Libraries and celebrate children's literature* to be held from 6:30 to 9:30 on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the library in Roseville. Please help the Friends find sponsors and auction item donors for this event that is held to raise funds for the library lending collection. Learn more at [rclfriends.org/gala2017](http://rclfriends.org/gala2017).

Volunteers are needed to help stock the shelves with books, DVDs, and CDs in the Friends Bookstore at the Maplewood Library. Training is provided and the schedule is flexible. Please call 651-486-2213 for more information.

**RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS:**

The results of the 2016 Morris Leatherman Company telephone survey of 600 suburban Ramsey County residents were reviewed for the Library Board by Peter Leatherman, Chief Executive Officer.

Highlights of the survey methodology included:

- 600 households were selected using random digit dialing.
- 42% were cell phone only households, and 58% were landline households.
- Respondents were contacted between August 15-31, 2016.
- Typical respondent took 21 minutes to complete the survey.
- 40% of surveys were completed by appointment.
- Non-response rate of 4.5%.
- Projectable to the population within +/- 4.1% in 95 out of 100 cases.

Data points discussed with the Library Board included:

- Percentage of cardholders
- Household library use
- Comparisons of users versus sample in several categories
- Library visited most often
- Rating of library characteristics
- Is library meeting the needs of diverse communities
- Sources of information about library events and services
- Usage of e-reader devices

The Library Board discussed the favorable results of the survey, and the importance of being a data-driven organization. One take-away from the results is the need to educate non-library users on the relevance of libraries in the community.

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW:**

Monica Stratton, Children's Services Coordinator, highlighted the variety of services and programming offered by RCL for children, including:

### PROGRAMMING

#### • EARLY LITERACY

- Storytime statistics remain steady from 2015 (average 49 per RCL storytime)
- Second (and final) "Once Upon a Reader" program offered in September highlighting Derek Anderson's *Ten Pigs: an epic bath adventure*
- Partnered with Ramsey County Parks & Recreation to host three Story Walks at three Ramsey County Regional Parks in May, July and September
- Plans discussed with communications to promote early literacy using social media tools

#### • STEAM

- Roseville's STEAM Ahead After School program continues to grow (current average = 23 per program, and rising)
- Friends funds for STEAM programming resulted in additional summer offerings at other branches
- RCL hiring outside for STEAM/STEM but also developing a list of staff-led programs that can be replicated around the system
- University of MN Extension Department hosted programs at SV as part of their 4-H outreach efforts
- Summer Reading Program Kickoff Celebration hosted STEM-focused programs

#### • NEUROLOGICAL DIVERSITY

- After a slow start, the Roseville Sensory Mornings (on Fridays from 9-10) have picked up attendance. This program will continue on Fridays in 2017 with plans to consider moving to Sundays later in the year.

#### • PASSIVE

- Great success this past summer with our Monarchs in the Library program
- Branch locations beginning to offer passive programming year-round, switching out programs each month
- Initial discussions started towards offering passive programs for older children

#### • SUMMER

- Stats for school-aged readers
- First summer with new format (reader's choice)
- Funding from Friends allowed for extended outreach efforts
- Fall brainstorming on how to improve summer programming

#### • OTHER

- Two racial equity programs offered
  - Talking with Young Children About Race*
  - Diverse Book Showcase*
- Partnered with Ramsey County Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to educate families about severe weather (April)

### OUTREACH

#### • SCHOOL VISITS

- All second grade classrooms in county visited to promote SRP (May-June)
- All kindergarten classrooms in county visited to promote the library card program (November)
- Summer school classrooms at all four county school districts visited as part of SRP outreach efforts

- Librarians continue to participate in local school's Literacy Night events as schedules allow
- Library participated in St. Paul elementary school Benjamin Mays "Read Together" celebration at the MN Judicial Department (March)

- **LIBRARY CARDS**

- White Bear Lake received an LSTA grant targeting three schools in ISD624 to promote the library by offering card registration off-site
- Kindergarten Card Program (January) issued over 1400 library cards to kindergartners in the county with over 300 attending annual event
- New technologies have made it possible to issue library cards off-site at school events/back-to-school nights

- **AT-RISK/VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

- Continue to partner with the WIC program at New Brighton
- Staff hosted Battle Creek Head Start and visited the same Head Start as part of a library/Head Start partnership
- Summer outreach efforts to target at-risk children beyond summer school enrollment were initiated

### PARTNERSHIPS

- Ramsey County Parks & Recreation
- Ramsey County Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security
- MN Section of the American Chemical Society
- Open Arms Minnesota
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- Z Puppets Rosenschnoz
- Ramsey County Extension Department
- Institute for Museum and Library Services

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Kindergarten Card Party – January 21 with author/illustrator Grace Lin
- More changes in summer reading program for 2017, notably preschool participation (based on 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten)
- Nationally known children's musician Ralph Covert will present two concerts at RV and WB in June
- Shoreview opening in January with new possibilities for children's programming

### **SHOREVIEW PROJECT UPDATE:**

Ramsey County Library took possession of the new building at substantial completion on November 23, and with the help of a large number of dedicated volunteers, moved the collection from the old building to the new over the next two weeks. Staff is spending time getting the collection shifted and organized.

Punch lists are being worked on, and new furniture is arriving on an almost daily basis.

The City of Shoreview is poised to issue a Certificate of Occupancy, which will allow the Library to move staff permanently into the building to work. Automation Services has begun its work to set up network equipment and individual staff workstations.

The Library is on track to turn the old building over to the Mounds View School District on January 2.

There have been many visitors to the new Library over the past couple of weeks, and their reactions have been uniformly glowing.

The Library Board is invited to tour the new building prior to the Board meeting on December 14.

**LIBRARY BOARD SELF EVALUATION:**

Vanderwall indicated that a survey was sent to each of the Board members via email. She noted that it was a pared down version of the survey sent in 2015, and asked the Board members to complete and return the survey promptly.

**OTHER:**

Boldenow noted that Tou Xiong's term expires at the end of 2016, and he did not apply for a second term on the Library Board due to the time constraints of his position on the Maplewood City Council.

**NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2017, Location TBD, 6:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Larson  
Library Board Coordinator

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**Ramsey County Library**  
**Request for Library Board Action**

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**Meeting Date**  
**January 18, 2017**

**Action Requested**  
**Approve Revised  
Minutes**

**Presented By**  
**Mary Larson**  
**Library Bd. Coordinator**

**SUBJECT:**

Library Board Minutes of September 21, 2016

**BACKGROUND:**

Les Sipkema, a Shoreview resident, requested that his remarks during the Public Comment portion of the September 2016 meeting be revised. The proposed revision would read:

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Les Sipkema, Shoreview resident, welcomed Boldenow as Director of Ramsey County Library **and commented on the Library and the Director's role.** ~~He urged the Library Board to develop a policy regarding outside consulting work performed by the Library Director.~~

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

To approve the revised minutes of September 21, 2016 as proposed.



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<b><u>Meeting Date</u></b> <b>January 18, 2017</b>	<b><u>Action Requested</u></b> <b>Accept Annual Gift</b>	<b><u>Presented By</u></b> <b>Jill Boldenow,</b> <b>Library Director</b>
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**SUBJECT:**  
Gift Acceptance

**BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Library Board policies, all gifts and grants exceeding \$5,000 must be approved by the Library Board. A summary of gifts for acceptance is included below.

Each year, the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries give a gift to the Library for a variety of program needs identified by Library staff. For 2017, the Library requested \$70,000 for programming, technology literacy, the volunteer program, and staff development. The Friends' Board approved the request.

A copy of the memorandum from Boldenow to the Friends outlining the planned use of these funds is attached.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

To accept the annual gift of \$70,000 from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries for 2017 program and service needs identified by the Library.

# Memorandum

**To:** Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries  
**CC:** Library Administrative Team  
**From:** Jill Boldenow, Library Director  
**Date:** October 12, 2016  
**Re:** 2017 Budget Request

Thank you for giving the Library the opportunity to present its 2017 budgetary needs in advance so staff can plan and prepare for next year's program and service offerings. The support of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries continues to be essential to the Library in reaching its goals.

For 2017, the Library is requesting a \$70,000 program grant from the Friends.

**1. Summer Reading Program - \$20,000**

Summer Reading Programs have shown that they increase a student's reading abilities, increase their time with books, increase their enjoyment of reading and increase the parental involvement in reading with their children. This program also attracts school-age children and their parents to the Library for the first time.

This request covers the kick-off program, weekly programs at each library and prizes for readers.

**2. Technology Literacy/Adult Life Skills - \$25,000**

Providing our residents with the technical skills needed to access basic information via a computer is a consistent issue for staff. In addition, RCL currently partners with organizations like AARP, Goodwill-Easter Seals, Workforce Solutions, SCORE, Keystone Community Services, the Ramsey County Law Library and Legal Aid to offer adult life skill programs.

This funding pays for the coordination of the programs, curriculum development, and substitutes for librarians so they can teach classes to residents.

**3. Children's Programs - \$5,000**

Pre-literacy programs help 0-5 year olds with school readiness. Other children's programs like Paws to Read help elementary-age children succeed in school.

These funds will sponsor the Kindergarten Sign-Up program and party. It will provide supplies used in story times and other early literacy activities. It will also support year-round educational programs geared toward kids.

**4. Teen Programs - \$4,000**

Research is showing a greater need to provide older children with safe, positive learning environments after school.

These funds will provide the teen librarians with a budget for teen programs at all seven library sites throughout the year.

**5. Library Newsletter - \$6,000**

This investment maintains the Friends of the Libraries commitment to the newsletter at the \$6,000 level. The newsletter will only be mailed to members of the Friends in good standing. Copies will be available online and in the libraries for the public.

**6. Volunteer Program Development - \$5,000**

With the increased usage of the Library, staff cannot provide necessary services to customers without a core of reliable, trained volunteers. This investment will provide recognition to Library volunteers as well as training and recruiting materials.

**7. Employee Development - \$5,000**

These funds are used for staff development and to support the two In-service Training Days for all staff and volunteers.

Thank you!

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**Meeting Date**  
**January 18, 2017**

**Action Requested**  
**Approval**

**Presented By**  
**Mary Larson,**  
**Financial Manager**

**SUBJECT:**

Shoreview Capital Campaign Gift Acceptance

**BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with 2016 Library Board policies, all gifts and grants exceeding \$5,000 must be approved by the Library Board.

Several restricted donations for the Shoreview Capital Campaign were received in November and December which exceed the existing gift threshold and require Board approval.

- Children's small interactive pieces - \$5,010 (Shoreview Rotary Club)
- Artwork - \$10,000
- Children's lending collection - \$10,000 (Kiwanis Club)
- Children's Museum pieces - \$10,000 (Susan Miller)
- Lending collection - \$13,000
- Artwork - \$15,000
- Lending collection - \$15,000
- Media Lab equipment - \$15,000
- Children's Museum pieces - \$16,000
- Laptop computers and accessories - \$18,000

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

To accept the Shoreview Capital Campaign donations totaling \$127,010 from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries for the purposes designated.

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<b><u>Meeting Date</u></b> <b>January 18, 2017</b>	<b><u>Action Requested</u></b> <b>Approve Resolution</b>	<b><u>Presented By</u></b> <b>Jill Boldenow,</b> <b>Library Director</b>
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**SUBJECT:**

Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Sue Gehrz

**BACKGROUND:**

Friends Executive Director Sue Gehrz retired in December 2016, although she has agreed to continue on a limited basis until a new Executive Director is hired. A resolution honoring Sue for her 8 years of service with the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries is being prepared and will be brought to the meeting.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

To approve the Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Sue Gehrz and to authorize the Library Board Chair to sign the document.





## Executive Director's Update

### January 2017

#### Executive Director Position:

Applications are being taken for the part-time Executive Director's position. Sue Gehrz will continue working on a limited basis until the new employee is hired and trained.

#### Shoreview Library Capital Campaign:

We are looking forward to having an information table at the Grand Opening. The new building and facilities are wonderful. Donations and pledges made so far total \$173,245. The many plaques acknowledging major gifts are visible symbols of the tremendous enthusiasm that so many people have demonstrated for this new regional library. We are very grateful to the following community organizations that contributed funds for the amenities that will make this new library such a wonderful resource for people of all ages. The Kiwanis Club of North Suburban Saint Paul donated \$35,000 and the Arden Hills-Shoreview Rotary Club donated \$5,010 to fund resources in the Children's Area. The Shoreview Community Foundation donated \$4,000 for a 3D printer and Gallery 96 raised funds for a hanging art display system. The North Oaks Community Foundation raised \$15,000, the FIGS of North Oaks Golf Club donated \$8,000, the Harriet G. Walker Chapter DAR gave \$2,500, and the Vadnais Heights Area Community Foundation contributed \$1,000 to help fund new technologies, art and additions to the lending collection.

#### Kindergarten Library Card Celebration:

The following generous sponsors are supporting this year's celebration on January 21:

- Mounds Park Academy (Gold Level sponsor - \$1,500)
- Metro State University (Silver Level sponsor - \$500)
- Northeast Bank (Copper Level sponsor - \$250)

#### Gala sponsors are needed:

Mark your calendars for the Friends Gala ***Kids at Heart, a night to support the Ramsey County Libraries and celebrate children's literature*** to be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the library in Roseville. Please help us find sponsors and auction item donors for this event that is held to raise funds for the library's lending collection. Learn more at [rclfriends.org/gala2017](http://rclfriends.org/gala2017).

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<b><u>Meeting Date</u></b> <b>January 18, 2017</b>	<b><u>Action Requested</u></b> <b>Authorization to Negotiate Contract</b>	<b><u>Presented By</u></b> <b>Chuck Wettergren, Automation Manager</b>
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#### **SUBJECT:**

SirsiDynix Agreement

#### **UPDATE:**

After an initial technical and legal review of the SaaS proposal and related SirsiDynix agreements, it was decided to pursue a new service level agreement (SLA) rather than making it an addendum to the current agreement. In part this was because the current SLA was developed largely around local hosting. The Library will use the new "Master Managed Services Agreement" developed by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office to address updated security practices and requirements when utilizing remote hosted services. This agreement will better represent the Library's interests as we move forward.

As part of this new agreement to support SaaS, the proposed initial terms will allow four annual renewals beyond the initial first year. Because this will be a new agreement, with new term lengths, it is desired to have the Library Board reauthorize the Library to continue pursuing an agreement with SirsiDynix. Also due to the delay in moving to SaaS there may be a slight increase in implementation costs causing first year expenditures to exceed \$35,000.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

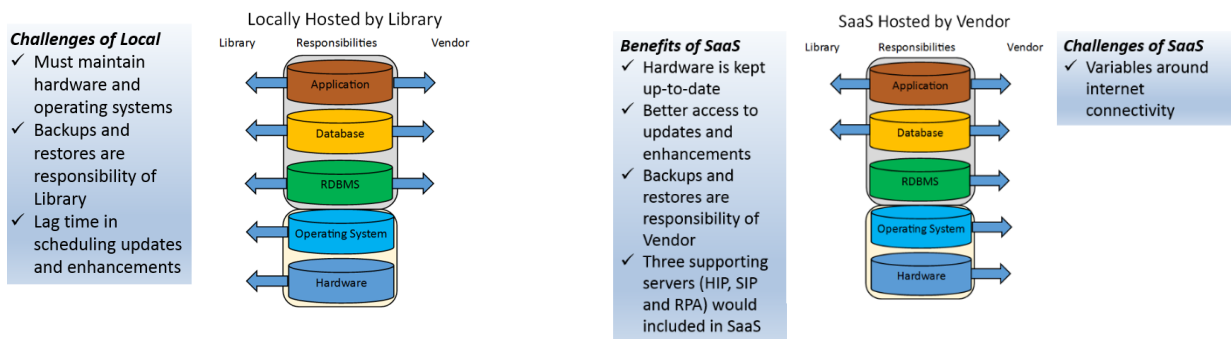
An integrated library system (ILS) is a combination of specialized databases and software used to manage collections, circulation, cataloging, acquisitions, serials and borrower accounts. It also facilitates the use of material handling systems, computer management software and user authentication for subscription resources. Ramsey County Library (RCL) currently uses the Horizon ILS provided by SirsiDynix, and hosts this system in-house using several specialized servers.

A growing trend is to provide ILS solutions as subscription services maintained via the Internet or in "the cloud". This type of subscription service is often identified as Software as a Service (SaaS). SaaS allows the library to shift responsibility of hosting servers and software to the vendor, eliminating costs and risks related to in-house hosting. SaaS also allows reallocation of staff time to focus on managing and improving content maintenance and user interfaces. SirsiDynix takes SaaS one step further by hosting the Horizon client application used by library staff, eliminating the need to install and maintain clients on approximately 140 staff PCs.



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The diagrams below show how responsibilities are shifted to the vendor when using SaaS, lowering costs and risks while improving management of the underlying systems.



### ESTIMATED COSTS TO MIGRATE HORIZON TO SaaS:

Current maintenance and licensing costs paid to SirsiDynix for core services eligible for SaaS are approximately \$64,000 per year. Not all ILS services or add-on products are eligible, including add-on products like SirsiDynix's telephone notification system.

Initial SaaS migration costs provided by SirsiDynix are shown below, representing an ongoing increase of approximately 20K to 25K per year.

Component	Year 1	Estimated Year 2	Estimated Year 3
Horizon SaaS subscription	137,230	79,330	82,430
Services	16,480	-	-
Remote Patron Authentication	6,070	5,270	5,470
Discount	( 65,230 )	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,550</b>	<b>84,600</b>	<b>87,900</b>

Any existing payments made by the Library will be pro-rated and subtracted from the total cost listed above. The initial cost increases will be covered by MELSA phase funding.

### BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

As outlined in the RCL Technology Plan endorsed by the Library Board in June 2016, authorize the Library to pursue an agreement with SirsiDynix for the migration of Horizon to SaaS with a first year cost increase not to exceed \$40,000 and authorize the Library Director to sign the agreement, subject to the approval of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

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<b><u>Meeting Date</u></b> <b>January 18, 2017</b>	<b><u>Action Requested</u></b> <b>Information &amp; Discussion</b>	<b><u>Presented By</u></b> <b>Bill Michel,</b> <b>Library Project Manager</b>
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#### **SUBJECT:**

Shoreview Project Update

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Ramsey County Library in Shoreview finished moving out of the old building and into the new with a week to spare, and was able to turn the keys of the old building over to the Mounds View School District on January 2.

With the arrival of the service desks on January 11 and the final furniture pieces on January 12, all of the furnishings have arrived and been set in place.

Administration and Technical Services are moved in and catching up on the work that they weren't able to do during the move. Thanks to the Automation Services staff, the actual down time was minimal.

Adolfson and Peterson Contractors (A&P) and its subcontractors are finishing up work on their punch lists. A&P will soon be finalizing construction costs, and will be releasing any remaining funds back to Ramsey County. The funds will be moved into the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment line, enabling the Library to purchase additional items identified as necessary, but for which there are not currently funds to acquire.

Automation Services is working on setting up all the technology for both staff and public.

The Art Committee has begun looking for pieces of art to enhance the public spaces.

The exterior Library sign has been installed.

DIRTT walls between the Marketplace and the Children's area, and between the Adult and Teen areas have been erected. The artwork on the Teen wall is being fabricated, and will be installed prior to opening, we hope. The Library is obtaining official permission to use the children's book illustrations, so that part of the children's wall will be installed after opening.

The exterior benches have arrived and been set in place.

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The laptop bar and bench have been installed.

The Grand Opening of the new regional library in Shoreview will be held on Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dignitaries are invited to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for photos. The fun-filled day of music, activities and refreshments will begin at 10 a.m. with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Kim Vanderwall will emcee the ceremony. Ceremony speakers will be John Hakes, Library Board; Ramsey County Commissioner Blake Huffman; Shoreview City Councilmember Cory Springhorn; and Sue Gehrz, Friends Capital Campaign.

Schedule of events:

10:15 - Ribbon Cutting/Doors Open

11:30 a.m. - HGA Architects Presentation

12:00-1:30 p.m. - Metro Ice Sculptors Demonstration

12:30 p.m. - Mounds View High School Orchestra

1:30-4:30 p.m. - Caricatures Sketched by Samantha Aburime

2:00-4:00 p.m. - Robotics Demonstration by Mounds View High School Robotics Teams

2 p.m. - Mixed Nuts Comedy Show

All day events: Friends Capital Campaign table, 3D Printing Demonstrations, Gallery 96 Art Exhibit, kids crafts with the DNR and a selfie scavenger hunt. Refreshments will be provided by Kowalski's. This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.

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**SUBJECT:**

Naming Rights - Eilenne Boder Study Room

**BACKGROUND:**

Eilenne Boder was a Ramsey County Librarian for 33 years. At the time of her death on April 24, 2015, she was serving as Branch Manager of the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview and helped develop the preliminary plans for the new library. Memorials from Eilenne's family, friends, colleagues and neighbors total the \$5,000 needed for naming rights for a small study room in the new library in Shoreview.

If approved by the Library Board, one of the small study rooms that opens into the Children's Area will be named as follows:

*Study Room in memory of Eilenne Boder*

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

To grant naming rights for a small Study Room in the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview in memory of Eilenne Boder based on the donation of \$5,000 to be received by December 31, 2017.

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**SUBJECT:**

Naming Rights – Lynn Belgea Study Room

**BACKGROUND:**

Lynn Belgea has been on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries for eight years and serves on the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign Committee. She donated \$2,500 in December 2016 and pledged another \$2,500 in 2017 toward the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign and requested that these gifts be recognized with naming rights for a small study room in honor of her deceased parents.

Lynn's father, Dr. Peter Belgea, had a dental office above his family's grocery store on Rice Street. He served patients in the Saint Paul area for forty-one years. Lynn's mother, Kathryn, was an avid reader and library patron.

If approved by the Library Board, one of the four small study rooms will be named as follows:

*The Peter and Kathryn Belgea Study Room*

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

To grant naming rights for a small Study Room in the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview to Lynn Belgea in honor of her parents, Peter and Kathryn Belgea, based on her donation of \$2,500 received in December 2016, with the remaining \$2,500 to be received by December 31, 2017.

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**SUBJECT:**

Naming Rights – Peter Hilger Study Room

**BACKGROUND:**

Peter Hilger, a North Oaks resident and past Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Board Member, donated \$5,000 to the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign on December 27, 2016 in honor of University of Minnesota Construction Management Students. Mr. Hilger is faculty director of the Construction Management degree program, where he manages the development and delivery of curricula. An architect by training, a builder by passion, and a teacher at heart, Peter Hilger has served the Construction Management program since its inception in 1997.

Mr. Hilger helped create a partnership with Ramsey County and the architects and construction company building the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview that enables students to study and tour the new library and learn from the challenges and opportunities the project offered.

If approved by the Library Board, one of the four small study rooms will be named as follows:

*The Hilger Room honors University of Minnesota Construction Management students who learn from the construction of this library.*

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

To grant naming rights for a small Study Room in the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview to Peter Hilger based on his donation of \$5,000 received in December 2016.

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**Meeting Date**  
**January 18, 2017**

**Action Requested**  
**Approval**

**Presented By**  
**Susan Gehrz, Friends**  
**Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Additional Naming Rights for the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview

**BACKGROUND:**

As of December 29, 2016 all naming rights and donor recognition opportunities for donations ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000 have been granted. The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries request approval to offer additional naming opportunities for the following donation levels:

Long wooden bench in front of Library	\$ 8,000
Short wooden bench in front of Library	\$ 5,000
Oak Laptop Bar	\$12,000
Oak Bench next to Laptop Bar	\$ 8,000

Library Board approval will be required before the specific naming right for a room or area is granted.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

To authorize the Friends of the Ramsey County Library to offer naming rights for the following areas in the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview:

<u>Naming Opportunities</u>	<u>Gift</u>
• Long wooden bench in front of Library	\$ 8,000
• Short wooden bench in front of Library	\$ 5,000
• Oak Laptop Bar	\$12,000
• Oak Bench next to Laptop Bar	\$ 8,000

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<b><u>Meeting Date</u></b> <b>January 18, 2017</b>	<b><u>Action Requested</u></b> <b>Information &amp; Discussion</b>	<b><u>Presented By</u></b> <b>Jill Boldenow,</b> <b>Library Director</b>
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**SUBJECT:**

Ramsey County Phase 2 IT Consolidation

**BACKGROUND:**

Jim Hall, Director of Ramsey County Information Services, will attend the Library Board's January meeting to discuss progress on the Phase 2 IT consolidation currently underway.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.



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**January 18, 2017**

**Action Requested**  
**Information &  
Discussion**

**Presented By**  
**Jill Boldenow,**  
**Library Director**

**SUBJECT:**  
2017 Workplan

**BACKGROUND:**

Attached is the Library's 2017 workplan, indicating the initiatives that have been identified for this year's major goals and activities. Quarterly progress reports will be provided to the Library Board.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.

## **2017 Major Work Plan Initiatives**

1. Open Shoreview and complete campaign and amenities.
2. Expand racial equity themed programming and collaborations (RV ABE and others) that engage communities of color.
3. Expand outreach and popup library activities.
4. Strengthen service to teens with expanded staff & programs.
5. Develop new capital plan.

## 2017 Draft Work Plan

### 1. Strengthen Connections to Community Efforts and Partners.

<b>Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner on County's engagement initiative</li> <li>• Create popup library resources, to include offsite library card registration options</li> <li>• Focus popups/outreach on people of color including new immigrants; re-entry center</li> <li>• Consider hosting Marnita's Table or similar</li> <li>• Leverage new directors to engage partners (Jill, Friends Dir.)</li> <li>• Develop goals/ approach to senior engagement</li> </ul>	Jeff Eide
<b>Collaboration Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create guidelines for collaboration and use of library space and resources</li> <li>• Update procedures with solicitation policy</li> </ul>	Jeff Eide
<b>ConnectEd</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage RV and MV superintendents to develop ConnectEd projects</li> <li>• Invite WB to expand to grades 1-5 (Chuck)</li> <li>• Invite WB alternative schools (ML)</li> </ul>	Jill Boldenow

### Partnerships

Branch	Internal	Outreach
MP		
MV		
NB		
NS		
RV		
SV		
WB		
ALL		

**Engagement**

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>MP</b>		
<b>MV</b>		
<b>NB</b>		
<b>NS</b>		
<b>RV</b>		
<b>SV</b>		
<b>WB</b>		
<b>ALL</b>		

**2. Foster Literacy and Student Achievement.**

<b>Ready for Kindergarten (MS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify at-risk preschoolers</li> <li>Revise preschool Summer Reading Program</li> <li>Pursue LSTA for ELL baby storytime</li> <li>Establish baseline data on storytime audience diversity</li> <li>Pilot strategies to reach immigrants and families of color</li> </ul>	<b>Lynn Wyman</b>
<b>Student Success (Youth Librarians)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand library partnerships with schools using tablets and library resources</li> <li>Expand offsite card registration</li> <li>Expand STEAM programming</li> <li>Expand passive programming</li> <li>Develop Teen Maker Space at SV</li> <li>Review Summer Reading Program goals</li> </ul>	<b>Lynn Wyman</b>
<b>Healthy Youth (ML)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement new SV teen program/space</li> <li>Formalize teen services structure</li> <li>Increase outreach to youth to reduce race-based disparities</li> <li>Implement full-week camps at SV</li> <li>Work with teen volunteers at SV</li> <li>Expand Library After Dark funding and program</li> </ul>	<b>Lynn Wyman</b>

### 3. Create Vibrant Learning Spaces that Engage the Broad Diversity of Our Community.

<b>Shoreview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete construction (BM)</li> <li>• Add new features as funded (CJ, Chuck)</li> <li>• Convene art committee and select work</li> <li>• Plan expanded programming (CJ)</li> </ul>	<b>Lynn Wyman</b>
<b>User Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add hours SV (LW)</li> <li>• Revise conduct policy (LW)</li> <li>• Develop virtual services (Chuck) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Purchase discovery layer</li> <li>○ Implement SAAS</li> <li>○ Improve website</li> <li>○ Staff move to County email</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Improve physical services (Chuck) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add charging stations as funded</li> <li>○ Update self-check software and hardware and chip/pin</li> <li>○ Review print management</li> <li>○ Expand MV computing and reconfigure</li> <li>○ Expand laptop checkout SV</li> <li>○ Expand video conferencing</li> <li>○ Develop intake process for branches requesting computers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Improve user access (Chuck) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Promote usership and improve access, ease, options</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Improve collections (LW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add e-content</li> <li>○ Diversify content</li> <li>○ Add youth content</li> <li>○ Implement new nonfiction plan</li> <li>○ Add Self-E</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Improve collections management (LW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revise Collections Management Policy</li> <li>○ Implement new weeding and donations procedures</li> <li>○ Transition to Blue Cloud Analytics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Lynn Wyman/Chuck Wettergren</b>
<b>Refurbish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove gender from family bathrooms</li> <li>• Re-think security cameras (Chuck)</li> <li>• Upgrade chairs at RV and MP (LW)</li> <li>• Develop small repairs and assembly process (ML)</li> <li>• Redo MP and NB carpet</li> <li>• Replace NB roof</li> <li>• Repaint RV atrium</li> <li>• Repair RV concrete walks and curbs</li> <li>• Upgrade software to MV BAS</li> </ul>	<b>Julie Neville</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade computer and programming for RV BAS</li> <li>• Conduct MP facility design review (Jill)</li> <li>• Develop capital plan (Jill)</li> <li>• Improve NSP custodial practices (Jill)</li> </ul>	
<b>Adult Programming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop evaluation tools</li> <li>• Continue history programming</li> <li>• Strengthen Book Club alignment</li> <li>• Develop last-minute program process</li> <li>• Strengthen adult makerspace program</li> </ul>	<b>Kristi Saksvig</b>

#### 4. Promote Economic Prosperity and Racial Justice.

<b>Economic Prosperity Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand info literacy program (JL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expand open labs</li> <li>○ Expand downloadable tables</li> <li>○ Train staff in labs (LW)</li> <li>○ Expand outreach</li> <li>○ Implement makerspace SV (CJ)</li> <li>○ Offer tech help appointments at RV</li> <li>○ Expand community computing</li> <li>○ Collaborate with RV ABE to produce bilingual computer class</li> <li>○ Strengthen corrections services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Develop programs with County (open data, Workforce, other EGCI partners)</li> <li>• Continue life skills programming under new coordinators</li> <li>• Continue social services support (PH)</li> </ul>	<b>Jill Boldenow</b>
<b>Racial Equity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase hires and retention of racially diverse staff, volunteers and Board</li> <li>• Increase the cultural competency of the staff, volunteers and Library Board</li> <li>• Ensure the facilities, collections, policies, programs, communications and services reflect the community</li> <li>• Develop internal communications to inform staff of external RE forums</li> <li>• Maintain RE book club (CJ)</li> <li>• Expand racial equity programming</li> <li>• Apply for grant with St. Kate's for MLIS program for staff of color</li> <li>• Participate in County project to identify recruitment and retention barriers</li> <li>• Ease the process of internet access</li> <li>• Integrate RE plans into budget planning</li> </ul>	<b>Jill Boldenow</b>

**5. Ensure Stewardship of Public Resources.**

<b>Friends of the Library</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist to increase fundraising</li> <li>• Complete SV capital campaign</li> <li>• Promote Friends events</li> <li>• Expand grant writing and clarify process</li> </ul>	<b>Jill Boldenow</b>
<b>Library Volunteers (HH)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct quarterly meetings for coordinators</li> <li>• Develop skilled volunteer job descriptions</li> <li>• Expand homebound services</li> <li>• Expand volunteer opportunities for handy-persons in libraries</li> <li>• Develop program with volunteers doing storytime for adults at PAI sites</li> </ul>	<b>Lynn Wyman</b>
<b>Staff Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve tech skills</li> <li>• Expand use of staff in tech labs</li> <li>• Require racial equity training</li> <li>• Expand training of sub pool</li> <li>• Provide training on emergency situations</li> <li>• Implement new employee training on IT/email/security standards (Chuck)</li> <li>• Provide new Assistive Technology training</li> </ul>	<b>Lynn Wyman</b>
<b>Analytics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Edge, Impact, and other survey data to guide planning, reporting</li> <li>• Use County community indicators data</li> <li>• Revise and implement new data collection on race of program attendees/presenters</li> <li>• Assess annual data on racial diversity of staff, volunteers, board (LW)</li> </ul>	<b>Jill Boldenow</b>

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**Meeting Date**  
**January 18, 2017**

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**Presented By**  
**Jill Boldenow,**  
**Library Director**

**SUBJECT:**  
Library Board Self Evaluation

**BACKGROUND:**  
As part of the Library Board's annual schedule, a self evaluation is planned for the end of each year. Attached are the results from a survey of Board members conducted in December 2016.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**  
For information and discussion.



## 1. Please indicate your level of satisfaction in the following areas:

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Structuring discussions and presentations to keep our conversations at a strategic level during board meetings.	0	0	0	6	0
Fulfilling our fiduciary duties (using care, acting in the best interest of the organization, adhering to appropriate laws, etc.).	0	0	0	4	2
Fostering an environment that builds trust and respect among board members.	0	0	1	3	2
Allotting sufficient time for questions, participation and discussion during board meetings.	0	0	1	4	1
Effective and efficient use of committees to further our work.	0	0	1	3	2

## 2. Please indicate your level of satisfaction in the following areas:

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Your understanding of our history, mission, strategies and values.	0	0	0	5	1
Your sense of contribution in furthering the strategic priorities of Ramsey County Library.	0	0	0	3	3
Board leadership's receptivity to your ideas or concerns.	0	1	0	2	2
The extent to which we are utilizing your skills and experiences.	0	0	1	3	2
The extent to which you find serving on the Board of Directors a satisfying and rewarding experience.	0	0	0	4	2

[Comments](#)(1) We also need to ensure we are aligned with county mission and vision.

## 3. What do you like best about serving on this board?

- Helping to further the library's mission and learning more about its work.
- Amazing libraries and staff make it an honor to serve on the library board.
- The library is an essential part of our democracy. I love our libraries and I'm so proud of our staff.
- I love libraries; we make libraries better.
- The opportunity to explore library-related topics with the administration, staff and the public.
- The opportunity to hear, discuss and make decisions that will benefit staff and users of the libraries.

**4. What changes might you suggest to make board meetings more informative, motivating or enjoyable?**

- Interesting items (i.e., the work of the library) on the agenda have made our meetings interesting.
- Library presentations have been very informative—staff does a great job presenting.
- Have more discussion. Provide opportunities to tackle issues/topics and brainstorm or provide input.
- Get through meetings more quickly—perhaps target a 90-minute meeting.
- Meetings are fine as is.
- Consider engaging other community people/groups at meetings.

**5. What are the two or three key areas the board should focus on in the next year to improve its performance?**

- Support Jill's development.
- Develop a stronger relationship with the Friends of RCL.
- Identify what we need more than an annual update on, such as helping illustrate the value of libraries to nonusers.
- Clarify and train board members on their roles, responsibilities and boundaries.
- Promote use of North St. Paul Library.
- Build prominence of the board and make it better known to the public.
- Use some meetings to host community discussions as an outreach and stewardship effort.
- Leverage members' skills to strengthen the board and support the work of the libraries.
- Increase staff capacity to provide culturally responsive services in all libraries.

**6. Are there any areas in which you feel you could add more value? What would need to happen for that to occur?**

- Not sure.
- Fine as is.
- Increase monetary stipend for board members.
- Continue to attend board meetings and other events that support the library.

**7. Is there anything else you'd like to say?**

- Focus more attention on North St. Paul and Mounds View Libraries (2 comments).
- Thrilled that Jill is on board!
- Honor people's ideas and recognize their worth.
- It is a great honor to be on the Ramsey County Library Board.

# **Media Happenings**

**December - January**

# Facebook Highlights



**Ramsey County Library** shared Ramsey County, Minnesota's post

Published by Pa Na Lor [?] December 20, 2016 at 2:07pm

Learn about Ramsey County Parks and Recreation, libraries & workforce development programs in this new video series.



**Ramsey County, Minnesota**  
December 20, 2016 at 9:50am

A new series of short videos is now available that provides an overview of Ramsey County and its programs to new and current residents, businesses and visitors....

See More



## Ramsey County, MN - Community Video Tour

For those relocating to Ramsey County, MN watch videos about the area and find trusted local businesses.

ELOCALINK.TV

525 people reached

Boost Post

Carol Frey, Kim Sundet Vanderwall and 3 others

Check-in

**Douglas Sidney** with Mitch Gonzales and 2 others at Ramsey County Library  
December 23, 2016 at 12:25am Roseville

Tonight, earlier, with the Mihms, for their next one. Amazing casting turnout. #2017 #12in12 #dwtab #mihmiverse #santeuphoriapictures #demonwiththeatomicbrain #allforgeorgeproductions



Ramsey County Library, Kate Mac, Theresa Krause Sjerven and 29 others

2 Comments

Like Comment Share

**Mitch Gonzales** Good seeing you again, Doug. It was fun helping out, too. Looks like Chris has some fine actors to choose from.

Like Reply 1 December 23, 2016 at 1:53pm

**Douglas Sidney** Great seeing you, sir! Thank you for helming the Panasonid

Like Reply December 23, 2016 at 1:55pm



**Ramsey County Library** added 9 new photos

Published by Pa Na Lor [?] December 23, 2016 at 10:43am

Families fill the community room at the library in White Bear Lake to make gingerbread houses.



1,203 people reached

Boost Post

Megan Nyberg, Sue Wragg and 36 others

2 Comments

Like Comment Share

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Megan Nyberg, Sue Wragg and 36 others

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Write a comment



**Helen DeMaster** I thought maybe u went

Unlike Reply Message 1 December 23, 2016 at 2:58pm



**Nancy DeMaster Mullen** No, not safe for Austin using milk cartons and possibly other ingredients.

Like Reply Message December 23, 2016 at 2:59pm



Write a reply...



**Nancy DeMaster Mullen** We see some people we know! Amber Guetebier

Unlike Reply Message 2 December 23, 2016 at 2:26pm



**Amber Guetebier** funny!!!

Like Reply Message December 23, 2016 at 11:56pm



**Nancy DeMaster Mullen** Amber Guetebier looks like it was busy, but fun!

Like Reply Message December 24, 2016 at 7:58am





Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor (?) · December 27, 2016 at 10:00am

## What was the best book you read or listened to in 2016?

Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
Boost this post for \$60 to reach up to 12,000 people.

1,474 people reached

Boost Post

Charles Kunzman, Paul Lai and 4 others

17 Comments

Like Comment Share

Top Comments



Write a comment...



Susan Sedro Thank you for having 'Graceling' by Kristin Cashmore in your ebook collection. Really enjoying that well-written series.

Unlike Reply Message · 2 · December 27, 2016 at 10:33am



Karen Duerringer Flynn Hi Susan! Do you remember teaching my son Dave Flynn - 24 years ago??

Like Reply Message · December 27, 2016 at 11:41am



Susan Sedro Karen Duerringer Flynn Of course I do! I will bet he looks quite different from the little boy I am picturing, but I hope he never lost his curiosity and his questioning interest in the world around him.

Like Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 11:43am



Karen Duerringer Flynn Susan Sedro Here he is!



Like Reply Message · December 27, 2016 at 11:46am



Susan Sedro



Like Reply Message · December 27, 2016 at 11:48am



Susan Sedro Karen Duerringer Flynn Thank you for that. I am still teaching at the American school in Singapore. What is David doing now?

Like Reply Message · December 27, 2016 at 11:47am



Ramsey County Library This is so delightful! We are thrilled to be part of this reunion.

Like Reply · 3 · Commented on by Kristi Bassett Saksvig (?) · December 27, 2016 at 12:34pm



Dave Flynn Susan Sedro currently I am visiting my wife's family in Holland, but my day job is managing a team of IT nerds at Carleton College in Northfield MN.

Like Reply Message · December 27, 2016 at 3:11pm



Write a reply...



Ronnie Krishna Poetry: Dead Man's Float Jim Harrison . Rain in Portugal Billy Collins. Nonfiction: Fear and the Muse Kept Watch. Fiction: The High Mountains of Portugal Yann Martel

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 28, 2016 at 2:13pm



Ronnie Krishna forgot two: Poetry: Road to Emmaus by Spencer Reece a wonderful book. here is a special poem from it!CU

By Spencer Reece ... See More

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 29, 2016 at 11:32am · Edited



Ronnie Krishna in fiction: (though it is a few years old): Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver. I have taken the recorded version out multiple times. one of the best books in the last ten years.

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 29, 2016 at 11:16am



Write a reply...



Barb Nickelsen The last one I read, then the next, then the next...

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 7:37pm



Sheri Stewart "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman

Unlike Reply Message · 3 · December 27, 2016 at 1:08pm



Karen Duerringer Flynn Brandon Sanderson's "Words of Radiance". Amazing!

Unlike Reply Message · 2 · December 27, 2016 at 10:10am



Jennifer Blume White Ready Player One audiobook read by Wil Wheaton!

Unlike Reply Message · 2 · December 28, 2016 at 7:59am



Maggie Pew When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 1:01pm



Jill Om Silence in the Heart - Robert Adams

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 10:28am



Carol Frey Midnight in Broad Daylight by Pamela Rotner Sakamoto

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 10:21am



Katherine Young Big Magic

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 10:30pm



Amy Lutz Carpenter Just finished the boys in the trees. Found myself looking up old videos of Carly and James Taylor as well as cat Stevens and nick jagger who she references in the book.

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 7:11pm



Sara Vriesen The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah--loved loved loved this book!! and all of her other books!--thanks New Brighton Community Ramsey County Library-lovely library

Unlike Reply Message · 3 · December 27, 2016 at 6:46pm



Amy Lutz Carpenter The nightingale

Like Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 7:07pm



Sandy Fraber Ellingson Mine too.

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 8:59pm



Write a reply...



Barbara Olson Ankrum Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger, The Life We Bury and The Guise of Another by Allen Eskens

Unlike Reply Message · 2 · December 27, 2016 at 1:48pm · Edited



Kristen Klemann I can't choose just one! Here are a few. 😊  
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Bachman  
My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Bachman... See More

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 1:37pm



Amy Thompson Throne of Glass series by Sarah J. Maas. I raced to North Saint Paul after I read the first one to get the 2nd and 3rd 😊

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 3:21pm



Carly McEathron Eleanor and Park heads a very long list. I rarely anymore am so gripped by a book that I'll read into the wee hours, as I was with this one.

Unlike Reply Message · 1 · December 27, 2016 at 7:02pm



Ryan MacAskill Non-Fiction: Dark Money by Jane Meyer  
Fiction: Babylon's Ashes by James S.A. Corey and Everybody's Fool by Richard Russo (great audiobook)

Unlike Reply Message · 2 · December 27, 2016 at 6:49pm





## Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor 171 December 28, 2016 at 10:00am

Meet Judy Woodward, Reference Librarian and History Program Coordinator

Who I am:

A person who believes in hard work, kindness and a little bit of wit.

Favorite library moment:

A man came in with a pocket diary he inherited from his grandfather, who found it in Germany during WWI. He wanted to see if it was possible to return it to the owner's surviving family. I helped him connect with a German county historical museum. Even though he never found a direct descendant, it gave him closure.

On my reading list:

"Nutshell" by Ian McEwan.



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Carol Frey, Lynn Beigea and 30 others

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Kim Sundet Vanderwall Yay Judy!

Unlike Reply Message 1 December 29, 2016 at 7:12am



## Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor 171 December 29, 2016 at 3:22pm

How to make a ducktape bag. Thank you White Bear Center for the Arts for teaching us.



How to make a ducktape bag.  
03:01

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Susan Nemitz, Susan Sedro and 10 others

Check in



Amy Chen checked in to Ramsey County Library

December 28, 2016 at 1:02pm Roseville

My last full day in my birth state. Haha earmuffs at the beach in Minnesota, right on!



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Ramsey County Library, Deborah Thomson, Tom A-kart and 10 others



Karen Duboff Nice

Like Reply 1 December 28, 2016 at 2:13pm



Kora Boisvert Hey! I'm waving back!

Like Reply 1 December 28, 2016 at 6:08pm

Karen Duboff Nice comment

Like Reply December 28, 2016 at 5:09pm

Amy Chen I'm waving back again! Lol...so, Christmas 2017 should we make plans to get

together then before I forget again. sigh! 🙄

Like Reply 1 December 31, 2016 at 12:23am

Kora Boisvert Yes!!!

Like Reply 1 December 31, 2016 at 8:44am

Check in



Lauren Peterson at Ramsey County Library

December 28, 2016 at 10:17am Roseville

Let's talk about discrimination.



Debra Morelli, Jason D Sauter and 4 others

2 Comments



Lyssa Lee Olson Hahahah

Like Reply December 29, 2016 at 10:42am



Jason D Sauter That's a tad ambiguous. If we consider the entire scope of road going vehicles (historically and in terms of size) a Land Rover Discovery is incredibly fuel efficient.

Like Reply 1 December 29, 2016 at 12:53pm Edited

Mention

**Regions Hospital Medical Library**  
December 30, 2018 at 10:29am

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Libraries respond to recent crises - Falcon Heights and Ramsey County Library included.



Libraries Respond to Recent Crises | American Libraries Magazine

Often in the face of crisis, there is one place many turn to: their local library. Here's how libraries respond to the tragic events of the past few weeks.

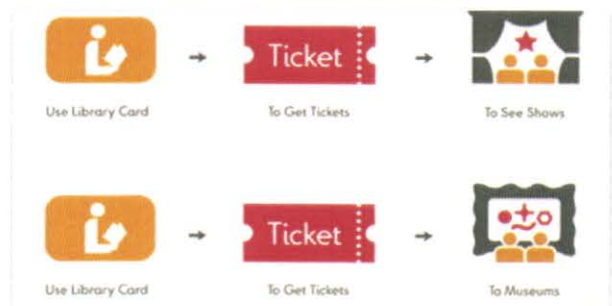
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**Ramsey County Library**

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**Ramsey County Library**  
Published by Pa Na Lor · January 3 at 9:16am

Use your library card to find new activities to do this new year with smartpass, the arts access program sponsored by Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA). <https://smartpass.melsa.org/>



**MELSA smartPass |**

Welcome to smartpass! Welcome to smartpass, the arts access program available exclusively to metro public library users! If you have a library card from one of the eight public library systems in the Twin Cities, you have the...

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Jay Wilson, Scott Berglund and 28 others · 2 Comments · 16 Shares

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**Kara Sommerfeld** This is great! When I try to log in with my valid card number, though, it tells me it's not a current card number. I used it at the library a couple of months ago...

Like Reply Message January 3 at 11:00am

**Ramsey County Library** Hi Kara, I have contacted MELSA about this matter. If possible, may I send it to you via a message?

Like Reply Commented on by Pa Na Lor · January 3 at 2:04pm

**Kara Sommerfeld** Ramsey County Library That would be great, thank you!

Like Reply See Response January 3 at 2:34pm

Write a reply

**Julie Stash Small** I also get an invalid or expired card message.

Like Reply See Response January 4 at 5:08pm

Check-in

**Theresa Angelo** checked in to **Ramsey County Library**  
January 5 at 4:59pm · Roseville

Library



**Ramsey County Library** · Allen James, Alison Bergblom Johnson and 7 others · 4 Comments

**Patricia Hagge** did you look up your gun, sister?  
Like Reply 1 January 5 at 6:05pm

**Michelle Vojacek** I have never noticed that sign!  
Like Reply January 8 at 9:40pm

**Janet Re Johnson** Life in the US of A.  
Like Reply January 8 at 12:45am

**Allen James** Did you check in your sidearm?  
Like Reply January 11 at 12:11am

**Ramsey County Library**  
Published by Pa Na Lor · January 3 at 3:00pm

Join us for an honest, illuminating discussion of the historical roots of the complicated question of Islam and its relations with the West

**Islam and the West**

**Muslims in the Age of Globalization: The Struggle over the Future**  
Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.  
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Ramsey County, Minnesota updated their cover photo  
January 4 at 10:19am

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The Ramsey County Library in Roseville has more than 100 computers available for public use.



Ramsey County Library



Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor · January 6 at 10:00am

Come explore the beautiful new building and enjoy a fun-filled day of music, activities and refreshments.

*Grand Opening*



Ramsey County Library  
in Shoreview  
Saturday, January 28  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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2,009 people reached

10

6 Shares



Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor · January 9 at 9:36am

Hope to see everyone on Saturday, January 28! The Opening Ceremony starts at 10 a.m.



Shoreview library, soon to open, completes its master plan

Since 2005, the Ramsey system has been renewing, expanding, building. Now there's one more.

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Megan Nyberg, Sean Odean and 51 others

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Barb Nickelsen Glad it will reopen but looks like the same ugly decor as the Roseville remodel. Cold and uninviting.



Ramsey County Library shared Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)'s post

Published by Pa Na Lor · January 10 at 8:50am

Here's some of the great things happening in your libraries thanks to the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)

January 9 at 2:53pm

If you've attended an art or music program at a Minnesota library in the past seven years, there's a good chance it was made possible by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. As recipients of a portion of this fund, Minnesota's public libraries are able to bring arts programming to every corner of the state, expanding arts access and enriching communities. Click to see highlights of some of the great things happening in your libraries thanks to the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. And thank your legislators for directing a portion of these funds to libraries!

Celebrating Arts & Culture

MELSA.ORG

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Mary Ann Freeman, Sarah Kinny and Sally Peters



Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor · January 10 at 12:01pm

Duchess Harris will talk on the African-American experience and her new book, "Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA."

Duchess Harris on African-American History

Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
January 19, 26; February 2  
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Carol Frey, William Johnson and 6 others

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Mary Seabloom Wow. Is she doing a series of 3 talks?

Like Reply Message January 10 at 12:31pm

Ramsey County Library Hi Mary,

Yes. She plans to talk on January 19 about the historical background to the current film "Hidden Figures" and her new book. Harris's own grandmother was one of the black female mathematicians at NASA, whose lives are portrayed in the film. Her last two talks will be updated versions of last year's Black Lives Matter series.

Like Reply Commented on by Pa Na Lor · January 10 at 2:40pm



Mary Seabloom Wonderful, thank you!

Unlike Reply Message 1 January 10 at 3:03pm





Ellen McEvoy • Ramsey County Library

January 9 at 7:59pm

Nice article about SV branch in yesterday's Strib.

Ramsey County Library

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Ramsey County Library Thanks, Ellen!

Like Reply Commented on by Kristi Bassett Saksvig 171 January 9 at 8:24pm

Check in



Amy Okon updated her cover photo

January 11 at 8:00pm

Throwback Thursday!



Jamie Gorski, Sharon Huang and 17 others

6 Comments

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Tori Christine See Those people next to you don't seem like your scene! Haha

Like Reply January 11 at 8:03pm

Amy Okon That's because I wanted to be in the boy scouts. Too much girl for me lol

Like Reply 1 January 11 at 8:03pm

Write a reply



Galen Geoffrey Decker Ha, you should've looked into venturing. It's BSA does high adventure program.

Like Reply 1 January 11 at 8:47pm



Ellie Williams It's still Wednesday

Like Reply January 11 at 9:21pm

Amy Okon But on Thursday I won't have time to organize my harddrive

Like Reply January 11 at 9:23pm

Ellie Williams Fine

Like Reply 1 January 11 at 9:23pm

Write a reply



Harper Atchison U and Kerie!!! CRYING

Like Reply 19 hrs



Ramsey County Library added 24 new photos to the album The Collaborative Monster Creations Art Show

Published by Pa Na Lor 171 22 hrs

A body of works from Central Park Elementary and Roseville Area High School, at the library in Roseville, January 12 - February 17.

The exhibition features "before" and "after" drawings of imaginary monsters. Using the "before" images created by Central Park Elementary School students, Roseville Area High School students diligently worked to bring their younger peers' creations to life using skills learned at the high school level.

Like your favorite!



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Shannon Schuver, Amy Boese and 6 others

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Patty Hall What a great concept!

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Published by Pa Na Lor 171 3 hrs

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Lynda.com - Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)

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Brett Engle, Sarah Kinny and 2 others

# Twitter Highlights

**St. Paul City GOP** @STPCityGOP · 6 Dec 2016  
Enjoying the Roseville Schools Art Show at @rclreads. Show scan art & project onto wall w/ big Epson projector

**Amber** @by\_amber · 15 Dec 2016  
Toddler tats @rclreads



**Blake Huffman** @BlakeCHuffman · 16 Dec 2016  
Big day coming for @cityofshoreview @RamseyCounty New Library opening January 28!!! @RCLFriends @rclreads

*Grand Opening...*

Ramsey County Library cordially invites you to the grand opening of the library in Shoreview.

Saturday, January 28, 2017  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
4560 N Victoria Street, Shoreview, MN

Come explore the beautiful new building and enjoy a fun-filled day of music, activities and refreshments.

**RAMSEY COUNTY**  
Library

**City of Shoreview MN** @cityofshoreview · 16 Dec 2016  
Don't miss the grand opening celebration of the @RamseyCounty Shoreview library. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, 10 am to 5 pm! @rclreads

**BookManiaLinda** @LindaWonder · 17 Dec 2016  
Kidlit fundraiser for Aleppo needs authors to help! Spread the word? @pkhorn @thefriends @AddendumBooks @RainTaxiReview @hclib @rclreads

**Dana Alison Levy** @DanaAlisonLevy  
Hey author-friends, can you a fast fundraiser? @rachael\_allen and I want #KidlitforAleppo to happen. Read more here: danaalisonlevy.com/2016/12/17/the...

**J.S. Strange** @JackSamStrange · 21 Dec 2016  
Absolutely! And not just for kids either! Plenty of comics out there for adults, too!

**RamseyCountyLibrary** @rclreads  
Do you consider comics credible reading? 8 Reasons to Let Your Kids Read Comic Books. [imaginationoup.net/2011/08/30/8-r...](http://imaginationoup.net/2011/08/30/8-r...)

**St. Paul City GOP** @STPCityGOP · 23 Dec 2016  
Taking a few days off for Christmas. Also cuz @rclreads is closed this weekend.

Merry Christmas



**Christmas Card from SaintPaulRepublicans.us**  
Since the founding of the Republican Party in 1854, Christian Values have been a cornerstone of the Party. Many think the party is all about the financial worldvi... [saintpaulrepublicans.us](http://saintpaulrepublicans.us)

**St. Paul City GOP** @STPCityGOP · 23 Dec 2016  
We suggest that @rclreads bring in the "Melter" at Roseville library to melt the snow mountain near the NW corner of Cty Rd B & Hamline.

**Anjali Arvikar** @LuckyRoxy493 · 29 Dec 2016  
Many fun books at my fave library Miss Shoreview Library but enjoying extra time at Roseville Library @rclreads #readingrocks

**Teen Lit Con** @TeenLitCon · 30 Dec 2016  
Nice!

**RamseyCountyLibrary** @rclreads  
Come read in the new year with the library. For each hour of reading, get a chance to win a prize.







**Mike Henderson**  
@mhenderson33



Following

Although some cities didn't provide, I'm surprised Twin City libraries aren't on this list?  
[@stpaullibrary](#) [@hclib](#) [@rclreads](#)



**Penguin Random House** @penguinrandom

The most popular books at US public libraries this year, mapped by city. [ow.ly/vQYL307DWyz](#) @qz

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Reply to [@mhenderson33](#) [@stpaullibrary](#) [@hclib](#)



**Hennepin City Library** @hclib Jan 3

[@mhenderson33](#) [@stpaullibrary](#) [@rclreads](#) I'm not sure if we were contacted by Quartz but we are gathering this info today. Stay tuned.

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**St Paul Library** @stpaullibrary Jan 4

[@mhenderson33](#) [@hclib](#) [@rclreads](#) We didn't get asked either, but here are our most popular books, etc. of 2016:



**Guides: Most Popular Items - 2016: Books**

The most popular items in the library's collection in 2016.  
The most popular books of 2015  
[guides.sppl.org](#)

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**Mike Henderson**  
@mhenderson33



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Great insight as to what MinneSNOWtan's are reading...

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What we're reading: The most popular books at Minnesota libraries [mprnews.org/story/2017/01/...](#) via [@mprnews](#)

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[@KyledIdleman](#) should send a copy to [@rclreads](#) Roseville MN. Kyle Idleman. Not a Fan



**Kyle Idleman: Not a Fan**

Some years ago, I, Publius Jr, ran across a Christian TV show called H20: A Journey of Faith. It was on Trinity Broadcast Network which was on the low-power stati...  
[saintpaulrepublicans.us](#)

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**St Paul Library** @stpaullibrary Jan 9

Live, personalized reading recommendations on 1/25. Don't miss it! [ow.ly/fWuL307J07B](#) #WinterReadsTwinCities [@StribBooks](#) [@rclreads](#)

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**St. Paul City GOP** @STPCityGOP Jan 3

[@rclreads](#) [@melsa\\_minnesota](#) We find the use of Lynda.com a great help



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**St. Paul City GOP** @STPCityGOP Jan 10

[@rclreads](#) followers try Transparent Language. We are learning Hebrew. in case we meet [@NirBarkat](#) or [@netanyahu](#) in St Paul someday.

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**Amy Boese** @kibrana Jan 11

Yes. Especially if they are as awesome as [@opinionsbyanna](#).

**RamseyCountyLibrary** @rclreads

Are librarians the key to a Future Ready school?  
[eschoolnews.com/2016/12/16/lib...](#)



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**Melissa J**  
@jamrockstar



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**Brandi B.e Historic** @ItsTheBrandi

hey [@hclib](#), is there a time I can bring my cat in to read some books? I have fines so I can't bring books home right now. [twitter.com/iammoshow/stat...](#)

10:37 PM - 4 Jan 2017

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## Google/Yelp Reviews

### Ramsey County Library - Mounds View

2576 Moundsview Dr. Mounds View, MN

4.7 ★★★★★ 6 reviews

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**Baz Waterhouse**

1 week ago

★★★★★ Closed on Tuesdays. Very nice look, good atmosphere, good selection

[Helpful?](#)



**Sharon Nusbaum**

a month ago

★★★★★ Check hours first. Libraries in area vary daily. Cozy. A little too bright. They have a Keurig coffee machine! Nice & helpful. Updated since My last visit.

[Helpful?](#)

### Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N. Roseville, MN

4.5 ★★★★★ 43 reviews



**Stefan W**

2 weeks ago

★★★★★



**Jason Schmidt**

2 weeks ago

★★★★★ Quiet place with lots of space. Great staff

[Helpful?](#)

### Ramsey County Library - New Brighton

400 10th St NW, New Brighton, MN

4.3 ★★★★★ 9 reviews



Sort by



**Casey Kaplan**

in the last week

★★★★★ Fireplace and Keurig coffee maker made for a comfortable afternoon of reading

[Helpful?](#)

## RCL - White Bear Lake



**Andrew E.**

Saint Paul, MN

3 friends

98 reviews

★★★★★ 1/9/2016

[First to Review](#)

Outstanding library branch. Nicely designed building. Sufficient parking. As part of the excellent Ramsey County library system, there is access to a tremendous number of books, movies, and other items. A great public resource.

Was this review ...?

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## RCL - Maplewood



**Andrew E.**

Saint Paul, MN

3 friends

98 reviews

★★★★★ 1/9/2016

Excellent library. My wife and I spent hours here working on our Italian language skills. I have held community meetings here. Located next to a lovely nature center. Great cafe for coffee drinks and sandwiches. A pleasant space to spend a few hours reading and learning.

Was this review ...?

[Useful](#)

[Funny](#)

[Cool](#)

## RCL - Roseville



**Andrew E.**

Saint Paul, MN

3 friends

98 reviews

★★★★★ 1/9/2016

I have held several meetings here. Great public library. Lots of free parking and a very nice coffee shop. I highly recommend as a library and a community gathering spot.

Was this review ...?

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# Twin Cities counties approve 2017 budgets, all with tax levy hikes

Hennepin County leads with a 4.5 percent increase.

By Kelly Smith (<http://www.startribune.com/kelly-smith/101372379/>) Star Tribune

DECEMBER 13, 2016 — 10:44PM

Hennepin County will hire more than 100 new staffers in 2017 to bolster a massive overhaul of the county's child protection system.

The new hires make up part of the increased costs in the county's \$1.9 billion budget for 2017 — second in size only to the state's — which was approved Tuesday by the County Board. Other metro counties Tuesday also approved bigger budgets and higher property tax levies.

"I think this is really a 'stepping-up' budget, where the county is stepping up to do things that perhaps we thought the state should do," County Board Chair Jan Callison said.

Hennepin's budget will be partly funded by a property tax levy of \$759.4 million — a \$32.6 million increase, or 4.5 percent more, than this year's levy. The owner of a median-priced suburban home of \$256,000 will see a \$10 bump in the county portion of their tax bill.

Commissioner Jeff Johnson, who cast the lone vote against the budget, said the County Board had failed to push staffers to hold the line on taxes.

"I fear that we are at a point now where the new normal or the new trend is 'Well, we'll increase property taxes at 5 percent again,'" he said.

While the tax levy is up, the 2017 budget actually is slightly lower. That's because it includes Hennepin Health, the county's care program, which expects a \$97 million decrease and isn't funded by property taxes.

But the budget did expand by \$36 million from September, when the County Board first looked at the preliminary budget. Since then, the board agreed to hire more staffers — 370 in all next year — and added more money for capital projects, largely for roads.

About a third of the new staffers will work in the county's child protection system. Officials this fall announced a [\\$26 million, five-year plan](http://www.startribune.com/hennepin-county-shifts-child-protection-mission-with-new-model/400276991/) (<http://www.startribune.com/hennepin-county-shifts-child-protection-mission-with-new-model/400276991/>) to make the system more proactive and connect families to services before abuse occurs.

The child protection program added \$13 million to the budget, which county leaders had hoped to help cover with \$7 million from the state. But the county will use \$5 million in contingency funds and \$7 million in its fund balance while planning to lobby legislators for more help next session.

At Tuesday's County Board meeting, Peter Zefter of Minneapolis spoke against 275 layoffs planned at Hennepin County Medical Center.

"How many poor people are going to die because they're denied medical care because of cuts?" said Zefter, who added later that he's a longtime patient and worries about longer wait times.

As reported by the Star Tribune (<http://www.startribune.com/hcmc-foresees-workforce-reduction-of-275-next-year-in-face-of-budget-deficit/405516556/>), HCMC has a high share of patients who are covered by the state's Medical Assistance program. "This was a difficult year financially," CEO Jon Pryor told commissioners.

Hennepin Healthcare System (HHS), the corporate operator of HCMC and its clinics,

county owns its physical property and provides it with an annual reimbursement amounting next year to \$22 million, an increase of \$4 million. The 2017 HHS budget will be \$962 million.

Commissioners for Carver and Scott counties will vote on their budgets Dec. 20. Carver County's proposed 2017 budget is about \$123 million, to be financed in part with a property tax levy of \$52 million, or a 2.8 percent increase. Scott County's proposed budget includes a levy increase of \$2.8 million, or 4.6 percent.

### \* Ramsey County

The Ramsey County Board on Tuesday approved a 2017 property tax levy of \$292.5 million, a 2.8 percent increase, to help fund a \$661 million budget in the second year of its biennial budget.

Officials have said that the bump upward is aimed at such targets as child protection and child support services; completion of a new Shoreview library with expanded hours; development of the Battle Creek Winter Recreation Area; and planning for three proposed transitways.

Commissioner Janice Rettman cast the only dissenting vote. "People with low incomes are seeing no increases but their cost of living is up and we are part of that," she said.

Other commissioners said they did not feel the budget was out of line, given what other jurisdictions were doing. Said County Board Chair Victoria Reinhardt: "We base the budget on outcomes, which is not the average way of doing things in government, and I'm proud of what we do."

### Washington County

Washington County commissioners approved a \$95 million 2017 property tax levy, a 3.49 percent increase over 2016. However, many homeowners will see little or no change in their county property taxes in 2017 because the tax base has grown 3 percent over the previous year.

"This reflects a growing county, a diverse county, just keeping an eye on the future and being reasonable," said Commissioner Karla Bigham.

Next year's capital improvement budget includes more provision for trails, because "communities are telling us they want more," County Engineer Wayne Sandberg said.

### Dakota County

Dakota County commissioners approved a 2 percent levy increase for 2017, which allows the county to continue to have the lowest per capita tax rate in the state, County Manager Matt Smith said. The levy will fund about \$133 million of the county's total budget of \$357 million.

A significant expense will be costs associated with hiring new employees, Smith said. The county plans to fill 29 new positions in 2017, including many jobs in human services to meet new state and federal mandates.

"The 2017 budget is good for taxpayers and yet leaves room for some added priorities of the board," said Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler, who is retiring this month after 18 years on the board. "I feel I am leaving the county at a very strong level financially."

The average homeowner will pay about \$592 in property taxes on a house valued at \$228,600, a hike of about \$16.

### Anoka County

Rising employee-related costs account for much of the 2.5 percent property tax levy increase in Anoka County's 2017 budget, which was approved by commissioners on Dec. 2. The levy will cover about \$125 million of the county's \$289 million budget.



# St. Paul Library offers e-card option for access to digital resources



The George Latimer Central Library in St. Paul. (Pioneer Press: Holly Peterson)

By **JULIO OJEDA-ZAPATA** | [jojeda@pioneerpress.com](mailto:jojeda@pioneerpress.com) |

PUBLISHED: December 16, 2016 at 7:01 am | UPDATED: December 16, 2016 at 8:25 am

For generations of St. Paul bookworms, obtaining a public-library card was a rite of passage ... and it still is.

But it's no longer the only way to become a St. Paul Public Library patron for access to its vast resources.

The library system recently announced an online alternative that allows St. Paul residents to sign up on its website. This gives them access to e-books, music downloads, digital magazines, databases, online tutorials and other electronic resources.

“The e-card is ideal for people who just want to check out an e-book or download songs without coming in to the library to get a physical card,” says Doug Guthrie, library systems manager, in a statement. “With the e-card you can take a tutorial on Photoshop, study for the US citizenship exam, or learn another language.”

The e-card is only for electronic resources, and cannot be used to check out or place holds on physical items, such as books and DVDs. However, an e-card can be converted to a full library card by visiting one of the library system's physical branches and presenting a valid photo ID with a St. Paul home address.

See [sppl.org/ecard](http://sppl.org/ecard) for more information.

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## Julio Ojeda-Zapata

Julio's Pioneer Press duties include writing, often about tech, and helping manage its website and social media. He also futzes with virtual-reality cameras and other tech tools for journalistic purposes. In his spare time, Julio writes for the TidBITS Apple-news site, where he is a contributing editor. See his blog at [ojezap.com](http://ojezap.com).

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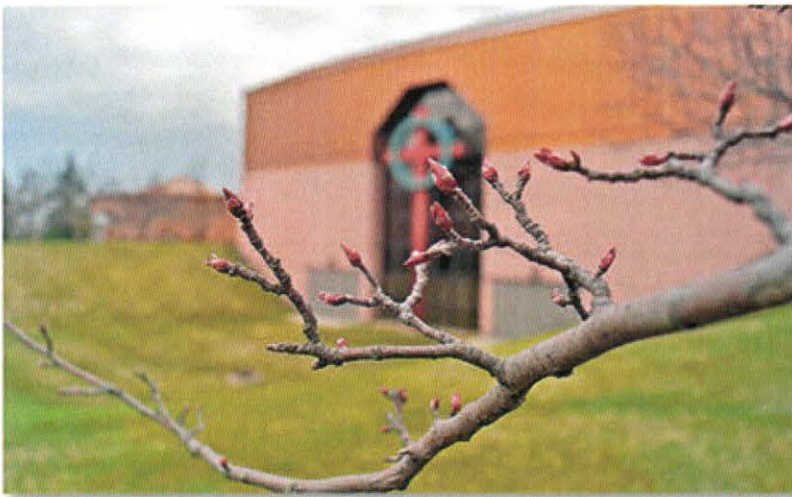
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## Looking back at 2016: Year in review

By Sara Marie Moore/Editor Dec 27, 2016



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2016 was a year of ups and downs for the Shoreview community. Mostly good news occurred until the tragic death of two Mounds View High School students in December.

A month earlier, the community celebrated the grand opening of Kowalski's – a longtime dream of Mayor Sandy Martin. The community was thrilled a grocery store replaced one that had moved out of that corner of town. A new bank will also open on the same corner in 2017.

✱ The city's new Ramsey County library location has also been under construction and will open in January.

A new apartment complex was approved to replace an old strip mall at the intersection of Rice Street and I-694, much to the consternation of locals living in the neighborhood. Graffiti appeared in the area shortly thereafter.

A local church closed due to financial issues, and then reopened a month later last spring.

Several fires were fought.

A local community member has been searching for ancient artifacts to discover more about the history of the area.

The 45-anniversary of the Shoreview TV tower collapse occurred in September, and the only survivor still around, a Shoreview resident, shared his story.

Mounds View Superintendent Dan Hoverman retired, and Superintendent Chris Lennox took his place. Ramsey County Sheriff Matt Bostrom also announced his retirement, and his replacement is yet to be announced.

## **January**

### **Kowalski's opening in Shoreview – hopefully before Thanksgiving**

Kowalski's announced it would be filling the spot of the old Rainbow Foods on Highway 96 and Hodgson Road in Shoreview before Thanksgiving, if everything went as planned.

"Shoreview has been facilitating this development for many months and is very hopeful that all the details can be worked out," said Mayor Sandy Martin. "People were really disappointed a year and a half ago when we lost that Rainbow at that location."

Mike Oase, vice president of operations for Kowalski's and nephew of founders Jim and Mary Ann Kowalski, is excited about the new location.

"We are just really excited about the area," he said. "It's just a great community with Shoreview, North Oaks and Vadnais Heights nearby."

### **Lake Region hockey players tell history**

In Lake Region Hockey's early days, car lights were beamed onto lakes so players could practice.





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## Plow Bunyan roars into Anoka County Library

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The Anoka County Highway Department and Library have teamed up in an effort to get more people to visit the library. During January and February all Anoka County Library locations will host a variety of activities centered around Paul Bunyan, in honor of the newly named snowplow Plow Bunyan.

Streets in Anoka County are now being treated by Plow Bunyan, the newest plow of the Anoka County Highway Department. The name provides a literary opportunity for the highway department to partner with Anoka County Library.

"Plow Bunyan really demonstrates, pun intended, the direction the library is driving, not driving solo. Getting everybody on board and doing something," said Library Community Engagement Librarian Patrick Jones.

Although Anoka County Library has a long list of partnerships with the county, this is its first



partnership with the highway department.

Since 2004, every year there is a contest held at the Anoka County Fair to name one of the county's snowplows. During the fair, the plow is on display and people can enter their name suggestions into a drop box at the transportation booth.

After the fair, all of the names are compiled into one mass list and the highway department employees narrow the list down to a top five. The employees then vote again and the name with the highest number of votes wins. On average, each year turns up well over 200 names. Some of the previous winning names include Blizzard Beater, Darthblader, Plowing Princess, Mr. Fluffensnowzer, Slush Slayer, Salty Dog and Blizzard Wizard.

"Plow Bunyan's been busy lately, and this is a great way to have a little fun with winter and the snow it brings, while bringing more people into our libraries to learn about the season," said Anoka County Commissioner and Library Board Liaison Mike Gamache.

"We thought it was a great tie-in. We hadn't partnered with the highway department before, and they were eager to help us, so it worked out well," said Collection Development Librarian Dana Weigman.

A gamut of special activities centered around the Paul Bunyan and snow themes will be held throughout January and February. The celebration will kick off with "Plow Bunyan Day" on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Northtown Library in Blaine, 711 County Hwy 10 Frontage Road. After a special storytime at 10:15 a.m., the rest of the day will be filled with winter-related arts and activities.

Each of the Anoka County Library locations will host at least one special storytime revolving around the theme during January or February. The Centennial Library will host its special storytime 10-11 a.m. Jan. 19.

Each of the library locations will also have writing stations set up; kids can not only write down questions for the snowplow drivers, but also write thank you cards thanking them for their work. The questions will be answered on social media and the cards will be given to the highway department employees.

"This is a good opportunity for the kids to thank the plow drivers for their work, because it is such important work for us," Weigman said.

There will also be a snow person contest. Children can make snow people out of any medium (not just snow) and submit a photo of their entry on the library's website

(<http://www.anokacounty.us/1758/Library/>). The winners (one from each category 0-11, 12-17 and adult) will be announced on Feb. 24 and be featured on the library's website.

Each library also has a list of stories available relating to the theme.

Anoka County Highway Department Administrative Services Assistant Jill Kent added, "We thought it was something fun for the residents of Anoka County. It is a new, fun activity for the middle of the winter, to stimulate the activity at the library."

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# Friday Opinuyendo: On fulfilling first promises, library lists, the new chamber chair and more ...

By **PIONEER PRESS EDITORIAL BOARD**

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## IN A RESTORED CHAMBER

Mary Lahammer of Twin Cities Public Television tweeted about the Jan. 3 return of the Minnesota Supreme Court to its historic, restored State Capitol chamber — and purposeful words from Chief Justice Lorie Gildea to mark the occasion:

“My fellow justices and I want to thank the people of Minnesota — first, for coming together to support this remarkable renovation but, more importantly, for giving us the opportunity to serve on this court, to sit in this beautiful room, while we work every day to fulfill one of the first promises made in our Constitution — that all citizens have the right to obtain justice freely, promptly and without delay.”

## NO. 1 AT THE LIBRARY

Attention, list-lovers: The St. Paul Public Library's got you covered. Digital Library Manager John Larson last week compiled the system's most popular items in top categories. Check them out at [guides.sppl.org/most-popular-2016/books](http://guides.sppl.org/most-popular-2016/books).

The lists of books, DVDs, e-books, e-audiobooks, juvenile books and music provide a window on the reading, watching and listening interests of library users during the year past.

No. 1 on the fiction list is “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr, a World War II story that won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize.

The No. 1 nonfiction book is “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The National Book Award winner — an African-American father’s letter to his son — delves into what it means to grow up in fear in an American city. St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman recommended the book to us during an editorial board meeting earlier in 2016. As the year unfolded, and police incidents sparked tensions, it became even more timely.

\* The Ramsey County Library system provided its top-circulation items for the last quarter: adult fiction: “Manitou Canyon” by award-winning Minnesota mystery writer William Kent Krueger; adult nonfiction: “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown; DVD: “The Jungle Book”; kids’: “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” by J.K. Rowling; and e-book: “Divergent” by Veronica Roth.

## NEW VOICE OF BUSINESS

An executive with the Minnesota Wild will have a high profile in St. Paul and the east metro this year as board chair of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. We welcome Jeff Pellegrom, the team’s CFO and executive vice president, to his new role.

Before joining the Wild in 2007, Pellegrom — who has an MBA in finance from the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management — spent nearly two decades in corporate finance, business development and mergers and acquisitions with 3M and SC Johnson.

The chamber board, he told us, works overall to support the organization’s staff as it strives to advance business interests in St. Paul and the east metro.

With the St. Paul mayor’s race among key priorities this year, the chamber will be working to “get the voice of business into that discussion,” Pellegrom said, including efforts to make sure candidates understand the business perspective.

As we consider our business base, “bigger, well-known business get a lot of the attention,” Pellegrom told us, but small-business owners are “really some of the heroes of the east metro.”

Pellegrom succeeds John Regal of Securian Financial Group. Our thanks to them both.

## \* RAMSEY COUNTY ON VIDEO

Residents, visitors and others can learn about Ramsey County in a new video series that showcases its parks, libraries and workforce development programs.



The videos, which also include a welcome from County Board Chair Victoria Reinhardt, highlight “some popular services we offer and why this is a great place to move or start a business,” County Manager Julie Kleinschmidt wrote in a recent message to staff members. She notes that the videos also will serve as a resource to introduce current residents and businesses to services with which they may not be familiar.

With advertising supporting the project, costs were limited to staff time. The one- and two-minute videos were produced by a Rochester-N.Y.-based company that does similar work for government units and others.

The project also includes drone video that shows aspects of the county — parks and libraries, in particular — from a new point of view, a county spokesperson wrote in an email.

To check them out, use the Community Video Project link at [ramseycounty.us](http://ramseycounty.us). Plans this year call for adding a video on public safety services.

## IN PURSUIT OF EQUITY

We make note of a 2016 Workforce Equity Champion award presented to County Manager Julie Kleinschmidt by the Itasca Project, the initiative that engages corporate leaders in addressing long-term regional issues.

Kleinschmidt received the award “for her work as co-chair of the Itasca Project’s cohort focused on closing socioeconomic employment gaps in the Twin Cities region,” a statement from the county says.

Her effort was honored at a recent meeting of the county board.

Further, and the days begin to stretch, Opinundo sayeth not.



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# Shoreview library, soon to open, completes its master plan

Since 2005, the Ramsey system has been renewing, expanding, building: Now there's one more.

By David Peterson (<http://www.startribune.com/david-peterson/10645651/>) Star Tribune

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Before Shoreview's expansive new library opens later this month, the coolest thing Carol Jackson can do is click on the remote that brings the fireplace stutteringly to life and run her fingers through the wispy, mesmerizing flames.

They aren't real flames, just smoky and lazily dancing vapor lit from beneath. Still, the fireplace is a symbol of what the community wanted from its new library.

"Warm and welcoming," said Jackson, the branch manager for the new regional library, as she gazed across an expanse of walnut paneling, water-themed carpeting and walls of glass overlooking landscaping and natural areas outside.

The opening later this month of one of three flagship libraries in the Ramsey County system completes a round of additions, makeovers and whole new structures for the library system that began in 2005.

The Shoreview library is a significant step up from what had been a modest-sized local branch to a new building with about \$50,000 worth of new materials, a sun-washed suite of offices for the systemwide administrative leadership, and a sunny "book club room" with soft chairs and ottomans ranged in a circle.

The glass-walled study rooms represent quite the upgrade from what Jackson hesitantly characterized in the old building — "Can I say this?" she asked the new systemwide director, Jill Boldenow — as "like jail cells, with cinder block walls: dreary."

The new library does not, however, come off as an architectural ego trip, the kind of "statement building" beloved of some public bodies these days. One's eye is drawn to the books, not the binding. It feels spare and modern.

Circulation Director Mark Bullock, eyeing the drooping teardrop lighting near the entrance, calls the view from that point "a 1950s idea of 'The Future.'"

Boldenow pointed out that while the old building sat back behind a parking lot, the new one shoulders its way right up to the busy county road racing past Shoreview's civic center complex. Globes of bright white lights, strung in a row behind tall windows, will beckon to passersby as dusk sets in.

She also said that oak trees felled to clear the site for the building (along with two houses once there) are being refashioned to create a long "laptop bar" where folks can plug in their own mobile computers and connect to public Wi-Fi. That row of patrons also will be visible to passing motorists, creating a Starbucks-like vibe that could draw people in.

An \$800,000 state grant helped make the building more sustainable, said project manager Bill Michel. The floor is dotted with what look like miniature, slotted manhole covers, which allow waste heat from ducts underneath to waft into the room. The lights overhead dim as the sunlight outside brightens, helping cut any overlighting when Mother Nature offers to illuminate the printed page.

Glass walls meanwhile separate a teen zone from other patrons in hopes of "managing noise" — the new library-speak for what a writer in Salon.com once called the resented image of "bun- and glasses-wearing shushers, hellbent on silencing any and all noisy activities within their sacred domain."



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Carol Jackson, Shoreview library director, loves the wispy feel of the artificial fire: Soon it will be encased in glass.

Article by Dan O'Neil  
Article will be placed on the front page of the Star Tribune on Jan. 28. The ribbon cutting will be at 10 a.m. followed by music by the Mounds View High School Orchestra. An ice carving demonstration will be held outside the building.

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