

**Ramsey County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 15, 2017
2180 Hamline Avenue North
Roseville, 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 October 18, 2017 Minutes (2)
 - C. Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Paula Harris (3)
 - D. Revised Naming Rights Agreement (4)
 - E. Director’s Report (5)
 - F. Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Report (6)
- IV. Discussion Items (6:40-8:30)**
 - A. Teen Services Update (7)
 - B. Facilities Planning Update (8)
 - C. Pop-Up Library Overview (9)
 - D. Roseville Branch Update/Tour (10)
 - E. Other
- V. Next Meeting – December 13, 2017, RCL-Shoreview, 4560 North Victoria Street, 6:30 p.m.**
- VI. Adjournment (8:30)**

Scheduled Upcoming Meetings		
December 13, 2017	RCL – Shoreview 4560 North Victoria Street	Library Board Self Evaluation Library Policy Updates
January 17, 2018	RCL – Shoreview 4560 North Victoria Street	Annual Meeting 2018 Workplan Racial Equity Report Library Policy Updates Retirement Resolution
February 21, 2018	RCL – Mounds View 2576 Mounds View Boulevard	2017 Fourth Quarter Reports Year End Reserve List Property Management Update Shoreview One-Year Evaluation Branch Update/Tour

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Minutes of the Ramsey County Library Board October 18, 2017

LIBRARY BOARD PRESENT:

Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, Hector Garcia, John Hakes, Craig Klausung, Paula Mielke, Janice Rapheal, Kim Vanderwall

STAFF PRESENT:

Jill Boldenow, Library Director; Lynn Wyman, Deputy Director; Mary Larson, Library Board Coordinator; Jeff Eide, Policy & Planning Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cyndi Cook, Friends of the Ramsey County Library Executive Director; Les Sipkema, Shoreview Resident; Bryan Olson, Falcon Heights Resident

CALL TO ORDER:

Klausung called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Program Room of the Ramsey County Library in Maplewood, 3025 Southlawn Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Les Sipkema, Shoreview resident, shared concerns about the library's collection, technology, and donor plaques at the new Ramsey County Library in Shoreview.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Vanderwall made a motion to approve the agenda for October 18, 2017, and the minutes of September 20, 2017, as presented. Mielke seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

2018 HOLIDAY CALENDAR:

Each year, the Library staff prepares a holiday calendar for the upcoming year for Library Board approval. The calendar includes all the dates designated as paid holidays by Ramsey County, as well as other dates when the libraries are closed.

Since 1993, the Library's calendar has included Staff Inservice Days. These days allow time for staff training as well as facilities-related projects such as painting or shifting the collection. The libraries may also close as needed for facility- or technology-related improvements. These closed days will be selected based on their branch needs, and publicized in advance in the Library's newsletter and on the website.

Vanderwall made a motion to approve the 2018 Holiday Calendar as proposed. Mielke seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:Important Dates:

October 31 through November 6—Early voting at Shoreview Library and White Bear Lake Library

November 10—Library Administration and Technical Services closed

November 11—All Ramsey County Libraries closed for Veterans Day holiday

November 23—All Ramsey County Libraries closed for Thanksgiving holiday

November 24—Library Administration and Technical Services closed

November 27—Ramsey County Board of Commissioners budget hearing, Shoreview Library at 6:30 pm

In-Service Day:

The Library hosted a dynamic In-service day on October 9, 2017, with 113 staff in attendance. Library staff presented sessions on Interlibrary Loan and circulation, demonstrations of makerspace equipment, and a

showcase of diverse books that introduced audience members to dozens of diverse children's and YA titles. Staff enjoyed a book talk and discussion with Mai Neng Moua, the author of *The Bride Price*, and the day also included book club discussions on this title. The afternoon keynote speaker, Alicia Sojourner, led a workshop: "Confronting Isms Minnesota Style," which illuminated communication styles and ways to confront prejudice. The day concluded with a discussion with branch managers about the Library Use policy and how to implement this in order to maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive library environment.

Thanks to all of the Ramsey County Library staff for making this In-service day a success, from planning to set-up and clean-up, to leading and participating in sessions. This was an outstanding team effort!

English Language Learner Storytime:

Anna Haase Krueger, Children's Librarian, is piloting a new storytime at Maplewood Library. This four-week session (September 30 through October 21) is specifically for families learning English, including children ages 2-5. Adults and children read, sing, and play together while practicing English and having fun. This storytime is followed by playtime and socializing.

Board Member Name Tags:

Staff are working to obtain Library Board Member nametags for use at Library events. Stay tuned!

County Initiatives:

Boldenow recently joined Ramsey County's Youth Continuum of Care Governance Committee, which meets quarterly to eliminate disparities and improve how to coordinate investments in youth across departments. Currently, she is also serving on a number of other County teams. They include the Senior Management Team, the Racial Equity Leadership Team, the Economic Growth and Community Investment (EGCI) service team, the Sexually Exploited Youth Leadership Committee, and the Payment Card Industry Compliance Sponsors Group.

FRIENDS OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARIES REPORT:

The 12th Annual National Friends of the Library Week is October 15-21, 2017:

The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries is proud to be among the thousands of Friends groups across the country who work to strengthen, support, and advocate for libraries in their communities. Since the organization was founded in 1979, the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries has contributed more than \$3.5 million in grants and donations to the Ramsey County Library for a wide range of materials and programs including: the Summer Reading Program, Technology Literacy and Adult Life Skills, programming for children and teens, additions to the lending collection, and outreach to underserved populations through efforts like the new Pop Up libraries and Racial Equity programming. The Friends also provide funding support for the ExpLore Newsletter, volunteer recognition and employee development as well as leading multiple capital campaigns to enhance library facilities.

Stand Up For Stand Out Friends:

For the second year, Minnesota Association of Library Friends invited member organizations to nominate a member for the *Stand Up for Stand Out Friends* award in thanks for standout efforts in furtherance of Friends of the Library work. This year, the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries honor went to volunteer Bookstore Treasurer, Donna Andreas. Since joining Friends of Ramsey County Libraries in 2002, Donna has served as both used book sale manager and bookstore treasurer. In the latter role, she has oversight of the three year-round bookstores in the Roseville, Maplewood and Shoreview libraries – as well as the popular book carts at the Mounds View and White Bear Lake branches. She has visited each store weekly for nearly fifteen years. In recent years, she has also worked diligently with an internal audit team to optimize their revenue bookkeeping. As if that alone weren't enough, Donna is also a tireless contributor to the Friends multi-day seasonal sales.

“After working her shift, she also takes the extra step of tallying and posting the daily sales results, giving us all that added boost of encouragement,” noted board member, Nancy Guerino. *“Donna has served so well for so long – and she does everything in a manner that is so congenial. She’s just a joy to work with!”*

Shoreview Library Capital Campaign Nearing Completion:

The five botanical prints by Linda Snouffer are now installed on the west wall near the fireplace and the three mixed media pieces by Janine Olmscheid are now up in the Peacock Room designed especially for book clubs. These works are beautiful additions to the library ambiance and well worth a special trip to the Shoreview Branch. In November, Friends board members Mary Carter and Kate Huebsch are hosting a House Party to celebrate the new library and bring us over the finish line to reach the capital campaign goal of \$250,000. Jill Boldenow, RCL Director, will be the guest presenter and several Shoreview Branch staff will be on hand to talk with guests about the library and to demonstrate the 3D printer.

Book It 5K Walk/Run Results:

Despite a rocky start with dark clouds, wind, and rain—130 runners, walkers and strollers took to the course cheered on by family and friends and cohort of more than 40 volunteers and raised just over \$5,000 to support the Ramsey County Library Summer Reading Program. Thanks to the generous sponsors and community donors, more than 5,200 children and teens participated in the Summer Reading Program at the seven suburban Ramsey County Libraries this year. Reading Programs have shown that they increase student’s reading abilities, increase their time with books, increase their enjoyment of reading, and increase parental involvement in reading with their children.

Upcoming Events

- “Pop Up” Used Book Sale on October 26-28, 2017 at the Shoreview Branch
- (Rescheduled) Friends Board of Directors meeting on November 20, 2017 at the Roseville Branch
- Kindergarten Library Card Sign-Up Celebration on Saturday, January 20, 2018 with author extraordinaire Kate DiCamillo at the Roseville Branch
- Friends Annual Gala: *Whale of a Tale!* on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Roseville Branch

2017 THIRD QUARTER REPORTS:

The Library Board reviewed the third quarter workplan updates, financial report, statistics, and incident reports.

LIBRARY BOARD 3-YEAR AGENDA:

To ensure that the Library Board is kept informed of key library services, special projects, and business-related matters, staff has created an annual list of topics to be considered by the Board at its meetings. The list is meant as a guideline to help plan agendas and balance workload throughout the year. Agenda items may be shifted during the year to accommodate time-sensitive issues or other needs as determined by the Library Board and staff.

Following a brief discussion by the Board, Mielke made a motion to approve the Library Board Three-Year Agenda for 2018-2020. Chiclana-Ayala seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

CAFÉINE THAI CAFÉ LEASE:

On July 29, 2017, Sanook, LLC owners Kumpon Boonwong and Navarat Poosansaard (owners of Caféine Thai Café at Maplewood Library) requested approval to close the café in November and December to take paternity and maternity leave. The Library approved this request. On October 10, 2017, Boonwong and Poosansaard submitted a request for the Library to waive their rent for November and December.

The owners had previously closed the café for about five weeks, from late December 2016 through January 2017, while they went to Thailand. In that instance, the Library invoiced the café for the January rent payment, but did not charge the owners for gas and electric usage that would normally be incurred if the café were open. Utility costs for the space average \$500-\$600 per month over and above the base rent cost.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

In 2014, Ramsey County Library staff negotiated a five-year lease with Sanook, LLC for 1,200 square feet and use of all the equipment within the Library. In exchange, the café owners provided a security deposit of \$20,000 and agreed to pay \$25 per square foot of space plus property taxes.

In summer of 2015, Sanook, LLC expressed concern about the financial viability of the café. After discussions with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and with the approval of the Library Board in September 2015, the rent was reduced by 40%.

In May 2016, Sanook, LLC submitted a request to the Library Board asking for the return of 50% of the damage deposit to improve inventory and promote the transition from a coffee shop into a Thai restaurant. The Library Board declined the request in July 2016.

Boldenow indicated that she had received information from Sanook, LLC that they were considering bringing in a partner or assigning the lease to a new owner. At the current time, no official notification has been received of any change to the lease, which ends January 31, 2020.

The Board members discussed the proposal made by staff, and questioned whether the utility savings should be capped at a set amount. The Board also considered whether a policy should be created to address any future requests, and suggested that the space be included in the Library's long-range planning.

Vanderwall made a motion to authorize Library staff to invoice Sanook, LLC for rent due for November and December 2017, waiving gas and electric charges for the space during the same period. Rapheal seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

BENCHMARKING RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY TO OTHER COMPARABLE LIBRARIES:

Jeff Eide compiled a statistical report showing comparisons between RCL, MELSA libraries, and seven other library systems across the United States with similar population size and total revenues.

Ramsey County Library remains highest in the MELSA region in circulation per capita, per FTE, per square foot and per hour open; in visits per hour open; and in collection turnover. RCL lags behind other MELSA systems in revenue per capita, and collections expenditures per capita. RCL is second only to St. Paul in visits per capita and program attendance per capita, and to Washington County in visits per square foot of library space.

Ramsey County Library was named a Star Library by the Library Journal Index in 2016. The Index rates library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use to determine its ratings.

The Library Board discussed circulation of e-materials and whether it will continue to rise or has plateaued. Many e-materials have long waiting lists, so increasing the number of titles and copies owned would likely result in increased circulation.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OVERVIEW:

Cyndi Cook, Executive Director of the Friends of the Ramsey County Library, shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Friends organization. Cook, who has been with the Friends for eight months, noted that she frequently gets calls from members of the community expressing love for their library experience, and their interactions with staff.

The Friends were founded in 1979, and currently have a membership of more than 800 households. The Friends have an active Executive Board, and more than 200 volunteers give over 8,000 hours per year. The Friends run used bookstores at the regional libraries in Maplewood, Roseville and Shoreview, and operate used book carts at Mounds View and White Bear Lake. Three part-time staff include Cook, office manager Shayne Miller and events planner Caitlin Carroll. The Friends have donated more than \$3.5 million dollars to Ramsey County Library since their inception. Current fundraising events include the final months of the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign, a pop-up used book sale at the library in Shoreview, and the annual gala in February 2018.

HOMELESS AND LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMS:

Recent staff reports at Library Board meetings have touched on the Library's Community Resource Advocates (CRA) program, which in part, serves library patrons experiencing homelessness. A board member asked follow-up questions about the scope of work related to homelessness.

Boldenow reviewed the genesis and focus of the CRA program, which is the centerpiece of Ramsey County Library's work to address the needs of patrons experiencing homelessness, as well as:

- "Skills for Life" programming, which includes CRA (social services); financial and legal help; jobs and small business; caregiver and community health; and environment and sustainability.
- Other programming lines: arts and literature; history; technology; teen; kids.
- Focus on strategic programming areas.
- Growth in programs and attendance.
- Programming assignments to part-time coordinators in charge of specific themes.
- Opportunities and challenges.

Garcia suggested networking events to learn about resources available for homeless patrons.

NORTH ST. PAUL LIBRARY UPDATE:

Ramsey County Library's North St. Paul branch is located in a facility owned by the City of North St. Paul. The Library became a tenant in 2005, when the facility operated as a community center. The Library invested in design and construction to remodel the North St. Paul Library space.

The facility no longer operates as a community center, but the City has leased space to other tenants. One current tenant, Minnesota Revolution Academy, is leaving. The City of North St. Paul is considering recruiting new tenants as well as the option of selling the facility. The City is taking the Library's future into account in their planning.

MAPLEWOOD BRANCH UPDATE & TOUR:

Trends in the Service Area:

- Students of color constitute 41% of District 622's student population, with 47% eligible for free or reduced price lunches.
- 35 different languages are spoken in the homes of district students.

Library Issues and Service Trends:

- Continuing noise and behavior issues in the teen area. The Library has purchased a portable desk that is placed near the teen area to better monitor the space. The Library also increased programming in the space to increase staff presence and create relationships with the teen population.
- Started planning for pre-design of facility upgrades.
- Younger patrons are considerably more diverse than older patrons.

Library Manager Bill Michel noted that the facilities planning committee has begun meeting with architects being asked to submit proposals for remodeling the Maplewood facility. The biggest issues to be addressed include noise, separation of spaces, and worn out furnishings.

Michel also noted that Maplewood partnered with Youthprise to offer meals and snacks to low-income children over the summer. Library staff distributed more than 1,300 meals and snacks.

Library Board members toured the facility to observe different areas to be addressed by the upcoming pre-design proposals.

NEXT MEETING: November 15, 2017—RCL Roseville, 2180 Hamline Avenue North, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Klausing adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Larson
Library Board Coordinator

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Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
November 15, 2017

Action Requested
Approve Resolution

Presented By
Mary Larson,
Library Board Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Paula Harris

BACKGROUND:

Library Associate Paula Harris has announced her retirement, with her last day of work being November 30. A resolution honoring Paula for her 36 years of service will be presented at the meeting.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

To approve the Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Paula Harris, and to authorize the Library Board Chair to sign the document.

Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Paula Harris

- Whereas,** Paula Harris has been a Ramsey County Library employee since November 1981; and
- Whereas,** She began her career at Ramsey County Library as a Library Page at Roseville, was promoted to Library Assistant, and later reclassified to Library Associate, working as a cataloger in Technical Services and providing reference service at Roseville and Shoreview, and substituting throughout the system; and
- Whereas,** Paula is responsible for cataloging items in a variety of formats, including easy, juvenile, teen, adult fiction and nonfiction books, music CDs, book clubs in a bag, and maps; has contributed original bibliographic records to the international OCLC database; worked on special projects including barcoding the collection for the online catalog, reclassifying the entire collection of music CDs with simplified barcodes, and preparing opening day collections; and also worked one day per week providing reference service to library patrons; and
- Whereas,** She is known for her wealth of cataloging and reference experience; for her enthusiasm in embracing new technology; for leading the Technical Services department each year in hours of training; for serving as the department reporter to the Buzz newsletter; for her photography skills on behalf of the Library; for her patience and professionalism in providing reference service to library patrons; and for her keen sense of humor; and
- Whereas,** Paula has decided to retire from her position of Library Associate 2 effective as of November 30, 2017;
- Now, Therefore
Be It Resolved,** That the Ramsey County Library Board of Trustees and Library staff extend their appreciation to Paula Harris for 36 years of dedicated service to Ramsey County Library.

Library Board Chair

Adopted November 15, 2017

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Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
 November 15, 2017

Action Requested
 Approve Revised Agreement

Presented By
 Cyndi Cook,
 Friends Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Revised Naming Rights Agreement

BACKGROUND:

Eilenne Boder was a Ramsey County librarian for 33 years. At the time of her death in April 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 totaled the \$5,000 needed for naming rights for a small study room in the new library in Shoreview. Naming rights were subsequently granted to Eilenne's son, Chris Boder, by the Library Board in January 2017.

In total, naming rights were granted to four groups for four available study rooms identified in the original library plans. However, in the final library construction, there are now three study rooms and one comfort room. Chris Boder agrees that the Comfort Room would be an appropriate room to designate in memory of Eilenne Boder.

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

***Comfort Room in Memory of Eilenne Boder
 For her 33 years of dedicated service as a Ramsey County librarian
 and Shoreview Branch Manager***

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

To revise the naming rights agreement with Chris Boder for a small Study Room in the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview in memory of Eilenne Boder to the Comfort Room in memory of Eilenne Boder, and to authorize the Library Board Chair to sign the agreement.

Ramsey County Library
Agreement for Naming Rights

For the Comfort Room near the Children’s Area in the new Ramsey County Library in Shoreview

In recognition of the efforts being made by the Ramsey County Library Board to obtain additional funds to develop and improve the new library in Shoreview, the friends and family of Eilenne Boder, former Shoreview Library Manager, made memorial gifts and pledges of \$5,000 to the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Shoreview Library Capital Campaign.

The donors request that the Comfort Room near the Children’s Area be named as follows and marked with an appropriate plaque.

Comfort Room in Memory of Eilenne Boder
For her 33 years of dedicated service as a Ramsey County librarian
and Shoreview Branch Manager

Memorials for Eilenne were donated to Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The federal tax ID is 41-1597085. The address is 4560 N. Victoria Street, Shoreview, MN 55126.

On November 15, 2017, the members of the Ramsey County Library Board of Trustees unanimously approved this request for Naming Rights for the Comfort Room near the Children’s Area. This Naming Right will remain in place for a period of no longer than 25 years. Naming rights will not extend beyond the normal life of the room. If, as a result of changed conditions in the future, the life of the room does not exceed 20 years, naming rights will be individually determined each time.

The Ramsey County Library Board and the donors named in this agreement acknowledge this gift and the terms stated within by their signatures on duplicate copies of this agreement.

Craig Klausing, Chair
Ramsey County Library Board of Trustees

Chris Boder

Date _____

Date _____

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

November 2017

Staff Updates: New Hires: Kusuma Reasoner, Intermittent Library Page
Jordan Shereck, Intermittent Library Page
Deborah Wiederhold, Intermittent Library Page

Important Dates:
November 23—All Ramsey County Libraries closed
November 24—Library Administration and Technical Services closed
November 27—Ramsey County Board of Commissioners budget hearing, Shoreview Library at 6:30 pm
December 24 & 25—All Ramsey County Libraries closed
January 1, 2018—All Ramsey County Libraries closed

New children’s area walls installed at Shoreview Library



Above:
Text by Joyce Sidman and artwork by Beth Krommes, from *Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature*, published by Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2011

Right:
Artwork and text by Debra Frasier from *On the Day You Were Born*, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1991, and *A Fabulous Fair Alphabet*, published by Simon and Schuster/Beach Lane Books, 2010

Voting at libraries

Residents took advantage of early voting opportunities at White Bear Lake and Shoreview libraries from October 31 through November 6. Shoreview Library was, by far, the busiest early voting site in Ramsey County, with 2,110 people casting votes; 275 people voted at White Bear Lake Library. Maplewood Library had eight people on Election Day voting for school board seats and an operating levy renewal for White Bear Lake Area Schools.

Grants received

Ramsey County Library will expand Pop-Up Library sites and services in 2018 thanks to a \$40,846 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant administered by State Library Services at the Minnesota Department of Education. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) provides LSTA funds to Minnesota through the Grants to States Program. The Pop-Up Library goals are to address inequities and barriers, build community relationships, and expand lifelong learning for new patrons.

Ramsey County Library received a grant of \$600 from the Greater White Bear Lake Community Foundation to support *Park Rx Kits* at White Bear Lake Library. Library Manager Therese Sonnek obtained free Minnesota State Park passes through a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. With the grant, Therese will augment the passes with related books, maps, and materials to promote healthy outdoor activities. The items, packaged in kits, will circulate from White Bear Lake Library beginning in December.

Confronting racism programs

The Library and Do Good Roseville hosted *Confronting Racism Minnesota Style* on November 2, with 180 engaged attendees. Alicia Sojourner of YWCA Minneapolis led this workshop, which provides tools to respond to implicit and explicit racism. Maplewood Library hosts *Confronting Racism Minnesota Style: for Youth*, on December 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Mounds View Library welcomes Marcus Lowry as branch manager

Marcus Lowry begins working as Mounds View Library Manager on November 20. (Mounds View's former library manager recently relocated overseas.) Marcus has been a leader in teen services at Ramsey County Library and in the larger library community. He is excited to deepen relationships with the Mounds View community and Library staff.

MELSA launches MN Writes MN Reads

Ramsey County Library and all MELSA member libraries have launched *MN Writes MN Reads* for our patrons. This suite of free online tools enables local authors—from indie to mainstream—to create ebooks and share them with readers across the state and potentially across the country. This project is supported by MELSA with funding from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. We anticipate that libraries statewide will offer and promote this platform to build a strong Minnesota collection. Learn more at www.rclreads.org/mnwrites.

Friends Director Update November 2017

Thank You, 2017 Book It 5K Sponsors!

The following businesses, organizations, and individuals helped fund the Summer Reading Program for children and teens at all the Ramsey County Library branches by sponsoring the 8th Annual Book It 5K Walk/Run that took place on September 16, 2017:

Gold Sponsors

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
- The Aplikowski Family

Silver Sponsors

- Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club
- Jaci Meyer Agency, State Farm
- Richard and Mary Fowler

Bronze Sponsors

- Maguire Agency
- Kim Bennet Agency, American Family Insurance
- Frank Harris
- John W. Harris
- Pam Harris

Annual Author Luncheon

More than 125 people attended the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries annual Author Luncheon held at the North Oaks Golf Club on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The program featured celebrated mystery writer Erin Hart and her husband, Irish musician and author Paddy O'Brien sharing stories about the archeological discoveries and life experiences that have inspired the authors' books, *The Road from Castlebarnagh* and *The Book of Killowen*. People and places from the past came alive through projected images while Paddy regaled guests with his childhood tales of rural Ireland and Erin spun the story of her latest mystery novel inspired by a true discovery, a 9th-century book of Psalms preserved in an Irish bog.

The event kicked off with a social hour while Paddy played button accordion tunes and the authors stayed after the program to chat with guests and sign books. We are grateful to our sponsors for this event, Mary and Dick Fowler.

Pop Up” Used Book Sale

The Pop Up” Used Book Sale held from October 26-28, 2017 at the Shoreview Branch was well attended and netted close to \$3,500. The Friends are grateful to Carol Jackson, Shoreview Branch Manager, and all of the staff at the Shoreview Branch for accepting the tremendous influx of book donations with grace and working with us to find storage for all of the materials prior to the sale. We also want to thank Jan Huberty for her leadership of a team of more than 35 sale volunteers; Nancy Huberty for volunteer scheduling, Donna Andreas for managing the sale proceeds; Shoreview used bookstore volunteers Mary Ann Adams, Ann Ingle, and Peggy Biernat for taking on the extra work of the sale, and Friends Office Manager, Shayne Miller, for handling everything with grace and a smile. In addition, we want to express our deep appreciation to the many library patrons and Friends members who dropped off their used book donations to the Shoreview library for the sale.

Shoreview Library Capital Campaign Nearing Completion

The Shoreview Branch received delivery of a fascinating mixed media collage piece commissioned from Saint Paul artist, Kristi Abbott, which will be installed very soon in the entry to the library. The Art Committee is currently reviewing delightful animal-themed watercolor selections by local artist Amy Clark for installation in the Comfort Room.

Reading Friends

A wonderful team of 13 volunteers began their service as *Reading Friends* for the 2017-2018 school year on September 28, 2017. These volunteers spend one-to-one time with children after school at our partner site in New Brighton, Community Partners with Youth, to reinforce literacy skills, assist with homework assignments, and help build children’s self-esteem. The lives of many children are enriched every year because of our dedicated and generous *Reading Friends*.

Kindergarten Card Party Sponsors

Mound Park Academy and Northeast Bank are back on board as sponsors for the 2018 event!

Upcoming Events

- **Friends Board of Directors** meeting on November 20, 2017 at the Roseville Branch
- **Kindergarten Library Card Sign-Up Celebration** on Saturday, January 20, 2018 with author extraordinaire Kate DiCamillo at the Roseville Branch
- **Friends Annual Gala: *Whale of a Tale!*** on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Roseville Branch
- **Book It 5k** on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Roseville Branch

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
November 15, 2017

Action Requested
For Information and
Discussion

Presented By
Marcus Lowry,
Teen Services Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Teen Services Update

BACKGROUND:

Current teen services coordinator Marcus Lowry and incoming coordinator Amy Boese will be present at the meeting to update the Library Board on teen services at Ramsey County Library. A copy of their written report is attached.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For Information and Discussion.

RCL Teen Services 2017

Ramsey County Library Teen Services strives to create connected learning experiences for young adults in our community. As a community “third space,” beyond school and home, we provide a safe, welcoming, environment where teens can explore areas of interest and develop a sense of ownership of their surroundings. RCL has a particular interest in outreach and collaboration with groups that serve diverse, new immigrant, and low income teens.

Highlights of the past year collaborations include:

- Expanded our teen services team with the addition of Paige Fuller as a teen services librarian for Shoreview.
- Showcased SV’s new Teen Space at the library’s grand opening. Five local robotics teams provided three demonstrations for over 200 visitors.
- Collaborated with the White Bear YMCA, Maplewood Community Center, RC Public Works, RC Parks and Rec, Goodwill/Easter Seals, and the Science Museum of MN to offer a teen job fair at Maplewood.
- Instructed formal technology classes throughout the year across the system, including 3D printing, vector editing, music mixing, and digital literacy skills.
- Facilitated 133 weekly drop in classes for experimentation and hands-on play, creating and making with over 1,200 teens at the Brain Box.
- Built library connections with older teens in alternative school programs in North St. Paul/Maplewood, providing monthly digital literacy skills training to the Phoenix Recovery High School, the Harmony Learning Center work-based learning program, and special education.
- Hosted YA and SF author Nnedi Okorafor at RV as part of MELSA Club Book series.
- Partnered with Heritage Academy, a Somali school in Minneapolis, to teach library research skills.
- Hired three teen summer workers; one for MP, RV, and SV who between them spoke seven languages.
- Brought Stella Binion, a national youth poetry winner to NS/MP schools in partnership with the MN Department of Education and the Equity office of ISD 622.
- Continued a bi-monthly after-hours teen program for MP in partnership with the Human Rights Commission of Maplewood and youth advocates.
- Provided six week-long, half-day teen camps instructing on topics of STEAM, film making, and empowering girls in technology fields.
- Piloted a partnership with MN Department of Education to provide free lunch and snacks for youth four days a week over the summer at Maplewood, serving 1,300 meals and snacks.
- Partnered with the MN Astronomical Society to host a “Pre-Eclipse Party” at SV, at which a presenter educated over 200 attendees about what to look for during the eclipse, and how to view the event safely.
- Completed Teen SRP with 5,281 online book reviews created and 1,062 unique teens participating in the program with the highest participation in all of MELSA.

Amy Boese is the incoming Teen Services Coordinator and will be located at RV. Marcus Lowry will be the library manager of Mounds View. We will be hiring a new teen librarian for MP.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
 November 15, 2017

Action Requested
 Information and Discussion

Presented By
 Jill Boldenow,
 Library Director

SUBJECT:

Capital Planning Update

BACKGROUND:

Library staff continue to advance the Maplewood Library capital planning project. We received three proposals to provide pre-design consulting services. This week, the Library will select a firm. We hope to have a contract in place by December, and the consultant will deliver a report within 60 days of the contract start date.

In this phase of the Maplewood project, the consultant will deliver:

- An analysis of known issues
- Pre-design options with cost estimates to solve major issues
- Recommendations on phasing a project, if necessary

Library staff will bring implementation recommendations to the Library Board in early 2018. We hope to utilize remaining Shoreview project funds to support final design and implementation at Maplewood, though we may request additional funds as needed.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For Information and Discussion.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
 November 15, 2017

Action Requested
 For Information and
 Discussion

Presented By
 Jeff Eide,
 Policy & Planning Manager

SUBJECT:

Pop-up Library Overview

BACKGROUND:

As part of the library's community engagement goals, delivery of pop-up library service began in various locations throughout the community.

The goal for this service is to reach into communities that we have had a harder time reaching. These communities can include racial or ethnic groups, or groups or individuals for whom transportation may be a barrier to library services. For the most part, we try to stay within our designated service area in suburban Ramsey County. Some other local library systems, such as Hennepin County, have also been experimenting with pop-up library services.

As each venue is different and has different needs, precisely what the service looks like can vary somewhat from location to location. Generally, this service includes: computers for staff to register library cards or look up information, collections of library materials to be checked out, brochures to advertise library services – such as the Explore Newsletter or Summer Reading Program materials, and some sort of visual draw to our space – such as a 3D printer, a button-maker, or free giveaways.

Venues that were visited in 2017 include: Tuj Lub Court grand opening at Keller Park, Residential Reentry Center (for people transitioning from corrections), Fairview Community Education ESL/Adult Education, Ramsey County Fair, Farmer's Markets in Shoreview and Maplewood, Maplewood Community Center, New Immigrants Welcome Event in Maplewood, and the Gladstone Learning Center.

The service will continue into 2018 with return visits to new venues as well as return visits to many of the locations where we have been successful.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For Information and Discussion.

Branch Library Report

Roseville



November 15, 2017
Report to the Library Board

TRENDS IN THE SERVICE AREA

- Enrollment in Roseville Area School District is growing, with just over 7,500 students in K-12 grades.
- Student ethnicity: 48% white, 21% Asian, 17% Black, 13% Hispanic, 1% American Indian.
- 28% of students in the district have languages other than English spoken at home; Spanish, Karen and Hmong are the most prevalent.
- 46% of students in the district qualify for free or reduced price lunches.
- Roseville Police Department has increased their training in the areas of mental health awareness and de-escalation, and has begun an initiative to provide all sworn personnel crisis intervention training by 2018.
- The City of Roseville hosted a series of community conversations over the past year called *Imagine Roseville*, which developed in response to the Philando Castile shooting in Falcon Heights. The conversations were an effort to help people voice concerns and make connections in light of changing demographics.
- The multi-million dollar re-investment in Rosedale Shopping Center continues, with the upscale department store, Von Maur, coming in 2018

LIBRARY ISSUES AND SERVICE TRENDS

- Circulation was down 5.7% last year
- Visits to the library increased by 2%
- Attendance at programming increased by over 23% in just one year

LIBRARY SERVICES AND EVENTS

- *TED Talks Discussion Group* one Sunday per month, cosponsored by Roseville Community Education and the White Bear Area Senior Program
- Three family storytimes per week
- Two *Baby & Me* storytimes per week
- Homework help every Monday evening
- *Paws to Read: Read to a Bunny* on Tuesday evenings
- *Picking Up STEAM After School* every Wednesday afternoon
- Continuing to offer *Read It Down* the first Saturday of the month
- History Book club, co-sponsored by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota, led by local historians
- *Tuesdays with a Scholar*, history programs, co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.
- *One to One MNsure Help* offered once per week, with increased hours during open enrollment.
- *English Practice: Conversation Circles for New Language Learners*
- *Community Resource Advocates* offered every week, co-sponsored by *People Incorporated*.
- *Dementia: Caring & Coping Speaker Series*, monthly
- *Criminal Expungement Clinics*, monthly
- Two *Drop-in Tech Labs* per week
- *E-book and E-audio Help* offered every Tuesday
- *Dungeons & Dragons* for teens, one Saturday per month
- *The Brain Box: Space to Make*, for teens, every Tuesday afternoon

What is special and important about the library

- Highest circulation of any public library in the state
- LEED Certified green building
- Outdoor reading garden
- Host the annual Summer Reading Program Kick-off every year; 2017 maker themed festival was attended by 1,700 people

- Solar Eclipse Festival—We had 200 eclipse glasses to pass out from the STARnet grant. People gathered in the garden and everyone was great about sharing the glasses. We only got to watch for about 15 min before the clouds moved in. The live stream of the eclipse coverage was also available in the program room.
- Recent special events for families included Fire Department and Halloween storytimes, *Pinecone Owls* craft.
- *Meet the Author : Lorna Landvik*
- *Diverse Books Showcase*- new racially diverse books for kids and teens
- *Great Decisions* series; series of discussions led by expert speakers on critical issues of the day
- *The Great London Fire of 1666: Destruction and Rebirth*
- *Minnesota's Historic House Museums*
- *Melvin Maas: Saint Paul's Flying Congressman*
- *Managing Your Meds*, presented in partnership with Roseville Community Health Awareness Team.
- *A Guided Tour through Flyover Country with John S. Adams*
- *Fake News: A History*
- *White House Ethics: A Historical Inquiry*
- *Green Card Voices Exhibit*
- Displayed *The Stereotypes Project* in the library's atrium. The project, created by Roseville Area High School student, Elizabeth Hansel, features cards filled out by Roseville Area High School students describing how they are viewed by others, versus how they see themselves.
- Hosted *The Collaborative Monster Creations Art Show*- featured artwork by students from various Roseville schools.

Collection Highlights

- Minnesota Collection” of reference books on Minnesota history.
- Storykits- multimedia kits on various themed topics for children
- Memory Minders Kits- for caregivers who are caring for someone experiencing memory loss.

Key Partnerships

- American Association of University Women
- Anime Detour
- Center for the American Experiment
- Central Park El RV schools
- Century College
- CTV north suburbs
- Cub Scouts, ISD 623
- Do Good Roseville
- Eagle Crest
- Foreign Policy Association
- Girl Scouts of America
- Global Minnesota
- Heritage Academy Somali Charter School
- Hmong Museum
- ISD 623 ED Williams Lit night (2)
- ISD 623 Elementary Schools SRP visits
- ISD 623 Little Canada Elementary
- Johnson and Central High special ed SPPS
- League of Women Voters- Roseville & Falcon Heights
- Learning Tree Yoga
- Little Canada Historical Society
- Lyngblomsten Retirement Complex
- Macalester College
- Metro Deaf School
- Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Herpetological Society
- Minnesota History Theater
- MN History Center - History Day Hullabaloo
- MN Reading and Math Corps
- Mounds Park Academy
- Mounds View Schools
- Music Together in the Valley (baby storytime)

- New Brighton Historical Society
- North Como Preschool
- Northeast Contemporary Services
- Northeast Youth and Family Svcs. Leadership Lunch
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)
- Out of School Time Network
- Pony Tail Posse- girls robotic club
- Presbyterian Homes
- RAMS RV schools
- Ramsey County Historical Society
- Rosepoint
- Roseville ABE/ESL Fairview Community Center
- Roseville Area High School
- Roseville Police Department
- Roseville Public Works
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- Shoreview Historical Society
- St Rose of Lima SRP visit
- Target- Shoreview
- Teen Lit Con
- The Source comics
- TSE
- Twin Cities Media Alliance
- U of M The Raptor Center
- U of MN twin cities
- University of Minnesota
- Volunteers of America
- White Bear Historical Society
- Wildcat Sanctuary

ROSEVILLE AT A GLANCE

YEAR BUILT	2010
SQUARE FEET	73,000
DAYS OPEN	Mon-Thu 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri-Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun 12 - 5 p.m.
HOURS/WEEK	63

NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMPUTERS	141
PRINT COLLECTION SIZE	162,138

STAFF FTE	20.52
TOTAL STAFF	45
VOLUNTEER HOURS	8,278

	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL CIRCULATION	1,800,978	1,695,231	1,548,530	1,460,075
CHILDREN'S CIRCULATION (TOTAL # AND % OF TOTAL)	718,015 39%	707,600 42%	669,320 43%	644,003 44%
REFERENCE	138,216	130,663	121,784	125,593
COMPUTER HOURS USED	170,863	151,916	144,467	129,966
WIRELESS USED	164,904	206,233	294,802	292,886
ANNUAL VISITS	676,146	666,615	657,180	673,549
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	22,754	26,120	21,373	22,851
ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	1,362	995	5,129	6,059

Media Happenings

October - November

Facebook Highlights

Ramsey County Library shared Twin Cities Moms Blog's post
Published by Kristi Bassett Saksvig [?] October 12 at 11:14am

Thanks, Twin Cities Moms Blog, for highlighting so many of our services in this wonderful article!

Twin Cities Moms Blog
October 12 at 6:00am

"As a mom, I'm intimately familiar with the invaluable resources the library offers. Story times, DVDs, play areas and organized events have all saved the day many times for my family. But did you know that the library offers a number of extraordinary resources that can make YOUR day?"



Confessions of a Library Nerd | Twin Cities Moms Blog

As a mom, I'm intimately familiar with the invaluable resources the library offers. Story times, DVDs, play areas and organized events have all saved...

TWINCITIES.CITYMOMSBLOG.COM

7,280 people reached

Boost Post

Jennifer Claws on Burdick, Joyce Marie Anderson and 7 others

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] October 18 at 1:41pm

Thank you Spring Lake Park, Blaine, Mounds View Fire Dept. for stopping by the library in Mounds View. We had a great time!



Fire Department Storytime

02:26

1,835 people reached

Boost Post

Angie Miller, Jodi Nagle Lorence and 13 others

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] October 13 at 11:26am

Meet Mark Bullock, Circulation Supervisor at Shoreview

Who I am:

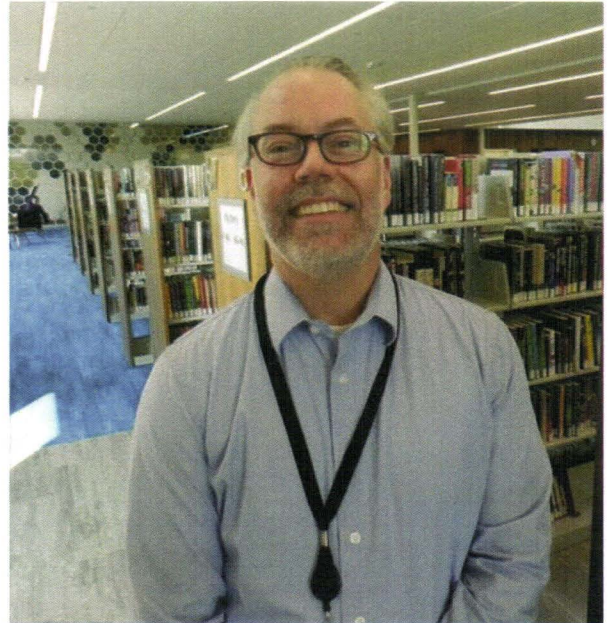
A goofy, inquisitive and hardworking person.

I am currently:

Writing a historical mystery based on my research of the labor movement in Hamburg, Germany at the turn of the 20th century. The working title is "The Black Lamp."

I enjoy reading:

The works of James Baldwin.



1,207 people reached

Boost Post

Lindsay Matts-Benson, Lynn Harty Ketelsen and 26 others

Ramsey County Library shared Ramsey County, Minnesota's post
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] October 19 at 9:48am

Early voting is available at the libraries in Shoreview and White Bear Lake the first week of November. Dates and times: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/.../vote-election-day/early-voting>

Ramsey County, Minnesota

October 15 at 5:19pm

Are you going to be out of town on Election Day? Download an absentee application: <http://bit.ly/2xDP4kS>

2,855 people reached

Boost Post

Carol Frey

Mention

Kristi Abbott Art is with Kristi Abbott
October 19 at 1:37pm

Like as Your Page

The Ramsey County Library in Shoreview, MN has a new piece of artwork!



Ramsey County Library, Michelle Kahn, Bethany Meadows and 7 others

Mention

John Hakes
October 19 at 2:06pm

The tastiest Thai food nook you may not have heard of Cafe'ine Thai Restaurant at the Ramsey County Library-Maplewood
But hurry over today until 8:30 p.m. or 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow. Closed until January after that!



John Hakes, Greg Meisen and 10 others

1 Comment

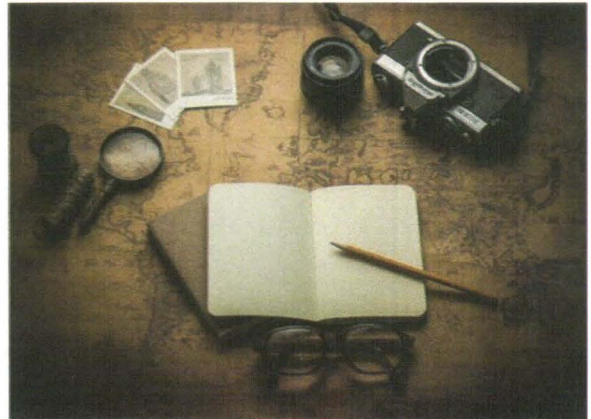
Like Comment Share

Mark D Hecimovich As a child I lived in Bangkok; no food is new to me
Like Reply October 19 at 3:35pm

Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor 19 | October 20 at 12:00pm

What book character would you want to go on a road trip with?
Image via Unsplash.com



5,479 people reached

Boost Post

Cynthia Lee - Arts and Touxoua Xiong

5 Comments

Like Comment Share

Write a comment



Top Comments

Rao Konidena The father character in Zen and the Art of Motorcycle maintenance

Like Reply Message 1 October 21 at 2:25pm

Maggie Pew Jamie Fraser

Like Reply Message 1 October 20 at 12:49pm

Margaret Seibel Tigger

Like Reply Message 1 October 20 at 1:56pm

Bonnie Bassett Anna Pigeon

Like Reply Message 1 October 20 at 9:14pm

Dale Wyttenbach Jack Crabb

Like Reply Message 1 October 20 at 7:38pm

Mention

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society
October 23 at 6:19am

Liked as Your Page

Another fun night at the Ramsey County Library-White Bear Lake!



Sara Marice Hanson, Cindy Lettke O'Donovan and 2 others



Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · October 23 at 10:31am · 🌐

Happiness is learning to make a hidden page book! Thank you Minnesota Center for Book Arts.



998 people reached

Boost Post

👍❤️ Adam Herman, Therese Matthias Scherbel and 10 others

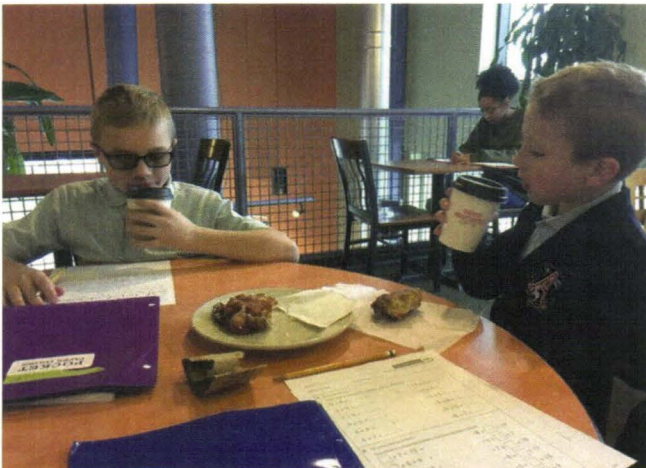
📍 Check-in



Deb Jurek is at Ramsey County Library

October 23 at 3:40pm · Roseville, MN · 🌐

When plans are changed we roll with it...hot chocolate and homework at the library.



👍 Comment 🔄 Share

👍 Ramsey County Library, Wayne Bosell, Elizabeth York and 20 others



Chuck Rowan Looks like a good plan B

Like Reply 1 · October 23 at 4:48pm



Diane L. Augustin added a new photo — at Ramsey County Library

October 24 at 9:43pm · Roseville, MN · 🌐



Ramsey County Library shared Do Good Roseville's event

Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · October 24 at 9:13am · 🌐

Presented by Alicia Sojourner from the YWCA Minneapolis Racial Justice Department, the skills learned in this workshop can be easily applied and taught to others to create more inclusive environments in our lives, and to continue the work of eliminating racism.

Confronting Racism: Minnesota Style

NOV 2 Confronting Racism Minnesota Style

Thu 7 PM · Roseville Library · Roseville, MN

Chay, Mikow and Elizabeth were interested

★ Interested

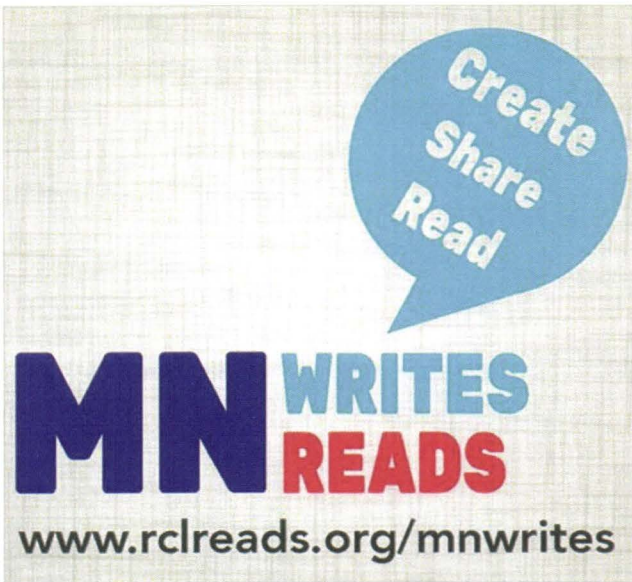
4,795 people reached

Boost Unavailable

👍❤️ Caitlin Carroll, Tracy Nickelsen and 13 others

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · October 30 at 9:30am

National Novel Writing Month starts on November 1. Writers, we now have resources you can use to get a head start! #NaNoWriMo Details: <https://www.rclreads.org/mnwrites>



1,214 people reached **Boost Post**

Beth Staats, Collette Balder Miller and 6 others

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · November 3 at 3:57pm

The cards we made today at the library in Mounds View are sure to brighten someone's day!



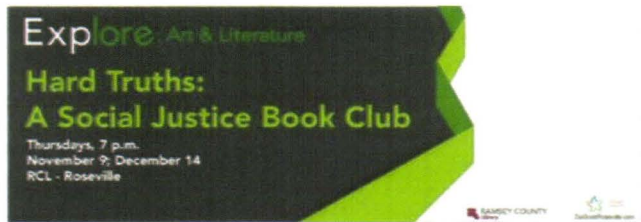
903 people reached **Boost Post**

Heidi Armstrong Temple, Elizabeth Dilworth and 14 others

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · November 4 at 10:00am

Join your neighbors and fellow community members in reading, discussing and educating ourselves with the new Social Justice Book Club.

Details: <http://host6.evanced.info/meisa/ramsey/events/signup.asp>



1,535 people reached **Boost Post**

Hannah Lee Lindström, Vickie Bartkus and 5 others 1 Comment

Like Comment Share

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Top Comments

Celens Monn Enticing
Like Reply Message · November 5 at 4:10am

CTV North Suburbs
November 6 at 2:47pm
✓ Liked as Your Page

LIVE Tuesday @ 12:30 p.m. on CTV Channels 15 (Comcast) & 8015 (CenturyLink) - American Politics in the Age of Trump: One Year Later. Law professor David Schultz of Hamline University and the University of Minnesota will speak at the Ramsey County Library - Roseville about the Trump presidency one year after the 2016 elections.



American Politics in the Age of Trump: One Year Later
Tuesday, November 7, 12:30 p.m.

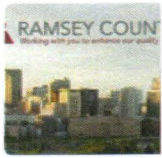
Ramsey County Library and Alec Walker 3 Shares

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Twitter Highlights

You Retweeted

RamseyCounty @RamseyCounty · Oct 28
Last day of the the @rdfriends used book sale! Open 10am-2pm at @rdreads - Shoreview. bit.ly/2iwuNYm



Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Used Bo...
ramseycounty.us

1 retweet 2 likes

Roseville, MN @RosevilleMN · Oct 19
Roseville residents can #vote at these sites

Pat Harris @PatHarris4Mayor · Oct 31
Find out more about early vote here patharrisformayor.com/earlyvote/

Barb Yarusso @barbyarusso · Oct 31
You can vote on the @MoundsViewK12 referendum and for School Board candidates at the Shoreview Library. @rdreads



FredMelo, Reporter @FrederickMelo
Early voting opened Oct. 31! Anyone in Ramsey County can vote at any of the county's early voting locations.

1 retweet 3 likes

Dawn Tuveson @TuvesonDawn

Follow

Replying to @barbyarusso @rdreads and 2 others

We miss you Barb Yarido

9:17 PM - 31 Oct 2017

1 retweet 1 like

RamseyCounty @RamseyCounty · Oct 27
Public hearing on proposed 2018-19 biennial budget is Nov. 27 at @rdreads - Shoreview. Proposed tax statements will mail mid-November.

Public Hearing

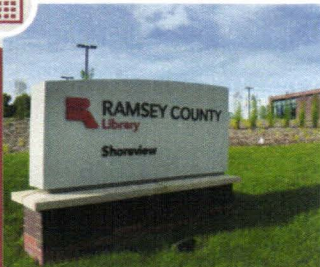
2018-19 Proposed Budget



ramseycounty.us/budget

November 27
at 6:30 p.m.

Ramsey County Library - Shoreview



1 retweet 2 likes

Cristal Bunch @ZephraWriter · Oct 18
It's MEA (AKA teachers already need breaks) wk! Never fear, free fun stuff 4 kids @hclib @rdreads @artsma @sciencemuseummn @SaintPaulParks

1 retweet 3 likes

RC Library Friends @RCLFriends · Oct 25
Friends volunteers are busy setting up for the Used Book Sale at @rdreads Shoreview. Starts tomorrow 10/26 at 10am! rdfriends.org



6 retweets 4 likes

Blackness Everdeen @maroadamu · Oct 26
Hundreds of public libraries are host sites for the Summer Food Service Program, which is literally designed to meet the needs of poor kids.

Andre Walker @andrepwalker

Replying to @pdykhuis @FantasticHat @Nurhaal1

Really??? Do libraries improve poor kids chances, what evidence do you have for that.

1 retweet 8 likes

Blackness Everdeen @maroadamu · Oct 26
When my parents--like many--couldn't afford child care, we went to the @rdreads, followed by the @pbjcls. I read hundreds of books.

1 retweet 4 likes

Blackness Everdeen @maroadamu · Oct 26
My parents always got me one book from the Scholastic Book Fair/Book Order but everything else I got from my local library.

1 retweet 2 likes

Blackness Everdeen @maroadamu · Oct 26
With popular titles, I SIGNED UP FOR WAITING LISTS. They'd call my parents when books I wanted were returned. Read hundreds of notmy books.

1 retweet 2 likes

Blackness Everdeen @maroadamu

Follow

Replying to @maroadamu @rdreads @pbjcls

The public library fed me & so many others, body and spirit. What you will not do is fix your fingers/lips to disparage the public library.

1:54 PM - 26 Oct 2017

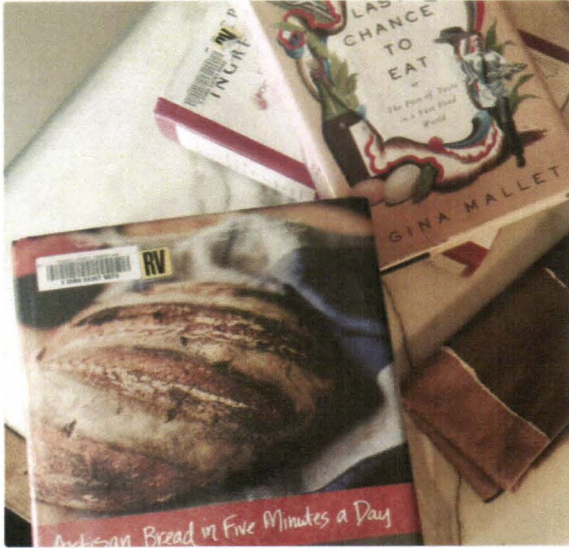
2 Retweets 6 Likes

1 retweet 6 likes

studioloraine @studioloraine

Following

Look what I picked up from a fall baking display at @rclreads? @zoebakes @Breadin5 #onlyinmn



2:15 PM - 29 Oct 2017

9 Likes

1 Reply 9 Hearts

Tweet your reply

Amingee @Amingee · Oct 29
Replying to @studioloraine @rclreads and 2 others
I am currently letting a 5 minute a day loaf rise. Baking it in my dutch oven is the best thing ever.

studioloraine @studioloraine · Oct 29
Yay! Zoe is so talented :-)

Amy Boese @libraria · Nov 2
Standing room only for @AliciaSojourner from #dogoodroseville at @rclreads



2 Retweets 6 Hearts

Mike Rogers @techEDvance · Oct 29
Getting audiobooks from the library is a mess. Literally four different apps I could use between the three library systems I am part of.

Mike Rogers @techEDvance · Oct 29
All four apps can do audiobooks and ebooks but not all library systems offer both formats with each app/service.

Mike Rogers @techEDvance · Oct 29
Cloud Library is ugly and has an awful interface. OverDrive is OK but their new app, Libby, seems like a huge improvement. @meetlibby

Mike Rogers @techEDvance · Oct 29
FYI...The audiobook that has gotten me excited about audiobooks is "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow. I'm 11 hours in; 24 remaining.

Mike Rogers @techEDvance · Oct 29
To be clear, I have much love for @hdlb @stpaullibrary and @rclreads. I don't blame them for the mess.

MELSA @MELSA_Minnesota · Oct 31
Did you know: there are super fun FREE programs for kids at a metro public library near you? melsa.org/melsa/index.cf...

RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads
Happiness is learning to make a hidden page book! Thank you @mnbookarts.

6 Retweets 7 Hearts

Andrea Yoch @ayoch · Nov 4
@Neighbors_621 lots of people @rclreads hopefully voting for @MoundsViewK12. #earlyvoting

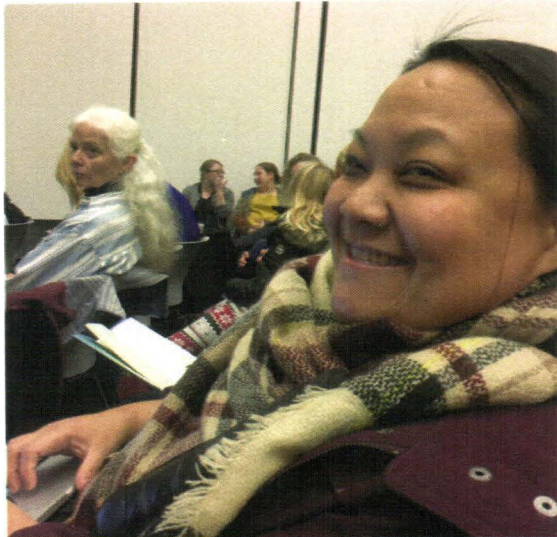


2 Retweets 3 Hearts



Kristen Lynch @SPPS_Lynch · Nov 2

Work bestie, @msleevang, and I excited for Confronting Racism: MN Style at the Roseville library.



2 replies 8 likes



Lee Vang

@msleevang

Follow

Replying to @SPPS_Lynch

Hour 11 look :-). Thanks for being great company for continued learning, growth & nourishment w/ @AliciaSojourner @rclreads @YWCAMinneapolis

7:09 PM - 2 Nov 2017

2 Likes

2 likes



Lee Vang @msleevang · Nov 2

Thank you @AliciaSojourner for the term "brave space" as it truly requires courage to talk about race & racism. @rclreads @ywcaminneapolis

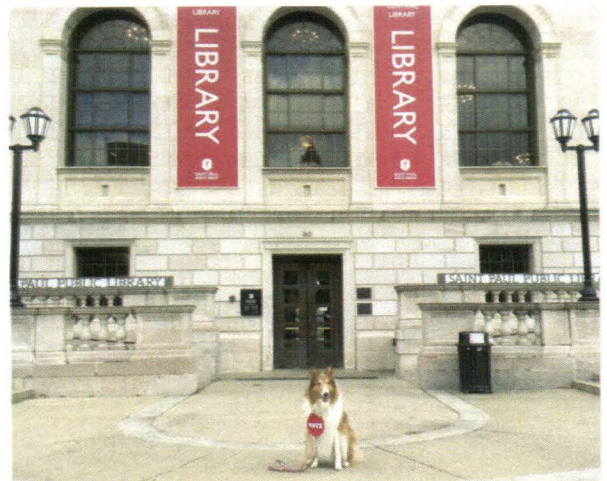


1 reply 4 likes



Wag the Vote @WagTheVote · Nov 5

Thanks libraries for all you do to unleash democracy! @stpaullibrary, @rclreads @ALALibrary @amlibraries @ILoveLibraries @CitizenUniv



5 replies 26 likes



St. Paul City GOP @STPCityGOP · Nov 4

Working on a few articles about Mayor candidates. @rclreads will be crowded though w/ @Vikings bye week.

1 reply



St. Paul City GOP

@STPCityGOP

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@rclreads #Roseville a bunch of @realDonaldTrump haters are gathered to hear the Hamline U Political Economics "Professor" David Schultz

12:49 PM - 7 Nov 2017

1 reply



Tweet your reply



St. Paul City GOP @STPCityGOP · 22h

Replying to @STPCityGOP @rclreads @realDonaldTrump

"Professor" Schultz likes to be the go to guy on political economics (Poli-Sci is more econ than science) on @tptAlmanac

1 reply

Facebook/Google/Yelp Reviews

Ramsey County Library - Shoreview

4560 Victoria St N, Shoreview, MN

[Write a review](#)

4.6 ★★★★★ 21 reviews

Sort by: Most recent



Sharriah Armstrong

2 reviews

★★★★★ in the last week

Beautiful library. Only downside is that there isn't a coffee shop. Coffee shops are very common in libraries now. Feels like an oversight in a new library.

Helpful?



Olga Siverska

10 reviews · 1 photo

★★★★★ in the last week

Very helpful librarians! Thank you! Wonderful place!

Ramsey County Library - New Brighton

400 10th St NW, New Brighton, MN

[Write a review](#)

4.4 ★★★★★ 16 reviews

Sort by: Most recent



Lucianna Wolfstone

Local Guide · 30 reviews

★★★★★ in the last week



Justin Fure

7 reviews · 4 photos

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

It's very small but not stuffy. Plus, there is a large kid play area! HOWEVER, there are only two tables for people to study, not to mention tables to house 10-20 desktop computers that no one was using, and both tables were taken. So I had to go somewhere else to study. When I asked the librarian if there was more study space, she literally didn't have a frame of reference of why I would want a table to study!

Ramsey County Library - Mounds View

2576 Moundsview Dr, Mounds View, MN

4.9 ★★★★★ 11 reviews



Cynthia Njiiri

1 review

★★★★★ a week ago

Great place to study. Computers are super helpful.

Ramsey's new 'portal' bringing county's data innards to light

Even the bad news gets an airing, with the help of a simple, user-friendly web surf.

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

OCTOBER 22, 2017 — 8:20PM

It looks like Ramsey County's libraries may be having a rough time of it. Fewer items are circulating year by year. Visits to buildings are declining. Even internet hours are down.

It's never been easy to ferret out information like that in Ramsey County. But now residents can hop on the web and find such basic metrics of performance from not just the libraries, but a number of county entities.

A new "Open Data Portal" (<https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/open-government/open-data-portal>) on the Ramsey County website is a user-friendly way for citizens to access public records.

The county's boast that it is "committed to greater transparency and accountability by providing public data online in a meaningful and accessible format" is the sort of verbiage you see a lot. The problem is that it often takes a Wonky McNerd to find it or make sense of it.

But in an era when many government officials bemoan the disconnect between the wealth of data that exists and the ease of finding it, Ramsey County's portal, unveiled late last month, seems like a start.

Visitors to the new site can find data on spending, maps of neighborhoods suffering high poverty and job trends, or see how the county stacks up against the six other core metro-area counties.

Four basic clusters at the outset yield to multiple options, including "Departmental Performance Measures," always a sensitive spot.

Key metrics of health can be spotted at once. For instance, one piece of good news for Ramsey County is that the share of its population that ranks as young adults — a retention challenge for many places these days — is climbing. That's not true for all counties.

To be sure, even a quick helicopter tour finds plenty of unanswered questions. What does it mean, for instance, that 8 percent of roads in Ramsey County are rated "poor"? How does that compare with other jurisdictions, and is the figure growing or shrinking?

It's not always clear whether library data is really just for January of each year (it's not) or perhaps simply labeled that way. There's data for 2015 but not for 2016 (you can find that on a state website).

And while it may take some data skills, the site notes that "the public data in the portal can be used to create comparative charts and graphs, downloaded in spreadsheets and other formats, developed into mobile apps, and used for other purposes."

It's hard to find anything similar on the home page of neighboring Washington County. The data's in there somewhere, but it's hard to find — and in the case of libraries, for instance, nowhere nearly as candid as what Ramsey County provides.

And on Scott County's home page, it's likely that few untutored civilians would know that "Delivering What Matters" is the insiders' term for "Here's Our Transparency Stuff."

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American Politics in the Age of Trump at Roseville Library

Submitted by admin on Tue, 10/24/2017 - 9:50am

It is now been just about a year since one of the most controversial and unexpected presidential elections in American history. Whatever your political point of view, it's time to take a first look at what will certainly be one of the major historic events of the 21st century. A new series at the Roseville Library, featuring speakers from a variety of political positions, will consider a first

draft of history of the Trump Presidency. The series will also talk about the historical roots of some of the political issues under discussion today. The series is Tuesday, Oct. 31, and Tuesdays Nov. 7 and 14. Each is at 12:30 p.m. at the library, 2180 Hamline Ave. N. Co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota with the financial support of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. The events are free and open to all.

- 'White House Ethics: An Historical Inquiry'

Join distinguished University of Minnesota law professor and former White House Counsel Richard Painter Oct. 31 for a look at the historical background of presidential ethics and conflicts-of-interest. How did we as a nation come to make the rules we did, and how have our presidents obeyed (or flouted) them over time?

Painter is the S. Walter Richey Professor of Corporate Law at the University of Minnesota Law School. Previously, he was chief ethics lawyer for the president during the George W. Bush Administration.

- 'One Year after the Trump Election: How did we get here?'

Donald Trump's election surprised many, and evaluation of his performance and impact in office has produced divergent opinions. Join law professor David Schultz of Hamline University and the University of Minnesota Nov. 7 as he looks at the Trump presidency one year after the 2016 elections, seeking to assess what it all really means, what the administration has accomplished, and what the next three years of the Trump era will bring.

Schultz is Hamline University professor of political science and the author of more than 30 books and 120-plus articles on various aspects of American politics.

- 'The Trump Movement: A Conservative View'

Join noted conservative speaker and writer Chuck Chalberg Nov. 14 for an overview of recent political history from a right-of-center perspective. What lessons can we learn from the Trump movement, regardless of our individual political orientation? Chalberg recently retired from Normandale Community College, where he taught American history. He continues to bring to life figures from Teddy Roosevelt to George Orwell through his historical impersonations.

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Shoreview's \$15 million community center expansion is underway

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By: [Mike Munzenrider \(/by/mike-munzenrider\)](#)



Though an October chill was in the air, it was all



warm smiles as Shoreview city officials and others broke ground Oct. 23 on a major expansion of the Shoreview Community Center.

“We used to say that Shoreview doesn’t have a downtown,” said Mayor Sandy Martin, explaining the purpose of the community center, which opened in 1990, was to be the social, recreational and cultural focal point for the city.

Nearly 30 years on, it’s achieved that goal and then some, Martin said, with more than 500,000 users each year.

Work will begin immediately on the estimated \$15.6 million expansion, said City Manager Terry Schwerm, with a planned completion date of August 2018.

Martin said the seeds of the expansion were planted by requests from community center users for more family changing rooms in the pool area.

“Of course we’re going to build those ... and a few other things,” Martin said to laughter from the city council members, city staffers and contractors who’d gathered in the community center pavilion to stay warm before the digging began. “We got carried away.”

The project was officially approved at the council’s Oct. 2 meeting.

One of the project’s focal points is a 7,000-square-foot expansion of the popular Tropics Indoor Waterpark, which will include a new zero-depth pool, an aquatic play structure and a near tripling of the number of family changing rooms, from two to seven.

The other focal point of the project is a two-level, 15,000-square-foot expansion next to the current gym. The new space will be used for four new group fitness studios, a larger indoor playground area and four new multipurpose meeting and activity rooms.

According to city documents, the project is being paid for with general obligation abatement bonds that the city will pay over 20 years, and with money from capital project funds.

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Shoreview City Council members Sue Denkinger, Cory Springhorn, Mayor Sandy Martin, Emy Johnson and Terry Quigley used gold shovels to toss some dirt Oct. 23, marking the beginning of construction on the city’s \$15.6 million community center expansion. Mike Munzenrider



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Prior to the official groundbreaking ceremony, Shoreview Mayor Sandy Martin said the expansion originally began as requests for more changing rooms for the community center pool area and that additional amenities were then added to the plans. “We got carried away,” she joked. Mike Munzenrider





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The expansion of the Shoreview Community Center will include a 7,000-square-foot addition to the waterpark, including a new zero-depth pool and more family changing rooms. Work is slated to be completed in August 2018. courtesy of City of Shoreview

Martin said the community is supportive of the expansion, and that the project is also a business decision. The community center, which charges “nonprofit” rates, she said, does compete with for-profit gyms and fitness centers, so keeping it competitive was a part of the city’s motivation to build.

Certain sections of the community center will be closed during construction, and the city recommends signing up for a bi-monthly expansion newsletter at

www.shoreviewcommunitycenter.com (<http://www.shoreviewcommunitycenter.com>), for those who wish to stay up to date.

The next big project for the city, Schwerm said, could be carrying out the recent updates to the Shoreview Commons Master Plan.

Change has seemingly been constant over the past few years in the Commons area at Victoria Street and Highway 96. The Commons include the community center, Shoreview City Hall and the brand new Ramsey County Library-Shoreview, which opened in January of this year.

However, Schwerm said any additions related to the Commons Master Plan update, including a destination playground, a new skate park, more trail connections and a plaza that could serve as an outdoor wedding venue, are far from a done deal.

For now, residents will have to be content with the community center expansion; the earliest Shoreview’s next big round of construction in the Commons could get underway, he said, is 2019.

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LETTER: Whether oversight or PC gone too far, we must honor veterans

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To the Editor:

On a recent visit to the Roseville Library, I read a sign on the door stating, "Ramsey County Libraries will be closed on Saturday November 11."

The sign should have started with the words, "In honor of Veterans Day, Ramsey ..." At the very least we owe our vets these few extra words.

If this was an accidental omission please print and tape new signs ASAP with these very important words included. If this was a deliberate omission, due to misguided political correctness, or an attempt to offend no one, it failed.

I am offended if we do not — on the national holiday, Veterans Day — proudly commemorate our vets.

Thank you for your service, veterans.

Beth Zukowski, Arden Hills



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Washington County Library adds video games to library collection

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Washington County Library announced an addition to its collection that encourages all patrons to get gaming. Thanks to the inclusion of more than 100 video games, patrons can now check out games compatible with PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, and Wii U consoles. The new video game collection signals the Library's commitment to its strategic plan, especially the goal to deliver extraordinary programs, services, and collections. The investment in this new collection supports the Library's plan to serve as a technologically rich resource hub for patrons and visitors.

Video game collections can be a gateway to other library collection offerings and services. Video games also provide the opportunity to improve social skills, enhance creativity, boost problem solving ability, and nurture reading comprehension. Libraries can incorporate video games into creative programming offerings to engage library users of all ages.

Library cardholders can reserve these video games online at WashCoLib.org, or browse titles on the shelves at Hardwood Creek, Oakdale, Park Grove, and R.H. Stafford libraries. Games reserved online can be picked up on the hold shelf of any Washington County Library location.

There is a three game limit for checkout, and video games may be borrowed for one week, similar to other media loans, such as DVDs or CDs.