

**Ramsey County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 21, 2018
2300 North St. Paul Drive
North St. Paul, MN – 6:30 PM**

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Public Comment (6:30-6:35)**
- III. Approval of Agenda (6:35)**
- IV. Consent Agenda (6:35-6:40)**
 - A. Approval of February 21, 2018 Minutes (2)
 - B. Director's Report (3)
 - C. Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Report (4)
- V. Action Items (6:40-7:00)**
 - A. Election of Officers (5)
 - B. Liaison and Committee Appointments (6)
 - C. Annual Report to State (7)
 - D. Maintenance Agreement for Automated Materials Handling Equipment (8)
- VI. Discussion Items (7:00-8:30)**
 - A. 2019 Supplemental Budget Process (9)
 - B. IT Consolidation Update (10)
 - C. Capital Planning Update (11)
 - D. North St. Paul Branch Update & Tour (12)
 - E. Other
- VII. Next Meeting – April 18, 2018, RCL-Roseville, 2180 Hamline Avenue North, 6:30 p.m.**
- VIII. Adjournment (8:30)**

Scheduled Upcoming Meetings

April 18, 2018	RCL – Roseville 2180 Hamline Avenue North	Performance Measures Report 2018 First Quarter Reports Strategic Planning Timeline Award Library Gold Cards Public Policies Review Capital Planning Update
May 17, 2018	RCL – Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Drive	Performance Measures Approval MELSA Overview Collections Overview Community Engagement Overview Capital Planning Update
June 21, 2018	RCL – White Bear Lake 2150 - 2 nd Street	Life Skills Program Update Digital Literacy Program Update Strategic Planning Framework Capital Planning Update Branch Update/Tour

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Craig Klausung, Chair
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Minutes of the Ramsey County Library Board February 21, 2018

LIBRARY BOARD PRESENT:

Deb Berry, Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, John Hakes, Sida Ly-Xiong, Paula Mielke, Sylvia Neblett

LIBRARY BOARD ABSENT:

Craig Klausung

STAFF PRESENT:

Jill Boldenow, Library Director; Mary Larson, Library Board Coordinator; Lynn Wyman, Deputy Director; Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager; Marcus Lowry, Mounds View Library Manager; Julie Neville, Senior Building Services Manager; Mike Weber, Maintenance Mechanic Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Les Sipkema, Shoreview Resident; Bryan Olson, Falcon Heights Resident

CALL TO ORDER:

Mielke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Program Room of the Ramsey County Library in Mounds View, 2576 Mound View Boulevard. New Library Board Trustees Deb Berry, Sida Ly-Xiong and Sylvia Neblett were welcomed and introductions of the Library Board and Library staff were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Les Sipkema, Shoreview resident, spoke about the responsible authority for the Library under the Government Data Practices Act; print versus digital services and cloud-hosted services; and naming rights at the library in Shoreview.

Bryan Olson, Shoreview resident, made suggestions regarding the Library Board minutes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Hakes made a motion to approve the agenda for February 21, 2018 as presented. Chiclana-Ayala seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chiclana-Ayala made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018 as presented. Hakes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Important Dates: The Friends Gala is February 24, 6:30–9:30 p.m., at Roseville Library. On March 6, the Library Director, Board Chair, and staff will meet with legislators for Minnesota Library Association Legislative Day.

Library: The annual Kindergarten Card party was as lively as ever! Kids and families streamed into Shoreview Library all day on January 20. They enjoyed a scavenger hunt, a presentation and book signing with Kate DiCamillo, book giveaways, and getting a new library card. RCL children's librarians visited 2,674 kindergartners in school visits to promote this opportunity. RCL received 1,593 card applications, and the party drew 277 kindergartners to get their library card in person. (Others will be mailed). Thanks to Library Board member Paula Mielke and Commissioners Blake Huffman and Victoria Reinhardt for helping to greet and guide the eager participants. Kudos to the RCL children's librarians, Heidi Holland and her volunteer crew, and Shoreview Library staff for pulling off this great event! Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring this effort.

News about RCL's Paws to Read program went viral thanks to a dog named Sting. Paws to Read brings volunteers with registered therapy animals to the Library so that young readers can practice reading with a friendly, furry listener. On February 7, John Muellner brought his greyhound, Sting, to White Bear Lake Library. When he had no readers, he posted about it on Facebook with photos of the long-faced dog. This post has been shared more than 100,000 times. People called and emailed from around the world offering to read to Sting. The viral spread of this story was covered by the Today Show, KARE 11, KMSP, WCCO, the StarTribune, Pioneer Press, White Bear Press, the Daily Mail UK, and more. Librarians and communications staff did a great job leveraging the attention. White Bear Lake children's librarian Ann Wahlstrom gave numerous interviews that raised the profile of Paws to Read at RCL. Sting and other therapy animals are now booked for months. Staff have planned many fun activities to serve the large number of people expected at Sting's next Library appearance.

Boldenow submitted an application to participate in the University of Minnesota's Resilient Communities Project. If the proposal is accepted, RCL will receive research assistance to help better understand the learning needs of suburban Ramsey County immigrant communities.

Shoreview Library has won a Design-Build excellence award from the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA). This is the second architectural honor for Shoreview Library!

The North St. Paul Library will soon expand its footprint. The Library leases space for this branch in a facility owned by the City of North St. Paul. The City has agreed to give the Library exclusive use of a room adjacent to the Library. Boldenow will work with the County Attorney's office to amend the Library's lease. RCL will use the new space for the children's collection and programming, which have outgrown the current space.

Boldenow is preparing for the County's 2019 Supplementary Budget Process. Though the Library's biennial budget for 2018-19 was established last year, this process may involve supplementary budget allocations. A big focus of the process is reporting on performance measures to the County Board of Commissioners in August.

Ramsey County: Ramsey County Manager Julie Kleinschmidt recently announced her plans to retire at the end of June. Kleinschmidt joined Ramsey County in 2000 as Finance Director, and she has served as County Manager for ten years. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will work with a recruitment firm to fill this position.

Boldenow was recently appointed to the Ramsey County Technology Governance Committee. The committee's charge is to align IT and business objectives and to address risk, performance, and IT resources. She also serves on the County's Senior Management Team, Economic Growth and Community Investment (EGCI) service team, Racial Equity Leadership Team, Youth Continuum of Care Governance Committee, Sexually Exploited Youth Leadership Committee, and the Payment Card Industry Compliance Sponsors Group.

FRIENDS OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARIES REPORT:

Kindergarten Library Card Sign-up Celebration: More than 1,500 library card applications were processed through this effort and 277 cards were handed out at the event held on January 20, 2018. Congratulations to all of the Children's Librarians for setting kindergarteners on a path of lifelong learning and exploration through this heartwarming and inspiring event.

2018 Friends Gala, A Whale of a Tale!: This year's gala will be filled with many perennial favorites as well as some exciting new features:

- Fair State Brewing Cooperative in NE Minneapolis is donating beverage service and craft beer and Cotroneo's in White Bear Lake is donating wine.
- The Grateful Table in Roseville is catering the Gala this year and they have lined up a delicious menu of appetizers and desserts—not to be missed!

- Geminix, a youth string orchestra from Chippewa Middle School in North Oaks, will open the evening festivities before our fabulous pianist, Sharon Planer, takes the stage.

The Friends are grateful to the 85 plus community supporters for donating fabulous silent and live auction items—bidding on the silent auction will open on Saturday, February 16 and can be done remotely. Thank you to the following sponsors for making this event possible:

Exclusive Media Sponsor: Pioneer Press

Platinum: Metro State University and Walser Corporation/Foundation

Gold: Andersen Corporation, Applewood Pointe, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN, Carl Bolander and Sons, Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club, Health Partners, Northeast Bank, Mary & Wayne Carter, Cathy Croghan & Kathy Robbins, Dick & Mary Fowler, Frank & Jayne Harris, John W. Harris, Pam Harris, and the Aplikowski Family

Silver: Community Resource Bank, Josh's Place, Premier Banks

Beverage Sponsor: Fair State Brewing Coop

Wine Sponsor: Cotroneo's Wine and Spirits

Shoreview Capital Campaign: The Friends will be hosting a community celebration in June in partnership with Ramsey County Library, the Shoreview Capital Campaign Committee, and the Shoreview Library Art Committee to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only showcase the Shoreview Library as a resource that truly enhances and enriches the quality of life in the region, but to also engage Shoreview residents and surrounding communities to continue to use and support the Shoreview Library in the years ahead.

The focus for the event is to thank the hundreds of community volunteers and donors who helped to raise more than \$234,000 for the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign and to display the many amenities made possible through these efforts. Many of the artists will be on hand to meet with guests and talk about their work. As a special bonus, Gallery 96 will have an exhibit in the Community Room that night and Shoreview entrepreneurs, Paul and Alyssa Boswell, will be joining us for the evening to demonstrate their revolutionary new computer coding game, Turing Tumble.

Upcoming Events:

- **Friends Annual Gala: *Whale of a Tale!*** on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Roseville Branch
- **Friends Board of Directors** meeting on April 23, 2018 at the Shoreview Branch
- **Book It 5K** on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Roseville Branch
- **Shoreview Capital Campaign Donor and Artist Reception** on June 15, 2018 at the Shoreview Branch
- **"POP-UP" Used Book Sale**, September 25-29, 2018 at the Shoreview Branch
- **Friends Author Luncheon**, November 3, 2018 at North Oaks Golf Club

LIBRARY BOARD BY-LAWS:

The Library Board completed a comprehensive review of the Board By-laws in 2016. The by-laws were significantly revised, and a chart clarifying responsibilities of the Library Director, Library Board, Friends of the Library and County Board was developed. No changes to the by-laws are proposed for 2018.

Chiclana-Ayala made a motion to approve the Library Board By-laws as presented. Neblett seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

LIBRARY BOARD POLICIES:

The Library Board completed a comprehensive review of the Board Policies in 2016, which significantly revised the document. No changes to the by-laws or policies are proposed for 2018.

Berry made a motion to approve the Library Board Policies as presented. Hakes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

YEAR END RESERVES LIST:

At the end of each budget year, all Ramsey County departments are required to submit a list of unpaid obligations and planned expenditures. Although overall revenues were below projections, there is a surplus available from the operating budget for special projects. Balances also remain from the 2016 reserves approved last year. Reserves must be spent within three years after the original budget year or they are forfeited to the Library's Fund Balance.

Ly-Xiong made a motion to approve the 2017 and 2016 year-end encumbrances as proposed. Neblett seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

CAFEINE THAI CAFÉ LEASE TERMINATION AGREEMENT:

Sanook, LLC operated Caféine Thai Café at Maplewood Library until October 2017. Sanook notified the Library that it will not continue to operate. The lease began in November 2014 and is in effect through January 2020. Sanook, LLC has agreed to the terms set forth in a Lease Termination Agreement produced by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

Boldenow noted that Caféine, which started as a coffee shop and later became a Thai food café, will be forfeiting the damage deposit and selling the furnishings and equipment to the Library for \$1 under the terms of the termination agreement. Library staff are contemplating future use of the space, in conjunction with the predesign planning currently underway with Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle Architects for the library in Maplewood.

Berry made a motion to approve the Lease Termination Agreement between Ramsey County Library and Sanook, LLC, d/b/a/ Caféine, and to authorize the Library Board Chair to sign the document. Chiclana-Ayala seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

NAMING RIGHTS POLICY:

Public policies are brought to the Library Board every year on a scheduled basis. This year, a total of ten policies will be submitted for Board review over the next several months.

Two policies are under consideration this month: Naming Facilities and Naming Rights. Staff is recommending that the two policies be combined into a single Naming Rights Policy. While text is reorganized from the original policies and there are a few minor alterations, the substance of these policies remains largely unchanged. The Library Board discussed the proposed policy and the Ramsey County policy on naming facilities after individuals only in exceptional cases.

Neblett made a motion to approve the recommended changes combining the Naming Facilities Policy and the Naming Rights Policy into a single Naming Rights Policy. Berry seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

2017 FOURTH QUARTER REPORTS:

The Library Board reviewed the third quarter workplan updates, financial report, statistics, and incident reports, with background information provided by Library staff due for the three new Board members.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATE:

Julie Neville, Senior Building Services Manager with Ramsey County Property Management, manages the Library facilities along with Maintenance Mechanic Manager Mike Weber and other maintenance staff.

Neville indicated that she manages 15 facilities in Ramsey County, and is the only Building Services Manager embedded into one of the facilities she manages. Neville noted that having access to the expertise of the Property Management Department is advantageous for all the building managers.

She review projects completed in the last few years, including new facilities in White Bear Lake and Mounds View, and the remodeled library in Mounds View. Upcoming projects were also outlined.

MOUNDS VIEW BRANCH UPDATE AND TOUR:

Trends in the service area:

- More than 25% of Mounds View residents are people of color. 11% are foreign born, and 17% speak a language other than English at home.
- Over 10% of Mounds View residents have a disability status.
- 5.5% of residents are unemployed (slightly higher than the Twin Cities average of 4.8%).
- Mounds View residents have an overall lower educational level than the general Twin Cities.

Library issues and service trends:

- Two handmade display units were installed allowing the new adult fiction and nonfiction to be feature more prominently in the front of the library.
- Spanish language titles increased in circulation and feature on the new display.
- Patrons continue to use the free fax machine and scanner at high rates.
- New chiller is being installed 2/18 to replace the AC for the building.
- Mary Wetterlin has expanded children's services to include more STEAM, Makerspace, and other creative programming.

Marcus Lowry, recently promoted to Library Manager at the Ramsey County Library in Mounds View, gave the Library Board a brief overview of the facility and led the Board members on a tour.

NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2018—RCL North St. Paul, 2300 North St. Paul Drive, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Larson
Library Board Coordinator

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**March 2018**

Staff Updates: Transfer: Paul Lai, Librarian, to Shoreview
 Retired: Bonnie Bassett, Library Page

Important Dates: All Libraries are closed April 1 and April 19. National Library Week is April 8-14.

On February 24, the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries hosted another fun-filled Gala, and they met their fundraising goal! Despite the snow, costumed guests came out for this "Whale of a Tale" party. The great selection of donated auction items attracted bidders in person and online. Congratulations to the Friends staff, board, and volunteers for another successful event! Thanks to Library and Property Management staff who assisted with or attended the event. Staff were well-represented among costume contest finalists and winners!



I attended Minnesota Library Association Legislative Day on March 5 with Deputy Director Lynn Wyman and Librarians Amy Boese (current MLA President) and Therese Sonnek. We provided library information to all legislators serving suburban Ramsey County. We met with five legislators to discuss funding for regional library systems, bonding for library construction projects, creating a school librarian funding pool, and supporting Legacy-funded programming in libraries.

White Bear Lake Library has begun circulating ParkRx Kits, which promote state parks and healthy outdoor activities. Each kit contains a 7-day Minnesota State Parks pass; three books about parks, hiking, and nature; a notebook for commenting on park visits; and various maps and brochures. Branch Manager Therese Sonnek developed this project in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, with funding support from the Greater White Bear Lake Community Foundation.

The Library is continuing its partnership in 2018-19 with the University of Minnesota Extension program to offer 4-H programming for youth in libraries. This partnership expands on an urban 4-H program by bringing STEAM programming and leadership opportunities to suburban youth.

Celebrate National Library week at storytimes with Ramsey County Commissioners! Commissioners Blake Huffman, Mary Jo McGuire, Victoria Reinhardt, and Janice Rettman will participate in storytimes at all seven libraries April 9-13. See page 13 in the *Explore* newsletter for the full schedule.

On April 19, Staff In-Service Day will feature training on serving English-language learners and new immigrants; serving patrons with developmental disabilities; circulation procedures; CPR; and more.

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Friends Update March 2018

2018 Friends Gala, *A Whale of a Tale!*

We want to say a Whale of a Thank You to everyone who braved the snowstorm and turned out for the Friends Gala as well as to everyone stuck at home who continued bidding and made our event a swimming success! With the support of our generous community, the Friends' Fifth Annual Gala reached our goal of providing \$30,000 to enhance the Ramsey County Library lending collection.



Book It 5K Walk/Run

Join friends, family and neighbors for this healthy fundraising event to support the Ramsey County Library Summer Reading Program! The Book It 5K Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018. The race begins at 9:00 am at the Roseville Branch and proceeds around Roseville's scenic Central Park. All ages are welcome, with prizes for top finishers in each age category. We need many volunteers of all ages for this event. If you can help, please contact the Friends at 651-486-2213 or at rlcfrfriends@rlcreads.org.

Registration forms are available in the libraries or register online at www.rclfrfriends.org/5k2018. Fees:

- By May 3rd: \$27 per adult or \$75 per family
- May 4th through 13th & on race day: \$32 per adult or \$85 per family
- Age 12 and under: \$15 any time

For some extra fun while we wait for the racers to come in:

- **Library Lap:** A free and noncompetitive kids' fun run led by a librarian in a T Rex costume will be held in the library's north parking lot after the race at 10:00 am. This activity is open to children ages three to 12 and all children who participate will receive a free book. Pre-registration is not required for the Library Lap.
 - **PopUp Library:** Ramsey County Library piloted a new service in 2017—the PopUp Library. The pilot project, funded by the Friends, travelled to community sites throughout suburban Ramsey County to offer library card registration, a small collection available for browsing and checkout, free Wi-Fi, and more. The Popup Library will be set up in the Roseville parking lot and we will be making buttons.
 - **Yoga Warm-up:** Bliss Yoga Studio will be leading a free yoga warm-up in front of the main entrance to the library.
- You can help even more by encouraging your friends, family, and coworkers to sponsor your participation as a walker, runner, or stroller. You may qualify for an incentive based on the level of monies raised. Sign up for individual sponsorship at www.rclfrfriends.org/5k2018.



Upcoming Events

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- **“POP-UP” Used Book Sale**, September 25-29, 2018 at the Shoreview Branch
- **Friends Author Luncheon**, November 3, 2018 at North Oaks Golf Club. Our featured speaker this year is award-winning author and director of *Dream of Wild Health*, Diane Wilson.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
 March 21, 2018

Action Requested
 Elect Officers

Presented By
 Jill Boldenow,
 Library Director

SUBJECT:

Election of Officers

BACKGROUND:

The Library Board By-laws call for the officers of the Board to be a Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Officers for each year are elected at the Annual Meeting, which is typically the first meeting in January. However, with three vacancies on the Library Board, elections were postponed until after the County Board appointed the new members in February.

The duties of the officers are as follows:

The Chair of the Board of Trustees presides at all meetings, appoints all committees, authorizes calls for any special meetings, executes documents authorized by the Board, and generally performs the duties of a presiding officer.

The Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees assumes the duties of the Chair in the event of the absence or disability of the Chair. In addition, the Chair may assign duties to the Vice Chair with concurrence of the majority of the Board of Trustees.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that a true and accurate account is kept of all proceedings of the Board meetings; that notices of all meetings are issued; that the minutes and other records of the Board are maintained; and that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners is notified of any vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for 2018.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
March 21, 2018

Action Requested
Appoint Liaisons

Presented By
Jill Boldenow,
Library Director

SUBJECT:

Liaison and Library Board Committee Appointments

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Library Board appoints members to serve on the Board's sole standing committee, the Personnel Subcommittee, and appoints a liaison to the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Members of the Personnel Subcommittee coordinate the Library Director's annual performance review, and may meet occasionally to discuss staff personnel issues.

Other committees and liaison appointments may be made throughout the year as needed.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

To appoint Library Board members to the following positions and subcommittees:

1. Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Liaison
2. Personnel Subcommittee (3 members)

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
March 21, 2018

Action Requested
Authorization to Submit

Presented By
Jeff Eide,
Senior Library Manager

SUBJECT:

Annual Report to State

BACKGROUND:

State Library Services, a division of the Minnesota Department of Education, coordinates a statistical survey on library usage, collection size, staffing distribution, etc. for every library in Minnesota each year. Libraries are required to submit their annual data to the State Library Services Office no later than April 1. Ramsey County Library is currently in the process of gathering the required data for submission.

Policymakers, library administrators and the general public use the statistical data to plan and evaluate library development and services. Data for public, academic and state library agencies is available from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

A copy of the report will be available upon request after April 1.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

To authorize the Library Board Chair and Library Director to sign and submit the 2017 Public Library Annual Report to the Office of State Library Services as mandated.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
March 21, 2018

Action Requested
Approve Agreement

Presented By
Chuck Wettergren,
Digital Services Manager

SUBJECT:

Maintenance Agreement for Automated Materials Handling Equipment

BACKGROUND:

Ramsey County Library has automated materials handling (AMH) equipment at its three regional libraries. The warranty period for the newest AMH system at Shoreview will expire on March 31, 2018. To protect the Library's investment and ensure service is not interrupted, a service agreement needs to be purchased. Because AMH technology is unique, maintenance is typically purchased directly from the manufacturer at a percentage of the purchase price. Tech Logic, the manufacturer for all three of the Library's AMH systems, offers one-year to three-year Full Service Agreements.

In 2017, Library staff worked with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Tech Logic to create maintenance extensions for Maplewood and Roseville that aligned renewal dates with the end of the warranty period for the new Shoreview AMH. This facilitated combining three separate contract terms into one renewal period, reducing the frequency that the agreements need to go through legal review. It also provided an option to take advantage of potential cost savings offered by Tech Logic for combined maintenance contracts. All three AMH systems will require maintenance agreements beginning April 1, 2018, to ensure the Library's investment remains functional and service is not interrupted.

The Library is recommending a three-year agreement to take advantage of multi-year discounts that provide maintenance through the 2020 budget and does not limit our ability to negotiate lower rates or alternative maintenance in the future.

The three-year Full Service Agreement is \$81,032.00 per year and will be funded using a portion of the current technology budget earmarked for this use. This agreement includes labor for mechanical repair, discounted parts, preventative maintenance visits, and software support. Savings under the combined agreement total more than \$26,000 over three years.

The Ramsey County Attorney's office and the Procurement office are working with Library staff and Tech Logic to finalize the development of a combined maintenance agreement.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the AMH Full Service Agreement with Tech Logic Corp. of Oakdale, MN for a three (3) year term at a cost not to exceed \$81,032.00 per year, and authorize the Library Director to sign the Agreement.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
 March 21, 2018

Action Requested
 Information and Discussion

Presented By
 Jill Boldenow,
 Library Director

SUBJECT:

2019 Supplemental Budget Process

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the County Board approved a budget for 2018–2019. This year’s supplemental budget process is focused primarily on reporting departmental performance measures that support County goals. Limited supplemental budget changes for 2019 will also be considered. These changes will include those that the Board has already approved during the year and necessary changes recommended by the County Manager.

The Library will begin working with Policy and Planning and Finance staff to select and report on relevant performance measures and assess the need for budget adjustments.

Timeline:

Budget kickoff meeting: March 6, 2018

Department performance measures and supplemental budget forms due: April 25, 2018

EGCI service team/Library meeting with County Manager, Finance, and Policy: May 17, 2018

Department documents due to Finance Department: July 6, 2018

County Manager presents performance measures and proposed budget: August 7, 2018

County Board hearings on EGCI service team budgets: August 13, 2018

County Board certifies 2019 maximum property tax levy: September 18, 2018

County Board approves 2019 supplemental budget and property tax levy: December 11, 2018

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For Information and Discussion.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
March 21, 2018

Action Requested
Information and Discussion

Presented By
Jill Boldenow,
Library Director

SUBJECT:

IT Consolidation

BACKGROUND:

The Ramsey County Information Services (IS) Department has advanced IT Consolidation with departments across the County. Currently, IS is working on IT Consolidation with the Library and the County Attorney's Office.

After IT Consolidation is complete, some IT support services that were provided in-house by Library staff will be consolidated in the IS department. These services include help desk and desktop support as well as server and network administration.

While these functions will transition to IS staff, the Library will continue to manage unique line of business technology applications and equipment. The Library will also continue to oversee its technology planning, digital services, vendor relations, and digital literacy programs.

County Board action within the next month will enable the Library to formally transition designated IT functions to IS. At that time, we will make changes to staffing levels and job titles in the Library and in IS.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For Information and Discussion.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
 March 21, 2017

Action Requested
 Information and Discussion

Presented By
 Jill Boldenow,
 Library Director

SUBJECT:

Capital Planning Update

BACKGROUND:

The Library is working on two capital planning projects in 2018.

Since January, 2018, Library staff and consultants from Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle (MSR) Design have been working on a Maplewood Library pre-design analysis. MSR recently presented concepts for reconfiguring service areas and reducing sound issues. Library staff feedback will inform a final set of options, which we will receive in the next month. MSR will also provide cost estimates and recommendations on phasing if necessary. We hope to utilize remaining Shoreview project funds to support final design and implementation at Maplewood, though we may request additional funds as needed. We will need to complete and close out the Shoreview project before we can assess or take action on our funding options.

In February, 2018, the Library allocated year-end reserves to hire a consultant to produce a master library facility plan for 2019-2025. The Library Director has requested support from County Property Management to issue an RFP in April for this project. The timeline calls for a completed master plan before the end of 2018. The project goals are to sustain vibrant learning spaces that engage the broad diversity of the community; identify Library facility and furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) requirements; and prioritize our needs to advance strategic goals. This plan will be used to guide budgeting, funding requests, and project implementation.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For Information and Discussion.

Branch Library Report

North St. Paul



March 21, 2018
Report to the Library Board

TRENDS IN THE SERVICE AREA

- Population in North St. Paul remains somewhat flat with a current (2016) number of 12,069 residents. Projected trends indicate 11,900 (2030) and 12,000 (2040).
- Demographics indicate a predominately white (74%) population with approximately 26% under the age of 18.
- The population is relatively stable with 95% of available housing units retaining occupation. About 2/3 of the population in North St. Paul own their residence. The remainder live in rental housing, Section 8 housing or senior housing.
- The medium household income remains firmly planted in the lower middle-class bracket, averaging at \$57K per annum.
- Despite the fact that the census indicates the overall population in N. St. Paul is ~80% white, the ISD622 demographics indicate that the student population is only 52% white suggesting that perhaps Maplewood and Oakdale are contributing to the more diverse student population. 51% of the ISD622 student body receive free/reduced lunch services. More than 50 non-English languages are spoken in the households of the ISD622 student body. The school with the most diverse student population (over 72%) is Webster Elementary School which sits in North St. Paul
- The charter school in the area, North Metro Flex Academy, has an increase in student population for its second year. The student body remains very diverse with a large portion of families from Mexico and Central America.

LIBRARY ISSUES AND SERVICE TRENDS

- North St. Paul said goodbye to long-term reference librarian Charles Mosner (who transferred to Roseville) and hello to new reference librarian Kay Jacobson.
- The Emerson-Bauer hockey school closed in the fall resulting in some changes at the library. The city has hired a professional cleaning company, which has allowed us to maintain an adequately clean library. We are very happy with this change. The school's withdrawal frees up the "teen" room at the library for use whenever the library is open. This has led to a discussion with the city regarding permanent occupation of this space. We are close to finished with negotiations with the city which will allow us to move the children's collection into this room and free up space in the main library to rearrange the collection to better suit our patron's needs.
- The Kokoro Volleyball Club will remain in the building for evening and weekend use. They have been very accommodating about the library taking over the previously shared room and have assured us that their coaches will not use this room. We hope in the future to change the lock on the door out into the building, perhaps putting in a door with a panic bar exit for emergency purposes.
- We have continued our partnership with the North Metro Flex Academy who visits us weekly classroom-by-classroom for school checkouts. On average, we have had 350 visits/checkouts per month from the North Metro Flex Students. We are also working on a project to get every fourth and fifth grader at the school their own library card. Since many of the students have a somewhat transient housing lifestyle, this can be tricky, but the importance of getting kids their own library cards outweighs the obstacles.
- Last fall local North High student Noah Hurley asked to partner with the library on his Eagle Scout project. As a result, Noah will be building us a small pollinator garden outside the large windows in the old teen room. This will not only be an attractive thing for kids to look at once the children's collection is moved, but will provide some support for our annual monarch butterfly program.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND EVENTS

Number of weekly storytimes, book clubs or other on-going programs

- One weekly Family Storytime
- One monthly adult book club

What is special and important about the library

- Personal connection with patrons
- Small, cozy feel which patrons appreciate – especially patrons with intellectual disabilities or those coming from group homes in the area
- Providing the new charter school in the area with a library they can call their own
- Non-requestable collection allows patrons access to bestsellers and new dvd releases the day they are released
- Convenience to low income housing and downtown North St. Paul
- Ability to provide in-depth reference or computer assistance without interruption

Collection Highlights

- Non-requestable collection
- Popular magazines with current issue available for checkout
- “New York Times Bestsellers” on display (changes weekly)
- Growing children’s collection

Work Plan Project(s)

- Branch Manager (Monica Stratton) currently part of Pop-Up Library initiative and helping coordinate summer outreach events

Key Partnerships

- Independent School District 622
- St. Peter’s Catholic School
- North Metro Flex Academy
- Kokoro Volleyball Club (share building)
- City of North St. Paul
- Battle Creek Head Start
- Ramsey County Parks & Rec
- Minnesota DNR

NORTH ST. PAUL AT A GLANCE

YEAR BUILT	2005
SQUARE FEET	2600
DAYS OPEN	Mon Wed Sat : 10am-5pm Tue Thur : 1pm-8pm Fri Sun : closed
HOURS/WEEK	35

NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMPUTERS	14 desktop 3 laptop
COLLECTION SIZE	19,481

STAFF FTE	2.5
TOTAL STAFF	5
VOLUNTEER HOURS	3 per week

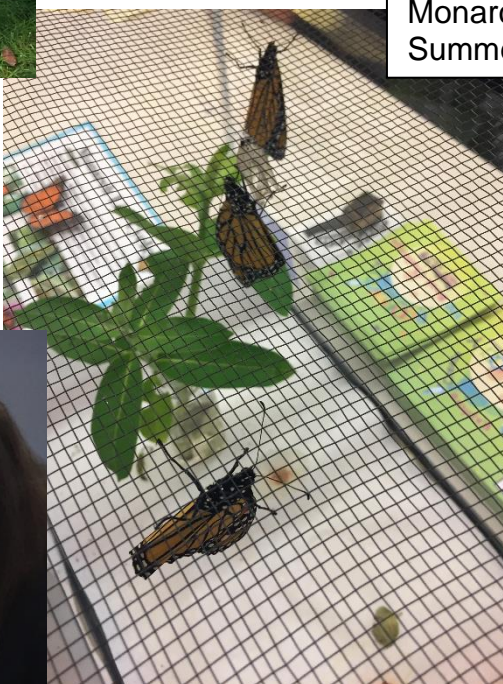
	2014	2015	2016	2017
TOTAL CIRCULATION	136,077	123,346	114,144	113,961
CHILDREN'S CIRCULATION (TOTAL # AND % OF TOTAL CIRC)	48,313 36%	43,263 35%	39,504 35%	38,820 34%
REFERENCE	12,324	14,014	17,459	14,391
COMPUTER HOURS USED	7,763	6,618	6,755	5,953
WIRELESS USERS	16,602	2,941	3,802	5,283
ANNUAL VISITS	57,040	49,112	38,944	38,079
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	3,300	3,992	5,699	6,442
ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	46	83	179	54



Picnic with the Librarian
August 2017



NSP Public Works Storytime
November 2017



Monarchs in the tank
Summer, 2017



Cookie Decorating at Storytime
December 2017



Mystery Book Gifts for Checkout
December 2017

Media Happenings

February - March

Facebook Highlights

Mention

Anoka County Library shared KARE 11's post
February 12 · 🌐

What a great ending to the story when Sting, the lonely greyhound, found some friends to read with at Ramsey County Library. Look for upcoming Read to a Dog programs also at ACL. #readtodog #ACLreads <http://ow.ly/Dn830im3lR>

KARE 11
February 10 · 🌐

Like as Your Page

Sting looked pretty lonely when no kids came to read to him at the White Bear Lake library. But when his owner shared some photos of the mournful pooch on Facebook, his schedule sure filled up fast.

<http://kare11.tv/2Ejq4U0>



Dog looking for kids to read to him goes viral

John Mueller's greyhound, Sting, looked lonely when no kids came to read with him at the library. So Mueller shared the photos on Facebook. And boy, did Sting's schedule fill up fast.

KARE11.COM

Ramsey County Library, Jenny Penfield, Renae Connoy and 15 others

3 Shares

Ramsey County Library shared Marc Horton's post.
Published by Pa Na Lor (?) · February 13 · 🌐



Marc Horton Library Think Tank - #ALATT

February 13 · 🌐

"Unfortunately, nobody signed up to read to Sting at the White Bear Lake Public Library tonight."

1,232 people reached

Boost Post

Rachel Scales, Jessie Bush Carlson and 63 others

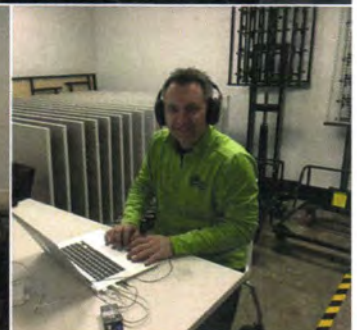
7 Shares

Mention

CTV North Suburbs added 3 new photos
February 13 · 🌐

Like as Your Page

It's a full house at Ramsey County Library Roseville as we're covering their speaker series - Professor Duchess Harris of Macalester talks about Sexism in Politics. Watch for this program on CTV Channels 15 (Comcast), 8015 (CenturyLink) and YouTube! <http://bit.ly/2BVRtK3>



Ramsey County Library, Kristin DeBoom, Pam Asprnes and 7 others

2 Shares

Check-in



Miriam Harris is 😊 feeling excited at Ramsey County Library.

February 13 · Roseville, MN · 🌐

I am here!

Mention

Debbie Dadey shared I Love Libraries's post
February 14 · 🌐

Happy St. Valentine's Day to you and Sting! Happy Reading! I Love Libraries Ramsey County Library Pawstread.com Today Show Greyhound Rescue #ValentinesDay

I Love Libraries
February 13 · 🌐

Like as Your Page

Librarians take note. After the dog's owner put photos of him on Facebook looking forlorn, the dog is now booked through April.



'Sad' dog looking for kids to read to him is now all booked up

Sting the dog was all alone at the library with no one there to read to him. That's all changed now! TODAY.COM

Ramsey County Library, Gail Chodjian Nall, Stephanie Wagener and 3 others

1 Share

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Mention

Chuck & Don's Pet Food & Supplies shared John Muellner's post.
February 15

Sting the Greyhound was back listening to kiddos read at the Ramsey County Library since his post looking for readers went viral. We sent a little care package to congratulate him on his suddenly busy schedule and keep his energy up promoting Paws to Read and volunteerism. Your local library might have a similar program, ask them! Original post here: <https://tinyurl.com/ydacw25d>



John Muellner · Greyhound Moms & Dads
February 14

Sting got a sweet gift basket from the Mahtomedi Chuck and Dons store. Sting says thanks!

Bryna Wrens, Lora Pinc and 330 others

5 Comments · 20 Shares

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor · February 21 at 6:22pm

Fans gather to cheer up local celebrity, Sting



2,835 people reached

Boost Post

Josh Klumb, Cara Nix and 143 others

2 Comments · 19 Shares

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Top Comments

Heather Raye Stachel · Love seeing all Sting's fans
Like Reply Message · 3w · 2

Olivia Stipe Manke · Anne Marie Annis He had lots of company today.
Like Reply Message · 3w · 3

Mention

Transparent Language
February 16

Like as Your Page

Even though Sting the dog is all booked up, you should still stop by Ramsey County Library to sign up for a free Transparent Language Online account! Then maybe you can read to him in Spanish or Chinese when he's free.



'Sad' dog looking for kids to read to him is now all booked up

Sting the dog was all alone at the library with no one there to read to him. That's all changed now!
TODAY.COM

Guishan Kumawat, Joe Gaczewski and 16 others

1 Comment · 2 Shares

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor · February 16 at 11:00am

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on Friday, February 23 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the library in Shoreview. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Ramsey County Library - Shoreview to schedule an appointment.



American Red Cross - Give blood

The need for blood is constant - every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. In fact, each day, the American Red Cross must collect approximately 14,000 units of blood to meet the needs of patients at around 2,600 hospitals...
REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG

942 people reached

Boost Post

Brenda Gaines Hunter, Jennifer Dietrich and 2 others

1 Comment · 3 Shares

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Write a comment

Top Comments

Lisa Wedell Ueki Pamela Christopherson, let your friends and family know the American Red Cross will be at the Shoreview library.

Ramsey County Library shared their event.
Published by Pa Na Lor (?) · February 21 at 4:16pm ·

Join Professor Mai Na M. Lee from the University of Minnesota as she talks about this conflict and explains its consequences for the Hmong, who suffered massive casualties and exile.



MAR 6 Tuesday with a Scholar: The Hmong ...
Tue 1 PM · Ramsey County Library · Roseville
Cameron, Jennifer and 10 friends were interes

★ Interested

822 people reached

Boost Unavailable

Therese Matthias Scherbel, Pam Albin and 9 others

1 Comment

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Top Comments

Susan Nemitz Will you tape this so folks in California can see?
Like · Reply · Message · 3w

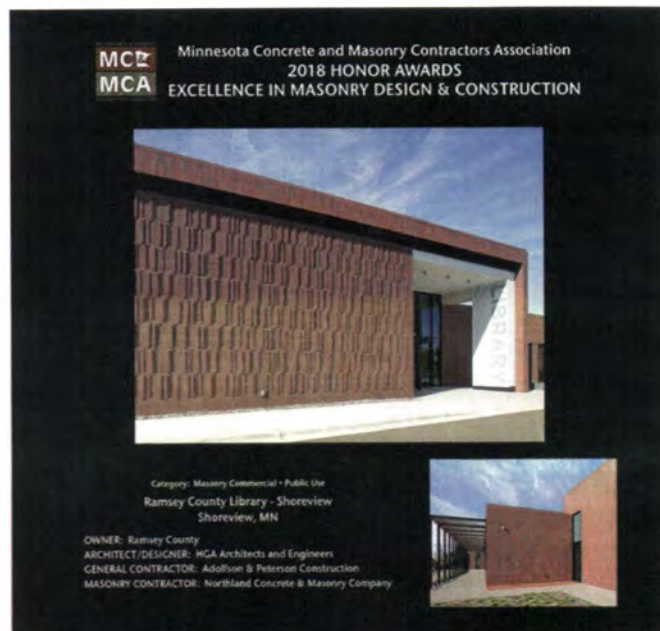
Ramsey County Library We are looking into getting the event recorded. Hopefully, we will be able to.
Like · Reply · Commented on by Pa Na Lor (?) · 3w

Mention

MN Concrete & Masonry Contractors Association -
MC&MCA
February 23 at 3:30pm ·

Like as Your Page

2018 Excellence in Concrete & Masonry Design and Construction Award winner of Masonry Commercial - Public Use category: Ramsey County Library - Northland Concrete & Masonry Company (masonry contractor) & Adolfin & Peterson Construction (general contractor)



Ben Portillo

Mention

High Spirits Dog Training is at Shoreview library
February 25 at 2:45pm · Shoreview, MN ·

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Welcome to my new "office" 😊

Ramsey County Library #heartlibraries #selfemployed #smallbiz #geterdone



Ramsey County Library, Amanda Fipp, Pam Urban Van Meter and 5 others

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Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries added 68 new photos to the album Friends Gala 2018: A Whale of a Tale — with Melissa Cuff and 5 others at Ramsey County Library
February 27 at 7:40pm ·

Photos from our 5th annual Friends Gala fundraiser supporting Ramsey County Library! Please tag yourself and friends you recognize. THANK YOU to everyone who braved the snowstorm to attend in person or bid in the auction from home. This event would not be possible without the generous support of hundreds of donors, volunteers, attendees, bidders and sponsors.

This year's theme was "A Whale of a Tale." We'd love to hear from you if you have literary ideas to share for next year's theme.



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Ramsey County Library, Melissa Judy, Andrea 'Hateil' Murphy and 9 others

2 Shares

Jimmie Davis is with Camille Davis at Ramsey County Library
February 27 at 5:18pm · Roseville, MN · 🌐

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Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor (P) · March 2 at 10:00am · 🌐

21 Books for an Inclusive Read Across America Day



21 Books for an Inclusive Read Across America Day – The Conscious Kid Library – Medium

Read Across America (RAA) is the nation's largest celebration of reading, with over 45 million annual participants. The National Education...
MEDIUM.COM

1,436 people reached

Boost Post

Michelle Flipp Bruhn, Anna Stolte and 17 others · 2 Comments · 6 Shares

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Top Comments · ▾

Sara Laine Great selection! · 2 · Like · Reply · Message · 1w

Heidi Wheelock A Different Pond is a good book with Minnesota tie · 1 · Like · Reply · Message · 1w

Sarah Montgomery Thank-you for posting! This looks like a great resource · 1 · Like · Reply · Message · 1w

Mention

HGA Architects and Engineers
March 1 at 4:41pm · 🌐 · Like as Your Page

"Functional and stylish, it gives the community a place to gather, work, learn and connect." We love seeing the Shoreview community and Ramsey County Library featured in Midwest Home magazine! <https://midwesthomemag.com/> /shoreview-steady-suburban-ste /



Ramsey County Library · Jenny DeRoche Erasmus, Scott Colson and 37 others · 4 Shares

Like · Comment · Share · 🌐

Ramsey County Library shared The Thread by MPR News's GIF · 🌐

Published by Pa Na Lor (P) · March 5 at 3:23pm · 🌐

"When you say six to eight inches of snow are coming, I'm already plotting what to read while stuck inside."



16 Views

The Thread by MPR News

March 5 at 12:39pm · 🌐

When you say six to eight inches of snow are coming, I'm already plotting what to read while stuck inside.

587 people reached

Boost Post

20 · 🌐

1 Comment · 2 Shares

Jasmine Cox Emily Black and Michael Owen so true lol

Like · Reply · Message · 1w · 3

Michael Owen <https://i.pinimg.com/.../df979732e79ffa158ea4a78d93b3bb95...>



Like · Reply · Message · 1w

Emily Black I started a new book yesterday, reached page 203...I didn't even know I had it in me anymore · 3

Like · Reply · Message · 1w

Jasmine Cox Emily Black I love it!! Hahaha college definitely sucked that part out of me. Maybe when I am two years post grad, I will have your powers too. LOL · 2

Like · Reply · Message · 1w

Create something awesome during spring break! We'll provide all the supplies you need to make a different craft each day.

Event details: <https://host6.evanced.info/meisa/ramsey/eventcalendar.asp...>



Spring Break Crafternoons

Tuesday - Friday, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
March 13 - 16
RCL - New Brighton

RAMSEY COUNTY Library



2,431 people reached

Boost Again

Heather Johnson, Jill Lind and 42 others

2 Comments · 11 Shares

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Top Comments



Carly McEathron Rital

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Wanda Erickson Jan Herbon Gerth we should say crafternoon.

Like Reply Message · 4d

Check-in



Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance added a new photo to Understanding PARP Inhibitors in Ovarian Cancer's timeline — at Ramsey County Library.
March 8 at 6:27pm · Roseville, MN · 🌐

Like as Your Page

Our meeting will be starting momentarily. We're looking forward to learning more about PARP inhibitors in ovarian cancer from Mayo Clinic's Dr. Andrea Wahner Hendrickson



Anne Kirby Steffen and Kristine Elmore Graer

Check-in



Mesfin Negia added 3 photos and a video — feeling accomplished at Ramsey County Library

March 10 at 2:20pm · Roseville, MN · 🌐

#ReadingIsFundamental #MesfinAndSons #SaturdayChores



Ramsey County Library, Fasika Fakadu, Seble Ashake and 52 others

5 Comments

Mention

The Autism Society of Minnesota

March 12 at 4:23pm · 🌐

Like as Your Page

Minnesota Department of Human Services is hosting a public meeting for parents and caregivers of children, youth and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related conditions on services and supports available on March 23. Check out the flyer for all the details, then join them at the Ramsey County Library in Maplewood.



AUTISM SUPPORTS PARENT MEETING MARCH 23, 2018

Minnesota Department of Human Services is hosting a public meeting for parents and caregivers of children, youth and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related conditions on services and supports available.

The morning meeting will focus on general ASD services and supports with an emphasis on the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) benefit, as well as a presentation on accessing state financial assistance.

The afternoon meeting will be presented by Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), a division of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. VRS staff will discuss employment and transition services for youth 14-21 with ASD and related conditions.

Anyone who needs a reasonable accommodation or language assistance should e-mail dis@state.mn.us or call 651-431-2400 as soon as possible.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MINNESOTA EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SCHEDULE

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

General Autism Information

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Break: Lunch on your own

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Employment and Transition services for youth 14-21 with ASD and related conditions

MEETING LOCATION:

Maplewood Public Library

3025 Southlawn Drive
Maplewood, MN

*Please note the library opens at 10:00 AM.

Christy Bennington, Madonna Trimer and 20 others

2 Comments · 15 Shares

Mention

CTV North Suburbs
March 12 at 10:30am

✓ Liked as Your Page

Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries held their annual gala last month, a fundraiser to support Ramsey County Library. Watch this story and more on the North Suburban Beat! www.ctvnorthsuburbs.org/nsb



Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Gala: Whale of a Tale

The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries held their annual gala in February and it was a Whale of a Tale. VIMEO.COM

Margaretha Beach, Maureen Flaherty Anderson and 2 others

1 Share



Creative Pastels added 3 new photos to the album:
Workshops — at White Bear Lake Library
March 14 at 9:36am White Bear Lake

St Patrick's Day art project Ramsey County Library!



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Ann Wahlstrom Ramsey County Library! 😊

Like Reply 1d



Karen Tan Thanks! 🙏

Like Reply 1d

Mention

John Hakes shared Moms Demand Action - MN's post
March 14 at 9:48pm

Community Room with a Cause' at the Ramsey County Library-Shoreview.



Moms Demand Action - MN added 2 new photos

March 14 at 9:16pm

Like as Your Page

Moms Demand Action had a great turnout in Shoreview tonight for the inaugural meeting of the Northeast Metro Chapter. Welcome aboard, new members! Let's get to work.

Susan Leonard, Peggy Schaefer Wedell and 2 others

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor (?) Yesterday at 10:00am

"... a great way to promote a Yes Brain in your kids is by reading with them."



How Reading with Your Children Can Help Them Develop a 'Yes Brain' | Brightly

Reading together can help promote a "Yes Brain" mindset in your kids, helping them build balance, resilience, insight, and empathy. Here's how. READBRIGHTLY.COM

783 people reached

Boost Post

Carol Frey, Benjamin Robert and 11 others

2 Comments

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Top Comments



Sybil Hill Abigail Ibisch is that you and Joy? And Addie and her grandma?

Like Reply Message 19h



Abigail Ibisch It is! How cool is that? 🙌

Like Reply Message 19h



Bonnie Bassett Yes Brain = Curious, Open, Receptive, Creative.

❤️ 🙌

Twitter Highlights:



Nancy Yang @n_yang · Feb 14

So, um, can adults ever sign up to read to Sting and other dogs too @rdreads? Asking for a friend



Michael Scott @mscottowa · Feb 14

So happy for Sting and the @rdreads White Bear Lake public library on a happy ending (or is it a beginning?) to the story. 100,000 Sting fans can't be wrong: library dog an internet superstar blogs.mprnews.org/newscut/2018/0... via @mprnews



100,000 Sting fans can't be wrong; library dog an ...
When the call went out for folks to read to a lonely Sting, the nation responded. We're talking about the White Bear Lake library dog.
blogs.mprnews.org



Willem J. Bod @WillemBod · Feb 13

'@MNNDaily: Lonely library dog @rdreads now an internet sensation



Lonely library dog now an internet sensation

No one wanted to read to Sting, a lonely greyhound last week. Now, everyone wants to read to this therapy pup.
mnn.com



studioloraine @studioloraine · Feb 17

Always! ❤️ @rdreads



Once a Library Kid, Always a Library Kid

The warm & comforting memories of life as a kid in the library
bookriot.com



Waterloo Library @WaterlooLibrary · Feb 17

'Sad' dog looking for kids to read to him is now all booked up via @TODAYshow @rdreads we want to know what Sting's favourite book is? Glad he has reading buddies now. on.today.com/2C1qL2x @kwhumane #readaloud #sharingaloveofreading #kidslit #literacy



Emily K Stevens @EKSbooks · Feb 18

Checked out the Maplewood Library for the first time today. Great selection, plus-free bus rides and puppet shows with sound effects! Very nice time! Thank you, @rdreads! 😊



BookManiaLinda @LindaWonder · Feb 19
I'm caught up on both of my readalongs so I guess this means I can start on some library books! See my IG post today for a Book Bingo playing card from @rdreads ! Which book should I start first? 🤔



1 comment 5 likes

MYRA @MNYouthRead · Feb 22
Seen at @rdreads White Bear Lake Library: Reader Elliot sharing SOTN nominee "Hippos are Huge!" with local media sensation Sting the Greyhound! I bet both Sting AND Elliot read past their bedtimes! #2018MYRAS #ReadtoSting - at Ramsey County Library - White Bear Lake



1 comment 1 retweet 8 likes

John Muellner @jmuellner99
Following

Replying to @MNYouthRead @rdreads

Sting thought Elliott did a fantastic job reading!

12:01 PM - 22 Feb 2018

3 Likes

1 comment 3 likes

The Dogfather @matt_nelson · Feb 21
hey everyone i know there's a lot going on in your timelines right now but i thought i'd stop by and ask what you think about a mini video series in which i interview/visit some really good dogs doing really good work. please share your thoughts

453 comments 144 retweets 5.0K likes

darth™ @darth · Feb 21
YES

4 comments 2 retweets 103 likes

ana marie cox @anamariecox · Feb 21
I was just about to pitch a magazine profile of @ComfortDogZoey

1 comment 35 likes

darth™ @darth · Feb 21
omfg

2 comments 22 likes

Jammy McJamface @jamrockstar
Follow

Replying to @darth @anamariecox and 2 others

Come visit @rdreads and the doggos that kids can read to!

3:49 PM - 21 Feb 2018

21 Likes

1 comment 21 likes



Tweet your reply

darth™ @darth · Feb 21
Replying to @jamrockstar @rdreads and 3 others
YES THE READING PUPS!!

1 comment 21 likes

Jammy McJamface @jamrockstar · Feb 21
I can help make this connection as I know people there/work for the county whose library system it is :)

1 comment 7 likes

Jammy McJamface @jamrockstar · Feb 21
Scout can be a background pupper if needed as well.

1 comment 7 likes

The Artful Badger @neuroticbadger · Feb 21
As a @rdreads user I would support this ideal! Welcome home @dog_rates

1 comment 6 likes

St. Paul City GOP @STPCityGOP · Mar 1
We're watching a tutorial on GIS mapping on @lynda from @rdreads. We'd like to make some really great maps that can be used with great detail. Something you won't get from MN Secretary of State website.

1 comment 1 like

T. G. Polachek @TomsBrightIdeas · Mar 1
Earlier in the week I saw #TheMelter in action in front of @briharmar. It was impressive. Too bad @rdreads Roseville doesn't use it to reclaim the several parking spots it loses each Winter.

1 comment

Facebook/Google/Yelp Reviews

Ramsey County Library - Mounds View

2576 Moundsview Dr. Mounds View, MN

4.9 ★★★★★ 13 reviews

 **Rob Z**
Local Guide · 45 reviews
★★★★★ a week ago
Small and cozy!

Ramsey County Library - North St. Paul

2300 N St Paul Dr. North St Paul, MN

4.1 ★★★★★ 10 reviews

 **Lyle Bakke**
1 review
★★★★★ 2 weeks ago
On my days off i love to walk here for movies or books. Great staff and great library

Ramsey County Library - Shoreview

4560 Victoria St N. Shoreview, MN

4.6 ★★★★★ 25 reviews

 **Caleb Hamilton**
2 reviews
★★★★★ 3 days ago
Good library

 **Jared Little**
Local Guide · 48 reviews · 85 photos
★★★★★ 3 weeks ago
This is a very nice library. It's is pretty good size library that is very clean and organized



Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N. Roseville, MN

4.6 ★★★★★ 75 reviews


[Write a review](#)

Sort by: Most recent

 **Denisha Flournoy**
3 reviews
★★★★★ 2 days ago

 **Russ Wilkie**
Local Guide · 25 reviews · 59 photos
★★★★★ a week ago

Not a great place for group studying. They do not have enforced study room times. My friend and I came here to work on a project on a Wednesday, half an hour after they opened and could not get a study room even after being there for 8 hours. A lot of the rooms were taken up by individuals there way longer than the "Suggested 4 hour period"

 **Sarah Her**
Local Guide · 16 reviews · 51 photos
★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

My kids (4, 2, and 1) also love it. There's a kitchen with food, dinosaurs, various puppets (people and creatures), puzzles, cars, busy boards, light wall, and developmental games, among other toys/resources. They have a wonderful selection of kids' fiction and non-fiction books, along with a big selection of DVDs. My go-to when we need to kill a few hours on a rainy or cold day.

My favorite aspects of the library include an attached coffee shop and special parking for families/carpools/energy efficient cars right with the handicap parking. It's the only library I've found so far with this parking perk and as a mom who frequents libraries (1x/wk) with three tots in tow, I love the Roseville library all the more for it.



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St. Paul, MN Weather

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Group exploring free bus loop linking housing sites with businesses in south Roseville.

Submitted by admin on Tue, 01/16/2018 - 1:36pm

By: [Warren Wolfe \(/by/warren-wolfe\)](#)



A Roseville group is testing the waters to see if there is demand for a free bus service linking senior



<http://www.lillienews.com/articles/2018/01/16/group-exploring-free-bus-loop-linking-housing-sites-businesses-south-roseville>

courtesy of Newtrax • A proposed bus loop serving seniors and others in southern Roseville and Falcon Heights would link senior housing facilities with shopping and community centers. Free rides would be available Tuesdays midday. There are three community forums planned to discuss the proposal. The first is Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Roseville Library.

housing facilities — and possibly serving people with disabilities or low income — with area shopping spots and community centers.

As early as April, the new service by the nonprofit bus firm Newtrax could operate two 12-passenger, wheelchair-accessible buses from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays over a set route in southern Roseville and Falcon Heights.

Rides would be free, with a donation box on the bus. If successful, a similar route in north Roseville might start in the summer.

“We know we have a transportation problem in parts of Roseville, and this is one way we can help older residents, people with disabilities and even some low-income people and immigrants,” said Sara Barsel of the Roseville Health Awareness Team (CHAT), who described the project to the Roseville City Council during its Jan. 8 meeting.

The proposed service is patterned after a similar program that began in White Bear Lake last October, which uses buses that normally are idle at midday.

The bus proposal will be the topic at a community forum on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Roseville Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. N. It will explore what might be good pick-up and drop-off sites.

Two other forums will be Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2-3 p.m. at Fairview Community Center, 1910 County Road B W., and Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1-2 p.m. at Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Drive.

Riding the loop

The proposal came from CHAT, a volunteer group that found transportation issues are among the top barriers to good health care and nutrition for some area residents.

A preliminary proposal lists nine potential pick-up housing sites: Greenhouse Village, Heritage Place, Roseville Seniors House, Sienna Green Apartments, Sun Place Apartments, Brittany/Marion Apartments, Roselawn Village Apartments, and in Falcon Heights the Falcon Heights Town Square and 1666 Coffman.

The free service would be available to anyone who gets on a bus, not just those who live in the buildings where the buses stop.

Drop-off points would include the Roseville Library and the Fairview Community Center, which houses the senior center, adult learning center and other services. In addition, the bus loop might stop at three Cub groceries, Target and other businesses and services along the route — roughly Larpenteur Avenue, Rice Street, County Road B and Snelling Avenue.

The group discovered that Newtrax of White Bear Lake, which uses its fleet of 45 accessible buses mornings and afternoons to take adults with disabilities to jobs and learning sites, had started a pilot project in White Bear Lake to serve older people.

That program links eight senior housing sites and the White Bear Lake Senior Center with five groceries and other business. It operates three buses from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays. It started with five passengers and now serves about 20 people a week in the southern part of that city, with plans to add a northern route this spring.

Covering costs

Roseville City Council members expressed support for the concept at the council meeting earlier this month, noting that such a program might help fill some gaps in transportation.

In addition to public buses and Metro Mobility buses for people with disabilities, the city is served by the Shuttle Bug bus operated by the Roseville Area Senior Center at a cost of about \$69,000 a year.

"Of all the things we're asked to do as a community, I think solving some of these types of problems and this type of creative solution are ... the type of thing I'm supportive of trying to make work," said Mayor Dan Roe. He and council member Jason Etten said the city might help pay part of the project's estimated \$18,000 annual cost.

In talking with council members, Newtrax transportation coordinator Scott Olson said his company would donate the use of the buses, and the \$18,000 cost would primarily cover gas and drivers. He said he would seek donations from local businesses to help cover costs — in White Bear Lake, businesses have donated \$6,000, so far.

Olson said the bus loop might be just the first step in serving Roseville area seniors or residents with disabilities. Newtrax has partnered with a new Twin Cities company called Mobility4All that next month will start a ride-on-demand pilot project in White Bear Lake.

Similar to Uber or Lyft, the program would allow seniors, people with disabilities or their caregivers to call for rides to groceries, drugstores, banks, doctors or other nearby places. The cost will be roughly \$3 a mile. The pilot project will start with three drivers, who have passed criminal background checks and drug screening, serving two assisted living facilities. Olson said he hopes to expand to 100 drivers by the end of the year.

That program also might allow some families who already own handicapped-accessible vans to drive their vans for hire, offsetting some of their own transportation costs, he said.

— Warren Wolfe is a retired Roseville resident who was a reporter at the Star Tribune.

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The gala will run from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and feature a live music, a silent auction; a live auction; complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine and craft beer; prizes, a costume contest, a photo booth, and more! All proceeds benefit the seven branch locations of the Ramsey County Library.

The live and silent auctions will feature exciting items in categories such as dining and sightseeing experiences, sports memorabilia and tickets, artwork, comedy and theater tickets, autographed books, and gift baskets.

Last year, the Ramsey County Libraries served 1,574,655 visitors and circulated 3,850,918 items from the lending collection. The Ramsey County libraries have the highest circulation per staff member in the Twin Cities metro area. Gala proceeds enable the Friends to add much-needed items to the lending collection, including extra copies of the most popular materials as well as audio books, large-print books, e-books and special collections.

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Shoreview writer pens love letter to small town baseball



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submitted photo • Author Tom Murray and his father. Murray, a 30-year Shoreview resident, wrote the book "Father, Sons, and the Holy Ghosts of Baseball," available now.

Writing is no new hobby for Tom Murray, retired special education teacher and 3 Shoreview resident.

He says he's been writing his whole life long ago, he asked someone if they would write a manuscript of his.

"This is horrific," Murray recalls his reaction to him. Too embarrassed to give his writing to anyone else, Murray's commitment to writing convinced him to decide to settle for publishing one copy manuscript — it would be something he wrote, something his father could hold his hands.

In going to publishers to get that solitary book published, he found that the majority of the costs of publishing aren't sunk in the number of books. If he had gone through the trouble to have one published,

as well have hundreds done.

Now, with this knowledge and the extra retirement time on his hands, he's returned to the pen, writing the new novel "Father, Sons, and the Holy Ghosts of Baseball." It's available now, a story about small town's "life or death" passion for baseball.

The story is set in the fictional town of Bancroft, Iowa, population 700, in the year 1974. It follows a young boy and his father who have just moved to town.

"Baseball is the heal-all of everything," Murray says. He began passing around free copies of his love letter to small town baseball, and, to his surprise, people liked it.

Murray has begun selling the book on reading tours. He'll be giving a reading at the Shoreview Library Feb. 28 starting at 7 p.m. — the library is located at 4560 Victoria St.

The book can be bought at Anna's Hallmark Shop in Shoreview, at 1073 Highway 96.

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— Solomon Gustavo

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St. Paul acting instructor admits to sexual conduct toward young students

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Nicholas Barghini had a system. First, he instructed his young students to lie on their stomachs across chairs or a couch he set up for the private acting classes he taught at various St. Paul libraries last summer.

Next, after positioning himself at their feet and removing the students' socks and shoes, he told them to start reading from a monologue.

Then, with their heads facing away from him, he unzipped his pants and masturbated.



Nicholas Charles Barghini

Ramsey County sheriff's office

Standing beside his attorney in an orange prison jumpsuit, Barghini, 31, admitted in a Ramsey County courtroom Monday morning to repeating that conduct six times last summer.

His victims ranged in age from 9 to 11.

In one case, he admitted to touching an 11-year-old girl's foot with his genitalia while she read from a script inside a room at Merriam Park Library last July 15.

Barghini said little more than "That is correct," and "True" during the brief hearing as Assistant Ramsey County Attorney Tanya Olympia O'Brien and his own attorney, Debbie Lang, asked him to take responsibility for the crimes alleged against him.

Parents of some of the victims listened on from the front row in the courtroom.

The first charges were filed against Barghini late last July after one of his 10-year-old students told her mother that he had done "weird stuff" to her during an acting class.

After getting an insufficient explanation from Barghini about it, the woman went to the library where the class was conducted and asked to see surveillance footage.

The video captured Barghini removing her daughter's shoes and socks and burying his face in her feet while touching them and masturbating, court documents say.

The incident prompted police to investigate, and other victims to come forward.

Additional video discovered on Barghini's cellphone and laptop showed him engaging in similar behavior with other young students.

All of the victims' parents had responded to ads Barghini took out in newspapers and online for private acting classes he taught at Riverview and Merriam Park libraries in St. Paul, according to statements his attorney made in court Monday.

During their investigation, police also found a piece of paper in Barghini's wallet outlining his "sex goals," along with a desire to form a cult.

No. 5 on the list had rows of ages and columns listed underneath it. “Feet” and “other” were included on the list, and there were Xs marked in the pre-13 and 13-17 age categories, court documents say.

In total, Barghini faced one count of second-degree criminal-sexual conduct and three counts of fifth-degree criminal-sexual conduct.

He entered guilty pleas to all the charges Monday and is expected to be sentenced April 23.

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