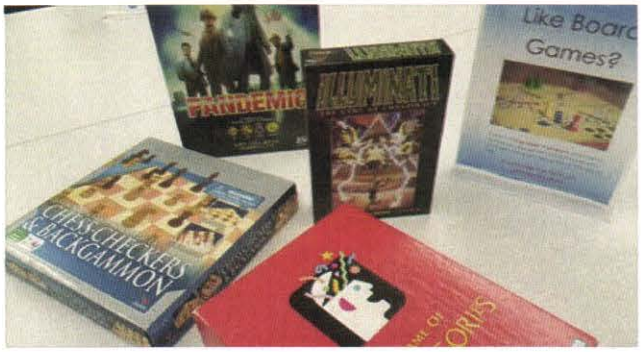
Media Happenings

May - June

Facebook Highlights

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · May 16 at 4:45pm

Game Night: Unplugged is today and every Tuesday 4 - 6 p.m. at the library in Shoreview!



1,531 people reached · Boost Post

Dale Wyttenbach, Catherine Ferguson and 8 others · 2 Comments

Like · Comment · Share · Top Comments

Write a comment...

Jacob Trautman Do you take donations of used board games to use for this? I have several that I'm looking to get rid of.
Like · Reply · See Response · May 19 at 2:28pm

Ramsey County Library Hi Jacob,
Our teen librarians would love the board games! I will send you the details in a private message. Thank you so much.
Like · Reply · Commented on by Pa Na Lor [?] · May 25 at 2:09pm

Amanda Rice Yay Pandemic!
Like · Reply · Message · 1 · May 16 at 5:09pm

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · May 18 at 11:42am

Toddler Dance Party recap at the library in Shoreview.

1,586 people reached · Boost Post

24 · 1 Comment · 1 Share

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Write a comment...

Tali Blekhman It was fun! Thank you for organizing it and hopefully you can organize more parties like it soon!
Like · Reply · Message · 3 · May 18 at 12:48pm

Mention

University of Minnesota Bio-Medical Library added 3 new photos · Like as Your Page
May 18 at 10:20am

We had a great time talking about health information for foreign-born populations with the wonderful Ramsey County Library and Hennepin County Library System librarians as part of our outreach program.

Ramsey County Library, Janice Jaguszewski, Ellen Engseth and 2 others

Mention

John Hakes shared Love Style's video
May 21 at 5:31pm

Nostalgic? ... You bet, but 'Automated Materials Handling' (AMH) systems (w/self checkout kiosks) get books 'out and back' much more efficiently, thereby increasing the chance residents of a given service area are well-read as can be.

Ramsey County Library

3,391,303 views

Love Style · Like as Your Page
May 16 at 3:29am

Who had one of these?

-like our page at Love Style

Glenn Gourley, Jennifer Hakes and 35 others · 4 Comments

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · May 24 at 1:45pm

Meet Denise Ninas, Library Associate in Technical Services

Who I am:
Conscientious, friendly and hardworking.

My favorite childhood memory:
Fishing with my Grandmother. She used to row us to her favorite spot on the lake where we would fish for hours. Now we call it "Grandma's Point."

What I do in the Technical Services department:
I catalog incoming materials, always comparing the individual items with the online record to make sure everything is correct. I also add other useful information to the record – subject headings, alternate titles, etc. - to make it easier for patrons to find what they are looking for.

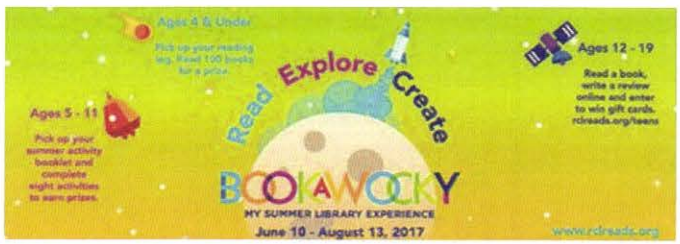
1,273 people reached

Boost Post

Bonnie Bassett, Howard Simms and 19 others

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · May 26 at 1:12pm

Get ready to read, explore and create this summer with us! Details: https://www.rclreads.org/kids/summer-reading-program



1,400 people reached

Boost Post

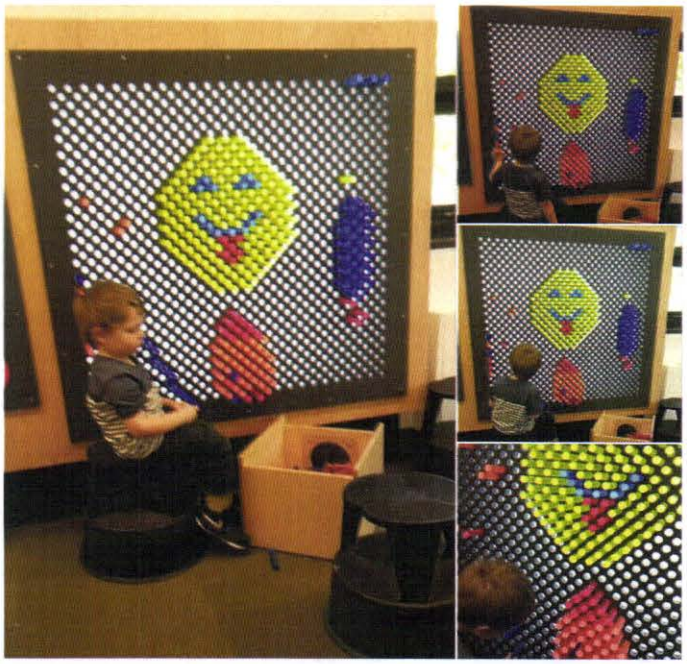
Bonnie Bassett, Shelly Ellingson and 24 others

Like · Comment · Share

Check-in

Rita Brown added 4 new photos — at Ramsey County Library
May 26 at 1:00pm · Roseville, MN

Biggest Lite Brite ever!!!!



Love · Comment · Share

Ramsey County Library, Shareen Peterson, Angela Burton and 11 others

Ramsey County Library added 8 new photos to the album Mounds View Nature Playground — in Mounds View, Minnesota
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · May 31 at 4:02pm

Sudents from Mounds View Public Schools - Edgewood Middle School built and installed this Nature Playground at the library in Mounds View.

2,707 people reached

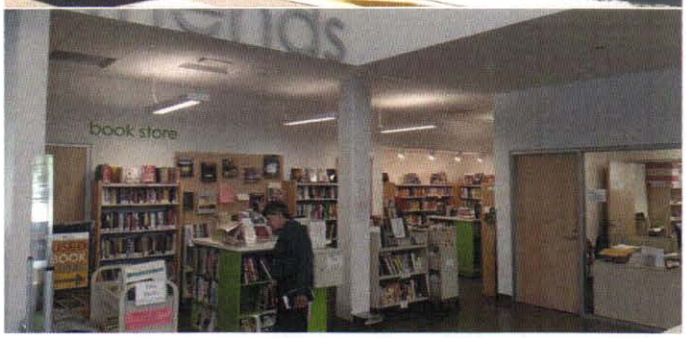
Boost Post

Thoj Thao Muas, Emily Palmer and 21 others

Check-in

Ken DeWalt added 2 new photos — at Ramsey County Library.
May 31 at 10:57am · Roseville, MN

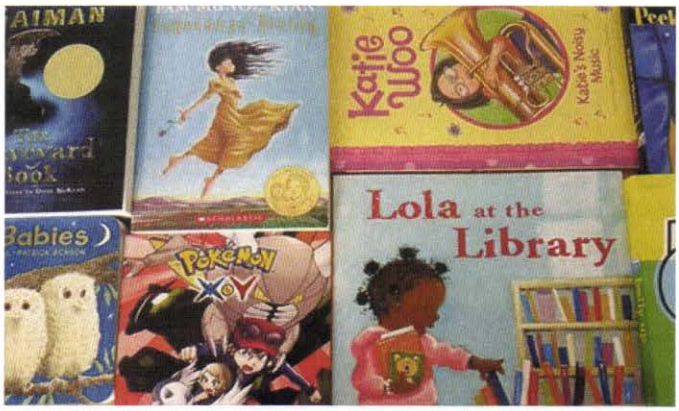
Roseville, MN was our first library of the day, then on to Duluth.



Ramsey County Library and Mary Beth Ogden Obetz

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · June 1 at 10:00am

Sneak Peek: Summer reading prizes are starting to come in!



1,977 people reached

Boost Post

Henry Medral, Bonnie Bassett and 22 others

Like · Comment · Share

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · June 2 at 10:32am

Join us to kick off the Green Card Voices exhibit at the library in Roseville, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m.

3,624 people reached

View Results

92

2 Comments · 2 Shares

Like · Comment · Share

Top Comments

Write a comment...

Julie Egan Strahan Can you make Thursday an event so I can invite others?
Like · Reply · Message · 1 · June 5 at 7:54pm

Ramsey County Library Green Card Voices made one! You can find it here: https://goo.gl/m1Pkfl
Like · Reply · 1 · Commented on by Kristi Bassett Saksvig [?]
June 6 at 1:30pm

Tiffini Flynn Forslund Mike Tikkanen this is similar to our project. FYI
Like · Reply · Message · 1 · June 7 at 7:49am

Check-in

Linda Owen added 3 new photos — at Ramsey County Library.
June 6 at 10:22am · Roseville, MN

The library scores again--this time with the Green Card Voices display and kits for caregivers to use with people with dementia. I'm so impressed with these community connections

Like · Comment · Share

Ramsey County Library, Garnet Franklin, Jane Bednar and 2 others

Ramsey County Library shared Ramsey County, Minnesota's photo
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] June 5 at 9:50am

We're bringing the Library to the Tuj Lub courts grand opening on Saturday. Hope to see you there!

Ramsey County, Minnesota
June 3 at 1:23pm

The new Tuj Lub courts at Keller Regional Park open one week from today! Join us for the grand opening celebration at 9 a.m.

Details at http://bit.ly/2qkHTWy

860 people reached

Boost Post

Sophie Gray, Thoj Thao Muas and 7 others

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] June 7 at 9:34am

12 Excellent Books to Understand the Refugee Experience

12 Excellent Books to Understand the Refugee Experience - Signature

The current global refugee crisis demands more empathy than ever. Read one or more of these books to better understand the refugee experience.

SIGNATURE-READS.COM

2,319 people reached

Boost Post

41 3 Comments 12 Shares

Like Comment Share Top Comments

Write a comment...

Lori Gustafson I also recommend Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, and her journey from Somali refugee to politician to writer and activist. it was an enlightening book for me.
Like Reply Message 5 June 7 at 11:44am

Brenda Fletchall thank you for this list. looks like good resources to becoming better informed.

I also recommend the BreadWinner Trilogy by Deborah Ellis:... See More
Like Reply Message 2 June 8 at 5:32pm

Bonnie Bassett Also highly recommend "The Latehomecomer" by Kao Kalia Yang. She is a local author.
Like Reply Message 3 June 7 at 10:38am Edited

Ramsey County Library
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] June 8 at 11:59am

Use your library card bar code to set up a Lynda account and start learning today: https://www.lynda.com/portal/sip?org=rclreads.org

Sponsored by Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)

2,071 people reached

Boost Post

Karen Tan, Jennifer Elizabeth and 12 others

Like Comment Share

Ramsey County Library shared Ramsey County, Minnesota's post
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] June 12 at 10:25am

Pick up a free organics recycling starter kit! They are available at the libraries in Maplewood, Mounds View, Shoreview, Roseville and White Bear Lake!

Ramsey County, Minnesota
June 11

There's never been a better time to get started with Organics Waste recycling! FREE starter kits are now available. http://bit.ly/2sXTgFR

Free organics recycling starter kits at yard waste sites

Ramsey County is again offering free organics recycling starter kits to make it easy to recycle food scraps and soiled paper. The starter kits include a...

RAMSEYCOUNTY.US

2,427 people reached

Boost Post

Elli Moran, Carly McEathron and 46 others 5 Comments

Like Comment Share Top Comments

Therese Sonnek They go fast, so get them while you can.
Like Reply Message 1 June 12 at 10:42am

Sara Laine Yeah! Just got mine!
Like Reply Message 1 June 13 at 3:42pm

Shawn Egli Heather-does ur mom need one?
Like Reply Message 1 June 12 at 11:27am

Heather Routzahn Egli We do
Like Reply Message June 12 at 11:33am

Shawn Egli Well get one through here then
Like Reply Message June 12 at 11:34am

Write a reply...

Christie Matts Scott Olson
Like Reply Message June 12 at 12:09pm

Elizabeth Dilworth Anne Dilworth
Like Reply Message June 12 at 7:59pm

Anne Dilworth Of course not available at the site less than a mile from home...I'll try to get one in Moundsview.
Like Reply Message June 12 at 9:14pm

Twitter Highlights

RC Library Friends @RCLFriends May 5
Visit our Friends Used Book Sale at @rclreads Maplewood this weekend! 5/6 10am-5pm, 5/7 Noon-4:30pm Maplewood Library 3025 Southlawn Drive

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RC Library Friends @RCLFriends May 11
We reached our 2017 Gala's goal and will give $30,000 to @rclreads! Event summary from CTV vimeo.com/212308492 & rclfriends.org/friends-news/2...

Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Gala
The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries held their 4th annual fundraising Gala Saturday, April 1st. It was a night that invited book lovers to dress up in costumes...
vimeo.com

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Minnesota Counties @MNcounties May 12
Did you know that your library has much more than books?

RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads
Are you still looking for something to do this Mother's Day weekend? Find an event on smARTpass: smartpass.melsa.org @MELSA_Minnesota

2

Elizabeth Buege @ekbuege May 16
I'm already busy on Tuesdays, but I love my library and appreciate that they offer this opportunity!

RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads
Game Night: Unplugged is today and every Tuesday 4 - 6 p.m. at the library in Shoreview!

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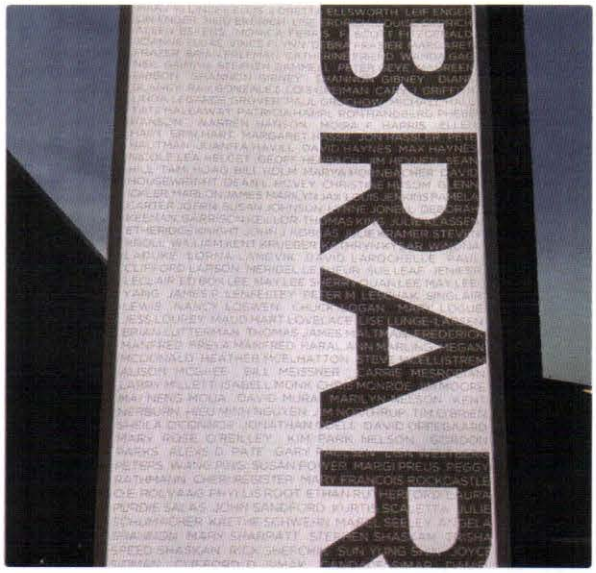
Lars Leafblad
@larsleafblad
Following

New @rclreads Shoreview branch includes "Writers Block" tribute to book authors. I spy @CathyWurzer @polarann @HeidErdrich @neilhimself ->



LIKES
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9:02 PM - 22 May 2017

studioloraine
@studioloraine
Following

Y'all my library situation has been out of control for DECADES. @rclreads

LIKES
17

6:12 PM - 20 May 2017

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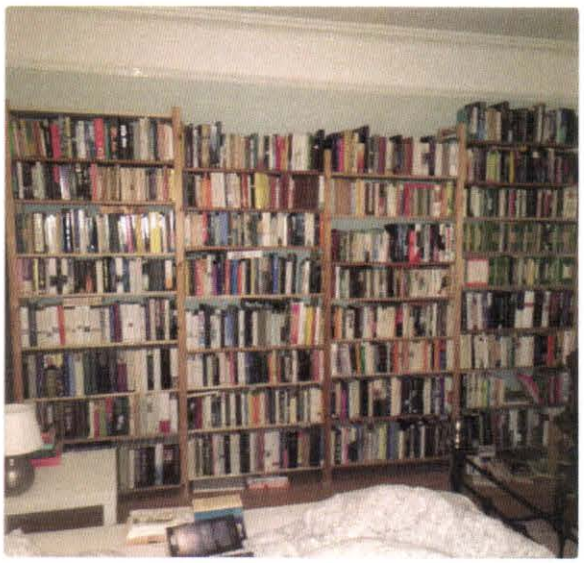
distant cities @distantcities May 20
Replying to @studioloraine @rclreads
What? Really? I have about 13 rooms and miles of corridor, and they all look like this:



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studioloraine @studioloraine May 20
Dang!

studioloraine @studioloraine May 20
Replying to @econoprof @rclreads
It's a 1940 bungalow but all original wood work! 👌

Lars Leafblad
@larsleafblad

Following

New @rclreads Shoreview branch on Hwy 96 is open. TY donors, volunteers, staff & fellow taxpayers for supporting literacy & learning.

LIKES
10

9:06 PM - 22 May 2017

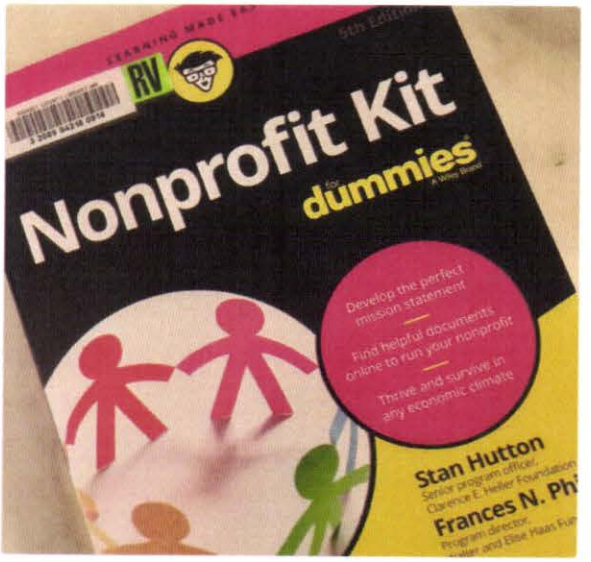
Tweet your reply

RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads May 22
Replying to @larsleafblad
Welcome to Shoreview, Lars! What's your favorite feature?

studioloraine
@studioloraine

Following

"I'm just holding this for a friend." @rclreads #nonprofit #nonprofitlife



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5:22 PM - 23 May 2017

Lars Leafblad
@larsleafblad

Following

Paging @thefriends @rclreads @stpaullibrary @SPNN -->

David Whelan @davidpwhelan
Similarities - and collaborations - btwn news organizations & libraries highlighted in this @Poynter @MKramer post poynter.org/2017/want-to-b...

RETWEET 1
LIKES 3

1:26 PM - 23 May 2017

Tweet your reply

Martin Ludden @mgludden May 24
Replying to @larsleafblad @rclreads and 3 others
We're there! Check out Createch.

SPNN @SPNN May 24
.@SPNN honored @stpaullibrary last night as Partner of the Year! They host several CTEP AmeriCorps Members & we collaborate on Createch.

The Friends @thefriends May 23
Replying to @larsleafblad @rclreads and 2 others
Love this story, Lars!

BookManiaLinda
@LindaWonder

Following

My library does this! It's something Paws @rclreads (help me!) 😄

Book Riot @BookRiot
On how reading to dogs might help reduce anxiety: bit.ly/2qDmMPF

LIKES
3

11:05 PM - 31 May 2017

Tweet your reply

RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads Jun 1
Replying to @LindaWonder
It's called Paws to Read. We love our therapy dogs and bunny!

BookManiaLinda @LindaWonder Jun 1
A bunny?! I didn't know you had a bunny! 😄😄😄

St. Paul City GOP
@STPCityGOP
Follow

we recall in American Government class that a govt entity cannot choose a group to promote. So why is @rclreads pushing All are Welcome?

8:30 PM - 30 May 2017

St. Paul City GOP
@STPCityGOP
Follow

we wonder why @rclreads is promoting a group that is raising money for the ACLU. The ACLU is anti-Christian rights. allarewelcomehere.us/about-us/

8:28 PM - 30 May 2017

St. Paul City GOP
@STPCityGOP
Follow

@rclreads has embraced the pro-immigrant agenda w/ their banners inside the libraries promoting @greencardvoices as well as @AllAreWelcomeUS

7:24 PM - 1 Jun 2017

St. Paul City GOP
@STPCityGOP
Follow

Last summer @rclreads extended the hours to 10 pm to help ppl avoid the high heat index days. We wonder if they'll do that this weekend?

5:40 PM - 9 Jun 2017

Tweet your reply

RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads · Jun 10
Replying to @STPCityGOP
At this point hours are not extended this weekend, but all 7 locations are open 10-5 today. Come in and stay cool!

Эрик О'Калер @PrezzzKalerYo · Jun 10
Replying to @STPCityGOP
sorry that would be godless socialism

Mike Henderson
@mhenderson33
Following

One of the best things about @grandoldday parade yesterday...seeing this @stpaullibrary @SaintPaul @rclreads

RETWEET 1 LIKES 3

9:50 AM - 5 Jun 2017

Tweet your reply

Deb Meyer @spellingbee2000 · Jun 5
Replying to @mhenderson33 @rclreads and 3 others
Love!

Lucas Scheelk @TC221Bee · Jun 5
Sooooo is it possible to get a library card in Ramsey County if you're homeless? Due to circumstances I can't use where I'm @ as my address.

Kendra Plant
@Kendra_Plant
Follow

Replying to @TC221Bee
@rclreads?

11:39 AM - 5 Jun 2017

Tweet your reply

RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads · Jun 8
Replying to @Kendra_Plant @TC221Bee
Good Question. I will send you details in a private message.

Anna Zbacnik @a_to_z_library · Jun 5
6th graders learning about teen summer reading with @libraria from @rclreads #bookawocky #623learns

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Amy Boese
@libraria
Following

Replying to @a_to_z_library @rclreads

One of my very favorite places on earth! Thanks for the invite! #bengalsread #gobengals

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9:46 PM - 5 Jun 2017

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Magic Is Afoot
@teandoranges
Following

Relevant to one of you all most likely - @rclreads or @stpaullibrary ~unless Rybak has ventured out into a different @MELSA_Minnesota joint 🤔

R.T. Rybak @R_T_Rybak
A sharp elbow to the right, another to the left and I'm taking over the top row. #PotholeConfidential

8:25 AM - 6 Jun 2017

T. G. Polachek @TomsBrightIdeas · Jun 13
the guy at @rclreads is giving out trivia in reminder of the closing time at Roseville Library

Anna Zbacnik
@a_to_z_library
Following

2nd Graders learn about Summer Reading! #bookawocky @rclreads Thanks Ms. Nicole!

RETWEET 1
LIKES 4

11:27 AM - 7 Jun 2017

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Amy Boese @libraria · Jun 7
We are talked out. Last day of #teen book talks for @rclreads #SummerReadingProgram !! #whitebearlake #centralmiddleschool #librarianlife

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MELSA @MELSA_Minnesota · Jun 8
Available through not just @rclreads, but ALL of the 101 metro public libraries! melsa.org/melsa/index.cf...

RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads
Use your library card bar code to set up a Lynda account and start learning today: lynda.com/portal/sip?org...

Sponsored by @MELSA_Minnesota

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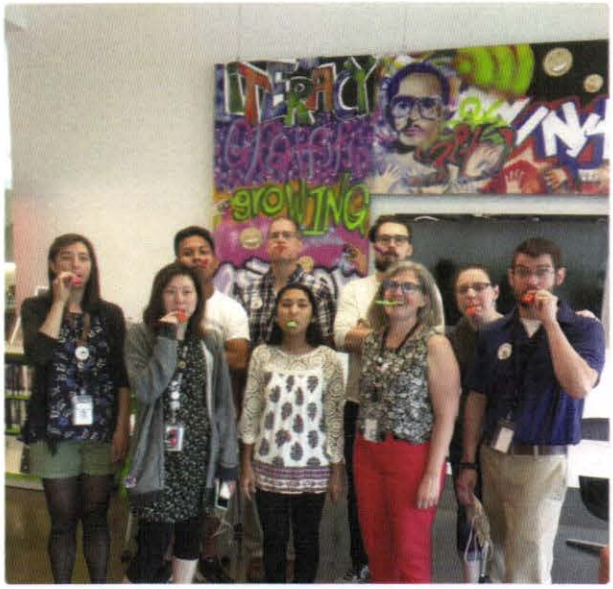
Amy Boese @libraria · Jun 10
#Librarians, #Americorps members and #studentworkers rocked today's Summer Reading Program Teen kickoff. #nojoke #kazoostho @rclreads



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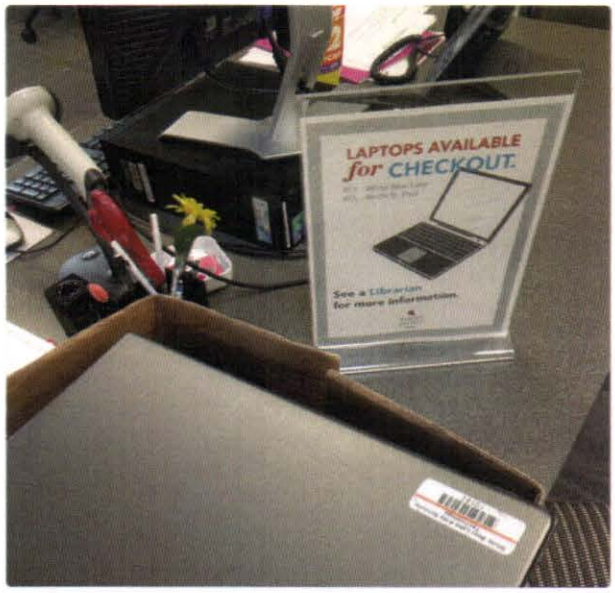
MarkGarrison @markgarrison · 23h
Chromebooks are available again for @isd624 student checkout at the @rclreads White Bear and Maplewood branches! #isd624tech



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Facebook/Google/Yelp Reviews

Teresa Russell reviewed Ramsey County Library — 5
May 21 at 9:45am

Roseville library is a fantastic resource and a fun outing for us. We also very much enjoy the convenience of reading ebooks from the cloud library on our nooks. Good job!

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Ramsey County Library

Michael Christopherson reviewed Ramsey County Library — 5
May 1

Had a lmn meeting there n it was awesome thanks for use of ur space

Like · Comment · Share

Ramsey County Library

Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN

4.6 ★★★★½ 51 reviews

Sort by: Most rece

Anna Hollar
3 weeks ago
★ It is impossible to get any real studying or work done here. The study rooms are always filled up and so are the other study work spaces

Helpful?

Robert Zelenak
a month ago
★★★★ Good library. However, Audio books are upstairs not near the DVDS/CDS, which is a bit confusing

Ramsey County Library - Shoreview

4560 Victoria St N, Shoreview, MN

4.7 ★★★★½ 15 reviews

Sort by: Most r

Alex Huisman
3 weeks ago
★★★★★ One of my favorite libraries to go. It's very open and comforting. Great place to work, read, or just relax.

Ramsey County Library - New Brighton

400 10th St NW, New Brighton, MN

4.5 ★★★★½ 14 reviews

Adrian Stein
2 weeks ago
★★★★★ Great service and books/movies

Helpful?

carole evans
a month ago
★★★★★ Handy! I can walk there and get some exercise at the same time!

Ramsey County Library - Mounds View

2576 Moundsview Dr, Mounds View, MN

4.9 ★★★★★ 9 reviews

Nicholas Yang
a month ago
★★★★★ It is amazing, there is a variety of selections that you can choose from

Ramsey County Library - White Bear Lake

2150 2nd St, White Bear Lake, MN

5.0 ★★★★★ 4 reviews

Sort by: Most r

Maria Schreiner
a month ago
★★★★★ We go here all the time. Awesome kids area and activities as well as very friendly staff and fellow library patrons!

LillieNews

80.6 °F 70 °F 88 °F
Thunderstorms Likely
(/) St. Paul, MN Weather

Library introduces text messaging service

Submitted by admin on Mon, 05/15/2017 - 1:53pm

Dakota County Library has added a new text message notifications service. Customers can now sign up to receive notices for item holds, overdue items, item renewals, accrued fines, announcements and closures.

Library notifications are currently sent out by phone or email, but due to popular demand the library has implemented the text message service to immediately notify customers of news regarding their account. Services are provided by Shoutbomb, which offers notices that can be customized and are available in Spanish.

To use the service, customers need a text message capable phone, text messaging services with their phone carrier, and a library card. Once service is connected, customers will receive text messages on the status of their account between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Library doesn't charge a fee for this service, but regular text messaging rates still apply.

For more information on how to sign up for text message service, please visit **www.dakotacounty.us/library (http://www.dakotacounty.us/library)**or call 651-450-2900.

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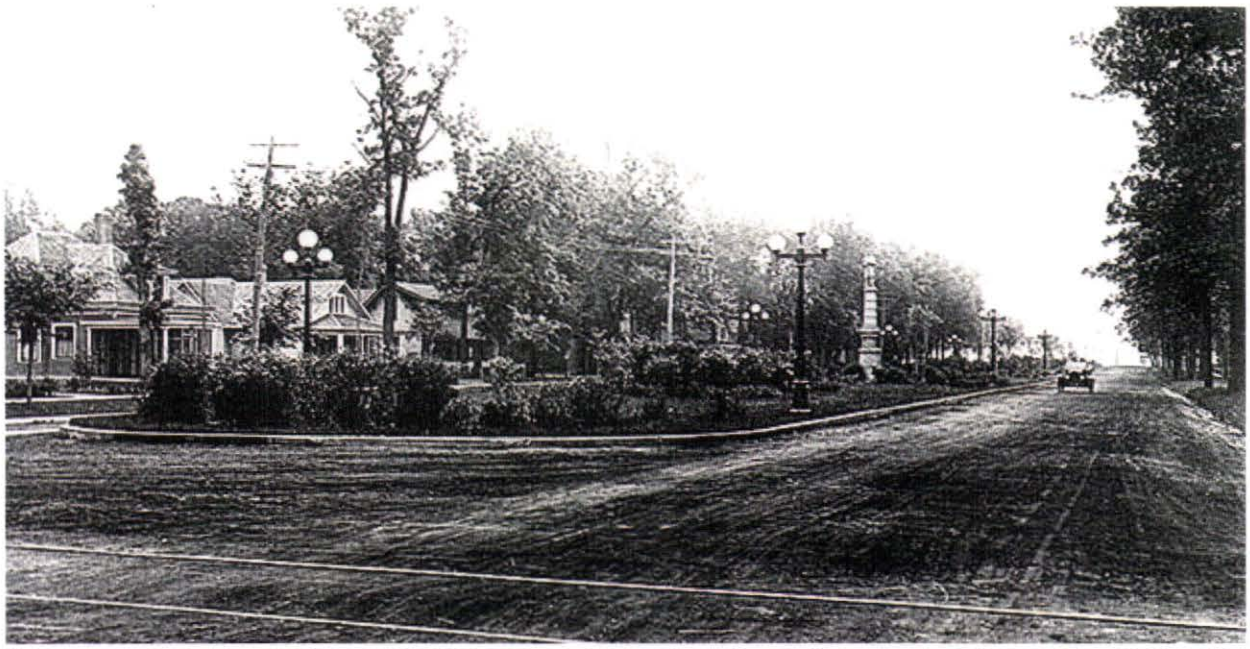
HEATING A/C Kath ELECTRICAL

http://www.presspubs.com/white_bear/news/article_8245c980-3b10-11e7-ba26-bf6ddf956d8e.html

A downtown trip down memory lane or, more precisely, Clark Avenue and Third Street

By Debra Neutkens/Editor May 17, 2017 Updated 40 min ago

- presentation at the Library in WBL



White Bear Lake Area Historical Society | Submitted

Clark Avenue circa 1915. Note the streetcar tracks that led to Banning Avenue before turning north.

When the area expert presents her lecture on historic downtown White Bear Lake, it starts on Clark Avenue.

The dirt road was the grand promenade to the lake for St. Paulites after they stepped off the train in the late 1800s.

In Part I of her slide show tour at the library recently, Historical Society Executive Director Sara Markoe Hanson explained that Clark Avenue was the city's main street because it was in the heart of town when White Bear Lake was platted in 1871.

According to Hanson, the avenue was wide so visitors could make their way to the water. “That is why people came to White Bear Lake. At least, that's what the railroad people believed.”

Over the years, the block continued to improve. It wasn't paved until 1910.

"We hear stories about why it's called Clark Avenue," Hanson continued. "There was a Clark family living on the street. The family would race their horses up and down it. More likely, Clark was named for a railroad executive. Many streets were named for railroad people."

Next on the pictorial tour is a building on the corner of Clark Avenue and Second Street that is "near and dear" to her heart, Hanson said. Now a Domino's Pizza, the brick building used to be City Hall and the fire department. The children's library moved to the second floor in 1962 after outgrowing the 50-year-old Carnegie Library. She attributed its popularity to all the young families moving in.

Built in 1880 of wood, the fire station was remodeled several times to accommodate bigger fire trucks. When the doors couldn't be made larger, the building was torn down and a new municipal facility was built in its place. The fire department operated there until 1961 then moved across the highway and in 1988, the current City Hall was built next to the station.

The building next to the old station was the jail. "You could be sent to jail for driving 5 mph over the speed limit or catching more than your limit of fish," Hanson said.

As the historian continued north, she pointed out a white building that was the Christian Science Church. Built in 1894 as a Methodist church, it didn't survive, she said, and was purchased in 1918 for $1,200 by the Christian Science Society. They turned the building 90 degrees in 1938.

Nearby was the Mercantile Company barn that housed the livestock used to haul merchandise.

The rest of the block north to the corner has been a variety of auto dealerships and auto repair places over the years. Joe Beaupre built a Chevy dealership in 1927 that became Smith Chevrolet. There is a bear in a photo outside a later dealership that a boxer named Freddy Lenhart planned to wrestle. "We liked to bring bears to town," Hanson noted.

When the White Bear Hotel at the end of the block was razed, Smith added a garage on the spot. Today it's Frazer Automotive.

There were other dealerships, too, on Fourth Street. In 1917, Peter Fournelle built an auto business that became White Bear Auto Sales. By 1955, Al Podvin was leasing the site to Herb Tousley, who later moved his Ford dealership to County Road E. The original building burned down in 1964.

"We often refer to this as the original White Bear auto strip," Hanson noted. "They kept shifting in and

out."

A Sears catalog store arose from the ashes of the dealership that is now a chiropractic clinic and across the street, most of the block was taken up by State Bank, which eventually became US Bank. Houses were razed and a church on the site burned down and became a parking lot.

Moving east on Third Street, the brick Getty building was prominent. Built in 1890, some of the architectural features, like the points on the roof, were damaged during a 1941 tornado and not replaced. When Cotroneo's liquor moved in to the old Ciresi's, owners uncovered leaded glass, tin roofs and many interesting features, Hanson said.

The block was grand and the brainchild of Daniel Getty who was the town's first shopkeeper. Third Street had his general store on the first floor and the newspaper office, telephone company and village council meeting room — Getty Hall — on the second. There was also a library on the second floor.

Next to Getty was the Joseph Miller Sample Room. That's another name for saloon. Miller was a boxer back in his time and opened the sample room and boarding house in 1881. By 1892, Robert Anderson was the proprietor and the name changed to White Front Saloon.

"The naming was not very creative," Hanson observed. "It was named that because it was whitewashed."

The building changed hands in the 1890s again to Gus' Place and more. Today it is Houlihan's Pub. "It's one of those buildings I would love to see what is underneath," Hanson told the group.

She dropped more names of shopkeepers and stores in the vicinity: Flander's Meat Market, King & Co. Drugs. Businesses came and went along Third Street.

Other interesting trivia and reincarnations of downtown businesses include:

• Evans Music was originally a blacksmith shop.

• Getty's feed store was moved down the street and remains the core of the American Legion building.

• Washington Avenue was originally Railroad Avenue that ran next to the depot. The name changed in 1932 when Daughters of the American Revolution wanted it changed to honor George

Washington.

It evolved over time to Washington Square.

• Washington Square Grill was Mackenhausen's Hardware. By 1904, it became Greengard's Confectionary. It supplied baked goods along the train route and closed in 1956. It then became the local headquarters for Adelaide Stevenson's presidential campaign, then an insurance agency and later a chiropractor before morphing into Washington Square Bar & Grill the last 20 years.

• The Neo-Italianate building next door was originally the clubhouse for the independent order of Oddfellows. "The idea behind that group was to provide insurance and support for members. If a member fell ill or died, the club helped support them." Hanson believes the name was coined as Oddfellows because it was unusual to help your fellow man.

• The First National Bank Building, now the home of Rust Architects, was built in 1921. "They were trying to inspire a city beautiful movement," Hanson said. The bank founders spared no expense. The bank closed in 1929 after the stock market crash but the structure is still significant. It is the only commercial building in White Bear Lake on the National Register of Historic Places.

• Reuse/Restyle used to be a saloon called The Hub.

Just north of the bank was a meat market built in 1886, the Charles Reif meat market. It became White Bear Drug Store. Its stained glass was repurposed and is at Medicine Chest.

The drug store had a popular soda fountain in back. "It was a place to be after games if you weren't at Kohler's Ice Cream Parlor next door," Hanson said. That is now Olive's Pizza.

The White Bear historian will be presenting Part II of her downtown tour down Fourth and Banning in July. Watch for it in "What's Happening."

Inquiring Minds: Resources on a new job or career

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Each week the staff at the Roseville Library answers more than 2,500 questions on every subject under the sun. Here are some of the most interesting ones they've gotten lately.

Q. I'm currently in career transition and I want to get information and research what careers will become bigger in the future.

A.

Our library offers several good resources if you're looking for a new job or career. In addition to books on career change, we also have several online databases that can give you information on working conditions, pay, and projected outlook for many different professions — as well as test preparation materials that might help you get ready for employment and civil service tests. If you'd like more information about, or assistance logging on to, sources like JobNow! or the Occupational Outlook Handbook, ask one of our librarians.

The Occupational Outlook Handbook is a particularly good resource for anyone contemplating a career shift. Prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it was formerly published annually in book form. Now it's available online, which allows for even more frequent updating of information on what to expect in hundreds of jobs and occupations. You can find the Occupational Outlook at **https://www.bls.gov/ooh/** (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/) or check with a Librarian if you need assistance in getting started using it. *(Library Resources)*

Do you have a question for the staff at the Roseville Library? You can call them at 628-6803 or ask your question in person at the Information Desk, Roseville Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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ST. PAUL

St. Paul's busy Rondo Library closing all summer for $500,000 renovation

City will expand student and teen spaces at the popular community spot.

By Jessie Van Berkel (http://www.startribune.com/jessie-van-berkel/280701532/) Star Tribune

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St. Paul's busiest library is closing all summer for a makeover.

The Rondo Library will shut down Thursday and reopen this fall with a teen zone, study rooms and dedicated quiet area. The city is also expanding the homework help center, which serves more than 100 students a night during the school year — far more than it can comfortably handle.

Mayor Chris Coleman highlighted the $500,000 overhaul of the 10-year-old library in his speech about this year's budget. The facility, at University Avenue and Dale Street, is a "jewel" in the community but needs investment to keep up with users' demands, Coleman said.

The library overhaul comes as some St. Paul residents and mayoral candidates are saying the city is not spending enough on community spaces, like libraries and recreation centers.

Library Director Jane Eastwood said she and the nonprofit Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library encouraged the mayor to overhaul the inside of the city's most-visited library — instead of tackling other multimillion projects — because it gives St. Paul a lot of bang for its buck.

"This isn't a big price tag to make some really substantial improvements," Eastwood said.

The city plans to better use the library's space without adding on to the building and will make it more welcoming, she said.

Nearly 365,000 people visit the Rondo Library annually, according to the city. To fill in the gap while the space is closed, St. Paul is encouraging people to use the Hamline-Midway or Rice Street libraries, which are a couple miles away from the Rondo branch.

Other libraries and community centers (http://www.sppl.org/rondo) will take on some of the library's programs, like English and citizenship classes and summer performances for kids. The city's roving Bookmobile will also spend more time in the neighborhoods around the library this summer.

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NEWS

3 more Dakota County libraries open on Sundays

By NICK FERRARO | nferraro@pioneerpress.com | Pioneer Press
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Three more Dakota County libraries — Robert Trail in Rosemont, Wentworth in West St. Paul and Wescott in Eagan — are now open on Sundays throughout the year.

They join Galaxie Library in Apple Valley, opening seven days a week year-round.

Sunday hours at all four sites are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Summers are the busiest time for in-person visits at Dakota County libraries, and deciding which buildings would add Sunday hours was based on their location and ability to support the additional hours with current staff, the county said.

Response to the additional hours will help library staff make future decisions about business hours, the county said.

Dakota County operates nine libraries and also shares books and other materials with users of South St. Paul's city-owned library.

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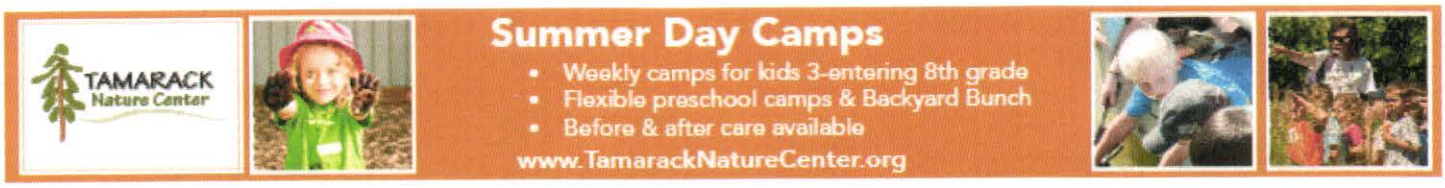

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Chance discovery brings history to life

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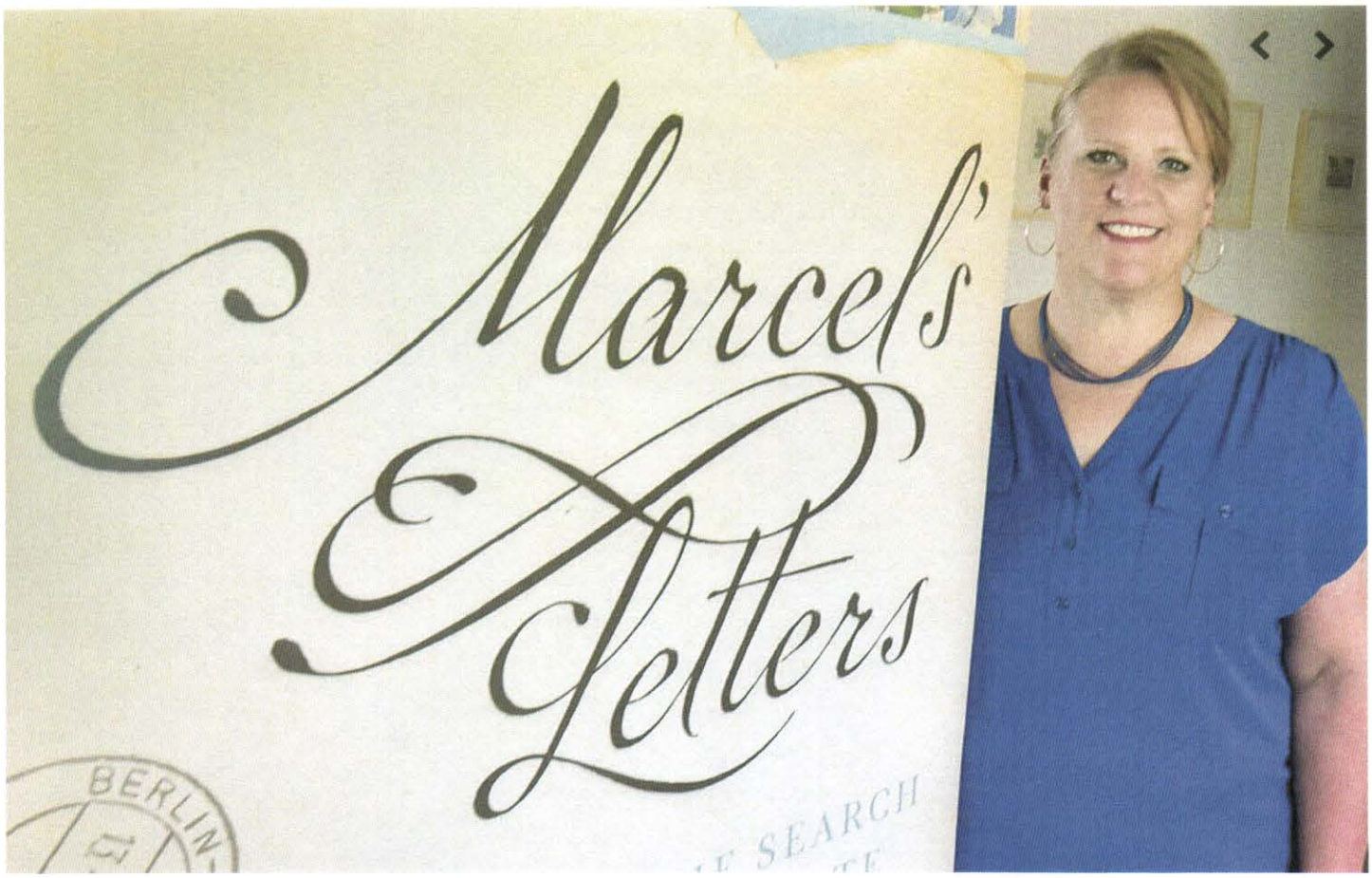

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Author Carolyn Porter stands by a banner illustrating her trademarked font. The banner will accompany the White Bear Lake resident on book signing tour.

You Should Know

Carolyn Porter is giving a presentation on "Marcel's Letters" at 6 p.m. June 26 at the Ramsey County Library-White Bear Lake

Visiting an antique store is like going on a journey back in time. Most shops are filled with old furniture, paintings, dishes and knickknacks, but sometimes amazing treasures are found.

More than a decade ago, Carolyn Porter visited a now-closed

branch for the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society. She will also be signing books July 14 at the Farmer's Market with Lake Country Booksellers.

About the Author

Carolyn Porter can trace her love of handwriting back to teenage years and a set of calligraphy pens she was given as a birthday gift. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where she studied typography and majored in Graphic Design. After college, she worked for the Minneapolis design firm, Eaton & Associates.
From there she worked at an advertising agency in Texas, then returned to the Twin Cities and took a position as a graphic designer at The St. Paul (now part of Traveler's Insurance).
In 2001, she started Porterfolio, Inc., a freelance graphic design, art direction, and brand communications company based in White Bear Lake. Porter designs custom marketing and sales materials for medical and financial companies and an array of non-profit organizations.
Porter and her husband, Aaron, a former White Bear firefighter, moved to White Bear Lake in 1999. She finds the community "absolutely charming."
"We love the city's deep and

antique store in downtown Stillwater that proved most fortuitous.

"I have an affection for old handwriting, and I had been keeping an eye out for old letters I could use as source material for a new computer font," said Porter, a graphic designer in White Bear Lake. "But until that day, I had not found letters that included enough raw material to work with."

For her font, Porter needed a handwriting sample that had a complete array of both upper and lowercase letters, along with numbers. She found exactly what she had been looking for in a collection of letters written during World War II by a Frenchman named Marcel Heuzé.

"I was drawn not only to Marcel's beautiful, swashed handwriting, but to the papers the letters had been written on. The yellowed pages were covered with faded ink and stripes of blue and red had been painted in the background," recalled Porter, who bought five of the 20 or so letters for sale. "They cost just over $6 apiece; $30 was all I felt comfortable spending that day."

Over the next several years, Porter worked on the font in her spare time. She finished the font in late 2013, and was honored when P22 Type Foundry, a New York-based distributor that specializes in fonts based on art, history, and design, wanted "Marcel" to be part of its curated collection.

Since its release, P22 Marcel Script has garnered five awards, including the prestigious Certificate for Typographic Excellence from the New York Type Director's Club. However, the creation of the P22 Marcel Script is only part of the story.

A few years before the release of the font, Porter took on another project.

Out of curiosity, she had one of Marcel's letters translated. Porter, who does not speak French, was shocked to learn Marcel's letters had been mailed from a labor camp in Berlin. "Marcel desperately

fascinating history and events like Marketfest really give it a delightful sense of place," Porter said. "I've lived in Texas, Wisconsin and England but now I've lived in White Bear Lake longer than any other place. It feels like home."
For more information, go to www.Carolyn-Porter.com.

missed his wife and three young daughters," she said.

Porter would learn his wife and daughters were waging their own battle for survival in a village in the countryside southwest of Paris.

In her soon-to-be-released book, "Marcel's Letters: A Font and the Search for One Man's Fate," Porter shares the story of her search for answers. Skyhorse Publishing of New York City will release the book June 6.

Porter says the peek into Marcel's life revealed in that first translated letter left her yearning for answers.

"Marcel had this incredible tenacity and hope, which was amazing considering where he was." What began as a curiosity turned into an obsessive search for answers. "I had to know if he survived and made it home to his family," she said.

In the book, Porter pieces together answers from archives in Germany, France, and across the United States. Along the way, she learned more about the 600,000 French civilians forced to live and work in Germany during World War II.

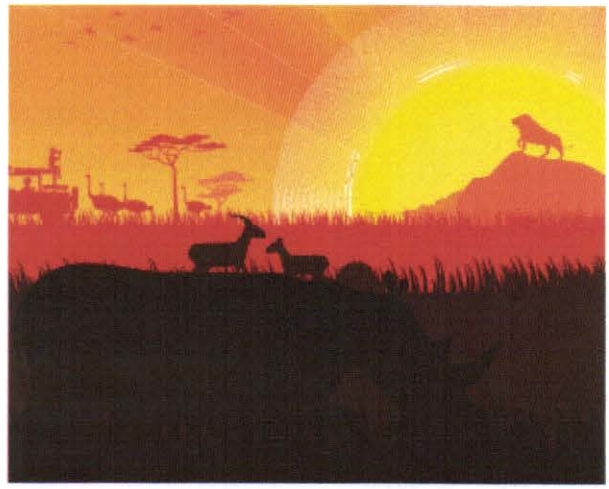
"There were millions of jobs in factories, farms, and mines that needed to be done to support the war industry. The Germans needed laborers to replace the German men who had been transferred to the fronts to fight, so they demanded workers from the countries they occupied. At times, Marcel was living in a camp surrounded by razor wire and guarded by S.S. Men worked 70 hours per week and survived on starvation rations. Yet as bad as the French workers had it," Porter acknowledged, "others had it far worse."

In one of the letters, Marcel wrote: "We are about 60 in an old kitchen that is our lodging now. We bed down on straw. Do you picture it? Good thing that it isn't too cold. We don't have any light, that's why my letter is messy."

In another he said: "As soon as we leave the table we are hungry again. What we eat doesn't stick to our ribs," and "Death does not count any more."

Marcel's letters were also filled with words of love and optimism. One letter ended with these tender words for his wife: "And for you, my beloved one, I always save my most tender kisses." In other letters, he offers gentle advice to his young daughters.

With the help of a genealogy researcher, Porter learned Marcel's fate, which is revealed in the book. The genealogy researcher also helped Porter track down several of Marcel's relatives in France. Porter obtained permission from his family to share the contents of these never-before-published letters.

Early reviews have been very favorable.

"Marcel's Letters: A Font and the Search for One Man's Fate" will be available in hardcover and eBook format when it is released June 6, 2017. Pre-sales are already underway online at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com, as well as through Apple's iBooks and IndieBound.org. Both formats retail for $24.99.