

**Ramsey County Library
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 September 18, 2019
 400 – 10th Street N.W.
 New Brighton, 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 August 21, 2019 Minutes (2)
 - B. Director's Report (3)
 - C. Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Report (4)
- V. Action Items (6:40-7:00)**
 - A. Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Adele Morris (5)
 - B. Write-Off Uncollectible Debt (6)
 - C. Library Fines and Fees (7)
- VI. Discussion Items (7:00-8:00)**
 - A. Ramsey County Naming Rights Policy (8)
 - B. New Brighton Branch Report (9)
 - C. Other
- VII. Executive Session (8:00-8:30)**
 - A. Library Director's Performance Appraisal and Salary Review
- VIII. Adjournment (8:30)**

Scheduled Upcoming Meetings

October 16, 2019 6:30 p.m.	RCL – Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Drive	Benchmarking Report Maplewood Café Exhibits Policy 2020 Holiday Calendar Branch Update/Tour
November 12, 2019 6:30 p.m.	RCL – White Bear Lake 2150 – 2 nd Street	2019 Third Quarter Reports Teen Services Update Protested Materials Update Friends of the Library Update Social Worker Discussion Digital Services/Tech Plan Update
December 18, 2019 6:30 p.m.	RCL – Shoreview 4560 Victoria Street North	Library Board Self Evaluation Communications Update MELSA Overview Branch Update/Tour

Library Board

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Minutes of the Ramsey County Library Board

August 21, 2019

LIBRARY BOARD PRESENT:

Deb Berry, Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, John Hakes, Craig Klausing, Sida Ly-Xiong, Sylvia Neblett, Gwen Willems

STAFF PRESENT:

Jill Boldenow, Library Director; Lynn Wyman, Deputy Director; Mary Larson, Library Board Coordinator; Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager; Pete Hedberg, Circulation Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County Commissioner; Rong Kate Yang, Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries

CALL TO ORDER:

Ly-Xiong called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Community Program Room of the Ramsey County Library in Roseville, 2180 Hamline Avenue North.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was received.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Neblett made a motion to approve the agenda for August 21, 2019, as presented. Willems seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Willems made a motion to approve the minutes of June 19, 2019 as presented. Berry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Important Dates: All libraries are closed September 2, 2019.

Grant Awards — Nicole Brinkman, children's librarian at RCL-Roseville, received a \$10,000 grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Mini-Grant program to support new STEAM learning interactives in the RCL-Roseville children's garden. These amenities will be installed this fall, and will support programming in fall and the following spring. This is the second grant Nicole has secured this year; the other will enable staff to add new pollinator plants to the garden. Congratulations to Nicole! These funded projects will enhance the garden, expand opportunities for children and families to explore and learn in the garden, and increase engagement with area gardeners.

2018 Friends Grants Report — On July 22, I presented to the Board of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries on 2018 Friends grant outcomes. In 2018, in addition to capital campaign gifts and gala-supported collections funds of \$30,000, the Friends gave two program grants—totaling \$99,000—to the Library. These funds supported the following priorities from the Library's former strategic plan:

- **Literacy and Student Achievement**

Summer Learning Program (\$20,000); Children's Interactives (\$6,000); Children's & Teen Programs (\$9,000)

- **Economic Prosperity and Racial Equity**

Digital Literacy/CRA Programs (\$25,000); Community Well-Being Programs (\$5,000)

▪ **Community Engagement**

Explore Newsletter (\$6,000); Volunteer Program (\$5,000)

▪ **Vibrant Learning Spaces and Resources**

Children's Room Furnishings at North St. Paul (\$18,000); Employee Development (\$5,000)

Parking Lot Modifications at RCL-Roseville — In September, 2019, the parking lot at RCL-Roseville will be resurfaced. This will be done in stages to minimize disruptions for patrons. In addition, Ramsey County is working with Roseville City staff to modify the north entrance to the library parking lot to address concerns about traffic flow and safety. The current driveway into the north end of the library lot on Hamline Avenue will be closed. A new driveway will lead from the controlled intersection at Hamline Avenue and Commerce Drive into the north end of the library lot. This project will be constructed this fall or in spring, 2020.

New MELSA Director Scott Vrieze — The Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) welcomed Scott Vrieze as its new Executive Director on July 8, 2019. Vrieze was formerly President of the Wisconsin Library Association, where he worked with libraries of all types to make the case for support of libraries locally, regionally, and statewide. He has worked for several academic and public libraries as director and in other roles. Ken Behringer retired as MELSA Executive Director on July 12.

FRIENDS OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARIES REPORT:

Stand Up for Standout Library Friends! — Every Friends of the Library can boast a few stand out members—movers and shakers whose dedication and boundless energy help the organization overcome obstacles. In recognition of this fact, the Minnesota Association of Library Friends created the Stand Up for Standout Library Friends award. This year, the Friends of the Ramsey County Library nominated Metta Fridley, our first Board President.

In 1979, a small group of suburban Ramsey County residents concerned about potential cuts to county funding for the Ramsey County Library banded together to form the Friends. The group counted 51 inaugural members that year and elected Metta Fridley as their first president (1979-1981). Metta set out to have the newly organized Friends group convince Ramsey County Commissioners that recent cuts to the library budget should be restored. She wrote letters to the commissioners, met with them in person, and encouraged the Friends to organize breakfast meetings where they could talk to the commissioners and make the case for the importance of the library. In their very first year, the Friends were successful in the restoring \$70,000 to the library budget.

In addition to her advocacy efforts, Metta authored the Friends newsletter beginning with the 1979 August-September issue. Under her leadership, the Friends ran a contest inviting the community to submit ideas for the Friends first official logo. Metta also compiled the first archive scrapbook in 1979 to capture Friends activities and achievements. This tradition has continued to the present. Metta's support for the library via the Friends continued over the years—as a board officer, board member, event volunteer, scheduler for library computer class volunteers, and by making significant financial contributions.

Most recently, Metta was one of four speakers at the Friends 40th Anniversary celebration held at our 2019 Annual Meeting in April. She captivated the audience with her favorite memories of our group over the years, including those early and challenging visits with the commissioners.

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Upcoming Events

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LIBRARY MATERIALS CONTRACT:

Ramsey County Library obtains the bulk of its library materials through a primary vendor, currently Ingram Library Services Inc. The term of Ingram's current contract to deliver library materials expired on August 1, 2019, prompting a new solicitation process.

In accordance with Ramsey County solicitation policies, Library staff worked with a Ramsey County Procurement Specialist to prepare a request for bid for library materials vendors. The request for bids was released on July 10, 2019, with responses due on August 1, 2019. Bids were received from three vendors:

1. Baker & Taylor, LLC
2. Brodart Co.
3. Ingram Library Services Inc.

One of the vendors, Brodart Co., was deemed non-responsive as they did not bid on all required items. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was Baker & Taylor, LLC.

The Library Board discussed the procurement process and the criteria used to determine the successful bidder. Procurements for supplies and equipment are awarded based on bid price or discount versus weighted criteria.

Klausing made a motion to approve the rate-setting contract for library materials with Baker & Taylor, LLC (contract ID: CC002988) and authorize Library Director Jill Boldenow to execute the agreement. Contract period to be August 22, 2019 through August 21, 2020, with an option to renew on an annual basis for up to four additional years. Chiclana-Ayala seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

SPNN PAYMENT APPROVAL:

Since 2010, Ramsey County Library has entered into annual agreements with the St. Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN) to serve as a host site for the Community Technology Empowerment Project (CTEP) AmeriCorps Program. The Library hosts CTEP AmeriCorps members who provide digital literacy and job search programming for teens and adults at libraries and in the community.

CTEP members serve full-time for a year beginning in September. They receive a stipend, a health care option, and an educational award upon completion of service. The Library pays a stipend of \$9,200 per member. For the 2019-2020 program we will be awarded 3-5 CTEP member positions.

Depending upon the final number of positions awarded, the agreement will be to pay between \$27,600 and \$46,000. The Library Board must approve expenditures of \$25,000 or more. The agreement has been reviewed by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. The Library Director will sign the CTEP agreement with SPNN by September, when the program begins.

Berry made a motion to approve the Library Director to sign the 2019-2020 Host Site Agreement with St. Paul Neighborhood Network and host up to five CTEP members at a cost not to exceed \$46,000. Chiclana-Ayala seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE ADVOCATES PROGRAM UPDATE:

Peter Hedberg, Circulation Supervisor at RCL-Maplewood, has coordinated the Community Resource Advocates (CRA) for a number of years. The Library offers CRA open house events weekly at RCL-Maplewood (Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.) and RCL-Roseville (Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.). People Incorporated, the program co-sponsor, brings staff experts to the Library to help individuals and families with questions relating to housing, accessing benefits, food assistance, employment, teen services, early childhood, crisis intervention, and more. All are welcome at this program, and no appointments are necessary. This program has had a transformative impact on numerous Library patrons.

Hedberg launched the CRA program at the Ramsey County Library in Maplewood in 2015, after locating community partners. The program was immediately successful, finding housing for ten homeless individuals in the first year. Based on the success at Maplewood, the program was expanded to the Ramsey County Library in Roseville. Both sites continue to see high demand, and staff have become more adept at dealing with these issues outside of CRA program hours.

Chiclana-Ayala thanked Hedberg for his work on the project, and asked about the possibility of expanding it. Ly-Xiong suggested that Ramsey County Library partner with St. Paul Public Library, which has embedded a full-time social worker. Boldenow recognized Hedberg for his leadership, which has resulted in a more informed approach to serving patrons facing homelessness, mental health issues, etc.

2020-2021 BUDGET UPDATE:

County Manager Ryan O'Connor presented a proposed 2020-2021 budget on August 6, 2019, to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. Boldenow reviewed the Library initiatives that are supported in the proposed budget and outlined next steps in the budget process, which include County Board certification of the 2020 maximum property tax levy on September 17, 2019, and approval of the 2020-2021 budget on December 17, 2019.

2019 SECOND QUARTER REPORTS:

On a quarterly basis, Library staff presents several reports to the Library Board for information and discussion. The reports include:

- Workplan Report – prepared by Jill Boldenow, Library Director
- Financial Report – prepared by Mary Larson, Financial Manager
- Statistical Report – prepared by Jeff Eide, Planning & Analysis Manager
- Incident Report – prepared by Mickey Ladich, Property Manager

The Library Board reviewed the second quarter reports as presented.

RAMSEY COUNTY UPDATE:

Commissioner McGuire updated the Library Board on recent happenings in Ramsey County, including the Library's budget hearing with the County Board on August 20, 2019, as part of the Economic Growth and Community Investment service team.

NEXT MEETING:

September 18, 2019—New Brighton Community Center, 400 – 10th Street N.W., Room 218, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ly-Xiong adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Larson
Library Board Coordinator

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
September 2019

August Staff Updates: Hired: Isaac Mielke, Library Page substitute
 Clara Mai, Library Page at MV
 Tasha Nins, Children's Librarian at MP
 Anna Smithberger, Children's Librarian at NB

Important Dates – All libraries are closed October 21. The Friends Annual Author Talk and Luncheon with Sarah Stonich is November 9.

New Digitizing Equipment – With support from an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant awarded to Jenny Jackson, the Library recently acquired more digitizing equipment. This includes a flatbed scanner for 35mm slides, 35mm film strips, and 6x22cm film strips; an additional FastFoto duplex color scanner; an additional VHS to digital converter; a cassette digitizer; and an 8mm/Super 8 film digitizer. The photo and slide scanners are especially popular. One patron reported that he has digitized over 2,500 photographs so far, and other patrons have returned over multiple weeks to work through boxes of media.

Robust County Partnerships – To advance our goals, the Library collaborates with over 150 community partners each year, including several Ramsey County departments. Here are some highlights:

Charles Mosner, who coordinates jobs and small business programs, has expanded our work with **Ramsey County Workforce Solutions**. Together, we're offering a variety of opportunities this fall to assist jobseekers. A job fair was held at RCL-Roseville on September 13 with a range of professional, technical, and service opportunities. Beginning in October, career navigators will be available on a drop-in basis at RCL-Maplewood, providing services such as career pathways exploration, resume and cover letter writing consultation, and employment resource connections. We'll also host workshops for older jobseekers transitioning into new lines of work.

Therese Sonnek, who coordinates sustainability-themed programs, partners with **Ramsey County Environmental Health** to offer the hugely popular Fix It Clinics. Therese also worked with them and the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Program to offer new classes this year on vegetable and herb gardening, planting for pollinators, and pest detection.

Branch managers at RCL-Roseville, Shoreview, and White Bear Lake are all working with **Ramsey County Elections** to help make voting more accessible to residents. Eligible voters may vote at these libraries October 29-November 2 and on November 4.

As part of Judy Woodward's portfolio of history programs, she regularly cosponsors events with the **Ramsey County Historical Society**. Upcoming programs at RCL-Roseville include: *The Story of George Bonga*, on September 26, and *John Diers, 1,100 Streetcars: The Rise and Fall of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company*, on October 24.

Friends Update--September 2019

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Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
September 18, 2019

Action Requested
Approve Resolution

Presented By
Mary Larson,
Library Board Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Adele Morris

BACKGROUND:

Librarian Adele Morris has announced her retirement, effective September 26, 2019. A resolution honoring Adele for her 34 years of service will be available at the meeting.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

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

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
 September 18, 2019

Action Requested
 Approve Write Offs

Presented By
 Mary Larson,
 Financial Manager

SUBJECT:

Write Off Uncollectible Debt

BACKGROUND:

According to the Library's Accounts Receivable procedures:

When an account is determined to be uncollectible, the account may be written off the Library's financial accounting records and no longer recognized as an account receivable for financial reporting purposes. The write-off of a receivable should be considered only when one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- At least six years have elapsed since the debt was incurred;
- All reasonable and appropriate collection efforts have been exhausted;
- The Library determines that further collection efforts are not in the best economic interests of the County;
- No reasonable expectation of payment can be expected.

The Library shall obtain approval from the County Attorney's Office to write-off uncollectible accounts of less than \$1,000.00. The Library shall document the reasons for the write-off and make such documentation available for review by the County Attorney's Office. Write-off of debts \$1,000.00 or more must be approved by the Library Board.

Note: Writing off a debt is an accounting transaction and does not cancel the legal obligation of the debtor to pay the debt. Collection of the account receivable may be pursued after the account has been written off if information comes to light that makes further collection efforts worthwhile.

When it appears the account cannot be collected, the Library should inform the Ramsey County Attorney's Office detailing collection actions taken and requesting an opinion as to the collectability of the receivable. The County Attorney will send an opinion of collectability along with the Library's letter of request to write off receivable to the Director of Finance. After recommendation by the Library's budget analyst and the approval of the Finance Director, the charges will be written off the Library's integrated library system (ILS).

Patrons owing \$25 or more are considered for the Revenue Recapture Program, a program that began in 1980 when legislation authorized the Minnesota Department of Revenue to intercept—or recapture—taxpayer refunds and apply them to debts the taxpayers owe to other state agencies, the University of Minnesota, and to certain local government units. The Library has recovered over \$1,000,000 in debt since it began utilizing Revenue Recapture in 1995.

The Library identified 5,696 patron accounts meeting the criteria for write-off, totaling \$108,878.48. No accounts exceed the \$1,000 threshold requiring Library Board approval and 54% are \$10 or less. The proposed write-offs will be forwarded to the County Attorney's Office and Finance Department as outlined in the Library's Accounts Receivable procedures.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the Library staff to forward the proposed write-off of uncollectible debt in the amount of \$108,878.48 to the County Attorney's Office and Finance Department as outlined in the Library's Accounts Receivable procedures.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
 September 18, 2019

Action Requested
 Approval

Presented By
 Jill Boldenow,
 Library Director

SUBJECT:

Fines and Fees Policy

BACKGROUND:

Public policies are brought to the Library Board every year on a scheduled basis. The Fines and Fees Policy is under consideration this month. The revised policy states that as of 2020, the Library will not charge daily overdue fines for youth materials (except for youth Interlibrary Loans and youth rental items). The policy adds additional language to clarify that all lost or damaged items, including youth and adult materials, are subject to a replacement fee.

The fines table incorporates the youth materials fines change, adds new item types, and reduces the DVD daily fines rate.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

To approve the updated Fines and Fees Policy, contingent upon Ramsey County Board approval of the proposed Library budget for 2020-2021, with an effective policy date of January 1, 2020.

Fines and Fees

Approved by: Library Board

Approved Date: April 16, 2008

Revised Date: September 18, 2019

Effective Date: January 1, 2020

Review Schedule: Every 2 years in conjunction with budget cycle

Next Review Date: 2021

Ramsey County Library encourages patrons to return materials promptly in order to provide better service to all Library users. ~~Overdue charges help ensure the timely return of materials.~~

All **adult** materials are subject to daily overdue **fine** charges with a capping maximum.

~~The Library does not charge daily overdue fines for youth materials (E/J/YA), except for youth Interlibrary Loans and youth rental items.~~

~~All lost or damaged items—including adult and youth materials—are subject to a replacement fee. Once paid for, lost Library items may not be returned for a refund. Patrons are responsible for damages that occur to materials while they have them checked out and are required to pay for such damages.~~ Replacement copies of lost or damaged items cannot be accepted in lieu of payment.

Materials must be returned with the **Library** packaging **and all parts**. Patrons will be charged a replacement fee for lost or damaged packaging **or parts**.

Registered **Library** cardholders are responsible for all charges incurred on their **Library** accounts. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for all charges incurred on **Library** cards registered to their minor children. Fine free accounts incur charges for lost and damaged items, rental books and rental DVDs.

When a patron account has accumulated more than \$10 in overdue charges and fees or has more than 25 items still out and overdue, borrowing privileges are suspended until charges or items out have been brought under the threshold.

Patrons owing \$50 or more in fines and fees will be considered for Ramsey County Library's debt collection process.

Returned checks will be assessed a \$25 fee.

The Library Director has the authority to develop fine waiver programs for qualifying patrons with charges less than \$300.

Summary of Loan Periods, Overdue Charges, and Default Replacement Costs

Item	Loan Period (Days)	Daily Overdue Rate (Adult Items)	Daily Overdue Rate (Youth Items: E/J/YA)	Max. Adult Items Overdue Charge	Max. Youth Items (E/J/YA) Overdue Charge	Default Replacement Cost
Hardcover/Trade Paperback Books	21	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	price of item*
Rental Books	daily charge	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$25.00	\$25.00	price of item
Mass Market Paperback Books	21	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	price of item
Periodicals	21	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
E-books	21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Compact Discs	21	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	price of item
DVDs	21	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	price of item
Rental DVDs	daily charge	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$25.00	\$25.00	price of item
Video Games	21	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	price of item
Talking Books on CD	21	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$11.00 x number of discs** or price of item
Book Club in a Bag	42	\$1.00	NA	\$10.00	NA	books: price of item; notebook or bag: \$3.50
Interlibrary Loan Books, CDs, TB/CDs	21	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$10.00	\$10.00	determined by loaning library
Interlibrary Loan DVDs	21	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	determined by loaning library
Storybags	21	NA	\$0.00	NA	\$0.00	toys: \$10; books: price of item
Storytubs	21	NA	\$0.00	NA	\$0.00	\$250.00
STEM Kits	21	NA	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	price of item
Binge Boxes	21	\$0.50	NA	\$10.00	NA	price of item
Memory Minders	21	\$0.30	NA	\$10.00	NA	price of item
Bike Locks	21	\$0.30	NA	\$10.00	NA	key: \$5.00 lock: \$20.00
Power Check Meters	21	\$0.30	NA	\$10.00	NA	\$25.00
Draft Check Meters	21	\$0.30	NA	\$10.00	NA	\$25.00
GPS	21	\$1.00	NA	\$10.00	NA	price of item
Missing packaging, inserts, maps, video game booklets, etc.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$3.50/title

* Price of item: original retail or cover price of item.

** May replace a single compact disc for \$11.00 if publisher allows.

Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date
September 18, 2019

Action Requested
Information and Discussion

Presented By
Johanna Berg, Jolie Wood,
Ramsey County

SUBJECT:

Ramsey County Naming Rights Policy

BACKGROUND:

Ramsey County Deputy County Manager Johanna Berg and Ramsey County Policy Analyst Jolie Wood will present a draft Ramsey County Naming Policy.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For information and discussion.

Countywide Naming Policy—Community Engagement Meetings (CIPAC, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Library Board) September 2019

This Policy represents a new direction for the naming of county sites and facilities. Your input is valuable to ensure we have a policy that reflects the perspectives and priorities of Ramsey County residents.

Background

A 1998 board resolution guides the naming of county facilities. However, we determined that more specific guidance would be helpful, as new issues and opportunities arose. The collapse of the Vadnais Sports Complex and the need to secure funding for a new facility raised the issue of our principles guiding naming in general and corporate naming rights in particular. Additionally, the names of buildings and geographic features elsewhere have come under more careful scrutiny in light of their historical context and present impact on diverse communities.

At a February workshop on corporate naming rights, the County Board raised questions about our naming policy and requested a comprehensive review and update. We agreed that we needed to take a 21st century perspective that includes considerations of racial equity and ensures robust community engagement.

This effort aligns with our overall transition to a unified, countywide approach to operations, and away from separate, siloed approaches led by different commissions and boards. We are striving for One Vision, One County, and One Door.

Policy Development Process

In developing this draft policy, we have been doing extensive research and staff engagement over the last 7 months. Our research included a review of other government naming policies and naming rights guidelines. The discussion and drafting process has been a countywide effort, bringing together Parks and Recreation, Libraries, Property Management, and incorporating input from the Racial and Health Equity Administrator, County Attorney's Office, and others. The draft has been developed in alignment with Ramsey County's Racial Equity Policy; it will also align with the Community Engagement Policy and Donor Policy currently under development.

Next Steps

We are meeting with community advisory groups (CIPAC, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Library Board) to gather input on the draft policy. The final policy will go to the County Board for approval by the end of 2019. Advisory groups should make sure their bylaws, policies, and practices are brought into alignment with the policy shortly thereafter.



Policy Title: Countywide Naming Policy **[DRAFT]**

Department: County Manager's Office

Chapter: 1

Section:

Policy #


Effective Date (*date policy was first implemented*)

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy establishes the framework for the naming of county sites. The County bears a special responsibility to ensure that the names attached to its facilities accord with its mission, vision, goals, and values, reflecting its highest ideals and aspirations for county residents and our future. This policy further provides Ramsey County with the opportunity to integrate guidance on racial equity and community engagement in its approach to naming county sites.

General Naming Guidelines, Process, and Applicability

The General Naming Guidelines in this section apply to all county sites, including buildings, open spaces, infrastructure, and parts thereof. See "Applicability," below, for more information. All county names must be consistent with the county's mission, vision, goals, and values.

County staff may recommend naming proposals if there is clear demonstration that the naming proposal considers the historical context and inclusiveness of the name, as well as the impact, real or perceived, that the name may have on diverse communities and their lived experiences. Any proposed name's impact on racial equity must also be considered, in accordance with the county's [Racial Equity Policy](#). Additionally, in the process of evaluating any naming proposal for buildings, parts of buildings available for public use, open spaces, and infrastructure, county staff must demonstrate in its recommendation that they have consulted or engaged with the community in accordance with the county's  Community Engagement Policy .

Any proposal for new names must be presented to the county manager for consideration, final review, and approval. County staff must present naming proposals through their Executive Team member.

If any name existing prior to, proposed, or chosen pursuant to this policy violates any of these general guidelines, or otherwise comes into disrepute, the county manager may recommend that a new name be chosen. Under special and appropriate circumstances, the county manager may recommend an exception, deviation, or modification to the specific guidelines in this section.

While this policy does not automatically require a comprehensive reevaluation of all current site names, the current name of any facility or other site undergoing a complete reconstruction, significant upgrade, or relocation must be reviewed for compliance with this policy.

Specific Naming Guidelines

In addition to the general guidelines above, the following guidelines apply to specific categories of county sites. This section also includes guidelines for corporate and individual *naming rights*. See “Definitions” (below) for a definition of naming rights.

All Buildings, Open Spaces, and Infrastructure

This category includes but is not limited to all buildings, open spaces, and infrastructure, for example, county administrative and service centers, libraries, sports complexes, arenas, parks, trails, golf courses, roads, sidewalks, and bridges.

Buildings, open spaces, and infrastructure will be named according to locational, geographical, or natural features of the site. Name should include a reference to the kind of public service(s) being provided. These guidelines are intended to help residents more easily identify the location of county buildings and the services they provide.

Buildings, open spaces, and infrastructure may not be named in honor or memory of individuals. Neither corporate nor individual naming rights will be granted for sites in this category, except for sports complexes and arenas and its components, for which the county may enter into naming rights agreements with either corporate or individual sponsors (see “Applicability” below for limitations).

Under Minnesota Statutes § 440.11, municipalities may have the authority to assign official names to county roads that run through them; this policy would not infringe on that authority.

Parts of Facilities and Other Sites Available for General Public Use

This category includes but is not limited to parts of buildings such as conference rooms, facilities within parks such as picnic shelters, and other parts of facilities available for general public use.

Parts of facilities and other sites available for public use will be named according to locational, geographical, physical, or natural features of the site. Names should include a reference to the kind of service(s) provided by the site. Such names are intended to help residents more easily identify the location of the site and the service(s) it provides.

Parts of facilities and other sites available for public use may not be named in honor or memory of individuals. This does not preclude the possibility that corporate or individual donors making a contribution to county facilities, whether as part of a capital campaign or under other circumstances, may have their donation acknowledged with a plaque or inscription. Such contributions and acknowledgments will comply with the county's Donor Policy.

Parts of Facilities and Other Sites Not Available for General Public Use

This category includes parts of buildings, such as conference rooms, that are not available for general public use. User departments may choose names that accord with the General Naming Guidelines in this policy. It is recommended that parts of facilities in this category be named according to locational, physical, geographical, or natural features of the site. Such names are intended to help staff more easily identify the location of the space.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to both official names and unofficial (e.g., cultural or historical heritage) names of all county sites, including all buildings, parts of buildings, all open spaces, and all infrastructure, whether owned or leased. It applies both to permanent names and to any name assigned as part of a limited-term naming rights contract. Where lease terms limit naming rights, the terms of the lease will control.

This policy does not apply to advertising, which is subject to different approval processes and contractual obligations; however, the principles guiding the choice of names, as set

forth in this policy under “General Naming Guidelines,” should guide advertising contracts as well.

Guidelines on naming rights will apply only to sites where corporate or individual naming rights are legally permissible. There may be county sites that are ineligible for corporate or individual naming rights, due to limitations on selling naming rights for properties that were purchased with bonding money.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This policy supersedes guidance provided in Resolution 98-417, “Policy on Naming Facilities.” It provides expanded and clarified guidelines on the kinds of sites covered, as well as the principles and values that apply to naming.

This policy also explicitly links naming to county guidance on racial equity and community engagement. Names are weighted with great meaning and significance, now and long into the future. As the county seeks to advance racial equity by reducing racial and ethnic-based disparities, it must consider the impact of names on these efforts. To do so, the county must engage in authentic and constructive community dialogue.

AUTHORITY

This policy was prepared under the authority of the County Manager.

DEFINITIONS

Naming rights: Time-limited, contractual rights given to a corporate or individual sponsor or donor to name a county site after either a corporate entity or individual in exchange for a monetary contribution.

Parts of buildings: Includes rooms and other areas designated for particular purposes.

General public use: Public use of the facility without staff escort and not including meetings with staff.

Locational, geographical, physical, or natural features: These include features that provide an objective reference point. Locational or geographic features might include, for example, the city or street where a site is located (e.g., Ramsey County Library in



Roseville, Dale Street Bridge) or its direction relevant to other locations (e.g., West Wing, Lower Level Conference Room). Physical features include qualities of the facility itself (e.g., Brick Room, Glass Room). Natural features include geologic or topographical features such as a nearby lake, creek, or bluff (e.g., Turtle Lake County Park).

RESPONSIBILITIES

All county leaders, department managers, supervisors, and staff are responsible for adopting and applying this policy to the naming of any county site.

PROCEDURES

Regarding the evaluation and approval processes, see Policy Statement above.

LINKS AND RESOURCES

[Racial Equity Policy](#)

[Community Engagement Policy](#)

[Donor Policy](#)

CONTACTS / SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

Director, Policy and Planning

Racial and Health Equity Administrator

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Brief description of change
<i>Insert approval date here</i>	This is a new policy.

APPROVAL

Name

Title

Date

Branch Library Report

New Brighton



September 2019
Report to the Library Board

TRENDS IN THE SERVICE AREA

- The New Brighton Elementary redevelopment project (plans released April 2019) will result in medium to high density housing in an area near Old Highway 8 and 5th street. This area is within walking distance of the library.
 - 12.7% of New Brighton residents are foreign-born with 14.8% reporting home language other than English spoken, 6% of Arden Hills residents are foreign-born with 8% reporting home language other than English spoken.
 - 10.8% of New Brighton residents have a disability, and 30.5% of New Brighton adults 65+ have a disability. 8.8% of Arden Hills residents have a disability.
 - 32% of New Brighton households (owned and rental combined) are cost-burdened. 18.4% of Arden Hills households (owned and rental combined) are cost burdened.
- Demographic information for New Brighton and Arden Hills is from mncompass.org. New Brighton residents dominate the service area, but Arden Hills residents form a sizeable patron base.*

LIBRARY ISSUES AND SERVICE TRENDS

- RCL—New Brighton continues to serve many patrons from outside the geographical service area due to co-location with the community center.
- There are plans to add English language support programming at this location.
- Increasing outreach—this year we had a popup presence at Stockyard Days and Farmer's Market.
- Small library footprint and no private rooms impact library usability.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

- Baby and Me Storytime
- Family Storytime
- Tech Help by appointment
- Afternoon book club
- Evening book club
- Saturday STEAM
- Read to Play
- Annual Historical society program

What is special and important about the library

- Ability to find new release items checked in
- Location within community center allowing extended computer access and partnership opportunities
- Staff highly visible and available for extended help
- Open floorplan, clear sightlines, lots of light

Collection Highlights

- Excellent browsing opportunities for adult and children's book and movie collections
- Regular displays of genre or subject pullouts

Work Plan Project(s)

- New Silent book club
- Adaptation of spaces in library
- Increase outreach to senior communities
- Flashing fix scheduled
- Increased connections with Ramsey County Correctional Facility

Key Partnerships

- New Brighton Community Center
- Ramsey County Correctional Facility
- Presbyterian Homes
- FixIt Clinic—Ramsey County
- New Brighton Historical Society

NEW BRIGHTON AT A GLANCE

YEAR BUILT	2011
SQUARE FEET	6,250
DAYS OPEN	Tue 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wed 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Mon, Thu-Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun Closed
HOURS/WEEK	45

NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMPUTERS	25
COLLECTION SIZE	38,328


STAFF FTE	5.97
TOTAL STAFF	7
VOLUNTEER HOURS	575.6

	2015	2016	2017	2018
TOTAL CIRCULATION	258,002	254,756	235,549	217,890
CHILDREN'S CIRCULATION (TOTAL # AND % OF TOTAL CIRC)	117,366	115,289	104,881	100,373
REFERENCE	16,796	19,409	21,151	18,083
COMPUTER HOURS USED	17,528	18,286	18,357	15,673
WIRELESS USERS	10,085	14,742	20,239	21,461
ANNUAL VISITS	97,150	107,051	106,415	108,589
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	5,286	6,914	7,097	6,234
ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	360	357	610	509

Ramsey County Library in the news:

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| 8/29: Star Tribune | Club Book announces fall schedule, with Nora McInerny, Thrity Umrigar and more
http://www.startribune.com/club-book-announces-fall-schedule-with-nora-mcinerny-thrity-umrigar-and-more/558693272/ |
| 8/30: Star Tribune | Club Book announces fall season, with Thrity Umrigar, Nora McInerny and six others
http://www.startribune.com/club-book-announces-fall-season-with-thrity-umrigar-nora-mcinerny-and-six-others/558842912/ |
| 9/3: Lillienews.com | Research expert to talk about dementia treatment and prevention
http://www.lillienews.com/articles/2019/09/03/research-expert-talk-about-dementia-treatment-and-prevention |
| 9/3: Lillienews.com | All in the family: Mounds View book reading features local librarian's aunt
http://www.lillienews.com/articles/2019/09/03/all-family-mounds-view-book-reading-features-local-librarian%E2%80%99s-aunt |


Facebook:



Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · August 6 at 9:17 AM · 🌐

"She showed, by example, the validity of black, female lives. And through her many "once upon a times," Morrison's expansive vision of black humanity now resonates around the globe."



NPR.ORG

Toni Morrison, Whose Soaring Novels Were Rooted In Black Lives, Dies At 88

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People ReachedEngagements

👍👍👍 Jan Parker, Teresa Sullivan Stahl and 92 others


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Ramsey County Library was live.

Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · August 14 at 6:57 PM · 🌐

Kalpulli Tlaloctechutli performing at the library in Roseville.



18:51

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Boost Post

People ReachedEngagements

👍👍👍 Becky Ballard, Marilyn Bohen and 27 others

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Jennifer Lind O'Neill ▶ **Ramsey County Library**

August 6 at 5:04 PM · 🌐

Really disappointed with the teen programming this year. 2 of the 3 Makerspace classes at WBL had a no show instructor. Of the 3 Elements of Art classes we have gone to 1 of them was also a no show instructor. So half of our efforts were a complete waste of time 😞

👤 Sarah Fiebiger Glasow


1 Comment

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✉ Message




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Ramsey County Library Hi Jennifer, Thank you for sharing with us. We apologize for the experiences. Your concerns have been forwarded to the teen program coordinator. And please let us know if you have any more concerns.

Like · Reply · Commented on by Pa Na Lor [?] · 6d


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Ramsey County Library

Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · August 11 at 10:00 PM · 🌐

The library in Mounds View has a new mural in the children's area created by Laotian artist Aloun Phoulavan. Come check it out the next time you are at Mounds View!



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
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People ReachedEngagements

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
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Heidi Holland Pretty colors! 👍 1

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Julie Stash Small Julie Hart!! This is so cool!

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Julie Hart Thnx, Julie Stash Small! This was an awesome opportunity offered to Aloun Phoulavan and his very first mural. He thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the experience!

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Little Canada Farmers Market
August 19 at 9:55 AM · 🌐

The Ramsey County Library will be at the Farmers Market today. You can sign up for a library card check out a book!



Little Canada Farmers Market
Community

👤 Ramsey County Library, Beth Larson, Jennie Harder and 2 others

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Emily Larson, Duluth Mayor
17 hrs · 🌐

Big News! Starting today, the Duluth Public Library is Fine-Free!

Under leadership of Library Manager Carla Powers, staff researched the impact of fines and found that they only accounted for .025% of our general fund budget - but resulted in large numbers of kids and families having blocked accounts from an inability to pay fines. This, in neighborhoods across the city where we seek to increase connection and not push people away.

Going Fine Free was a concept that Byron Johnson brought forward with a team of library staff for our City of Duluth Ideas Fair this spring - an internal "science fair" kind of event where staff develop ideas that can deliver better services for city residents and improve workplace safety and culture. It was the first time we held this Ideas Fair, and this is the first idea that we're launching as a result. Thank you Library Staff for your inclusive vision and dedication to our entire community!

This decision helps library staff maintain positive interactions with patrons, keeps the welcome mat rolled out for people on fixed incomes, helps our community focus on building literacy and makes lifelong learning more affordable. Something we can all benefit from.

Experience in other communities who have chosen this approach shows that user numbers increase and that people continue to return their items for other patrons to enjoy. And if you always considered your fees a "donation" to the library, don't worry! You can *still* "donate"!

Find out more about this at www.duluthlibrary.org/free-from-fines



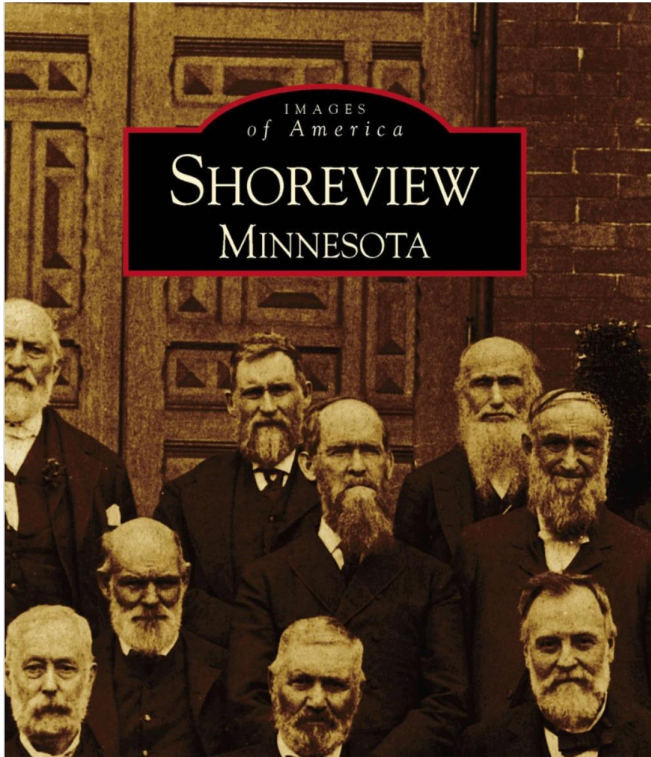
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Claire Hendricks Lauren Hendricks!
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Bonnie Karp Amundson Big supporter of this! I wish Ramsey County Library would follow suit. I rarely check out work-out CD's anymore because they can only be checked out for 7 days. As if it's a new release movie! Plus, there is a hefty \$1 fine per day it is late. If I had insight into their circulation rates, I know they would be low in this Dewey area. Which means fewer videos will be purchased, and less staff is needed when circulation is down.
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Ebooks Minnesota
August 22 at 5:28 PM · 🌐

"Shoreview, Minnesota" by Verna Rusler includes images of lost landmarks, from the cottages that dotted the shores, to the Snail Lake Tavern, where Chicago gangsters mixed with local residents. Read more here: z.umn.edu/Shoreview
#MinnesotaMade City of Shoreview, MN (Local Government) Shoreview, Minnesota Ramsey County Library



Little Canada Farmers Market shared a post.
August 23 at 11:41 AM · 🌐

Check out CTV North Suburbs video of the Farmers Market!
Thanks for sharing CTV.
SilverBoom Coffee Svihel Farms Sweet Tuth Ramsey County Library



439 Views
CTV North Suburbs is with City of Little Canada and Ramsey County Library.
August 23 at 11:26 AM · 🌐
Fruits, veggies and library cards are all available at the City of Little Canada Farmers Market!

👍 Sweet Tuth, Annie Leibel and CTV North Suburbs

Check it out! The link to the Ramsey County Library is almost done!
Heads up, if you're coming to the community center please:
• give yourself extra time
• slow down ... See More



Ramsey County Library, Caitlin Carroll, Kristi Basset Saksvig and 36 others
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Chris Chambers A great add.
Like Reply · 4d

Sarah Thoreson This is awesome!
Like Reply · 4d

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For those of you living in my old stomping grounds (the wonderful area where I grew up,) I see that my books are at all the Ramsey County Library branches now. So, if you haven't read my books or know people in the St. Paul area who like to read local author books, point them in the direction of the library branches. My books are also in other county libraries throughout the Twin Cities (and state) ~ and if they aren't in YOUR library, please feel free to request your library to order them. I libraries and all they do for book lovers!



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The To-Hell-and-Back Club / by Jill Hannah Anderson.
Anderson, Jill Hannah
United States : Pandamoon Publishing, [2017] (241 pages ; 23 cm)
"Peyton Brooks, a newly-empty nester with a comatose marriage, loses her three friends in a car crash, and reaches out to women in the To-
Subject: Female friendship -- Fiction.
Empty nesters -- Fiction.
Time capsules -- Fiction.
Series: The To-Hell-and-Back Club series ; [1]
Found: Anderson (2) Hannah (2) Jill (2)



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Crazy Little Town Called Love / by Jill Hannah Anderson.
Anderson, Jill Hannah
United States : Pandamoon Publishing, [2018] (231 pages ; 23 cm.)
"Thirty-two-year-old Molly's cushy life in Minneapolis tanks when her long-time boyfriend balls on her and their underwater-mortgaged home...
Subject: Life change events -- Fiction.
Small cities -- Fiction.
Dwellings -- Remodeling -- Fiction.
Series: The To-Hell-and-Back Club series ; book 2
Found: Anderson (2) Hannah (2) Jill (2)



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Number of copies the library owns or has ordered: 5

Location

Maplewood Library

Mounds View Library

Roseville Library

Shoreview Library

White Bear Lake Library

Ramsey County Library, Sharon Beaman, Nancy Nash and 13 others

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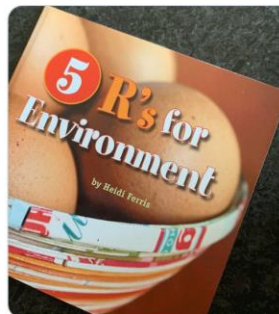
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Twitter:



Heidi Smith Ferris @GrowGreenHearts · Aug 15

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice! Students at @rclreads Roseville Library made their own plantable paper with petals and seeds from their own #prairie plants!
#GGHyouthlead #ESTEAMwithSTEM



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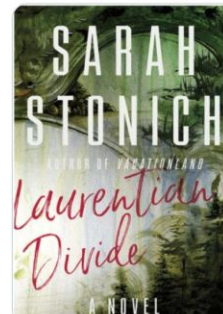
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Ramsey County Library Friends @RCLFriends · Aug 21

Public registration for our November 9 Author Luncheon with @sarahstonich is now open! Proceeds will be used to expand the large-print, audio, and e-book collections for all seven @rclreads locations. Learn more and register: rclfriends.org/events/luncheon



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Jess Kubis @JessKubis · Aug 21

Seeing little kids check out enough #books at the library to fill an entire grocery bag makes me so happy. I used to be that kid. And I still love the #library. #littlereaders #librarylife #librariesforever @rclreads



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Gretchen Englund @GretchenEnglund · Aug 22

Replying to @rclreads

That same group, St. Paul Intercultural Institute, presented again this year --- great job! Wow!



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Ling Becker

@ling_becker

Excited to launch our @careerforcemn Rollout week with a job fair Roseville Library! @GrowRoseville @rclreads @RosevilleMN @MayorDanRoe @lisa4roseville @PatrickTrudgeon Spread the word!!



RamseyCounty @RamseyCounty · Sep 7

A Job Fair is happening ahead of CareerForce Rollout Week. Please bring copies of your resume and your best first impression!

More info: bit.ly/2m0lsd1



CAREERFORCE ROLLOUT SCHEDULE

Stop by Ramsey County CareerForce locations throughout the week for additional job search assistance! Get job leads, feedback on your resume, get tips on online job search, learn about available resources and more.

Pre-Launch Event

Job Fair

Friday, Sept. 13; 1 - 4 p.m.
Ramsey County Library - Roseville
All are welcome. Bring your resume and your best first impressions! There are a variety of open positions - professional, service, technical - with local area employers.

Refreshments available throughout the week at CareerForce in North St. Paul and CareerForce in Saint Paul courtesy of the Workforce Innovation Board.

Event Locations:

Employment Development Center

3:50 PM · Sep 7, 2019 · [Twitter for Android](#)

5 Retweets 10 Likes



Mayor Dan Roe @MayorDanRoe · Aug 29

Note the impacts to Roseville library parking!



RamseyCountyLibrary @rclreads · Aug 29

The parking lot at the library in Roseville will be resurfaced September 3 - 13. Learn more: rclreads.org/about/library-...



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Kris P @poseymn · 23h

Replying to @pang

Hey, thank you for this! And I will just give a shout out to my library system @rclreads I use my card every week and I still love going to the library to spend some time. I now take my 6yo grandson as often as possible. I have truly loved libraries forever.



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Roseville, MN @RosevilleMN · Sep 12

Another reason to @VisitRoseville. @RamseyCounty hosting job fair, this Friday 1-4 @rclreads @MN2020Census



Job Fair

ramseycounty.us



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Tweet



Lindsay M-B @LiHuMa · Sep 10

Maybe they could also partner with the good work being done by @alisonjhead, @bfister and the PIL folks - or a local University with a journalism school and amazing librarians passionate about this topic.



Kelly Smith @kellystrib · Sep 10

Google and @StarTribune partner to promote news literacy in MN. "In an era where 'fake news' has dominated too much of the public conversation, this initiative underscores the importance of news literacy among young and diverse audiences..." #medialiteracy bit.ly/2NWT9Nc

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Lindsay M-B @LiHuMa · Sep 10

Google will not save us. Edtech will not save us. Based on who I interact with, young people are not the problem. Folks parents age are.

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Lindsay M-B @LiHuMa · Sep 10

That said, I'm all for more media literacy, but let's build on the work already being done and do something great for MN. We need something else to brag about.

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Kelly Smith @kellystrib · Sep 10

Speaking as just a reporter (who is not involved in this company effort), I think we could use all the help we can get in helping boost media literacy. If there are libraries or professors doing this work in MN, let me know!

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Lindsay M-B @LiHuMa · Sep 10

TOTALLY. I'm all for more efforts and help. There are a ton of folks doing work around "fake news" News literacy or media literacy. Where to start?

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Lindsay M-B
@LiHuMa

Replying to @LiHuMa and @kellystrib

.@bfister is working on a great project with Project Information Literacy about how students engage with the news: projectinfolit.org/news_study.html
@rclreads and Stillwater Public have done events in the past.

7:31 PM · Sep 10, 2019 · Twitter Web App

2 Retweets 4 Likes



Lindsay M-B @LiHuMa · Sep 10

Replying to @LiHuMa @rclreads and 2 others

It looks like Prof. Vraga at the UMN studies new literacy: experts.umn.edu/en/persons/emi... I know there are others, especially around science and news literacy. and my colleagues and I at the @umnlb all try to tackle the various literacies as best as we can.



Emily K Vraga
experts.umn.edu

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Lindsay M-B @LiHuMa · Sep 10

Also, apologies if you start getting a bunch of librarians tweeting at you. We try to be helpful :) This subject is so hard to tackle. It feels insurmountable at times.

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Kelly Smith @kellystrib · Sep 10

Yes, that's why newsrooms and libraries across the U.S. are teaming up to address media literacy niemanreports.org/articles/journ... In Dallas, the newsroom has office hours at libraries dallasnews.com/news/curious-t... Kansas City holds "Java with Journalists" at libraries

What happened to the old City Hall at 5th and Main? We answer your KCQ



KCQ, explainers and more: Kansas City Star goes deeper into transparen...
Journalistic engagement and transparency are essential parts of improving local news ecosystems, to help communities better understand...
newscollab.org

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Kelly Smith @kellystrib · Sep 10

It would be great to see efforts like that happen in MN as well!



Google Reviews:

Ramsey County Library - Maplewood

3025 Southlawn Dr, Maplewood, MN

4.2 ★★★★★ 46 reviews

Write a review

Sort by: Newest



Shaun Scallion
Local Guide · 35 reviews · 151 photos

★★★★★ a week ago

This is a very nice library. Matter of fact let me go there now..and show you...do to privacy issues no photos can be posted of person (s). Without there consent. I do have some issues with public libraries as a whole. This is something that's being worked on thro Internet Defense League and all those under Apache Open Source.



Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN

4.5 ★★★★★ 92 reviews

Write a review

Sort by: Newest



Philster Phildill
Local Guide · 30 reviews · 12 photos

★★★★★ 5 days ago

I meant to say the best place ever

Like



Dan Krzykowski
Local Guide · 41 reviews · 128 photos

★★★★★ a week ago



Linden Sprenger
Local Guide · 35 reviews · 23 photos

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

I like this library a lot! I came here with some friends on a picture scavenger hunt and was able to find everything we needed to take pictures of. The staff was very friendly and agreed to take a picture with us which gave us extra points ... [More](#)



have you scheduled a Drag Queen Story Hour??

Like Answer



Ramsey County Library - Roseville (Owner)

Edited · 4 days ago

Hi Sharon,
Currently, we do not have a Drag Queen Story Hour. For the most up-to-date events, please check the Library's online calendar: <https://rcreads.libcal.com/>. Please let us know if you have any more questions.