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Ramsey County Library News & Events



A Letter from the Library Director

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us to adapt to meet the Ramsey County Library mission to CONNECT community, INSPIRE curiosity, and CULTIVATE learning. While we have closed the doors of facilities, we have opened up the possibilities for providing service in new ways that prioritize the safety of Library staff and patrons.

I am proud of how Library staff have developed creative methods to ensure public access to the resources needed today. Please check out all of our modified services and let us know what else you need from us. While we miss seeing community members in person, we are still available by phone, email, curbside, at rclreads.org and on social media.

As circumstances change, we will shift our services as appropriate. What remains constant is our appreciation for Library users and supporters and a promise to serve the community.

Kanopy is Now Available for Streaming

Ramsey County Library is excited to announce that the popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is now available! Library card holders can access over 30,000 films, documentaries and TV series.

Visit rclreads.org and sign in with your library card. Kanopy will ask you to create an account that you can use to log in from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

There is a limit of 10 checkouts per calendar month and three days to watch each film. Once you press play, you have three days to view a film as many times as you like without using another play credit. Play credits reset on the first of the month.

Questions? Ask a librarian at 651-724-6100 or via email at rclreads.org/ask-a-librarian.

Meet Alex Regal: A MNsure-Certified Navigator

Alex Regala is a MNsure-certified navigator who works for Health Access MN, a health advocacy organization founded in 2013 to help people enroll in health coverage through on-line exchanges, like MNsure, created by the Affordable Care Act. He has been coming to the libraries in Maplewood and Roseville for the past three years.

“I’ve always been passionate about social services. Working as a health navigator I am able to answer questions and help with the MNsure application at no cost. I enjoy helping people understand their health coverage options.” Regala says, “For instance, people don’t always realize they may still be able to get health insurance even after open enrollment has ended. This is especially true for people who have lost their job or make less money because of the coronavirus. It really depends on their situation.”

In 2019, 294 individuals/families at Maplewood and 369 individuals/families at Roseville were given in depth help with enrollment in health insurance.

While Health Access MN has suspended its onsite assistance at the libraries due to COVID-19, navigators like Regala are available and ready to help by phone. Please call 651-645-0215 to ask a question or schedule an appointment. Interpreters are available. Check out HealthAccess.mn for more information.



Modified Services

For the most up-to-date program information, visit rclreads.org.



Curbside Pick Up Services

Curbside services are available at the three locations below. Services are strictly adhering to all public health guidelines to ensure the safety of residents and staff.

Call ahead to schedule for a hold pickup:

- RCL - Maplewood: 651-724-6003, Press 3
- RCL - Roseville: 651-724-6001, Press 3
- RCL - Shoreview: 651-724-6006, Press 3

Pickup times:

- Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Friday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m.

If you have items on hold at Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul or White Bear Lake, call those libraries during business hours to have items transferred to one of the pickup locations.

Home Delivery Services

Home Delivery is available for residents of suburban Ramsey County who meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- An individual over the age of 60.
- An individual who is self-quarantining due to COVID-19.
- Or an individual with a health, transportation, or disability barrier that precludes them from using curbside pickup service.

Learn more at rclreads.org/home-delivery.

Secure Document Drop Off Sites

For the limited situations in which it is not possible for a resident to interact with Ramsey County via telephone or online options, the libraries in Maplewood, Roseville and Shoreview will serve as secure drop-off sites for documents related to all service types.

Please do not place the following in the document boxes:

- Cash Payments
- Child Support Payments
- Library Materials
- Gun Permit Applications
- City of Saint Paul Documents
- Court Documents

Printing Services

Libraries in Maplewood, Roseville and Shoreview are offering printing services. They will print:

- Tax Documents
- Social Service Applications
- Online Forms
- Website Information

Online Learning

Use your library card to access online learning tools such as:

Lynda.com

Log in to Lynda to view easy-to-use tutorials to help you learn business, technical and creative skills - anytime, anywhere.

Transparent Language Online

Use Transparent Language Online to learn 90+ languages (including English - available for free with your library card!)

For more online learning tools, visit rclreads.org/online-resources.

Virtual Reader's Advisory

Fridays, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Facebook: [facebook.com/rclreads](https://www.facebook.com/rclreads)

June 5: Your Next Book Club Pick

June 19: Favorite New Mystery (or Two!)

Miss browsing the stacks at the library? Ramsey County Librarians are ready to help you find your next favorite book. Join us on the library's Facebook page to get real-time recommendations from them.

Coming to rclreads.org

Our Nation's Endless Civil War

Part I: Historical Memories: How the South Won the Civil War 1877-1945

Part II: Historical Memories: Are African-Americans Winning the Civil War? 1945-2020

The struggle for dignity and full citizenship for African-Americans didn't end at Appomattox or even with the passage of the landmark Civil Rights legislation of the 1960s. Some would contend that, for many, the Civil War continues to this day. Join renowned scholar of the Abolitionist Movement, Professor Emeritus Jim Stewart of Macalester, for pre-recorded conversations about the ongoing legacy of our nation's most divisive conflict.

Recommended reading for both sessions is *Challenging the Boundaries of Slavery* by David Brion Davis.

A New World Begins: A Conversation With Jeremy Popkin

Join us for a pre-recorded conversation with Professor Jeremy Popkin, the award-winning author of a new history of the French Revolution, *A New World Begins*. Copies of the book are available through the Library curbside pickup services.

The Fake: Adventures of the Cheshire Cat in Wonderland and the Art It Inspired

This program is a series of video recordings of *The Fake: Adventures of the Cheshire Cat in Wonderland*, a pun-filled cat adventure story about an artist's angst of wanting to become accomplished while also wishing for fame and fortune, accompanied by images inspired by the story. The story is narrated by the author with images created by Immersion of Art and Story, a collective of four artists including the author.

Virtual Programming

Virtual programming is offered remotely using Zoom communication software. Register online at rclreads.org or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.



Ramsey County Master Gardeners

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

May 28: Advanced Vegetable Gardening

June 18: Nature Heals

Join us virtually to learn some advance techniques for improving your vegetable garden harvest and the science of nature and well-being.

Mondays, 7 p.m.

June 1: Vegetable Gardening

June 15 : Home Composting

Come learn the basics of growing your first vegetable garden and the science of home composting.

White Bear Lake Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, June 3, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Every month members read any book on the same theme and discuss their selections with each other. This month's theme is mysteries with foreign settings.

Arts Roseville Featured Artist: Francesco Favazza

Monday, June 15, 7 - 8 p.m.

Arts Roseville brings its popular monthly feature artist program online! Each month, meet and learn from a different local artist. Featured artists (visual and performance) will share about their art, discuss creativity, and respond to questions in an informal setting. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

The Loft Presents: A Writing Series

Saturdays, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

June 13: Writing Your Life

Whether you want to write down your memories for family members and friends or hope to publish a book-length memoir, come try your hand at writing exercises to spark your memory and tell your story!

June 20: The Dos and Don'ts of Publishing

Everyone has a different experience in today's book industry, from how a book is written to how (and if) the writer finds an agent. Learn some tips on how to take your book from manuscript to publication.

June 27: Fiction Basics

Come learn the ins and outs of creating memorable settings, developing an exciting plot, and writing believable characters with depth and complexity.

This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

History Book Club

A History of Xenophobia in the United States by Erika Lee

Wednesday, June 17, 1 p.m.

Join us for a virtual meeting of the Roseville History Book Club hosted by Clarence White of the Eastside Freedom Library. We have conversations about thought-provoking history titles. Extra copies of the book are available through the Library.

Debunking the Myths of Foster Care and Adoption with MN Adopt

Wednesday, June 24, 7 - 8 p.m.

The foster care system provides a refuge for more than 10,000 children at any given time in Minnesota, over 900 of whom are waiting to be adopted. Common myths can make the prospect of fostering/adopting more intimidating than it should be. Join us to learn from a panel of adoptive parents and Ramsey county foster care professionals the facts about the many options for foster care and adoption. Presented by MN Adopt.

Technology Help

Computer and Tech Help Appointments by Phone

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.

Do you have a basic computer or technology question? Help is available over the phone by appointment. Call 651-724-6001 (press #2) to schedule your half-hour telephone appointment.

For questions relating to downloading e-books, e-audiobooks, or other library e-resources, call the library during open hours and speak with a reference librarian for immediate help.

Virtual Technology Courses

Password Management

Monday, June 22, 1 - 2 p.m.

Too many passwords? This class will teach you how to create strong and memorable passwords, how to store them for easy access, and how to keep passwords safe and secure!

Genealogy on the Web

Friday, June 5, 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16, 7 - 8 p.m.

This class introduces Ancestry Library Edition, a starting point for searching online for genealogy information.

Meet Your New Library Catalog!

Tuesday, June 9, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Get to know your new library catalog! Learn search tips and tricks, ways to customize your personal account to create and share lists, add unique content to the catalog, and communicate with other library users!

Virtual Programming

Virtual programming is subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit rclreads.org.



Virtual Kids Events

Virtual Storytimes

Facebook Live: facebook.com/rclreads/live_videos

Family Storytime

Mondays & Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

Baby & Me Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Appropriate for ages 6 - 23 months.

Join us on Facebook Live as we share stories, songs, rhymes and play with your baby at this storytime. Follow us on Facebook and turn on your notifications so you will get an alert when we go live.

Special Storytime: Beyoncé Day

Facebook Live: facebook.com/rclreads/live_videos

In case you missed it! You can watch author Sarah Warren as she reads from her new book, *Beyoncé: Shine Your Light*.

Sarah Warren is an author and early childhood educator, who is dedicated to bringing multicultural, everyday heroes to life in elementary schools where children do not often see themselves reflected in the literature they experience. Sarah and her family live in Minneapolis with their dog Bruce Valentine.

This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Virtual Teens Events

Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. Check rclreads.org for the most up-to-date event information. Teen virtual events are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.

Dungeons and Dragons Online

Sundays, 12 - 3 p.m.

Dungeons and Dragons begins May 31.

Teens will be able to participate in creative and imaginative adventures and quests in an online version of our popular Dungeons and Dragons program.

Online Board Gaming Afternoon for Teens

Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

Online Board Gaming begins June 2.

Teens will be able to participate in fun and engaging board games in a digital setting. The websites Boardgame Arena and Tabletopia allow free access to select board games.

Virtual MakerTeen

Thursdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

Virtual MakerTeen begins June 4.

Teens can pick up our MakerTeen kits at the library, and join us weekly on Zoom to hang out, create together and share their creations.

Virtual Teen Book Clubs

For grades 6 & 7.

Mondays, 2 p.m.

June 22, 29

For grades 8 - 12.

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

June 23, 30

For grades 6 - 12.

Wednesday, June 24, 2 p.m.

Book clubs conducted over Zoom. Participants can pick up books via curbside pickup or request it by mail.



Summer Break@Home With Your Library!

June 8 - August 15

Join us for a summer of learning! Use your Beanstack account at rclreads.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack Tracker app on your device and choose the "Summer Break" program to participate.

"Read. Make. Do. Kits" filled with fun activities to do at home will be available starting in July, while supplies last!

Teens can request a free book and activity kit, to be picked up via library curbside pickup or via Home Delivery. For more details, visit rclreads.org!

Grades 5 & under

Track the number of books read, time spent reading, activities completed or locations virtually explored on Beanstack!

Kids can pick up a Summer Learning Program participation bag with a free prize book via curb-side delivery anytime after June 15. You do not need to complete the program to pick up your participation bag. Ask at your local branch for details!

Ages 6 & younger

Children's ages 6 and younger can participate in both our Summer Break @Home With Your Library and our year-round program, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.

Teens going into grades 6 - 12.

Teens can write reviews of the books they read and virtual programs they visit this summer using Beanstack. The more reviews you write, the more chances you get to win! There will be weekly drawings for prizes, and at the end of the summer, there will be a drawing for even bigger prizes!

Teen prizes includes \$10 gift cards to Target, Barnes and Noble, iTunes and Google Play. Prizes will be mailed out to winners.

The summer learning program is sponsored by the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries and MELSA.

A Message from Ann Trapnell, Friends Board President

Dear Friends Members,

During these uncertain times, the Friends continue to find creative ways to meet the needs of the Library. Our members are making a difference, and we sincerely thank you!

We recently participated in the #GiveAtHomeMN campaign, and raised almost \$6,000 for the Summer Learning Program. This program will be particularly important in 2020 with the compounded challenges of distance learning and the extended summer break due to Covid-19.

Although our in-library used book stores have been required to close, we are still selling used books on-line. This will help us continue to provide RCL grants for programming and digital collections in an uncertain time.

We recently partnered with the Library to deliver books from our used book store inventory to homeless Covid-19 patients in a local care center.

We couldn't continue efforts like these without the stability your membership provides the Friends organization. Thank you for helping the Friends and the Ramsey County Library stay strong and meet the needs of our community during this critical time.



Friend Your Library!

The Friends membership is 803 households strong and we invite you to help us grow to 1,000 Library advocates!

Why become a Friend?

- Your membership will support seven Ramsey County Library locations: Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview, and White Bear Lake.
- The Friends raise more than \$130,000 annually to support Ramsey County Library programs and collections. While basic library services are funded by property taxes, the outstanding programs we enjoy in Ramsey County are possible only with community support.
- The Friends believe that building community is the best way to support not be able to gather together through special events and fun activities right now, we are seeking new ways to connect our members virtually.

Become a member by using our Online Donation Form at rclfriends.org or by mailing in a completed Friends membership form on the back of this newsletter. If you have questions or would like to make a membership contribution by phone, please call 651-486-2213 and ask for Shayne Miller.

Leave a Legacy of Literacy

Most of us want to be remembered as someone who made a difference, both in life and after we are gone. We hope to leave a legacy for the lives that follow ours. Legacy gifts enable the Friends to continue to provide vital financial support for the public libraries in suburban Ramsey County. You can leave money to your family and to the charitable organizations of your choice. It's easy to do. If you are considering a legacy gift, we hope you will include the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries. Our tax EIN is 41-1597085. For more information, contact Cyndi Cook at 651 486-2213.

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 3025 Southlawn Drive
 M-Th 10-9; F-Sa 10-5; Su 12-5
 Friends' Used Book Store

Mounds View (MV) 651-724-6004
 2576 Mounds View Boulevard
 M & Th 1-8; W, F & Sa 10-5; T & Su Closed

New Brighton (NB) 651-724-6002
 400 10th Street NW
 M, Th-Sa 10-5; T 10-8; W 1-8; Su Closed

North St. Paul (NS) 651-724-6005
 2300 North St. Paul Drive
 M, W & Sa 10-5; T & Th 1-8; F & Su Closed

Roseville (RV) 651-724-6001
 2180 N Hamline Avenue
 M-Th 10-9; F-Sa 10-5; Su 12-5
 Friends' Used Book Store

Dunn Bros Coffee Shop
 M-Th 6:30-8; F 6:30-5; Sa & Su 7-5

Shoreview (SV) 651-724-6006
 4560 N Victoria Street
 M-Th 10-9; F-Sa 10-5; Su 12-5
 Friends' Used Book Store

White Bear Lake (WB) 651-724-6007
 2150 2nd Street
 M 10-8; T & W 1-8; Th-Sa 10-5; Su Closed

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 rclreads.org

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651-766-4141 or My Account online

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Become a Member

Is the quality of your library important to you? If so, use the form below to join the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries. You can also join the Friends online! Visit our website, rclfriends.org, to join the Friends, renew your membership or make tax deductible donations.



Friends Membership Levels

- Basic:**..... \$20 - \$49
- Contributor:**..... \$50 - \$99
- Advocate:**..... \$100 - \$249
- Sponsor:**..... \$250 - \$499
- Patron:**..... \$500 - \$999
- Benefactor:**..... \$1000+

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- I would like information about other forms of giving.

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