

**Ramsey County Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 22, 2020  
Virtual Meeting Agenda  
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 June 17, 2020 Minutes (2)
  - B. Director's Report (3)
  - C. Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Report (4)
- V. Discussion Items (6:40-8:30)**
  - A. Trustee Topic Highlight (5)
  - B. 2021 Operating Budget (6)
  - C. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget (7)
  - D. Modified Library Services and County Service Centers (8)
  - E. County Manager Meeting Agenda (9)
  - F. Other
- VI. Adjournment (8:30)**

**Scheduled Upcoming Meetings**

<b>August 19, 2020</b> 6:30 p.m.	RCL – Roseville 2180 Hamline Avenue North	County Manager Discussion Write-Off Uncollectible Debt 2020 Second Quarter Reports Modified Library Services Update
<b>September 16, 2020</b> 6:30 p.m.	RCL – Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Drive	Director's Performance Review Modified Library Services Update
<b>October 21, 2020</b> 6:30 p.m.	RCL – New Brighton 400 – 10 <sup>th</sup> Street N.W.	Benchmarking Report 2021 Holiday Calendar Modified Library Services Update

**Library Board**

Sylvia Neblett, Chair  
Gwen Willems, Vice Chair  
Debra Berry, Secretary  
Claire Chang  
Marisol Chiclana-Ayala  
Sida Ly-Xiong  
Steve Woods

**Library Director**

Jill Boldenow

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## Minutes of the Ramsey County Library Board June 17, 2020

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### LIBRARY BOARD PRESENT:

Deb Berry, Claire Chang, Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, Sida Ly-Xiong, Sylvia Neblett, Gwen Willems, Steve Woods

### STAFF PRESENT:

Jill Boldenow, Library Director; Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager; Mary Larson, Library Board Coordinator; Carol Jackson, Shoreview Library Manager; Chuck Wettergren, Digital Services Manager; Lynn Wyman, Deputy Director

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County Commissioner; Cyndi Cook, Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Executive Director

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### CALL TO ORDER:

Neblett called the virtual meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chang made a motion to approve the agenda for June 17, 2020, as presented. Berry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Willems made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2020 as presented. Berry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

**Racial Justice and Equity** – Recent and past injustices, including George Floyd's death at the hands of police, have prompted renewed commitments to racial justice and equity here and globally. The Library upholds that commitment and support for Black communities and colleagues. We have work before us as a community and as a public organization to reflect and contribute to change. In the immediate term, we are leaning in to an area of strength—providing access to relevant information. Staff are purchasing and promoting anti-racist titles and related resources, monitoring high demand, and reallocating funds to reduce hold times on these valuable resources. Staff have developed recommended reading lists for youth, adults, and parents to be highlighted on our website and social media. We will explore how to further engage residents in accessing and having dialogue on these resources to better understand the historical context and future solutions to combat racism and white supremacy. We will continue examining the Library's role, Board policies, and practices to align with goals and solutions. We ask everyone—the Board, staff, community and colleagues—to help us forge a path of racial justice and equity ahead.

**Summer Learning Program** – On June 8, we launched *Summer Break @Home with your Library* programs for kids and teens. Highlights of the kids' program: registrants all receive a participation bag and free book; several types of *Read. Make. Do.* kits may be picked up to guide at-home activities beginning July 1. Teen program highlights: teen reviews of books and activities; free books and *Maker Teen @Home* kits may be picked up; prize drawings; and virtual book clubs. Congratulations to children's and teen librarians for launching a whole new way to support learning, and welcome to all participants in Summer Break!

**Modified Library Services Update** – In the last month, we added curbside checkout at all libraries and launched computer use at three libraries.

	Number of items checked out: curbside and digital								Virtual Programs		Home Delivery	
Date Range	RCL-RV	RCL-MP	RCL-SV	RCL-WB	RCL-MV	RCL-NS	RCL-NB	(E-Books, E-Audiobooks, E-Magazines)	#	Views	Patrons Served	Items
3/23-3/29	2,112	1,083	1,841					11,776	2	1,597		
3/30-4/5	2,891	1,538	2,469					12,225	3	1,612		
4/6-4/12 (closed 4/12)	2,792	1,443	2,011					14,556	3	1,635		
4/13-4/19	3,289	1,542	2,483					13,101	4	910		
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4/27-5/3	3,267	1,618	2,413					12,459	3	957	22	60
5/4-5/10	4,163	1,859	2,842					13,721	4	2,839	37	130
5/11-5/17	4,652	1,746	3,094					12,579	5	1,160	25	94
5/18-5/24	4,479	2,036	3,510					13,093	5	1,199	47	112
5/25-31 (closed 5/25)	3,382	1,388	2,561					12,326	2	343	31	21
6/1-6/7	4,836	1,988	3,446	226	274	111	192	13,295	3	357	42	168
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39,266</b>	<b>17,963</b>	<b>29,052</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>142,578</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13,702</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>773</b>

#### AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS CONTRACT EXTENSION:

Ramsey County Library obtains the bulk of its DVDs and music CDs through a primary audio-visual materials vendor, currently Baker & Taylor. The term of Baker & Taylor's contract will expire on July 31, 2020, with no renewals remaining.

In accordance with Ramsey County policy, Library staff asked the Procurement Office to prepare a solicitation for audio-visual materials vendors. However, the Procurement Office is inundated with solicitation requests utilizing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, which addresses the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ramsey County Procurement Manager advised that the Library Board has the authority to extend the current contract for another year with the same terms, which Baker & Taylor has agreed to do.

Willems made a motion to authorize the Library Director to approve the extension of the primary audio-visual materials contract with Baker & Taylor for a one-year period to run from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, with all terms and conditions of the original contract to remain in force. Chang seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

#### 2021 LIBRARY BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on County revenues, the County Manager will propose a modified 2021 budget. Departments in each service team are asked to accommodate a reduction in spending for 2021. In addition to the work on the 2021 budget, the Library has also drafted a performance measures report as required by all County departments.

Boldenow recommended that the Library achieve any budget reduction targets using unexpended salary and benefit funds and year end reserves. The Library Board concurred with her recommendations.

**RAMSEY COUNTY RESIDENTS FIRST SERVICE CENTERS:**

The Library Board discussed the Residents First Facilities Plan presented to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners by County Manager Ryan O'Connor on June 9, 2020. A second workshop is tentatively scheduled for June 23 to continue the discussion.

Boldenow reported that staff are involved in planning for the service centers and learning more about the concept and how it will be implemented in Library facilities. She noted that the Library has been offering the Community Resource Advocates program for the past few years, and almost applied for a grant to imbed a social worker in the Library. The service center model is similar, but utilizes a navigator familiar with all County services rather than a social worker.

The Board members thanked Commissioner McGuire for mentioning the Library Board and its concerns during the workshop, and expressed reassurance after learning more details of the plan. Library Board members shared some uneasiness about mission drift for the Library, and negative associations related to other County functions. Commissioner McGuire thanked the Library Board for listening to the workshop, and assured them that the County Board is very conscious that the suburban-only levy for Library operations cannot be used to fund the service centers.

Neblett reported that County Manager Ryan O'Connor offered to attend a future Library Board meeting to have a conversation with the Board members about the Residents First Facilities Plan and to address Library Board questions and concerns. Staff will invite the County Manager to the August Library Board meeting, and include planning for the meeting on the July agenda.

Boldenow noted that Ramsey County Property Management and Ramsey County Information Services are working with Library staff to install additional infrastructure and safety features to support the service centers. Increasing use of curbside service is straining staff capacity, prompting consideration of patron pickup of requests inside the buildings. No date is scheduled at the current time to fully open buildings, though we are continually adding services.

**LIBRARY ROLE IN THE CONTEXT OF RACIAL EQUITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES:**

The Library and the County have been engaged in advancing racial and health equity. The need to address both of these is particularly pronounced today in the context of COVID-19, George Floyd's death, and persistent racial inequities. These crises cannot be addressed in one discussion session, but Boldenow asked the Library Board members' to share their insights on what community members need, and what is the Library's role in being part of the solution.

Boldenow noted that the Library has increased purchasing of library materials on anti-racism, to meet public demand and to provide current resources on the subject for all ages. The Library Board members suggested programming, partnerships, curated lists of resources for the public, and providing community spaces (when it is safe to do so) as other mission-appropriate responses for the Library. Staff training on local issues and resources was advised, particularly for mental health issues. Programming should encourage community dialogue on issues facing suburban Ramsey County. Commissioner McGuire suggested that the Library Board meet with Ramsey County's new Racial Equity and Community Engagement Team, which is meeting with staff and community groups.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Due to availability issues on the scheduled July 15 meeting date, Chiclana-Ayala made a motion to change the next meeting date to July 22, 2020. The meeting will be held virtually, starting at 6:30 p.m. Willems seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Neblett adjourned the virtual meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Larson  
Library Board Coordinator

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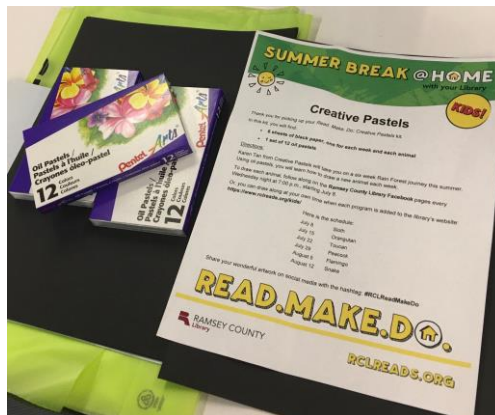
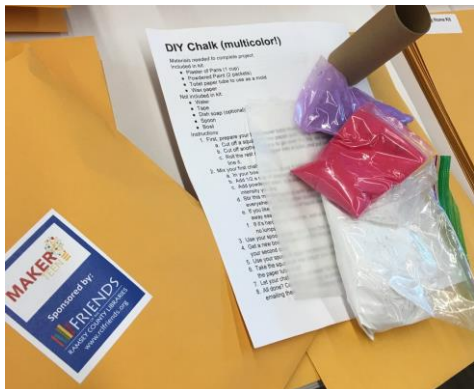
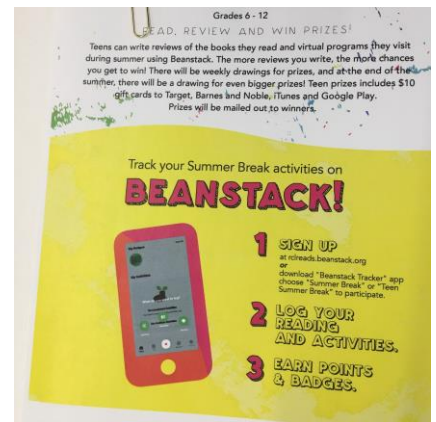
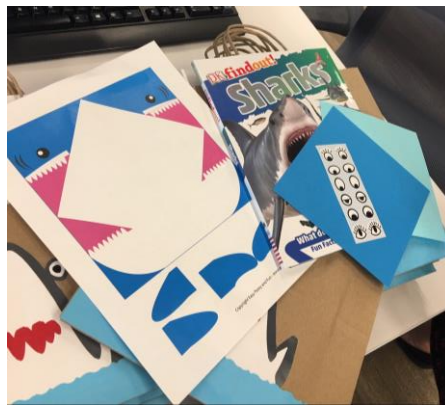


## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 2020

**June Staff Updates:** Promoted: Kristie Kamish, to Clerk Typist in Technical Services

**Summer Break @ Home with Your Library** – Kids and teens are loving the RCL Summer Break! Already, 888 people have requested 1,543 Summer Learning Program participation bags, which each contain a free book. In addition to these bags, we have begun to distribute Read. Make. Do kits and Maker Teen @ Home kits. Kudos to everyone for a great group effort! Children's and teen librarians have produced creative kits and a thoughtful distribution plan. The kits all sport fun, colorful designs. These and other elements of the Summer Learning Program are made possible by the sponsorship of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries. Thanks, all!



**Virtual Programs** – The Library has over 100 virtual events queued up for the summer. Check out the events calendar on [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org). One highlight is that we are participating in the One Book | One Minnesota program, a statewide book club that invites Minnesotans of all ages to read and discuss a common title. The current title is *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, edited by Sun Yung Shin and featuring essays by Minnesota writers of color. In July and August, we will host book club discussions and a reading with Carolyn Holbrook, one of the book's writers. Our copies are all circulating, but the book is available as a free download on Ebooks Minnesota through August 23.

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## Friends Update—July 2020

Just as Ramsey County Library needed to quickly pivot to develop modified services due to the pandemic, so too did the Friends. While it has been discouraging to cancel much-loved events, we remain 100% committed to providing financial and volunteer support to Ramsey County Library and we are keeping our focus on the opportunities as we look to the future.

The Friends staff, board and volunteers are currently hard at work on:

- Personal phone connections with Friends members, processing 2020 membership renewals, and welcoming 18 lapsed members back
- COVID-19 Preparedness Plan to lay out the guidelines for Friends staff and limited volunteers to enter RCL buildings
- Robust online sales at Maplewood and Roseville and new plans for additional online book sale venues to offset revenue losses due to the bookstore closures and cancellation of our fall book sale
- Exploring virtual alternatives for the Friends 2020 Author Luncheon and the 2021 Gala
- Putting the finishing touches on new planned giving materials and expanding our Legacy Circle Program.
- Creating new opportunities for business partnerships
- Seeking new and creative ways to share the Friends impact with library patrons including:
  - Stickers and tags with the Friends logo created for the Summer Learning Program participant bags and take-home kits
  - Friends notes/flyers to add to curbside pick-up bags from online sales
  - Acknowledgment of Friends funded programs and resources in the Explore modified newsletter

We miss interacting with library staff and look forward to the time when it is safe for library operations to open to the public.

## Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date  
July 22, 2020

Action Requested  
Information and Discussion

Presented By  
Sylvia Neblett,  
Chair

**SUBJECT:**

Trustee Topic Highlight

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board's Executive Committee proposes to discuss a Trustee topic at each Board meeting. This may be a review of something from the orientation packet or another source that helps to illuminate Trustee roles. This month, the Board Chair will lead a discussion related to Minnesota's Open Meeting Law. An informational brief provides background:  
<https://www.mbfte.org/Forms/WebsiteMenu/openmtg.pdf>.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.



## Request for Library Board Action

**Meeting Date**

July 22, 2020

**Action Requested**  
Information and Discussion**Presented By**  
Jill Boldenow,  
Library Director**SUBJECT:**

2021 Library Operating Budget

**BACKGROUND:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on County revenues, the County Manager will propose a modified 2021 budget. At the Library Board's June meeting, the Director and Board discussed strategies to address possible reductions to the Library's operating budget. On June 24, the Director met with the County Manager's budget team. At today's meeting, the Library Director will update the Board on the Library's operating budget target.

**Next steps in the 2021 budget and performance measure process:**

**July 31:** Final performance measures and budget documents due to Finance.

**August 25:** County Manager presents 2021 performance measures and supplemental budget to County Board of Commissioners.

**September:** Service team budget hearings with County Board of Commissioners.

**December 15:** County Board vote on 2021 supplemental budget and 2021 property tax levy.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.

## Request for Library Board Action

**Meeting Date**  
July 22, 2020

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Information and Discussion

**Presented By**  
Jill Boldenow,  
Library Director

**SUBJECT:**

2020-2021 Library Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

**BACKGROUND:**

Every two years, the County develops a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget to support capital projects through bond financing. In 2019, the Library requested CIP funds to support a renovation of the library in Maplewood. This major project, with a total budget of \$3.77 million, was recommended and approved for CIP funding by the County Board. This project was to be funded in part with Library fund balance (\$1 million) and funds from bonding in 2021 (\$2.77 million).

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on housing insecurity, the County Manager is proposing to reprioritize bond-financed projects. At this meeting, the Library Director will update the Board on the proposal to fund the renovation at the Library in Maplewood entirely through Library fund balance instead of bond funds.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.

## Request for Library Board Action

**Meeting Date**

July 22, 2020

**Action Requested**  
Information and Discussion**Presented By**

Jill Boldenow,  
Library Director

**SUBJECT:**

Modified Library Services & County Service Centers

**BACKGROUND:**

Attached is the latest weekly report tracking some of our current modified Library services. This shows significant growth in curbside service at every library week after week. Public computing, home delivery, and virtual programs and digital resources address key barriers to access for many patrons. In addition to the services listed in this report, staff are distributing creative kits for kids and teens throughout summer. Staff have managed record numbers of returns and phone calls as well. Overall, Library staff are rising to meet increased service demands of various sorts every day.

We are exploring process changes to address unsustainable service growth. Next week or soon thereafter, we will shift to in-person holds pickup and self-checkout in the lobby at RCL-Roseville only. This is a pilot project that will inform whether we move to this model elsewhere.

July 27 is the tentative date for introducing Workforce programming on weekdays in the community program rooms at RCL-Roseville and RCL-Maplewood. Workforce Solutions is partnering with us and three sites at Saint Paul Public Library to ramp up resources for jobs seekers at this time of unprecedented unemployment.

In August, we will also see the integration of Ramsey County Navigators and Financial Assistance staff at three of our libraries: RCL-Maplewood, Shoreview, and Roseville. This is a pilot seeking to connect residents to a wide variety of County services—virtually, through assistance completing forms, or through meeting a Financial Services counselor in the library. We look forward to meeting the new County colleagues joining us at these sites.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.

Ramsey County Library Modified Services

Week	Date Range	Items Checked Out Curbside at RCL-Maplewood	Items Checked Out Curbside at RCL-Mounds View	Items Checked Out Curbside at RCL-New Brighton	Items Checked Out Curbside at RCL-North St Paul	Items Checked Out Curbside at RCL-Roseville	Items Checked Out Curbside at RCL-Shoreview	Items Checked Out Curbside at RCL-White Bear Lake	Items Checked Out Digitally (E-Books, E-Audiobooks, E-Magazines)	Virtual Programs	Total Views of Virtual Programs	Public Computing Reservations - RCL Maplewood	Public Computing Reservations - RCL Roseville	Public Computing Reservations - RCL Shoreview	Home Delivery visits
1	3/23/-3/29	1,083				2,112	1,841		11,776	2	1,597				
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12	6/8-6/14	1,866	197	220	117	5,357	3,618	428	13,201	4	1,260	43	112	40	57
13	6/15-6/21	2,075	369	442	211	5,856	3,765	590	12,682	4	1,302	76	116	64	66
14	6/22-6/28	2,222	356	545	155	5,957	3,883	590	13,678	6	2,592	69	160	56	33
15	6/29-7/5 (closed 7/4)	3,389	504	635	313	8,688	5,606	1116	13,411	3	1,339	53	152	50	63
16	7/6-7/12	4,189	813	1133	402	11,470	6,807	1193	13,761	5	2,759	77	211	61	3

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July 22, 2020

**Action Requested**

Information and Discussion

**Presented By**

Jill Boldenow,  
Library Director

**SUBJECT:**

County Manager Meeting Agenda

**BACKGROUND:**

Ramsey County Manager Ryan O'Connor will attend the Library Board's August 19, 2020 meeting. At today's Library Board meeting, members will discuss and determine the agenda and timeframe for this meeting.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.

## Ramsey County Library in the news:

6/22: <b>Star Tribune</b>	Roseville is hoping to lure visitors with 658-pound roses <a href="https://www.startribune.com/roseville-is-hoping-to-lure-visitors-with-658-pound-roses/571372472/">https://www.startribune.com/roseville-is-hoping-to-lure-visitors-with-658-pound-roses/571372472/</a>
6/22: <b>Pioneer Press</b>	Roseville in Bloom artists and rose locations <a href="https://www.twincities.com/2020/06/22/roseville-in-bloom-artists-and-rose-locations/">https://www.twincities.com/2020/06/22/roseville-in-bloom-artists-and-rose-locations/</a>
6/23: <b>Muscatine Journal</b>	Muscatine artist selected for city-wide art display in Roseville <a href="https://muscatinejournal.com/muscatine/muscatine-artist-selected-for-city-wide-art-display-in-roseville/article_63a4d0d8-6f45-50cd-9034-415bb869b76e.html">https://muscatinejournal.com/muscatine/muscatine-artist-selected-for-city-wide-art-display-in-roseville/article_63a4d0d8-6f45-50cd-9034-415bb869b76e.html</a>
6/27: <b>Star Tribune</b>	Minnesota August primary voting has started: Here's what you need to know <a href="https://www.startribune.com/minnesota-august-primary-voting-has-started-here-s-what-you-need-to-know/571505202/">https://www.startribune.com/minnesota-august-primary-voting-has-started-here-s-what-you-need-to-know/571505202/</a>
6/29: <b>twincitiesgeek.com</b>	This Week in Geek (6/29/2020–7/5/2020) <a href="https://twincitiesgeek.com/2020/06/this-week-in-geek-6-29-2020-7-5-2020/">https://twincitiesgeek.com/2020/06/this-week-in-geek-6-29-2020-7-5-2020/</a>
7/1: <b>Pioneer Press</b>	Ramsey County absentee voting for Aug. 11 state primary now available <a href="https://www.twincities.com/2020/07/01/ramsey-county-absentee-voting-for-aug-11-state-primary-now-available/">https://www.twincities.com/2020/07/01/ramsey-county-absentee-voting-for-aug-11-state-primary-now-available/</a>
7/2: <b>CBS Minnesota</b>	Sheriff: Body Recovered From Pond Near Homeless Camp In Maplewood <a href="https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2020/07/02/sheriff-body-recovered-from-pond-near-homeless-camp-in-maplewood/">https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2020/07/02/sheriff-body-recovered-from-pond-near-homeless-camp-in-maplewood/</a>
7/2: <b>bringmethenews.com</b>	Here's what's open and closed 4th of July weekend 2020 <a href="https://bringmethenews.com/minnesota-lifestyle/heres-whats-open-and-closed-independence-day-weekend-2020">https://bringmethenews.com/minnesota-lifestyle/heres-whats-open-and-closed-independence-day-weekend-2020</a>
7/3: <b>Star Tribune</b>	When will Twin Cities libraries open again? <a href="https://www.startribune.com/when-will-my-twin-cities-library-open-again-reopen/571619302/?refresh=true">https://www.startribune.com/when-will-my-twin-cities-library-open-again-reopen/571619302/?refresh=true</a>
7/6: <b>twincitiesgeek.com</b>	This Week in Geek (7/6/2020–7/12/2020) <a href="https://twincitiesgeek.com/2020/07/this-week-in-geek-7-6-2020-7-12-2020/">https://twincitiesgeek.com/2020/07/this-week-in-geek-7-6-2020-7-12-2020/</a>
7/6: <b>Pioneer Press</b>	Man found dead in Maplewood pond ID'd as 46-year-old <a href="https://www.twincities.com/2020/07/06/man-found-dead-in-maplewood-pond-idd-as-46-year-old/">https://www.twincities.com/2020/07/06/man-found-dead-in-maplewood-pond-idd-as-46-year-old/</a>



- 7/8:  
**Pioneer Press** Ramsey County to open four Career Labs in area libraries to help job seekers  
<https://www.twincities.com/2020/07/08/ramsey-county-to-open-three-career-labs-in-area-libraries-to-help-job-seekers/>
- 7/9:  
**KSTP.com** Officials break up Maplewood homeless encampment where man drowned  
<https://kstp.com/minnesota-news/officials-break-up-maplewood-homeless-encampment-where-man-drowned-july-9-2020/5787693/>
- 7/14:  
**Pioneer Press** Ramsey County announces three initiatives to help job seekers find employment  
<https://www.twincities.com/2020/07/14/ramsey-county-announces-three-initiatives-to-help-job-seekers-find-employment/>
- 7/14:  
**Star Tribune** Ramsey County considers mask requirement, including in some outdoor spaces  
<https://www.startribune.com/ramsey-county-considers-mask-requirement-including-in-some-outdoor-spaces/571767792>

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**Ramsey County Library** Rebecca Immich Sullivan Hi Rebecca! If you loved Dory F., you may also like these two early chapter book series with smart and spunky girl leads: Zoey and Sassafras (author Asia Citro) and Ivy + Bean series (Annie Barrows)! More to come...

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** And more... If you liked Charlie and Mouse and Mouse and Mole, have you tried the classic Frog and Toad series (Arnold Lobel) with a tender yet often amusing storyline --or Rabbit & Robot (Cece Bell) with another sweet and humorous friendship!

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** And there's still more... try authors Jan Thomas and Gregg Pizzoli (both have readers and picture books) if you liked the humor in Unlimited Squirrels. Happy Reading!

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**Rebecca Immich Sullivan** Thanks! We will check these authors out! I already had Frog and Toad books on hold to pick up today. 😊

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**Katy Heskett Gibbs** My 2nd grader would say Boxcar Children. We are starting Little House on the Prairie next week & that was one of my favorites.

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** Has your 2nd grader read the new graphic novel reboot of "The Boxcar Children"? <https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/item/show/874850166>

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** "Birchbark House" by local author Louise Erdrich is another great title! <https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/item/show/601112166>

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**Cynthia James Murdoch** The Tomten. Grandfather Twilight. Snow and Rose.

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** For quiet picture books like The Tomten and Grandfather Twilight try Owl Sees Owl by Laura Godwin or The Little Wolves by Svenja Herrmann. <https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1301142166>

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** Breadcrumbs by local author Anne Ursu is a lyrical retelling like Snow and Rose! <https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/item/show/965798166>

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** Hello Friends! We are up and running and can't wait to help you find your next favorite kids book!

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**Minnesota Youth Reading Awards** Hey Ramsey County Library Fans! Don't forget the Minnesota Youth Reading Awards BIG ANNOUNCEMENT later today! The winners for the Star of the North AND Maud Hart Lovelace Div 1 & 2 are being announced at 5pm on [facebook.com/MNYouthRead/](https://facebook.com/MNYouthRead/)! Kids from all over the state voted for their favorites, we can't wait to let them know who wins! Hope to see you there!

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** Oh yay! Thanks for letting us know! Can't wait to find out who the winners are this year! And speaking of the MYRAS, here are the nominees for 2021! <https://myrahome.org/2021-mhl>

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**Rachel Kamath** Anything Richard Scarry - Right now we're obsessing over the Funniest Story Book Ever.

Like · Reply · Message · 3w · ✓



Author

**Ramsey County Library** Hello! Richard Scarry is classic! Sounds like your kids are very detail oriented! You might want to try any of the "Can You See What I See" series, or the "I Spy" books. Both are picture puzzle books where kids have to look for clues. Other great books for kids who love illustrations are anything by Graeme Base, but especially "Animalia"!

<https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/item/show/197601166>

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**Rachel Kamath** Ramsey County Library Thank you!!!

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** We also have a list of titles for children celebrating Juneteenth (which is today!). You can find the list here: <https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/.../1661753409...>



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**Celebrating Black Joy in Honor of...**

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** And here's another list for kids for talking about race and anti-racism!

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** If you have a new reader in the house, here's a new list of books you might enjoy:

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**Ashley Updegraff** I looked at the Stephen Shaskan books and she will love them!! Thank you for introducing me!

Love · Reply · Message · 3w · ✓



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Author

**Ramsey County Library** And we're out! Thanks to all our patrons who asked questions, we're so happy to be able to assist with book recommendations! Tune in to our Facebook page in two weeks for another exciting edition of Facebook Readers Advisory!

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**Dawn Wiley** Over and over is one I'll always love

Like · Reply · Message · 3w · ✓



**Carly McEathron** Pink is for Girls was a huge hit at my elementary school!

Like · Reply · Message · 3w · ✓



**Ashley Updegraff** Hi! I have two questions: 1. I have an 8 year old and we have just finished reading the Chronicles of Narnia out loud in the evenings. What other series do you recommend we start reading with him? 2. I have a 3 year old who goes through books like nobody's business! I'm getting sick of our offerings on the shelf. Ideas for a few new ones to add to the rotation?

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** Question 1: "Aru Shah and the End of Time" by Roshani Chokshi is a great series or anything from the Rick Riordan Presents line!

<https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/v2/search...>

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** AND! "City of Ember" by Jeanne DuPrau is a forever favorite!

<https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/item/show/635596166>

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Author

**Ramsey County Library** Question 2: Hi Ashley! Try author Stephen Shaskan, he's a local and has excellent books for that in-between age! (Toad on the Road, Three Triceratops Tuff, A Dog is a Dog...). Karma Wilson's Bear books have lots of repetition and tender stories 3 year ... [See More](#)

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**Ashley Updegraff** The bear books are some of my favorites! I have different voices for each of his friends, and my daughter loves to say the repeating lines with me. I will check the others out! Thank you!

Like · Reply · Message · 3w · ✓



Author

**Ramsey County Library** Ashley Updegraff Oh Oh Oh! One last thing! Here's a list from our website of Picture Book Favorites! We love "Green Pants" especially! Happy Reading!

[https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/.../1620112894\\_staff...](https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/.../1620112894_staff...)



## Ramsey County Library

Published by CoSchedule App [?] · June 24 ·

Book return notice:

- 3-week checkout periods with up to two renewals have resumed.
- Book returns are open.... See More

# BOOK RETURN NOTICE

- 3-week checkout periods with up to two renewals have resumed.
- Book returns are open.
- Items will not be checked in for at least 72 hours.

2,033

People Reached

232

Engagements

Boost Post



Katy Heskett Gibbs, Nicole Daniels and 38 others

2 Comments 8 Shares



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Oldest



Kelly Johnson Amanda Johnson

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Rachel Otterness Are returns open at all locations now or still the select few?

Like · Reply · Message · 2w ·



Author

Ramsey County Library Yes. All book returns are open.

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## Ramsey County Library

Published by CoSchedule App [?] · June 16 ·

Here's a sneak peek to the Roseville In Bloom sculpture that will be installed at the library in Roseville! It will be located outside the library on the southwest corner of the building, near Dunn Bros. So excited.



2,803

People Reached

329

Engagements

Boost Post



Patti Louise, Peter Musser and 62 others

4 Comments 2 Shares



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Cynthia S White When?

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Robin Collins Edman Yikes!

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2 Replies



Kimberlee Potz Kinda weird

Like · Reply · Message · 4w ·



Staciema Moore Kimberlee Potz rude much

Like · Reply · Message · 2w ·



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Peter Musser That's our staff member! Hello from Musser Public Library. This is so cool!

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**Ramsey County Library**  
 Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · June 26 ·

All the roses have been installed in Roseville! Yay! 🌹

**City of Roseville, MN**  
 June 26 ·

Roseville is definitely in bloom this summer. Check out the 20, 7-foot roses individually stylized by various artists and placed around the city by Visit Rosevi...  
[See More](#)

**1,497**  
 People Reached

**612**  
 Engagements

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Jayna Emerson, David LaRochelle and 101 others

1 Comment 13 Shares

**Ramsey County Library**  
 Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · 6d ·

Awesome works of art! We had so much fun drawing with everyone. Please note: The accompanying Creative Pastel kits are out, but feel free to follow along with your own home supplies of any type!

There are still other kinds of Read.Make.Do. kits available, while supplies last! Browse today: <https://bit.ly/3dyfyVo>

**Karen Tan** ▸ Ramsey County Library  
 6d  
 Young artists with their sloths artwork!!

**1,112**  
 People Reached

**138**  
 Engagements

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**Amy Meyers** We loved this! 🌟 1  
 Like · Reply · Message · 6d ·

**Karen Tan** Amy Meyers Glad you guys love it!  
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**Alex Dayna Francis** Fun class, thank you!  

 Like · Reply · Message · 6d ·

**Karen Tan** Alex Dayna Francis Thank you!  
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**Jenn Cheesebrow** We are excited for the cooking and inventing Read.Make.Do coming up! Great job with summer programming this year despite the challenges.  
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**Haigh Heather** Amanda Johnson  
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**Tricia Jesse** These are amazing!!!!  
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**THE MIKE & DAVID SHOW**  
 Ramsey County Library: The Mike and David Show...  
 \*Edit: Let us know what you think. <https://www.roseville.org/library-program-evaluation-for-legacy/> The Mike & David Show features the MN author/illustrator team of Mike Woinoutka and David LaRochelle doing some drawing, telling some (bad) jokes, and...  
 26:26 · Premiered: 06/29/2020 · Owned · Appears Once · Copy Video ID

**Total Video Performance** Showing All
 

Peak Live Viewers	12
Minutes Viewed	2,010
1-Minute Video Views	188
10-Second Video Views	659
3-Second Video Views	1,590
Average Video Watch Time	0:35
Audience Retention	
Audience and Engagement	



## Ramsey County Library

2d · 🌐

Join us for a musical journey to Africa! This trip includes Siam's intricate guitar playing, spirited singing, catchy songs and traditional African instruments like Mbira and Balafon. Dallas shares stories that bring Siam's happy Bas Congo childhood to life. A musical adventure to be enjoyed by all, so don't miss it!

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

Let us know what you think: <https://www.rcreads.org/library-program-ev...> See More



1,048

People Reached

53

Engagements

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Kids Book Painter Cora Hays Illustrator  
I love the song!

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Joe Bursch  
Hi

Like · Reply · Message · 2d



Kids Book Painter Cora Hays Illustrator  
Singing with you!

Like · Reply · Message · 2d



Kids Book Painter Cora Hays Illustrator  
We speak French too. What can you say with a drum?

Like · Reply · Message · 2d



Kids Book Painter Cora Hays Illustrator  
Melendez is BEAUTIFUL!

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Kids Book Painter Cora Hays Illustrator  
Melembe

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Anita Faltesek  
Mwambuyi Ba Ntita Kabeya Ellie enjoyed listening to this!

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



## Ramsey County Library

6d · 🌐

\*Edit\* Let us know what you think: <https://www.rcreads.org/library-program-evaluation-for-legacy/>

Today, we will learn to draw a sloth using oil pastels with Creative Pastels. Please note: The accompanying Creative Pastel kits are out, but feel free to follow along with your own home supplies of any type!

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



1,048

People Reached

180

Engagements

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Priya Bardal  
Hi! we logged in a few minutes after 7 and it seems the sloth has already been drawn. We did not see the instructions for starting the drawing...

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Karen Tan  
Sorry about that, you can always replay the video from here or go to Creative Pastels or my FB page. The video will be up for a month

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



Priya Bardal  
Karen Tan



Like · Reply · Message · 6d



Priya Bardal  
The video stopped for us so she took creative license and finished it up herself.

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



Karen Tan  
Priya Bardal wow! That's awesome!!! Great job Mira!

Like · Reply · Message · 6d · Edited



**Karen Tan**  
Priya Bardal That's great! You know you can always replay the video if she wants to go for 2nd try!

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



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**Aman Jaswal**  
Can you please go little slow?

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



**Aman Jaswal**  
Kids are not able to catch you. They started exactly at 7.

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



**Karen Tan**  
You can replay as many time as you want

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



**Ann Wahlstrom**  
All the videos will be posted on RCL's website Thursday mornings after they premier Wednesdays on Facebook, so you can go back and re-watch as many times as you'd like!  
<https://www.rclreads.org/creative-pastels/>



RCLREADS.ORG  
Creative Pastels

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**Melanie Haut**  
I think our plan will be to watch the videos after they are posted so we can pause and the kids can catch up. It looks really good though!

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**Karen Tan**  
Thank you, you have a good plan

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**Amy Wyland**  
Thank you!

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**Erin JS**  
Amaya had fun! We were able to pause and rewind as needed even though watching it "live".



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**Karen Tan**  
Erin JS Great work!!

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**Amy Meyers**  
it says trouble playing the video for us...we had gone back to the beginning and we were pausing so maybe thats why? It was moving too fast for us so we needed to pause. any chance the rest will be slower? Also would it be possible to see the finished ... [See More](#)

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**Karen Tan**  
Amy Meyers I hope you are able to replay the session. If not you can go to my FB page (Karen Tan) . I hosted a watch party on this and it's public. Video will be up for a month.

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**Amy Meyers**  
Karen Tan we finished!



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**Amy Meyers**

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**Karen Tan**  
Amy Meyers Great job! 🥰 I love it!!!

Like · Reply · Message · 6d

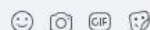


**Karen Tan**  
Amy Meyers great one! 🥰 I love it!

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**Karen Tan**  
Wow! That's awesome, beautiful work!!!

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



**Fumiko Suzuki**  
We enjoyed very much!



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Karen Tan  
Fumiko Suzuki very lovely! Thanks so much for sharing your work!

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Fumiko Suzuki



2

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Karen Tan  
Fumiko Suzuki Beautiful! I love it!!!

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Karen Tan  
Amazing 😊!!! Keep up the good work!

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



Emmett Ryan  
Thank you!



2

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1 Reply



Emmett Ryan  
The class was great!



2

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Karen Tan  
Awesome drawing! You are so talented!

## Google:

### Ramsey County Library - Maplewood

3025 Southlawn Dr, Maplewood, MN

Ask

when will the Library reopen? or is it going to stay shut down?

Like Answer



Ramsey County Library - Maplewood (Owner)  
3 weeks ago

At this time, we don't have a timeline for opening or partial re-opening. However, librarians are happy to offer contactless services through our modified services plan. You can learn more about our modified services here: <https://www.rclreads.org/news/rcl-closed-faq/>

### Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN

All questions



Mary Rourke

when will the Library open completely and voters will be able to vote in the primary and election?

Like



Ramsey County Library - Roseville (Owner)  
2 days ago

Hi Mary,

At this time, we don't have a timeline for opening or partial re-opening. However, librarians are happy to help over the phone or via email. You can learn more about our modified services here: <https://www.rclreads.org/news/rcl-closed-faq/>

To learn more about voting in person: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting/voters/vote-election-day/vote-person>

### Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN

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4.5 ★★★★★ 111 reviews

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All coffee shop 15 study 10 addition 6 teen 6 +6



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4 reviews

★★★★★ 6 days ago



Heather Ingbreton

Local Guide · 19 reviews · 4 photos

★★★★★ a week ago

This is by far my favorite Library.. It is huge! There's a great teen's section there's a coffee shop attached and there's lots of bilingual materials which is great for learning Spanish!

## Twitter:

