

**Ramsey County Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 16, 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 November 18, 2020 Minutes (2)
  - B. Director's Report (3)
  - C. Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries Report (4)
- V. Discussion Items (6:40-8:00)**
  - A. Maplewood Renovation Project (5)
  - B. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Requests (6)
  - C. Benchmarking RCL to Other Comparable Libraries (7)
  - D. Ramsey County Conduct Policy (8)
  - E. Task Force Update (9)
  - A. Interim Director Update (10)
  - B. Other
- VII. Library Board Chair Topic (8:00-8:30)**
- VIII. Adjournment (8:30)**

Scheduled Upcoming Meetings		
<b>January 20, 2021</b> 6:30 p.m.	RCL – Shoreview 4560 Victoria Street North	Annual Meeting 2021 Workplan
<b>February 17, 2021</b> 6:30 p.m.	RCL – Roseville 2180 Hamline Avenue North	2020 Fourth Quarter Reports Year End Reserve Lists
<b>March 17, 2021</b> 6:30 p.m.	RCL – North St. Paul 2300 North St. Paul Drive	Annual Report to State 2022-2023 Budget Overview/Timeline Review Fines & Fees

**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 November 18, 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; Mary Larson, Library Board Coordinator; Lynn Wyman, Deputy Director; Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager; Chuck Wettergren, Digital Services Manager; Monica Stratton, Maplewood Library Manager; Tami Lee, Maplewood Children's Librarian

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County Commissioner; Maria Sarabia, Ramsey County Human Resources Manager

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Neblett called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Willems made a motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 2020, as presented. Berry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2020 as presented. Chang seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Important Dates** – For the Thanksgiving holiday, all libraries and offices are closed November 26; Administration and Technical Services are closed November 27.

**Lynn Wyman Retiring** – With mixed emotions, I share that Lynn Wyman will retire after 40 years of employment at Ramsey County Library. Lynn's last day is February 26, 2021. There will be more to come to highlight and celebrate Lynn's career accomplishments at RCL. For now, we acknowledge that Lynn has had a huge impact on the organization and on us, and we will certainly miss her. She has much to be proud of here and much to look forward to in her well-deserved retirement!

**Elections at Libraries** – Ramsey County Library hosted voting at several sites this election season, one marked by remarkably high voter turnout. RCL-Roseville saw record numbers of people queuing up to vote and drop off ballots between September 18 and November 3. We also accepted ballots at RCL-Shoreview and Maplewood. RCL-White Bear Lake hosted voting a week prior to Election Day, and RCL-Maplewood was a polling place on Election Day. Ramsey County Elections staff, Library staff, and all election judges and others who supported this activity deserve a big hand for managing this process and the impressive turnout.

**Elections Results** – Three incumbents were re-elected to serve on the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. Congratulations to Commissioners **Mary Jo McGuire**, representing District 2; **Nicole Joy Frethem**, representing District 1; and **Victoria Reinhardt**, representing District 7.

**One Book | One Minnesota** – We invite participation in the statewide book club engaging Minnesotans to read and discuss a common title. The new title is Louise Erdrich’s *The Plague of Doves*. The e-book and e-audiobook are available through Ebooks Minnesota until December 13th. Librarian Paul Lai leads a book club discussion on Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. Learn more here:

<https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/search?q=plague%20of%20doves/event/5f8e017d17d56731005d6287>

**New County Leaders Announced** – Kathy Hedin was recently named Ramsey County Deputy County Manager of Health and Wellness. She was previously Ramsey County’s Public Health Director, serving as a visible and trusted leader throughout the pandemic. Keith Lattimore was recently named the first director of Ramsey County’s Housing Stability department, which is part of the Economic Growth and Community Investment (EGCI) service team. Lattimore was previously director of the MNChoices and Aging & Disability Services division of Social Services and has served as Operations Chief for Homelessness and Housing Stability during the pandemic.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RETIREMENT OF ANNETTE GAGNELIUS:**

Berry made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Annette Gagnelius, and to authorize the Library Board Chair to sign the document. Chang seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

**2020 THIRD 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, Senior Library Manager
- Incident Report – prepared by Mickey Ladich, Property Manager

The Library Board accepted the third quarter reports as presented.

**2021 HOLIDAY CALENDAR:**

Each year, the Library staff prepares a holiday calendar for the upcoming year for Library Board approval. The calendar includes all the dates designated as paid holidays by Ramsey County, as well as other dates when the libraries are closed.

The Library’s calendar includes Staff Inservice Days, which allow time for staff training and facilities-related projects such as painting or shifting the collection. Inservice Day closures will depend on the public health recommendations in place regarding the COVID-19 pandemic at the time of the scheduled events.

The libraries may also close as needed for facility- or technology-related improvements. These closed days will be selected based on their branch needs, and publicized in advance in the Library’s newsletter and on the website.

Chiclana-Ayala made a motion to approve the 2021 Holiday Calendar as proposed. Chang seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**RAMSEY COUNTY IT CONSOLIDATION FUNDING:**

The Ramsey County Information Services (IS) department has advanced IT Consolidation with all departments across the County. In 2018, IS began IT Consolidation with the Library. When this is complete, the IS department will assume responsibility for the Library’s network, servers, and desktop support. The Library’s Digital Services staff will continue to lead our technology planning, manage digital literacy and makerspace programming, and

manage Library-specific business applications such as the Integrated Library System, website, catalog, automated materials handling systems, self-checkout, printers, makerspace equipment, labs, and similar resources.

The IT Consolidation project is evolving in phases. Earlier this year, the Library hired a consultant in the Ramsey County Enterprise Project Management Office to accelerate completion by producing a project plan. The project plan was shared with the Library Board, and includes the request to commit additional funding to retain the Project Management consultant throughout the completion of the project. The one-time Project Management consultant fee is estimated at a total of \$150,000.

The Library Board discussed the proposal, along with the phases that have already been completed and the impact on Library staffing. Deputy Director Lynn Wyman noted that staff were given the option to remain with the Library or transfer to Ramsey County Information Services. Staffing transfers occurred in 2017-2018, and the Library's Digital Services Department has retained responsibility for managing Library business applications, Maker Space labs and equipment, and Library-specific equipment, including 3D printers, automated materials handling systems, and self-checkout equipment.

Willems made a motion to approve using fund balance to pay a Project Manager in the Ramsey County Enterprise Project Management Office to coordinate the completion of IT Consolidation, with a total cost not to exceed \$150,000. Berry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY IN MAPLEWOOD RENOVATION:**

Library staff are working with Ramsey County Property Management to develop a project plan and timeline to guide the renovation project at RCL-Maplewood. We will soon issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to hire a firm to produce a schematic design. Property Management will manage the RFQ process. The announcement will go to CERT program vendors, which includes certified minority-owned business enterprises, women-owned business enterprises, and small business enterprises.

The full project timeline and plan will be presented to the Library Board prior to hiring a firm. We will also seek a Library Board member to participate on a proposal review and interview team, which will include Ramsey County Library and Property Management staff.

#### **RAMSEY COUNTY CONDUCT POLICY:**

Ramsey County is drafting a policy regarding conduct at County buildings and properties. The Library currently has a conduct policy (the "Library Use" policy) guiding acceptable behavior in Library spaces, which have some unique legal requirements. Under discussion is whether the County policy will exclude the Library in order to retain existing Library policy and staff procedures; or whether the County policy will replace the Library Use policy and related staff procedures.

The Library Board discussed the differences between the draft County policy and the Library's current policy, and the feasibility of addressing all the Library-specific issues within the County-wide policy. Boldenow will ask for more clarification for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

#### **PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROCESS UPDATE:**

Annually, the Library Board conducts a performance review of the Library Director. The Board intends to update the review process, and invited Maria Sarabia, Ramsey County Human Resources Manager to get the process started. Sarabia gave a presentation outlining an approach that the Human Resources staff could take to support this process moving forward.

The Library Board discussed the goals and a desire to clarify a new process before a new Library Director is hired. The Library Board will continue this work with Human Resources staff at future meetings.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR SEARCH PROCESS:**

Library Director Jill Boldenow recently announced that she is taking a new position and is resigning from Ramsey County Library, with her last day to be January 5, 2021. Deputy Director Lynn Wyman outlined the steps and timing of the previous Library Director search process, which was conducted by the Library Board with the assistance of the Ramsey County Human Resources Department. The process was fast-tracked, and took over four months to complete with many extra meetings and interviews by the Library Board. Staff participation was part of the last process, and should be discussed for the upcoming search. An interim director will also need to be determined.

Woods made a motion to authorize Library Board Chair to contact Ramsey County Human Resources to initiate the director search process as quickly as possible, in order to utilize the expertise of Boldenow and Wyman during their remaining tenures with the Library system. Berry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**NEXT MEETING:**

December 16, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Neblett adjourned the virtual meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Larson  
Library Board Coordinator

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****December 2020**

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<b>November Staff Updates:</b>	Hired:	Hanna Rafferty, Substitute Library Page
	Hired:	Allyson Ososki, Substitute Library Page
	Hired:	Abeni Hill, Substitute Library Page
	Hired:	Andrea Kanani, Substitute Library Page
	Hired:	Kimberly Delveaux, Substitute Library Page
	Retired:	Annette Gagnelius, Clerk Typist at RCL-New Brighton

**Important Dates** – All libraries are closed December 24, December 25, and January 1. All libraries close at 5:00 p.m. on December 31.

**Ramsey County Library named a Star Library** – For the eighth consecutive year, RCL has been named a Star Library by *Library Journal*. This designation is given to libraries with a high index rating based on per capita library visits, print and e-circulation, program attendance, public internet computer use, WiFi sessions, and access of other online content. We were among thirty-two libraries nationally with budgets between \$10-\$30 million to be honored. Minnesota libraries honored in other budget categories were Ely Public Library and Two Harbors Public Library.

**Thank you!** – As we approach the end of 2020, there is much to reflect on. First, I want to express my profound gratitude to Library staff, Board Members, Friends, volunteers, and others for their service in this difficult year. I recognize all that you have done and the impact you have made on residents. Just this week, we heard from two patrons whose families greatly appreciate Ramsey County Library services and staff dedication this year.

*One said, “While being largely homebound since March, my kids have participated in summer reading programs from home through the gift of a book each, they have engaged in at-home creative activities, and I have supported my mental health through (many, many) digital audiobooks while I take daily walks. Prior to the pandemic, we also benefitted through the Paws to Read program and used the library as a quiet space for group study projects. . . . I must also mention that the librarians and staff that I have had the occasion or need to consult are always knowledgeable, helpful, flexible, and welcoming – in person and over the phone. The library’s value to us is incalculable and while I don’t often pause to reflect, I just wanted you to know how grateful we are for you all.*

*Another commented, “I wanted to write to let you know how much my family appreciates the library’s efforts to provide books during COVID. Books were second only to food during our family’s efforts to socially distance over the last eight months. My husband drove a 6 hour round trip to pick up books every other week (we were staying with and taking care of elderly parents). It was the bright point in my 10 year old daughter’s summer and one of the few pleasures that we were able to still indulge in during an otherwise chaotic year. We appreciate the dedication of the staff that made this possible and hope that you all have a healthy and happy holiday season.”*

Because I am moving to a new position in January, 2021, I am also reflecting on my career at Ramsey County Library. I have so much appreciation for this opportunity to work with terrific individuals and teams over these years to support learning, community, and equity.

I offer my best wishes to you and yours in 2021 and beyond, for good health and well-being, and continued success delivering transformative library services! Thank you.

## **Friends Update—December 2020**

### **2020 Grant Commitment Fulfilled**

The Friends have fulfilled our \$130,000 grant commitment to RCL which supports the Library collection (including digital materials in high demand due to the COVID-19 modified services); in-person and virtual programming and other resources for adults, teens and children; the Summer Learning Program, and other programs and services.

### **Virtual Happy Hour with William Kent Krueger**

76 households dialed in via Zoom to enjoy a lively conversation in November between chart-topping novelist William Kent Krueger and Board Member Frank Harris. Attendees received a party pack with recipe cards and photo props and were treated to fun author trivia during the welcome session. Board President Ann Trapnell and Development Committee Chair Kate Huebsch announced the launch of the Friends new *Ruth Palmer Award*. We greatly appreciate the generosity of participants and donors for helping to raise more than \$2,500 to support the Library.

### **Friends Used Bookstore Goes Virtual**

Our Virtual Used Bookstore is now open for business! Books of many genres, videos, games, music CDs and audiobooks are available to browse, order online and pick up “grab and go” style at the library in Shoreview. Click the tab “Buy and Donate Books” on the Friends website and follow the prompts to the Virtual Used Bookstore.

### **Planned Giving, Legacy Circle, and Ruth Palmer Award**

The Development Committee has been working in high gear in 2020. They recently completed a significant renewal of our planned giving materials, enhanced the Legacy Circle Program, and launched the new *Ruth Palmer Award*. The Legacy Circle now has 20 confirmed members who have included the Friends in their will or estate planning. In the spring of 2021, Friends members will begin nominations for the first *Ruth Palmer Award* and Legacy Circle members will select the winner to be announced in the fall.

### **Friends to Hold Online Auction in February**

Due to the pandemic, we are not able to safely hold the annual Friends Gala in 2021. However, we’re bringing back the online silent auction to support the Library from the comfort of your own home. The online auction opens Thursday, February 18 and runs through Thursday, February 25. Plan to do some shopping and liven up the gray winter days while supporting Ramsey County Library. Watch for auction item news in January and February on our website [www.rclfriends.org](http://www.rclfriends.org) and via our e-news and social media.

**Thank You to Northeast Bank, the Friends 2021 Signature Sponsor!**



## Request for Library Board Action

**Meeting Date**  
December 16, 2020

**Action Requested**  
Information and Discussion

**Presented By**  
Jill Boldenow,  
Library Director

**SUBJECT:**

Ramsey County Library in Maplewood Renovation Update

**BACKGROUND:**

Library staff continue to work with Ramsey County Property Management to develop a project plan to guide the renovation project at RCL-Maplewood. The Library has a pre-design for a renovation, but there are additional considerations that the pre-design does not address including repurposing the vacant café space and accommodating county service center programming.

It is recommended that the Library pursue a design-build delivery method that accommodates an additional pre-design phase to determine the needs and methods for incorporating service center elements, possibly through an addition.

A preliminary schedule for this project is:

RFP release: Early January, 2021

Solicitation responses due: End of January, 2021

Anticipated start date: April, 2021

Pre-design phase: through July or August, 2021

Implementation: Fall, 2021

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.



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**Action Requested**  
Information and Discussion

**Presented By**  
Jill Boldenow,  
Library Director

**SUBJECT:**

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Request

**BACKGROUND:**

Every two years, the County develops a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget to support capital projects through bond financing. Requests for 2022-2023 CIP funds are due December 28, 2020. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will approve CIP project funding at the end of the year in 2021. Funds for budget year 2022 projects can be spent in the spring of 2022; funds for budget year 2023 projects can be spent in the spring of 2023.

Library staff propose requesting CIP funds for the following projects:

- At RCL-Maplewood, design and renovate spaces north of the lobby, including the Community Room and former café. The project purpose is to increase capacity to serve large groups, improve flexibility to support various sized events, and repurpose currently unused space. This is not in the scope of the currently funded renovation project. This project will coordinate with any building changes that support county service center operations—a project that would be funded separately.
- At RCL-Roseville, design and renovate space on the first floor to house a new digital learning center. The project purpose is to create a highly visible space to engage visitors with maker and digital literacy programming, to address the excess demand for bookable programming spaces, and to safely house and secure specialized program equipment. This project may be located in a newly enclosed atrium space or in the current café space.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.

## Request for Library Board Action

**Meeting Date**  
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**Action Requested**  
Discussion

**Presented By**  
Jeff Eide,  
Senior Library Manager

**SUBJECT:**

Benchmarking Ramsey County Library to Other Comparable Libraries

**BACKGROUND:**

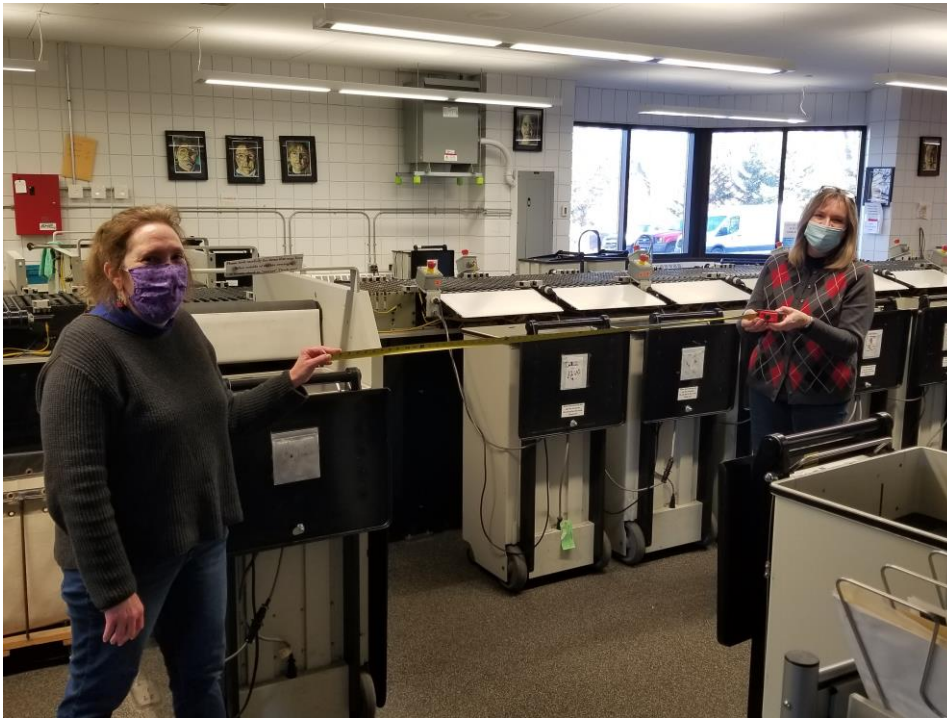
Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager at the Ramsey County Library in Roseville, compiles a report each year showing comparisons between RCL, the MELSA libraries, and other library systems of similar populations served and total income.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion. Jeff Eide will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

# Ramsey County Library Benchmarking

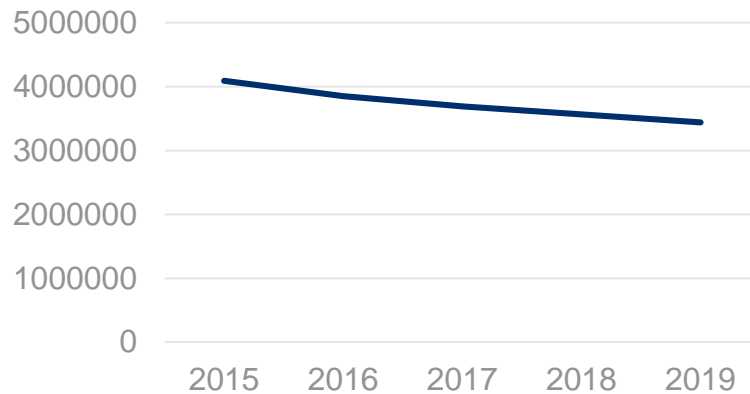
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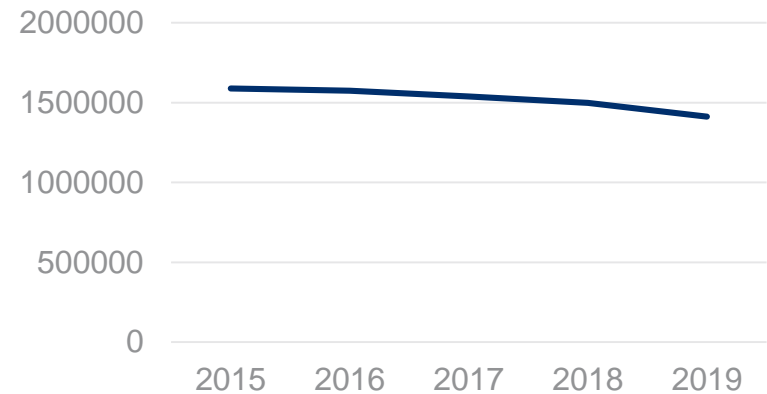
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- Visits  
1,412,654
- Program Attendance  
120,678
- Cardholders  
313,567

## 5 year trends

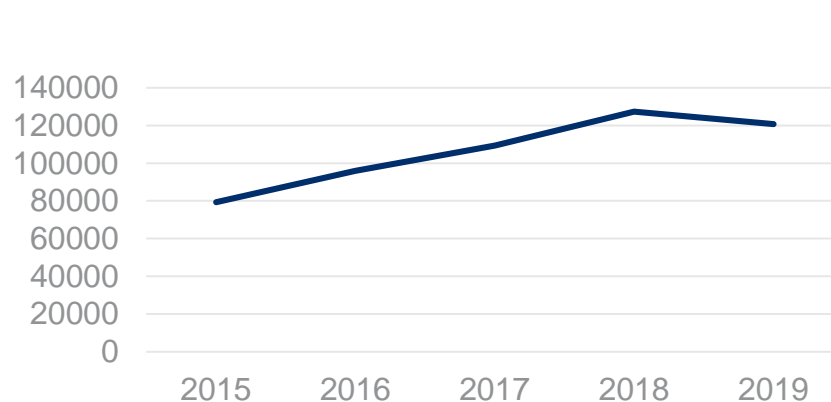
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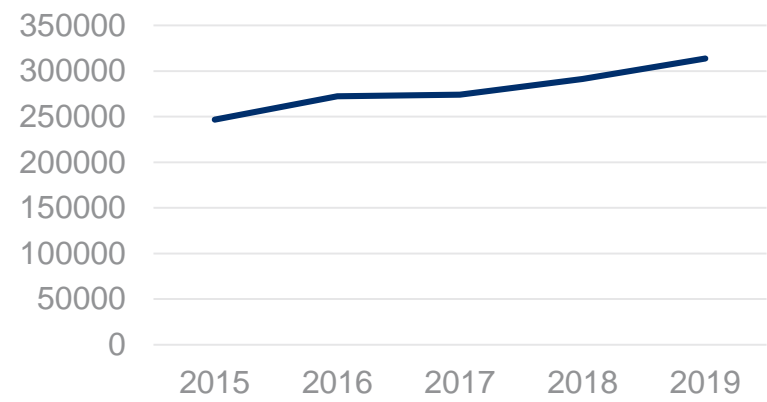
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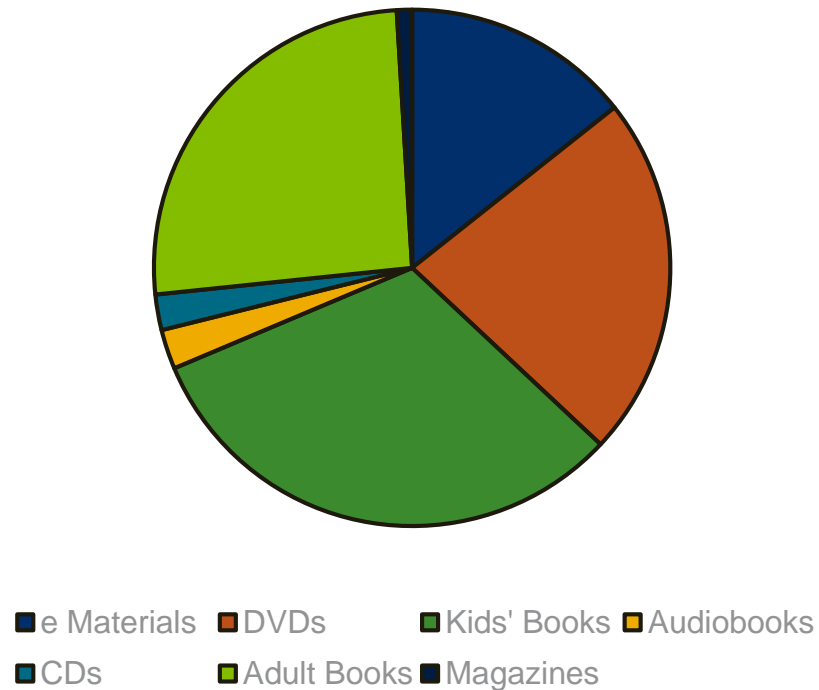


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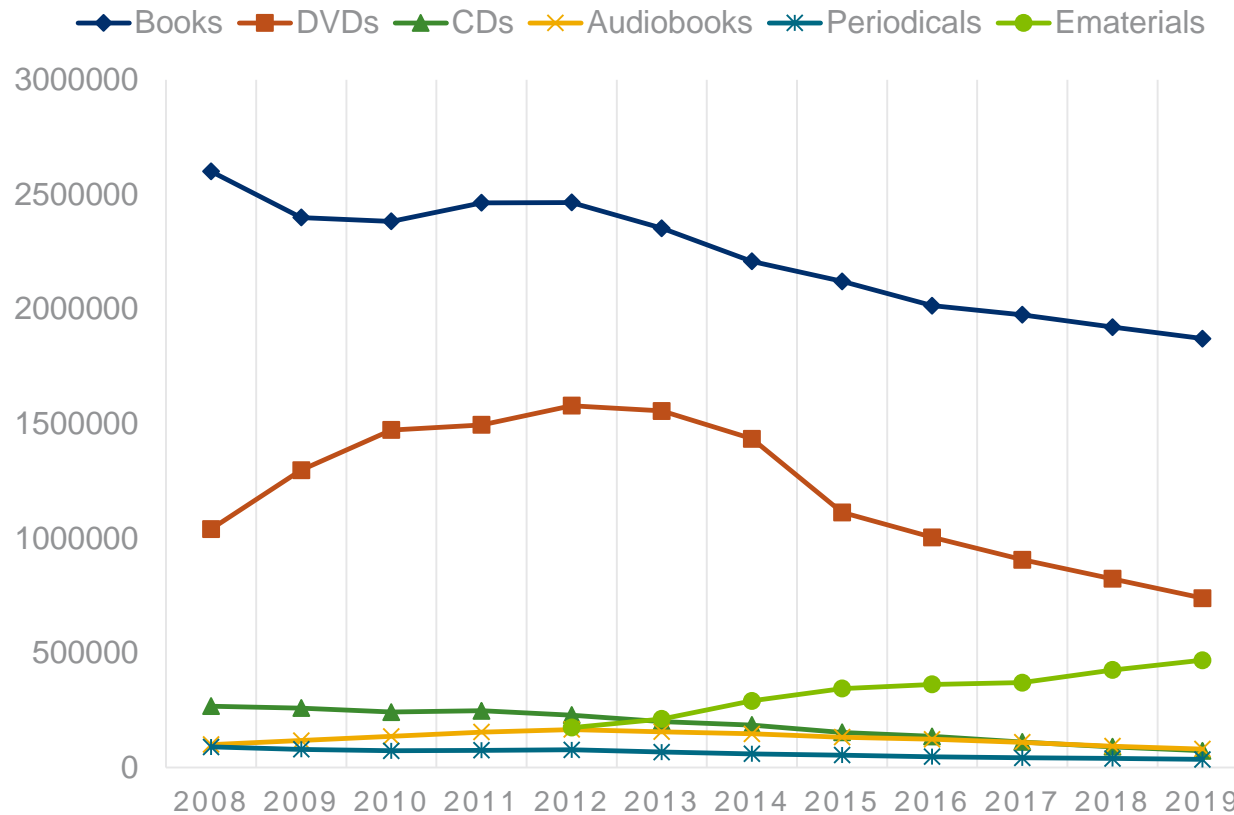


# Materials Type Usage

Circulation



# Circulation by Item Type



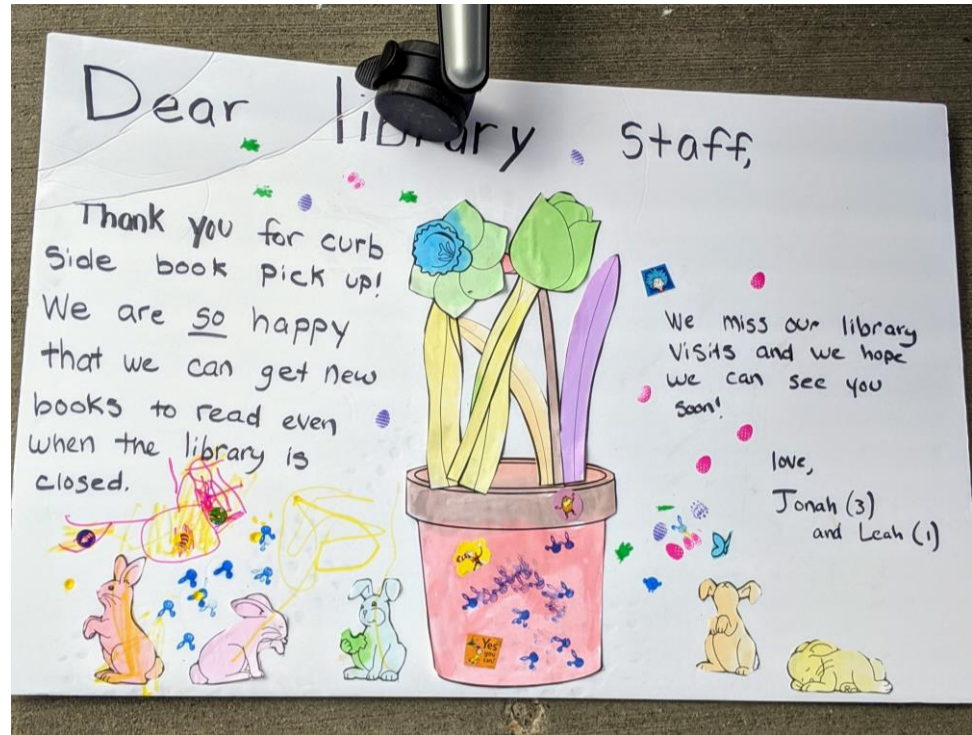


## Peer Libraries

- Boise Public, ID
- Capital Area District Libraries, MI
- Kitchener Public Library, ON
- Lake County Public Library, IN

## Revenue per Capita

St Paul	\$70.04
Hennepin	\$66.50
<b>Ramsey</b>	<b>\$51.47</b>
Peer Libraries	\$49.98
Carver	\$46.28
MELSA Average	\$44.14
Washington	\$34.42
Dakota	\$31.82
Scott	\$27.06
Anoka	\$25.56



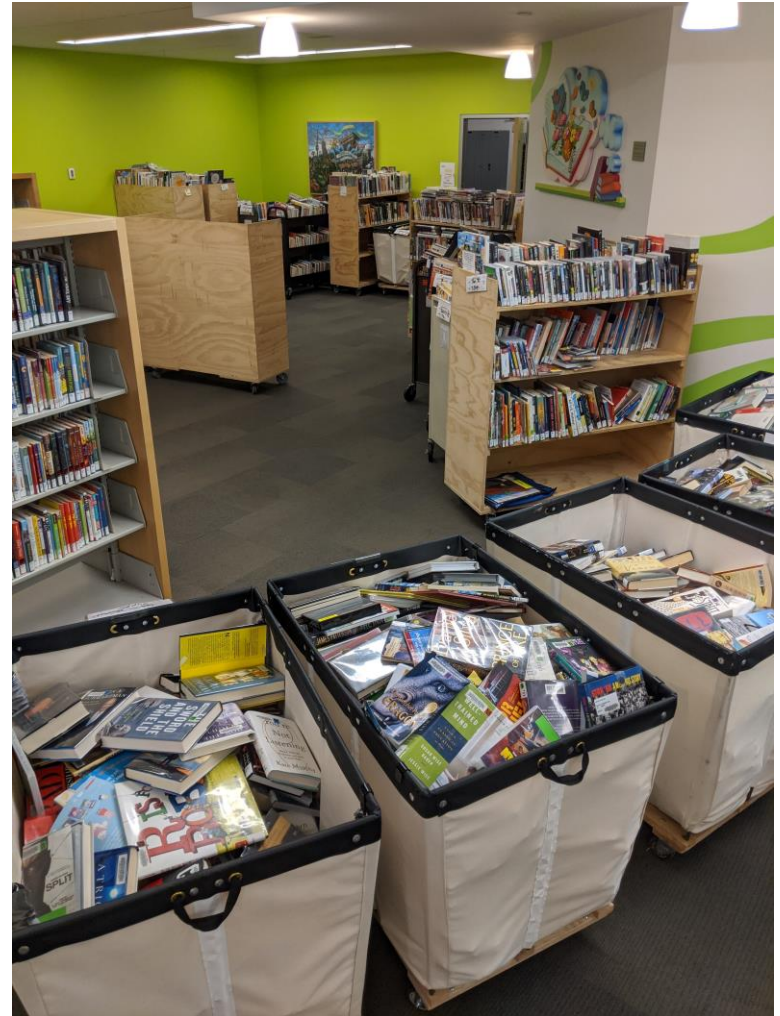
# Collection Expenditures per Capita



Hennepin	\$7.40
Peer Libraries	\$6.35
Dakota	\$5.05
Carver	\$4.76
<b>Ramsey</b>	<b>\$4.75</b>
St Paul	\$4.62
MELSA Average	\$4.51
Anoka	\$3.26
Scott	\$3.17
Washington	\$3.06

## Circulation per Capita

Hennepin	16.3
<b>Ramsey</b>	<b>16.0</b>
Peer Libraries	12.5
Dakota	11.2
MELSA Average	10.8
St Paul	9.9
Carver	9.6
Washington	9.1
Anoka	7.7
Scott	6.4





## Visits per Capita



St Paul	7.15
<b>Ramsey</b>	<b>6.21</b>
Peer Libraries	5.31
Carver	4.67
Hennepin	4.43
MELSA Average	4.39
Dakota	3.61
Washington	3.58
Scott	3.27
Anoka	2.24

# Collection Turnover

Anoka	7.00
Dakota	6.67
<b>Ramsey</b>	<b>6.30</b>
Hennepin	5.60
MELSA Average	5.01
Peer Libraries	4.76
Scott	4.01
Washington	4.00
Carver	3.83
St Paul	2.64



## Program Attendance per Capita



Ramsey	0.51
St Paul	0.36
Peer Libraries	0.36
MELSA Average	0.24
Scott	0.23
Washington	0.20
Hennepin	0.18
Dakota	0.16
Anoka	0.15
Carver	0.13



# Circulation per Staff FTE

<b>Ramsey</b>	<b>38,554</b>
Dakota	36,475
Hennepin	32,804
Anoka	30,253
MELSA Average	28,645
Washington	27,870
Scott	24,875
Peer Libraries	22,752
Carver	22,341
St Paul	15,984



## Circulation per square ft

Ramsey	24.21
Washington	23.94
Anoka	21.10
Dakota	20.85
Hennepin	18.67
Peer Libraries	17.86
MELSA Average	17.46
Carver	13.31
St Paul	10.07
Scott	7.51

## Visits per square ft

Washington	9.48
Ramsey	9.38
Peer Libraries	7.56
St Paul	7.25
MELSA Average	6.80
Dakota	6.72
Carver	6.50
Anoka	6.12
Hennepin	5.08
Scott	3.86



library visits per capita

circulation per capita

circulation of electronic materials per capita

program attendance per capita

public internet computer use per capita

wi-fi sessions per capita

Questions?

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Information and Discussion

**Presented By**  
Jill Boldenow,  
Library Director

**SUBJECT:**  
Conduct Policies

**BACKGROUND:**

This item is a follow-up to the November topic of Ramsey County's draft policy regarding conduct at County buildings and properties. The Library currently has a conduct policy (the "Library Use" policy) guiding acceptable behavior in Library spaces, which have some unique legal requirements. Library staff will provide an update on the process.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**  
For information and discussion.

## Request for Library Board Action

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Action Requested  
Information and Discussion

Presented By  
Board Members

**SUBJECT:**

Task Force Update

**BACKGROUND:**

At this meeting, Ramsey County Library Board Members who serve on a task force with County Commissioners will provide an update to the Board on their work.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

For information and discussion.

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Action Requested  
Information and Discussion

Presented By  
Sylvia Neblett, Chair

**SUBJECT:**

Interim Library Director Update

**BACKGROUND:**

The Library Board will discuss the status of the Interim Library Director appointment.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**


For information and discussion.



## Ramsey County Library in the news:


11/14: <b>Pioneer Press</b>	Literary Calendar: New Childrens Book Features Hmong Brother and Sister <a href="https://www.twincities.com/2020/11/14/literary-calendar-new-childrens-book-features-hmong-brother-and-sister/">https://www.twincities.com/2020/11/14/literary-calendar-new-childrens-book-features-hmong-brother-and-sister/</a>
11/16: <b>twincitiesgeek.com</b>	This Week in Geek (11/16/20–11/22/20) <a href="https://twincitiesgeek.com/2020/11/this-week-in-geek-11-16-20-11-22-20/">https://twincitiesgeek.com/2020/11/this-week-in-geek-11-16-20-11-22-20/</a>
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11/25 <b>Park Bugle</b>	Special Tuesday scholar talk <a href="https://www.parkbugle.org/special-tuesday-scholar-talk/">https://www.parkbugle.org/special-tuesday-scholar-talk/</a>
12/4: <b>patch.com</b>	New Scavenger Hunt At Local Parks In Ramsey County Launched <a href="https://patch.com/minnesota/roseville/new-savenger-hunt-local-parks-ramsey-county-launched">https://patch.com/minnesota/roseville/new-savenger-hunt-local-parks-ramsey-county-launched</a>
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**Ramsey County Library**  
Published by CoSchedule App [?] · November 8 ·

DYK? Teens can get free copies of each book discussed in the Virtual Graphic Novel Book Club.  
Register today: [bit.ly/2CV9QAd](https://bit.ly/2CV9QAd)  
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"I'm too old for picture books. Do you have any graphic novels?"

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 Alyssa Stevenski, Teresa Freeland and 6 others

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**Ramsey County Library**  
Published by CoSchedule App [?] · November 17 ·

DYK? Ramsey County Library circulated 3,442,392 materials in 2019! Get a breakdown of the Library's circulation numbers: [bit.ly/3kJMJTE](https://bit.ly/3kJMJTE)



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**Library Usage**  
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**Ramsey County Library**  
Published by Pa Na Lor [?] · November 20 · **Expired**

Join us and Minnesota author V. T. Bidania to hear all about her new early chapter book series, Astrid & Apollo, and learn about Hmong New Year celebrations.  
This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.  
Let us know what you think: <https://www.rclreads.org/library-program-evaluation-for-le.../>




**First Chapter Fridays: Guest Star V. T. Bidania**  
12:18

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 **Sierra Robinson** I'm so proud of you! You made a goal and made it happen. Excited to read your books!  
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 **Win Bidania**  
  
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 **Tina Kulzer** Julia Burkstaller Tell the podcast crew to get in touch with my neighbor here for an interview and discussion on her success in bringing greater diversity to kids stories. I think our local Girl Scouts - and maybe ConnectZ or Mentored Troops in particular - would love to know about her books and her career path!  
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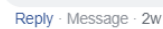
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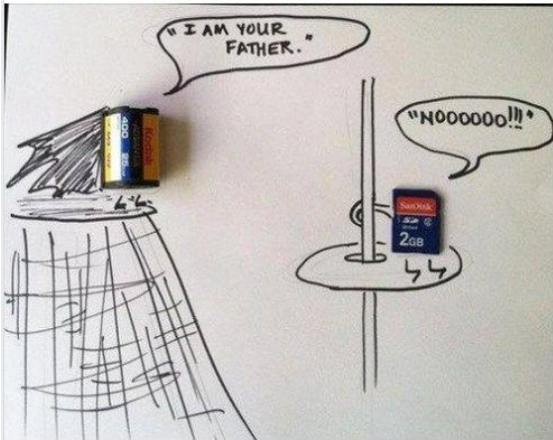
### Ramsey County Library

Published by CoSchedule App [?] · November 29 · 🌐

Want to get into photography but don't know where to start? Join us on Zoom to learn and test out the basics of photo-taking and see how the simplest tools are the key to achieving the photos you want!

Register today: [bit.ly/3kJ0o2r](https://bit.ly/3kJ0o2r)

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### Ramsey County Library

Published by CoSchedule App [?] · November 30 · 🌐

Teens - Join us for a holiday card drive! Now through Dec. 14, register for a Holiday Card Maker Teen @ Home kit and make cards for other youth. Cards may be return to any RCL branch and will be donated to our partners.

Register for a kit today: [www.rclreads.org/makerteen-home-kits](https://www.rclreads.org/makerteen-home-kits)



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### Ramsey County Library

Published by CoSchedule App [?] · December 4 at 4:29 PM · 🌐

¡Únase a la Biblioteca del Condado de Ramsey y Parques y Recreación para una nueva aventura a través de nuestros parques locales! Descarga Beanstack hoy: [rclreads.beanstack.org](https://rclreads.beanstack.org)

See Translation



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People Reached

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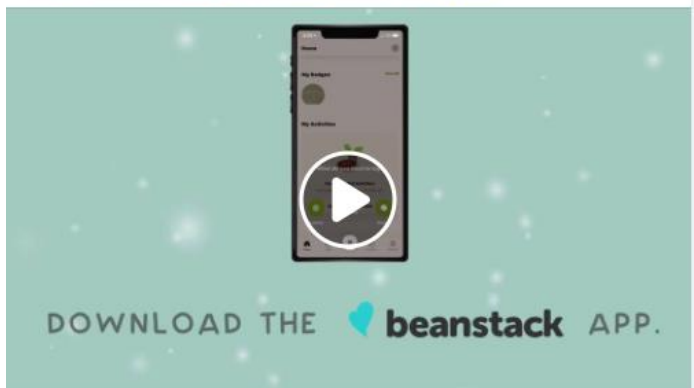
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### Ramsey County Library

Published by CoSchedule App [?] · 20h · 🌐

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603

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62

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## Ramsey County Library - Maplewood

3025 Southlawn Dr, Maplewood, MN

[← All questions](#)



**Mary Culbertson**

Local Guide · 38 reviews

Can patrons currently use the printer at this Library?

1



**Ramsey County Library - Maplewood (Owner)**

5 hours ago

Hi Mary,

The Library will print and make available the following types of documents for pick up:

- 1) Website text or document from a website (such as tax forms)
- 2) Articles from one of our online resources
- 3) Send an email request for printing to Ask a Librarian: [rcireads.org/ask-a-librarian/](https://www.rcireads.org/ask-a-librarian/)

If your printing need is unable to be addressed by this service, please make a reservation to use a computer: [rcireads.org/modified-services/#computers](https://www.rcireads.org/modified-services/#computers)

For more modified services: [rcireads.org/modified-services](https://www.rcireads.org/modified-services)

Is there a covid restriction on how long I can study in the library?

Like Answer



**Ramsey County Library - Roseville (Owner)**

2 weeks ago

Hi Dil,

At this time, access to the library in Roseville is limited and study rooms are not available. The modified services available at Roseville includes quick grab and go of holds and documents, computers by appointments and access to career labs and Ramsey County Service Centers. To learn more, please visit [www.rcireads.org/modified-services](https://www.rcireads.org/modified-services).

## Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN

[← All questions](#)



**Victoryz**

Can You Renew Books Here?

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**Ramsey County Library - Roseville (Owner)**

just now

Hi Victoryz,

You can also renew your books on [rcireads.org](https://www.rcireads.org). Log into "My RCL" with your library card, click on your username, scroll down to "Checked Out" and click on it. A list of your current checked out items will load and you will be able to choose which book or item to renew. If you need additional assistance, call 651-724-6001 and a library staff will be able to help you.

## Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN

[← All questions](#)



**Hamza Abdisalan**

are u open tell me

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**Ramsey County Library - Roseville (Owner)**

just now

Hi Hamza Abdisalan,

The library in Roseville is available for request pick up and various services by appointment. Browsing access to other library materials is not available. For additional modified services: <https://www.rcireads.org/modified-services/>

# Twitter:



**Large Marge** @moej4prez · Nov 13

Listening to the Beatrix Potter Tales audiobook on CloudLibrary for free with my @rclreads library card is the only thing getting me and the kids through this morning.

Surviving and thriving over here.



**Ramsey County Library Friends** @RCLFriends · Nov 19

"Golden Tickets" are random chance drawings during #GivetotheMax Day today. Make a gift of any size and Golden Tickets could boost your gift by \$500, \$1,000, or even \$10,000! 🌟 We hope that you will support @rclreads with a gift via the Friends today:

[givemn.org/organization/F...](http://givemn.org/organization/F...)



**Mounds View Police Department** @MoundsView\_PD · Nov 19

#distancelearning has taken over for most of us, it's a great time for parents to weave in #internet and personal safety. This is a great video! Give them a follow!

#internetsafety @MissingKids @CityMoundsView @MoundsViewK12 @rclreads

**Richland County Sheriff's Dept.** @RCSD · Nov 19

This week Deputy Fred talks about safe practices when walking home from school and other places. Parents, gather your kids around the laptop for this FUN lesson.

Video link: [youtu.be/rmEiepuLSEQ](https://youtu.be/rmEiepuLSEQ)



**Ramsey County Library Friends** @RCLFriends · Nov 21

Thank you to all who participated in Sunday's Virtual Happy Hour with author @WmKentKrueger. 76 households dialed in and over \$2,000 in event proceeds will be donated to Ramsey County Library/@rclreads. We appreciate your generosity!



**MJ** @M\_3927 · Nov 27

To the patrons @rclreads this means you. A few people consistently leave their noses exposed. Most people comply, but not all.

To the Ramsey County & Library staff, thank you for the resources and being a lifeline.

**New Jersey** @NJGov · Nov 27

| the mask |  
| goes over |  
your nose
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**MJ** @M\_3927 · Nov 21

@rclreads just checked out dvd "Miss Sharon Jones!". Thanks for the resources. @TheCurrent thanks for the vast music library.

**The Current Playlist** @currentplaylist · Nov 21

11:05 Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings - Midnight Rider (The Allman Brothers cover)



**RamseyCountyLibrary** @rclreads · Dec 1

Join Ramsey County Library and Parks & Recreation for a new adventure through our local parks! This winter, challenge yourself to get out of the house even when the weather is cold with our new scavenger hunt. Learn more: [rclreads.org/fall-into-wint...](https://rclreads.org/fall-into-wint...)



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**MV Citizens Board** @VoteNODist621

Replying to @rclreads

Is this acceptable per @GovTimWalz ? Asking for a few million suppressed citizens.

2:54 PM · Dec 1, 2020 · Twitter Web App



**RamseyCountyLibrary** @rclreads · Dec 2

Replying to @VoteNODist621 and @GovTimWalz

The outdoor activities are designed for anyone to participate on their own time and only when they can easily keep a safe distance from others, in addition to wearing their masks.



**RamseyCountyLibrary** @rclreads · Dec 2

Join us for a short storytime snack. Today, we will learn about snowflakes.

Watch today: [facebook.com/rclreads/live...](https://facebook.com/rclreads/live...)



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**Stories in the Cloud**  
@stories\_cloud

Replying to @rclreads

Wonderful - Thanks for sharing!

10:35 AM · Dec 2, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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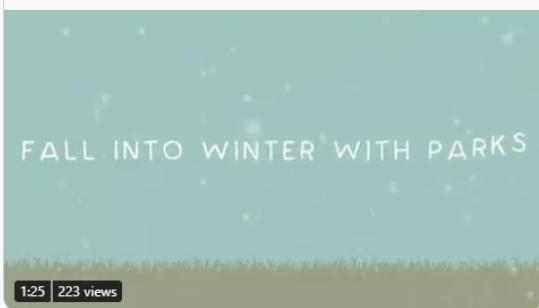


**Ramsey County Parks** @RamseyCtyParks · Dec 2

We've partnered with @rclreads to host an adventure through our parks this winter. Learn more and be a part of the fun!

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**RamseyCounty** @RamseyCounty · Dec 3

You can help protect your community - add your phone to the fight against COVID-19 today! It's free. It's anonymous. It helps slow the spread of the coronavirus in our communities.

The app is available in several languages. [covidawaremn.com](https://covidawaremn.com)

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**Travelling Librarian** @LibYvonneFu

Replying to @RamseyCounty and @rclreads

I somehow missed this important piece in local news and am happy to read about it here. Thank you so much for spreading the words and so happy that such an important tool is finally available locally. We will have a much normal and better 2021 for sure. 🙌❤️

1:23 AM · Dec 6, 2020 · Twitter Web App

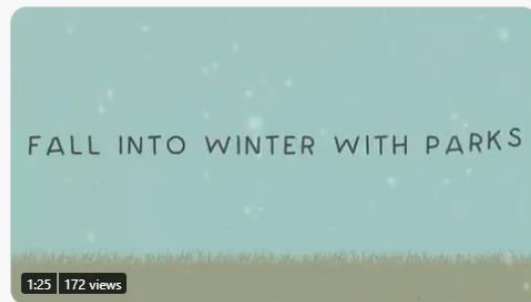
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**RamseyCountyLibrary** @rclreads · 22h

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**Stories in the Cloud**  
@stories\_cloud

Replying to @rclreads

Awesome!

7:10 PM · Dec 8, 2020 · Twitter Web App