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Ramsey County Library News & Events

Express Visits at Ramsey County Library

Ramsey County Library is excited to announce that Express Visits are now available at New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake. The libraries in Maplewood and Mounds View are scheduled to open for Express Visits on May 3.

Please keep visits brief. There is a limited capacity for each building and patrons may be asked to wait until space is available. Masks and social distancing are required.

Services include:

- Pick up requested items.
- Browse library materials.
- Check out books, DVDs, music and more.
- Copy, scan and print. Fax is available at Maplewood, Mounds View, Roseville and Shoreview.
- Return library items.
- Brief reference transactions.
- Public computing on a walk-in basis.

For all modified services: rclreads.org/modified-services.



Walk-in Computer Use Available

Access to computers on a first-come, first-served basis is available at the libraries in Maplewood, New Brighton, Roseville and Shoreview.

Maplewood and Roseville hours:

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

Shoreview hours:

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

Two-hours express computing is available at the library in New Brighton on a first-come, first-served basis. Two computers and a printer are located outside the library in the New Brighton Community Center and are available during the following times:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Grab Bags for Everyone in the Family

Not sure what you want to read, listen to, or watch? Let our librarians help you find some ideas! Fill out the form and we'll pull together some items that will narrow down the vast sea of choices in our libraries. You'll be notified when your items are ready for pickup at your preferred library location. For kids and teens, let our Youth Services librarians help pull together some fun new items for you. If you'd rather a list of books or movies to consider and request yourself, just select that option and get a list sent to your email.

- Adults: rclreads.org/grab-bags-for-adults
- Kids and Teens: rclreads.org/grab-bags.

Virtual Programming: Art & Literature

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

Take-Home Art Kits for Adults

Adult Take-Home Art Kits provide patrons with a creative experience away from screens and technology. Supplies and instructions are included in each take-home kit. Register today: bit.ly/Take-HomeArtKits

Take-Home Art kits are funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Short Story Chats

Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

May 4; June 1

Short on time but miss book clubs? Join us to talk about short stories—quick reads that pack a punch!

More Than a Single Story

The Cost of Living

Wednesday, May 5, 6 - 8 p.m.



Whether you write in poetry, prose or not at all, we invite you to this workshop to process the literal and metaphorical costs of living as

Black, Indigenous or a person of color.

Led by May Lee-Yang, a writer, performance artist and teacher, we will use prompts and reading samples from writers of color for inspiration. We'll explore the things our bodies and psyches have inherited as well as the things we wish to pass on.

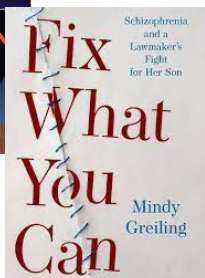
Won't You Celebrate With Me?

Tuesday, June 1, 6 - 8 p.m.

Led by Jna Shelomith, who found poetry at the intersection of Arabic (a language created to write down sacred poetry) and Riot Grrrrl (created for punk rock feminist expression), this workshop invites you to come celebrate our creativity, goodness and resistance to the ways our class system has tried to kill us and failed. Through reading and writing, we will center around stories of Indigenous people and people of color who are and have been poor and working class.

This series is funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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Arts Roseville Featured Artist

Saturdays, 11 a.m. - Noon

May 8: Timi Bliss



Timi Bliss is a children's book author, illustrator and visual artist. Her books prominently feature Black characters, yet

have universal story lines relatable to readers of all races. Her digital collage techniques combine basic geometric forms with bold and colorful patterns rich with texture and detail. She is a Minneapolis native, grant writer for a nonprofit organization and doting grandma to granddaughter Charlie.

June 12: Mindy Greiling



Mindy Greiling is a former politician and member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. After leaving the legislature,

Greiling wrote about her experiences dealing with the mental health system as the mother of a son with schizophrenia. The book, *Fix What You Can: Schizophrenia and a Lawmaker's Fight for Her Son*, was published in 2020 by the University of Minnesota Press.

This series is funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Shoreview Poetry Circle

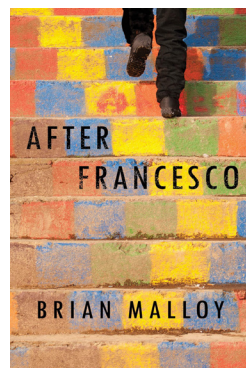
Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

May 11; June 8

Join us at the Shoreview Poetry Circle to read and discuss beloved poems. Selected poems will be emailed a week in advance of the meeting, but you are welcome to join without reading the poems beforehand.

Meet the Author: Brian Malloy

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



Acclaimed author Brian Malloy brings insight, humor and the authenticity of his own experiences as a member of the AIDS generation to this universal story of love and loss set in New York City and

Minneapolis at the peak of the AIDS crisis. Published on the 40th anniversary of the disease's first reported cases, *After Francesco* is both a tribute to a generation lost to the pandemic as well as a powerful exploration of heartbreak, recovery and how love can defy grief.

Malloy is the activist and award-winning author of *After Francesco*, *The Year of Ice*, *Brendan Wolf*, and *Twelve Long Months*. The recipient of an ALA Alex Award and the Minnesota Book Award, his novels have been shortlisted for The Violet Quill Award and the Ferro-Grumley Award for LGBT fiction. As an early employee of the Minnesota AIDS Project, Malloy helped organize the state's first AIDS Walk in 1988 and has remained an engaged member of the community. He received his MFA from the University of Minnesota and currently teaches creative writing in Minneapolis. *This program is funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Written in Invisible Ink

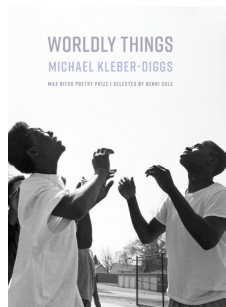
Thursday, June 17, 7 - 8 p.m.

The great Toni Morrison stated “Our hidden or censored story is as if the whole universe was being described in invisible ink.” Despite being present in this nation prior to many others who have migrated to the shore of these United States, people of African descent are still not fully integrated into the story of this nation. Their story is often told by others, from a second and third-person perspective. We know stories humanize us, so telling our own story is not only healing, but necessary.

Join us to learn more about the work of In Black Ink. As part of their work, In Black Ink is charged with reweaving the fabric of the Minnesota narrative to include authentic stories of people of African descent. *This program is funded by Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Meet the Author: Michael Kleber-Diggs

Tuesday, June 29, 7 - 8 p.m.



Michael Kleber-Diggs is a poet, essayist and literary critic. His debut poetry collection, *Worldly Things*, won the Max Ritvo Poetry Prize and will be published by Milkweed Editions in

June 2021. Michael’s writing has appeared or is forthcoming in *Poem-a-Day*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Potomac Review*, *Hunger Mountain*, *Memorious*, *Rain Taxi*, *Lit Hub*, *McSweeney’s*, *Poetry City*, *North Dakota Quarterly*, *Pollen Midwest*, *Paper Darts*, *Water-Stone Review* and *Midway Review*.

Kleber-Diggs is a past Fellow with the Givens Foundation for African American Literature, a past-winner of the Loft Mentor Series in Poetry and the former Poet Laureate of Anoka County Library. His work has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net, and been supported by the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Jerome Foundation. *This program is funded by Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



Book Clubs

White Bear Mystery Book Club

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

May 5: Edgar Award Winners or Classics

June 2: Foreign Settings or Foreign Writers – Not English

Every month, members read any book on the same theme and discuss their selections with each other.

History Book Club

Wednesdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

May 19: *Kill Switch: The Rise of the Modern Senate and the Crippling of American Democracy* by Adam Jentleson

June 16: *Cherokee Rose: A Novel of Gardens and Ghosts* by Tiya Miles

The History Book Club will meet on the third Wednesday of the month with Clarence White of the Eastside Freedom Library. Join him for conversations about thought-provoking history titles.

This program is co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.

Maplewood Eclectic Book Club

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

May 19: *Running with Sherman* by Christopher McDougall

June 16: *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie

History Events

Tuesday with a Scholar Series

Tuesdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join scholars from area colleges and elsewhere as they share their specialized knowledge and enthusiasm. It’s like hearing your favorite college professors again, without worrying about writing papers or taking finals!

This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries, unless otherwise noted.

May 4: Xenophobia in America: A Long and Painful History

Immigrants built America, but the irrational fear and hatred of newcomers has more than once threatened to tear our nation apart. Join prize-winning scholar Erika Lee, author of the award-winning book *America for Americans: A History of Xenophobia in the United States*, for a discussion of the historical roots of one of the most divisive forces in our political life.

Erika Lee is Regents Professor, Rudolph J. Vecoli Chair in Immigration History, and Director of the Immigration History Center at the University of Minnesota.

May 11: The Earliest Humans: What We Can Learn from Fossils

What do ancient bones tell us about early human ancestors? Local author Kermit Pattison tells the story of fossils and the fascinating adventurers who hunt for them in Ethiopia. He’ll discuss the scientific saga behind discoveries like Ardi, an ancient skeleton from Ethiopia more than a million years older than the famous Lucy, and he’ll show how these finds fit into the big picture of human evolution.

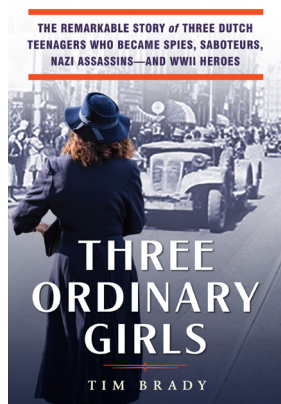
Kermit Pattison is a journalist and author of *Fossil Men: The Quest for the Oldest Skeleton and the Origins of Humankind*.

Virtual Programming: History

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Tuesday with a Scholar Series Continued

May 18: Three Ordinary Girls: A Forgotten Story of World War II



Join local author Tim Brady for the gripping true story of three fearless young women who used their wits and audacity to resist the Nazis and Dutch collaborators in occupied Holland during World War II.

Brady brings their story to an American audience in an account more exciting than fiction in his new book, *Three Ordinary Girls: The Remarkable Story of Three Dutch Teenagers Who Became Spies, Saboteurs, Nazi Assassins and WWII Heroes*.

Brady is an award-winning history author who lives in St. Paul.

May 25: Trump to Biden: A Political Transition

After one of the most turbulent political transitions in American history, Joe Biden is now the President of the United States. Join legal scholar David Schultz for an insightful analysis of the change of power and the first hundred days of the Biden administration.

Schultz specializes in election law at the University of Minnesota Law School.

June 1: Turnout: Joan Growe's Legacy

Minnesota's election system is known to be clean and open, with voter participation rates that often lead the nation. Join Lori Sturdevant, co-author of the book *Turnout: Making Minnesota the State that Votes*, for the story of how long-term Secretary of State Joan Anderson Growe made Minnesota the state that turns out to vote.

Sturdevant is a Star Tribune editorial writer and columnist who has written about Minnesota government and politics since 1978. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

June 8: Biden Encounters the World: Foreign Policy in a New Era

How has America's foreign policy changed in the first hundred days of the Biden administration? Join diplomatic consultant Tom Hanson for an analysis of our nation's evolving international profile and the reactions of our allies and adversaries.

Hanson is a former U.S. Foreign Service Officer who currently serves as Diplomat in Residence at the Alworth Institute for International Affairs at the University of Minnesota - Duluth.

June 15: Women in Politics in the Biden Era

For the first time in American history, the first and second person in the presidential line of succession are both female. Are Vice-President Kamala Harris and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi female outliers in a man's world, or do they represent a sea change in American politics? Join political scientist Kathryn Pearson for a look at women in politics in 2021.

Pearson is an Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota, specializing in American politics.

June 22: Women in Blue: Race and Gender in the Minneapolis Police Department

The tragic death of George Floyd a year ago put the Minneapolis Police Department in the spotlight, but even before that terrible event, filmmaker Deirdre Fishel was exploring the historical intersection of race, gender and Minneapolis police reform in her acclaimed documentary film *Women in Blue*. Join Fishel as she discusses the making of her film and the lessons it holds for our times.

Fishel is an associate professor at the City University of New York. Her film *Women in Blue* can be seen on the PBS Independent Lens series. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

George Floyd, Minneapolis and History's Hard Lessons

Wednesdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
May 26; June 2, 9

It's been a year since George Floyd died under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, and his tragedy continues to haunt us. Join historian James Brewer Stewart for a frank examination of our nation's and our city's past encounters with white supremacy.

Based on his well-known YouTube video lectures, *Jim Stewart's Historical Tonic for Fragile White Folks*, Stewart's presentation will emphasize dialogue and discussion. Participants will be asked to prepare for each session by viewing short videos: bit.ly/3t8rSnC

Stewart is a professor emeritus of history at Macalester and a scholar of the Abolitionist Movement. Space is limited. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

The Scroll of Isaiah: Common Ground for Jews and Christians

Thursdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

June 3: The Scroll of Isaiah as a Theological Interpretation of History

June 10: Warnings to Nations and Empires about "Arrogance of Power"

June 17: The Hope for a Messiah and the Suffering Servant Traditions

June 24: The Basis for Human Hope in the Isaiah Scroll

The Biblical scroll of Isaiah is an important book for Jews, Christians and Muslims. As the first of the prophetic books in the Hebrew Bible, it is primarily a commentary on the Torah, but it offers lessons for the modern world.

Join Biblical scholar, Dr. A. Joseph Everson, author of *The Vision of the Prophet Isaiah: Hope in a War-Wearied World*, as he collaborates with Rabbi Barry Cytron in exploring this crucial work.

Everson is Professor Emeritus at California Lutheran University. Cytron served as professor and chaplain at Macalester College before his retirement.

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Ramsey County Historical Society Presents History Revealed:

Historic Ballparks of the Twin Cities with Stew Thornley

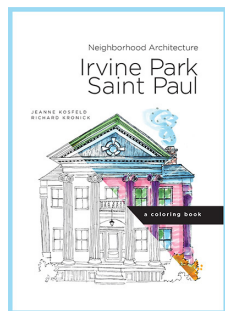
Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m.

From the rickety to the palatial, ballparks have defined baseball in the Twin Cities. Some old-timers have vivid memories of cheering for Willie Mays and Roy Campanella at Nicollet and Lexington. Many celebrated two world championships in the Metrodome. More recently, fans have enjoyed the return of sunshine and even raindrops at Target Field. Described by City Pages as “the most respected local baseball historian,” Stew Thornley leads a tour of where we—as well as our grandparents and now our children—discovered baseball.

Thornley has been researching Minnesota baseball history for more than four years. He is an official scorer for Minnesota Twins home games and is a member of the Major League Baseball Official Scoring Advisory Committee.

Neighborhood Architecture: Irvine Park

Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m.



Twin Cities-based illustrator Jeanne Kosfeld and author Richard Kronick have together transformed a simple sketchbook featuring pen and ink drawings into a brief storytelling of the Irvine Park

neighborhood's unique 172-year history. The author and illustrator will share the history and the architecture of Irvine Park's fanciful Queen Anne-style homes, simple clapboard houses and elaborate French Second Empire-style mansions, and the story of the area and its inhabitants.

Kosfeld's artworks reside in many public and private collections. Kronick is a writer specializing in architecture and engineering. He is an expert on the Prairie School Architects Purcell & Elmslie.



White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

What's in a Name? Part I

Monday, May 24, 6 p.m.

Join us for Part I of a series where we explore many of the streets and parks around White Bear Lake and investigate how they got their names through the years. From Murray to Banning and West to Matoska, what's in a name?

The Story of the Geist Gazebo

Monday, June 28, 6 p.m.

The Geist Gazebo was built as a wedding gift by Thomas Erd for his daughter Anna in 1883 on the south shore of White Bear Lake. A century later it had been moved to Matoska Park and has become a much loved community landmark. Join us as we share the story of this iconic structure's past and what is happening to ensure its future.

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

Environment and Sustainability Events

Seed Talks

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

May 11: Garden Design

Learn some tips on designing vegetable and flower gardens. Hear about how to improve your harvest using some of the companion techniques.

June 8: Growing Fruit

We will talk about the Minnesota-hardy fruiting plants, including selection, care and harvest tips. Bring your questions and experiences to share. Ramsey County Master Gardeners will participate in the discussion and share research-based best practices from the University of Minnesota.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present:

Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

May 20: Spring Into Summer

Learn about how to wake up your garden. Get information about what to do for your garden and landscape between March and August.

June 10: Climate Resilient Gardens

The climate is changing and that will affect Minnesota gardens. Learn about what to expect and how to adapt to grow a more resilient landscape.

Perennial Plant Swap

Saturday, May 22, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake parking lot

Want more variety in your garden? Join us in the parking lot at the library in White Bear Lake and bring your extra perennial plants to trade and browse the contributions. Label plants with common name and if possible, scientific name. Set your contributions in designated areas. Please take as many as you brought. Plan to follow Covid-19 guidelines by wearing your mask and honoring social distancing.

Ramsey County master gardeners will be available via Zoom to answer your questions so you are set to complete your spring gardens!

Virtual Programming: Community & Well-being

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

Meditation for Modern Life

Saturdays, Noon - 1 p.m.
May 1, 8, 15

Meditation is a tool that can be used to cope with the challenges of everyday life and reduce stress. There are many benefits that come from meditation on a physical, emotional and spiritual level. During these engaging workshops, long-time meditator, Arvind Naik will teach you simple time-tested meditation techniques and you will have the chance to try them out.

Let's Talk About Race: Race and Policing

Thursday, May 6, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Duchess Harris, professor of American studies and political science, will talk about the historical institutions and laws that underpin today's system and what police departments and the communities they serve are doing to improve communication and relationships.

Sponsored by the Shoreview Human Rights Commission and Do Good Roseville. This event is funded in part by the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries and the City of Shoreview.

The Intersection of Race, Discrimination and Trauma

Thursday, May 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota-led workshop is a two-hour discussion focusing on Black trauma due to experiences of racism, discrimination and negative police interactions, and the effect these experiences have on the health and mental health of African Americans.

Healing is addressed through focus on mental wellness for African Americans, and covers mental health, mental illness and the mental health system. Participants will get information on mental health assessments—what they are, who can and cannot do an assessment—and other important information to address the most common barriers that prevent African Americans from help seeking.

Sponsored by Do Good Roseville.

Raising Allies Parenting Class with Ashley Oolman

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
June 15, 22



It is important for youth of all ages to learn to navigate differences, and build skills in allyship and advocacy. Ashley Oolman of Allied Folk will teach you

how to parent inclusively, and explore how to increase representation, engage in challenging conversations and foster cultural competency at home.

Behind the Headlines: Newspapers in the 24/7 News Era

Thursday, May 20, 7 - 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 23, 1 - 2 p.m.



How do reporters, editors and photographers do their jobs, and find stories in our communities? How can you decipher what information on social media is valid? Led by reporters Kelly Smith and Chao Xiong, go behind-the-scenes of the Star Tribune and learn how journalists



work, the ethical guidelines they follow and how to be a wise news consumer on social media in an era of increasing misinformation.

Jobs & Small Business

Small Business Workshop: Online Market Research

Wednesday, May 26, 1 - 2:30 pm

How do I research an industry or understand the demographics of my business? How do I use a database to identify my competition and prospects? For many clients, market and industry research can be a challenge.

Join us to get a clear view of the online business tools available at Hennepin and Ramsey County libraries to gain control of your research efforts and increase your success! You'll walk away understanding what each is, where they fit in your business building effort and your options to use these powerful resources.

Presented by Hennepin County Library, Ramsey County Library and SCORE Twin Cities. Funded by MELSA.

Bring The Loft to You

Presented by The Loft and funded by MELSA.

Resume Writing

Thursday, June 10, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to write cover letters that catch the attention of search groups and resumes that emphasize your skills and experience, even if your job history doesn't seem like a perfect fit for the job you want. Discover strategies that will help you apply for multiple jobs while customizing your application for each opening.

Writing Better Presentations

Thursday, June 17, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Great presentations require many of the principles behind great writing. It's not just about getting the idea across, it's about finding the most compelling way to do it. This seminar is for anyone who struggles with their presentations—getting complicated ideas across, finding the balance between information and interactivity, and engaging an audience. It's also for anyone who's been read mind-numbing slide after slide and vowed that they'd never do that to someone else.

Virtual Programming: Technology

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.

Computer and Tech Help Appointments by Phone

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Noon - 2 p.m.
Wednesdays, 5 - 7 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.

Social Media 101

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This class is an introduction to different social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We will go over what these popular sites are, how they can be used and a brief tutorial for getting started. Participants do need to have social media accounts for this class.

Meet Your New Library Catalog!

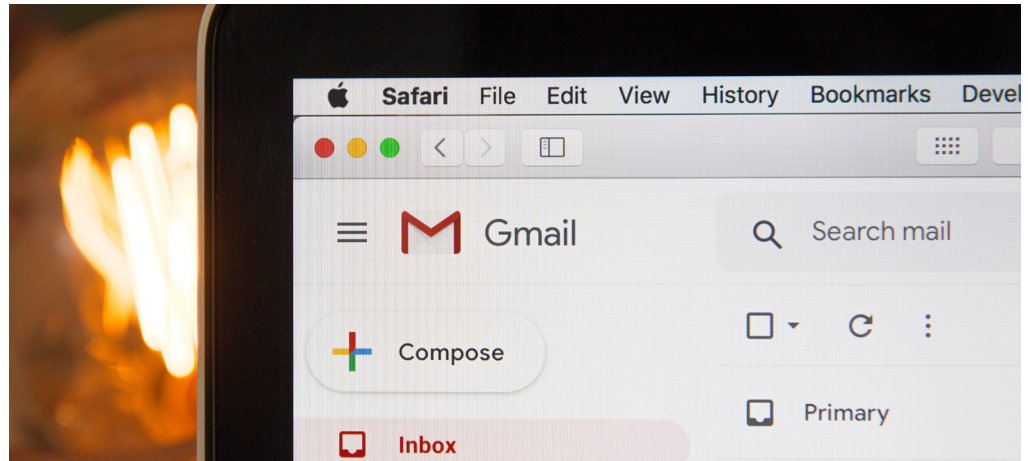
Tuesday, May 11, 10 -11 a.m.

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.

Searching for Jobs on the Internet

Thursday, May 13, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Finding a job has become more challenging in recent months, but Ramsey County Library has many resources available to help in your job search; our resources can help with creating and tailoring your resume, finding job listings, applying for jobs online, and more. This class will introduce you to the many tools available to make your job search easier and more effective.



Genealogy on the Web

Wednesday, May 19, 2 - 3 p.m.

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

Password Management

Wednesday, May 26, 2 - 3 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!

Overdrive/Libby and the World of E-books

Thursday, May 27, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 17, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join us for an introduction to e-books and e-audio books with a special emphasis on how to use Overdrive/Libby on your digital reading devices and computers.

Introduction to Windows 10

Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This class introduces the key features in the Windows 10 operating system. Learn the basic apps on your desktop and learn tips and tricks about the Edge browser.

Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

Wednesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Are you unsure about your computer skills? Join us in using the Northstar Assessment tools! These assessments are an easy way to identify what you know and pinpoint what you need to learn.

Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings

Monday, June 14, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn the basic features of using Zoom Meetings. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

Smartphone Basics and Security

Monday, June 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Mobile devices are a serious investment as well as a storehouse of personal data and online activity. They've become an essential part of our lives, but also targets of hackers and thieves. You have options for providing better smartphone security. Learn which basic security settings are right for you and how to configure them. Topics include PINs and password managers, apps and backups, WiFi and VPNs, remote wipe, encryption, and smartphone scams. Whether you use an iPhone or Android, make sure your smartphone is safe. Presented by Twin Cities Media Alliance and funded by MELSA.

Spotting Fake News

Wednesday, June 23, 2 - 3 p.m.

Not sure if the news you're reading is true? Learn how to assess your online sources of information. This class will cover some basic red flags to look out for, methods to fact-check articles and biases that affect the news.

Virtual Programming: Kids & Teens

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.

Kids Events

Kids virtual programming premieres on Facebook Live at facebook.com/rclreads/live_videos and is available for 24 hours. Then, videos are made available at rclreads.org/kids and can be viewed at your convenience with your library card.

Virtual Storytimes

Family Storytime

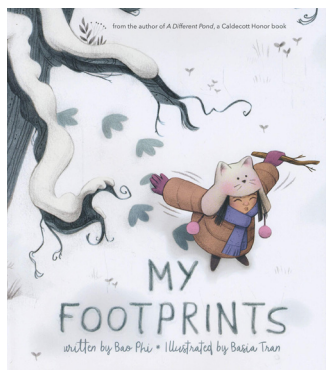
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

Storytime Snacks

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Appropriate for ages 6 - 23 months.



Children's Book Week: Bao Phi

Monday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.

Join local author Bao Phi for a virtual storytime. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Virtual Family Chess Night

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

May 5, 12, 19, 26

Zoom Online and Lichess

Kids and caregivers are invited to virtually practice your chess skills with some new partners and each other.

Hosted by Bill Nara and the Chess and Strategy Game Association. Players under 16 years old need parental/guardian consent to use Lichess, a free online chess server. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

Singing with Sammie

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

May 7, 14, 21, 28



Singing with Sammie classes offer children and caregivers opportunities to bond, support their

child's development, and foster creativity through singing! *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Red Bone Singers

Saturday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for lively songs and stories from Red Bone Singers and learn about the importance of drumming in native and indigenous cultures. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Read. Make. Do. Kits

Register for Read. Make. Do. (RMD) kits through the Library's online events calendar. These projects-in-a-bag are meant to provide children with engaging, literacy based activities to be completed at home. For more kits, visit rclreads.org.

Featured kits:

- Friends of the Minnesota Orchestra Kinder Konzerts*

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from FRIENDS OF THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA

- Grow your own Salad with Michelle from Forks in the Dirt
- May the 4th Be With You kit for Star Wars Reads Day.

*RMD kits are funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries and their 2020 Signature Sponsor Northeast Bank. *This kit is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Teens Events

Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. *Teen virtual events are funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries, unless otherwise noted.*

Dungeons and Dragons Online

Sundays, 10 a.m. - Noon p.m.

Join us online for an epic adventure quest! No previous Dungeons and Dragons experience needed.

Virtual Study Hall for Teens

Mondays, 3 - 5 p.m.

Do you have basic homework questions? Do you just want a virtual hangout spot to socialize while you do homework? Come join us for a weekly, 2-hour study hall space open to kids and teens grades 5 - 12.

Virtual MakerTeen

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

No MakerTeen June 1, 3, 8, 10.

MakerTeen is all about being creative, making new things, and using high-tech and low-tech tools to change your world. Join us on Zoom for a weekly hang out. We will chat, make together and share creations. *Presented in partnership with Ramsey County 4-H.*

Virtual Gaming Afternoon

Thursdays, 5 - 7 p.m.

Zoom Online

Weekly virtual board game or video game hang out using Zoom, Tabletopia and Twitch. Come game with us!

Trivia Tuesday for Teens

Tuesday, May 4, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Trivia buffs, get ready to show off your expertise! Join us on Zoom for a virtual trivia night using Kahoot! Participants will have a chance to win prizes.

Teen GSA

Sundays, 1 - 3 p.m.

May 9, 23

Join us on Zoom for a safe, welcoming place to hang out, have fun and talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.

Friends Online Auction Exceeds Goal



The Friends Online Auction – Hats Off to the Library! was a great success. Our goal was to raise half of our 2021 grant commitment of \$30,000 for the Ramsey County Library lending collection. This event far exceeded that goal and raised more than \$20,000! At least \$14,000 of the total raised will support the children's collection specifically through contributions to the special Fund-

A-Need appeal. Proceeds from this event will add much-needed items to the lending collection, including extra copies of popular materials as well as new audio books, large-print books and e-books shared by the libraries in Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake. Many thanks to all the volunteers, auction contributors, auction bidders, fund-a-need and other donors, and partners who helped make this event possible.

It's Membership Renewal Time

Friends membership renewal reminders and envelopes will be mailed out in late May. Renew online today and save time, postage and paper. With the help of our members, we exceeded our 2020 goal and provided more than \$146,000 in grant funding for the collection; virtual programming for adults, teens and children; the Summer Learning Program; and many other resources and services that enhance Ramsey County Library and support the community. Now, help us get to 1,000 members strong by 2022!

Consider becoming a sustaining member! Sustaining membership is the easiest way to support the Friends. Your membership contribution is automatically paid with your credit card each month until you tell us to stop. Your membership will always be current. No renewal reminders in the mail. Sustaining membership is easy for you, and great for the Friends.

Become a sustaining member this year and receive a \$5 coupon for use at the Friends Virtual Used Bookstore. Renew today: rclfriends.org/support-us/membership.

Virtual Used Bookstore Now Available at Roseville

In addition to Shoreview, the Friends Virtual Used Bookstore has expanded to the library in Roseville. Stock up for summer reading with books from many genres, DVDs, games, puzzles, music CDs and audiobooks. All available to browse, order online and pick-up "grab and go" style at the libraries in Roseville or Shoreview. Items vary at each location and must be picked up at the locations where they are in-stock. Patrons placing orders of \$25 or more on a single day may request pick-up of their entire order at either Shoreview or Roseville.



Three ways to browse, order and pay for items:

- Visit the virtual store at bit.ly/Friends-bookstore.
- Scan the QR code.
- Leave a voicemail message with your order at 651-486-2262, if you're unable to order via email.

Inventory is updated regularly so visit us often!

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. Legacy Circle gifts to the Friends help to sustain vital financial support for Ramsey County Library now and into the future. If you have already included a bequest for the Friends in your estate plan, please let us know. We will welcome you to the Legacy Circle and tell you about all the fun that comes with it! Or contact Cyndi Cook at 651-486-2213 to learn more about including the Friends in your will to make a lasting difference in your community.

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Friends Membership Levels

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