Introducing Pang Yang, New Library Deputy Director

Ramsey County Library is excited to announce the appointment of Pang Yang as our new deputy director. Before joining Ramsey County Library, Yang worked for Saint Paul Public Library (SPPL) and managed the Arlington Hills Public Library.

Yang has more than 16 years of work experience in libraries and is excited to lead Ramsey County libraries. While at SPPL, her work focused on community engagement, around racial equity, diversity and inclusion. Her work brought library services to correctional facilities, community centers, laundromats, in addition to creating access to books in Karen, Amharic, Oromo and Hmong.

She currently lives in Saint Paul and enjoys plant parenting, kayaking and collecting mugs on her travels.

Please join us in welcoming Pang Yang as she starts her role with Ramsey County Library.

This Was 2020

Ramsey County Library is excited to announce the publication of “This Was 2020: Minnesotans Write About Pandemics and Social Justice in a Historic Year”. The e-book is now available online! Read it today: bit.ly/34NXswA

“This Was 2020” is a collection of essays, creative nonfiction, short stories and poetry. This project is funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Dial-A-Story

Dial-A-Story is a service with free, recorded stories read by your favorite Ramsey County librarians. Adults and children of all ages can listen by phone any time, day or night. Call us today at 651-461-6164 and happy listening! This program is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Minnesota State Parks Library Passes at RCL - North St. Paul

Ramsey County Library is collaborating with Minnesota State Parks and Trails to offer free entry to state parks for library patrons. Seven-day permits are available for checkout now through June 30, 2022 at the library in North St. Paul. To learn more, visit bit.ly/3w59lKZ.

This program is made possible by Minnesota State Parks and Trails and funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
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.
July 6; August 3

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

**Indigenous Minnesota**

Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m.
July 8: Pauline Danforth on Place Name Reclamation
August 5: Don Eubanks on Ojibwe Sovereignty
August 19: Šišókaduta on Dakota Language Preservation

This series of presentations by Indigenous scholars focuses on the cultural heritage of Dakota, Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk and other Indigenous peoples in Minnesota. Each presentation will offer an introduction to topics relevant to Indigenous peoples today, including language preservation, place name reclamation, treaties and sovereignty, arts and more. The sessions will include a question and answer period with the audience. *Sponsored by Do Good Roseville.*  

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**Shoreview Poetry Circle**

Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
July 13, August 10

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.

*Arts Roseville Featured Artist*

Saturdays, 11 a.m. - Noon
July 10: Marcy McNeal

Marcy McNeal is a visual artist born in Minnesota and a student at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Born with exotropia, a vision disability, McNeal sees the world differently and believes that every living thing experiences the world differently. Growing up on a hobby farm and working with many different animals has played an inspirational role in McNeal’s work.

August 14: Jason Etten

Jason Etten is a born and raised Roseville resident. He started music early, singing with his family and learning Suzuki violin. Those early music experiences, plus parents who are teachers, helped lead him to where he is today. For 22 years, Etten taught choir at Irondale High School in the Mounds View Public Schools. After being involved with the Roseville Park and Recreation commission, he was elected to serve on the Roseville City Council in 2012 and re-elected last fall to his third term.

**Oil Pastels with Creative Pastels**

Mondays, 6 - 8 p.m.
July 12; August 16

Join Karen Tan from Creative Pastels in a workshop on creating art with oil pastels. She will lead participants through a class focusing on how to paint still life objects using oil pastels. Supplies will be provided through pickup at the library. *This series is funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

**Book Clubs**

**White Bear Mystery Book Club**

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
July 7: Books, Books Mysteries
August 4: British Empire Mysteries

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

**History Book Club**

Wednesday, July 21, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

*The Lucky Ones: One Family and the Extraordinary Invention of Chinese America* by Mae M. Ngai

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 cosponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.*

**Maplewood Eclectic Book Club**

No meetings in July and August.
Virtual Programming: Community & Well-being

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.

**History Events**

**Ramsey County Historical Society Presents History Revealed:**
Thursdays, 7 p.m.

**July 15: St. Paul: An Urban Biography**
Author Bill Lindeke will share stories and research from his new book, *St. Paul: An Urban Biography*. Come hear stories that are familiar, surprising, and sure to change the way you see Minnesota's capital city.

Lindeke is an urban geographer, writer and a member of the Saint Paul Planning Commission. He is the author of *Minneapolis–Saint Paul: Then and Now* and coauthor of *Closing Time: Saloons, Taverns, Dives, and Watering Holes of the Twin Cities*.

**August 19: A Private Wilderness: The Journals of Sigurd F. Olson**
Author David Backes will present the early journals of famed Minnesota naturalist Sigurd Olson. Written mostly during the years from 1930 to 1941, the journals reveal Olson’s singular way of observing and depicting the natural world.

David Backes is author of *A Wilderness Within: The Life of Sigurd F. Olson* and editor of Olson’s *The Meaning of Wilderness: Essential Articles and Speeches*.

**White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:**
Mondays, 6 p.m.

**July 26: Mahtomedi: More Than Streetcars & Amusement Parks**
The City of Mahtomedi describes itself as “Small Town City”. Join us to hear about the community’s deep roots and modern accomplishments.

**August 23: Women Won the Right to Vote: Now What?**
The passage of the 19th Amendment won the right to vote for many women across the United States. How did that change things in Minnesota and our area? Join us as we look at the local impact women have made on the political scene.

*This series is funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

**Environment and Sustainability Events**

**Seed Talks**
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**July 13: Problems, Pests and Poor Performance in the Garden**
Is your garden giving you problems? Do some of your plants look unhappy? Or maybe you’ve noticed some insects or other animal pests attacking your plants. Come to this Seed Talk to learn some ways to tackle some common garden problems.

**August 10: Without Good Soil All You Have is Dirt**
This Seed Talk is all about improving the soil your plants depend on. The number one thing you can do to improve your garden is provide well-structured soil with ample nutrients for your plants to grow in. It’s easy and guaranteed to provide better results. Fall is a great time to start improving your garden soil so it’s more than just dirt.

**Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present:**
Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

**July 8: Nature Heals**
Learn the science of how time spent in nature helps to improve our physical and mental well-being.

**August 12: Stopping Problem Plants**
Learn to identify and manage common invasive plants found in Minnesota yards and natural areas, and find out about new invaders on the horizon.

**Zoning 101: Who/What Decides Where You Can Live, Work and Play in Roseville?**
Thursday, July 15, 7 - 8 p.m.

Who cares about city zoning regulations? You should! City zoning regulations determine what can be built where within the city, as well as other property standards focused on protecting the public health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood. The City of Roseville is currently in the process of updating zoning regulations and is asking for the public’s input.

Join Janice Gundlach, the Roseville Community Development Director, as she gives us an overview of what a zoning code is and why it's important for the public to engage in the update process, as well as the potential impacts of not providing input.

*Sponsored by Do Good Roseville.*

**Building Code 101: Why Do I Need A Permit to Build in Roseville?**
Thursday, August 12, 7 - 8 p.m.

You probably already know that you need a permit from the City before building in Roseville, but you may not know what or who determines the regulations you are required to meet. What exactly does the city control when it comes to building? What regulations are defined by the state or federal government? Join David Englund, the Roseville Building Official, as he explains what the building code is and why it exists. *Sponsored by Do Good Roseville.*
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, Noon - 2 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 5 - 7 p.m.

By Zoom  
Thursdays, Noon - 2 p.m.

Do you have a basic computer or technology question? Help is available over the phone or Zoom by appointment. Call 651-724-6001 (press #2) to schedule your half-hour 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**  
Thursday, July 1, 2:30 - 3:30 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, July 6, 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.

**Overdrive/Libby and the World of E-books**  
Thursday, July 8, 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.

**Using Your Email**  
Wednesday, July 14, 6 - 7 p.m.

Want to learn more about your email? In this class we’ll learn about email attachments, spam email, and how to avoid phishing emails. We’ll also look at how to start organizing emails to fit your individual needs best.

**Spotting Fake News**  
Monday, July 19, 6 - 7 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.

**Password Management**  
Friday, July 23, 11 a.m. - Noon

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!

**Introduction to Windows 10**  
Monday, July 26, 6 - 7 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**  
Monday, August 2, 6 - 7 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**  
Thursday, August 5, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Learn the basic features of using Zoom Meetings. There will be time for questions following the presentation.
**Virtual Author Talk with Jenna Blum & Lorna Landvik**

Thursday, July 15, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries will be hosting a happy hour-style virtual event featuring two chart-topping novelists. Spend an evening with the delightful and funny Jenna Blum and Lorna Landvik as they conduct a cooking demonstration, talk about their work and take questions from the audience. Zoom opens with welcome session starting at 6:10 p.m. and a program from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will support Ramsey County Library.

**Fees per household/computer:**
- $50 for the general public.
- $25 for Friends Members.

**Register:** rclfriends.org/events/july-talk

**Bonus Fundraiser:** Participants are also invited to partake in a mini auction featuring baskets of books to bid on the week before the live author talk. The group or individual who raises the most money for RCL on our peer-to-peer fundraising page wins a private half-hour “In the Green Room with the Authors” session after the main program.

**About the Authors**

Jenna Blum is the New York Times and #1 internationally bestselling author of the novels *Those Who Save Us* and *The Stormchaser*; the novella *The Lucky One in Grand Central*; and memoir *Woodrow on the Bench*, forthcoming from Harper Collins October 2021. She was voted one of Oprah’s Top 30 Women Writers, with her work published in over 20 countries, and teaches creative writing at Boston’s Grub Street Writers.

Lorna Landvik is the author of 12 novels, including the bestselling *Patty Jane's House of Curl*, *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*, *Oh My Stars, Best to Laugh*, and *Once in a Blue Moon Lodge*. She has performed stand-up and improvisational comedy around the country and is a public speaker, playwright and actor.

**Become a Friends Sustaining Member Today**

“I recently became a sustaining member of the Friends and frankly I am a little relieved. No longer do I need to worry about returning my Friends renewal notice this summer or remember to go online to re-up my Friends support. Now I am a sustaining supporter! The Friends can count on my constant support throughout the year, every year! Sustaining memberships makes supporting our Ramsey County Library more efficient so our dollars can go farther to support the programs and resources our community enjoys and needs from our library.” – Valerie Wise, Membership Committee Chair

Sustaining monthly membership is the easiest way to support the Friends and Ramsey County Library. Your membership will always be current and is paid with your credit card each month until you request it to stop. Become a sustaining member now and receive a $5 coupon to use at the Friends Virtual Used Bookstore: rclfriends.org/support-us/membership.

**New Partnership Program Launched in 2021**

Organizations, businesses, individuals, and families are invited to become 2021 Partners. A gift of $500 or more to support Ramsey County Library will receive recognition and perks throughout the year. Thank you for the support:

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**Library Giving Day Raises Funds for the Summer Learning Program**

In April, the Friends joined library advocates around the country on #LibraryGivingDay to celebrate public libraries and raise funds for Ramsey County Library’s Summer Learning Program. Thanks to our generous 2021 Partners and Library Giving Day contributors, the Friends have raised $9,500 of our $38,000 Summer Learning Program grant commitment for the year so far.
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3025 Southlawn Drive
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Friends’ Used Book Store

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2300 North St. Paul Drive
M, W & Sat 10-5; T & Th 1-8; F & Su Closed

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

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