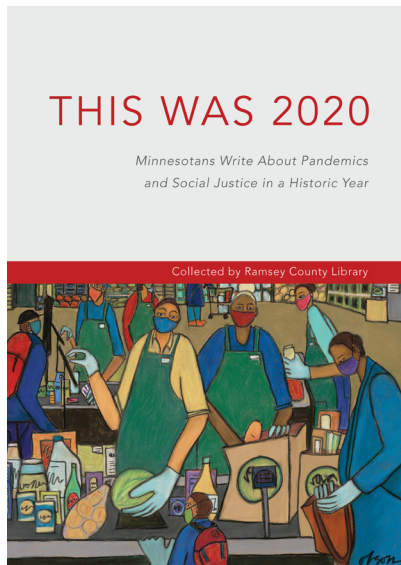


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Ramsey County Library News & Events

This Was 2020 Now Available



Ramsey County Library and the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries are pleased to announce the publication of "This Was 2020: Minnesotans Write About Pandemics and Social Justice in a Historic Year" is now available for print on demand. The paperback book is available for order at local bookstores or online at bit.ly/ThisWas2020_bookorder.

Edited by Ramsey County Library staff and featuring 51 writers from across Minnesota, "This Was 2020" captures people's experiences and reflections of the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns and Justice for George Floyd movement along with other social and political upheavals of the year. This collection of writings encouraged Minnesotans to write and reflect on a tumultuous year as a way to learn from, heal and imagine brighter futures for all.

Initially published by using the Minnesota Libraries Publishing Project's suite of online tools for indie publishing, the book is available to read online: mlpp.pressbooks.pub/thiswas2020

"This Was 2020" is the winner of the Minnesota Author Project award in the Communities Create category, which is an award highlighting indie-published authors in the state.

The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries serves as the official publisher. Neither Ramsey County Library nor the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries receives any revenue from the sale of this book. This project was funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

This Was 2020 Book Celebration

Tuesday, November 9, 7-8 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Join us to celebrate the publication of the book "This Was 2020," hear about the project and meet some of the authors online!

Snacks Available at the library in Maplewood

Mondays-Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

Ramsey County is partnering with Youthprise to make sure children and teens receive a nutritious after school snack. Now until the end of the school year, anyone age 18 or younger is eligible to receive a snack on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Art & Literature

Virtual programming is offered remotely using Zoom communication software. Some in-person events have resumed at select library locations. Registration is required at rclreads.org or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate. Masks are required in Ramsey County facilities. For more information about Ramsey County's mask policy, visit ramseycounty.us/masks.

Take-Home Art Kits for Adults

Adult Take-Home Art kits provide you with a creative experience away from screens and technology. Supplies and instructions are included in each take-home kit. Registration required through the Library's online calendar.

Take-Home Art kits are funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Short Story Chats

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

November 2; December 7

Zoom Meeting

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



Club Book with Maggie O'Farrell

Wednesday, November 3, Noon
Facebook Live

Internationally acclaimed British novelist Maggie O'Farrell is the author behind eight bestselling novels. Her latest, "Hamnet," explores the domestic life of William Shakespeare and his wife Anne Hathaway, and how the untimely death of the couple's only son may have inspired one of the bard's greatest plays. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*



Gallery 96 Winter Exhibition

November 8 - January 14

Opening Reception

Friday, November 12, 6-8 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Gallery 96 returns to the library with a juried winter exhibition on the theme of "Hot Stuff." Come in from the cold to warm up with some local art! All are welcome to meet some of the artists and talk about the art at the opening reception. The exhibition is available for viewing in the Community Program Room during open hours when the room is not in use.

Shoreview Poetry Circle

Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.
November 8; December 13
Zoom Meeting

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.

Book Clubs

In-person book clubs have resumed at the following locations. Visit the Library's online calendar for the most up-to-date information.

Roseville History Book Club

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson

Wednesday, November 17, 1-2:30 p.m.

The History Book Club meets monthly with representatives from the East Side Freedom Library for discussions on a wide variety of topics from American history. Space is limited. Extra copies of the books are available at the library. *This program is cosponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.*

Maplewood Eclectic Book Club

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

November 17: **The Long Haul: A Trucker's Tales of Life on the Road** by Finn Murphy

December 15: Bring a book to share

North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

November 16: **Picture of Dorian Gray** by Oscar Wilde

December 21: **Maisie Dobbs** by Jacqueline Winspear

Shoreview Mystery Club

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

November 16: **A Talent for Murder** by Andrew Wilson

No meeting in December.

White Bear Mystery Book Club

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

November 3: **Humorous or Mysteries with Animals**

December 1: **Non-Professional Crime Solvers**

Tuesday with a Scholar Series

Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

This series is presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota. Funded by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries, unless otherwise noted.

November 2: A River Through Time: Change on the Mississippi

Making the Mississippi River better suited to our needs and purposes has profoundly altered the great river's natural systems. John Shepard, an associate professor at Hamline University School of Education and assistant director of the School's Center for Global Environmental Education, draws on an archive of interpretive visualizations and media resources to chronicle human impacts on the upper river's floodplain ecosystems and more.

November 9: The Colossus of the South: Brazil's Unique History and its Complex Relationship with the United States

The history of the United States' relationship to Brazil is a long and complex one. Join economist Ed Lotterman as he examines the intimate political and military connections, and occasional economic rivalry, between the two nations.

Lotterman writes the "Real World Economics" column for the Pioneer Press. He has taught economics at the college level and enjoys explaining "the dismal science" to non-economists.

November 16: The Minnesota Paradox of Race

Minnesota is one of the best places in the nation to live. But on virtually every measure of social and economic well-being, it is one of the worst places for Blacks who face wide disparities in unemployment, income, homeownership and educational outcomes. Join Professor Samuel Myers Jr. of the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice, Humphrey School, University of Minnesota, as he explores the reasons—and the solutions—for the problem that mars our Minnesota good life. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



The Presidency of Barack Obama with J.B. Andersen

Wednesday, November 3, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

He was the nation's first African-American president; he passed the nation's first comprehensive health care insurance; and before he served a full year in office, he had already won the Nobel Peace Prize. Some looked on him as the standard bearer of a new, more-inclusive America; but he also evoked harsh criticism and visceral dislike among those who claimed he was a traitor, a socialist and not even American by birth. Join historian and the creator of the popular History of the Presidents series, J.B. Andersen, for the final session in the series looking at the accomplishments and the complicated ongoing legacy of President Barack Obama.

Presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota. This program is funded by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Great Decisions

Fridays, 12:30-2 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Center of the University of Minnesota, Global Minnesota and the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is a series on the most critical international issues facing America. Study the issues and join the discussions led by expert speakers. Ten copies of the 2021 Briefing Book for this series are available for checkout through the generosity of Global Minnesota.

November 5: Persian Gulf Security Issues

The Persian Gulf remains tense as the rivalry between the regional powers of Saudi Arabia and Iran continues. Nicholas Hayden, President of the Minnesota International NGO Network and a Global Program Manager for the United Language Group, will explore the historical influences that have led to these tensions.

November 12: The End of Globalization?

With the passing of the Brexit vote and Donald Trump's America First doctrine, protectionist policies have become more prevalent, challenging globalization. Join Rick Olson, a moderator for The Better Angels Society and the founder and President of Best Future Center, as he asks what is globalization and how will it be affected by protectionist trade policies? Is globalization really at an end or in need of a refresh?

November 19: What is China's Role in Africa?

Covid-19 has put a strain on what was growing a positive economic and political relationship between China and the African continent. As President Xi Jinping's "Belt and Road initiative" expands Chinese power, Duncan McCampbell, a lawyer and professor of international business and law at Metropolitan State University, will trace the growing economic and political tensions between China and Africa.

Community & Well-being

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Ramsey County Historical Society Presents: History Revealed

The Spirit Tree: Hazel Belvo and the Art of Nature

Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join author Julie L'Enfant as she talks about her new book "Hazel Belvo: A Matriarch of Art." One of Minnesota's best known feminist artists, Belvo found frequent inspiration in the theme of the Spirit Tree, an iconic cedar sacred to the Ojibwe along Minnesota's North Shore of Lake Superior.



White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

White Bear's Native American Heritage

Monday, November 22, 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join us as we explore the history and impact of Native Americans on the area around White Bear Lake. This program will be co-presented by WBLAHS Executive Director Sara Markoe Hanson and Rob Thomas, Wokiksuye Yuha Mani.

This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Knitting for Good

Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
No Knitting for Good November 25; December 23, 30.

Do you love to knit (or crochet or quilt or sew)? Join us for this unique opportunity to gather with your crafty neighbors as we knit for good. Drop in anytime and bring your projects to work on. All skill levels are welcome.

Jazz Sessions: Making Dialogic Music Together

Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m.
November 2; December 7
Google Meet

Come together with the Minnesota Cooperative Conflict Collaborative's Inclusive Working Group to wrestle with ideas and observations about the world we live in today. The sessions showcase invited community elders (age is not a factor) focusing on actions that create the better present we all want. The November and December sessions will be returning guest Adeolu (Adé) Solarin and Adeyemi (Chase) Solarin.

Fall Meditation Series: Meditation in Current Times

Saturday, November 6, Noon-1 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

In today's world, there is much uncertainty and many stressors that we face on a day to day basis. The world as we know it has changed drastically. Join meditator Arvind Naik for this powerful workshop and learn how meditation can be a tool to help cope with everyday life and deal with the stressors around us. Regular meditation provides many benefits such as reducing stress, helping with depression, anxiety, pain, and improving concentration. Learn a simple time-tested meditation technique. There will even be a chance to try this out.

Medicare 101 and Annual Updates

Monday, November 8, 2-3:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people age 65 and older and certain people with a disability. Medicare can be complicated and confusing. Not knowing the Medicare basics and when to enroll can lead to increased costs and missed opportunities. Join us as we discuss the basics of Medicare for the first half of this presentation and the how new changes can affect you in the second half. *Presented by Minnesota's Senior LinkAge Line.*

Growing Diversity in Local Leadership

Tuesday, November 16, 6:30-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

The League of Women Voters Roseville Area recently looked into who is participating in local governance boards, exploring how well these groups reflect the makeup of our communities. As a follow-up to a study, Holli Arp, Leadership and Civic Engagement Program Leader with the University of Minnesota Extension Services, will lead a panel discussion with two colleagues and Extension Educators Jocelyn Hernandez Swanson and Lisa Hinz asking "How do we encourage and support more diverse and inclusive leadership in our local governments?" This Leadership and Civic Engagement team has been working with communities across Minnesota as they grapple with inclusiveness, cultural competence and exploring new pathways to diversify leadership. *Co-sponsored by Do Good Roseville.*

Jobs and Small Business



Career Services

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

No Career Services November 11, 25.

Stop by the library in Roseville for drop-in job search assistance and career planning services including:

- Resume development.
- Applying for jobs online.
- Career assessments.
- Interview tips.
- Information and referrals to employment and training programs.

Presented by Ramsey County Workforce Solutions in partnership with Ramsey County Library.

Resume Writing

Tuesday, November 16, 2-3:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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. *Presented by the Loft and funded by MELSA.*

Small Business Workshops

Business Essentials

Tuesday, November 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Credit for Small Business

Wednesday, November 10, 9-10:30 a.m.

Zoom Webinar

PPP and Other COVID Relief

Options

Tuesday, November 16, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Multicultural Marketing

Wednesday, December 1, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Tax Basics 101

Thursday, December 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Join us for a series of workshops on how to run a small business. Explore the basic components of building your business, dynamics of credit including credit reporting and learn how to use Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan proceeds. In addition, we discuss how to reach multicultural audiences as well as business tax preparation. *Presented by SCORE Twin Cities and funded by MELSA.*

Setting Up a Small Business

Wednesdays, 3-4:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

November 10: Setting Up a Small Business & Website/Blog

November 17: Starting Your Wordpress Website: Part 1

December 1: Starting Your Wordpress Website: Part 2

Join us for a three-part series on how to set up your small business and website/blog. Learn how to register your new business with the State of Minnesota, pick out a corresponding domain name from a domain name provider, start off by crafting a site map to plan the structure of your website and more. Classes must be taken in order. *Presented by Keer Keer Creative and funded by MELSA.*

Environment and Sustainability Events



Seed Talk: Winter Sowing

Tuesday, November 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Join horticulturist and seed librarian Pam Frink to find out how easy it is to plant native plant seeds over the winter for spring germination. All you need is an empty milk or water jug, potting soil and native plant seeds. If you need seeds, stop by the Seed Library at the library in White Bear Lake for many varieties of native plant seeds.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present:

Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

November 4: Home Composting

December 9: Houseplant Success

Join Ramsey County Master Gardeners to learn more about a variety of gardening topics. In November, we will learn the science behind and the benefits of home composting, including information on different composting methods, recommended compostable materials, and more. In December, learn more about caring for indoor plants. It is a little different than caring for outdoor plants.

Technology Courses

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Virtual Programs

Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings

Friday, November 12, 11 a.m.-Noon
Zoom Webinar

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

Basic Image Editing

Monday, November 15, 7-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

This class explains the different image formats and when to use them. Use free image editing software GIMP, Pixlr and VSCO, to manipulate images, and save them for print and web. *Presented by Keer Keer Creative and funded by MELSA.*

Media Literacy: Spotting Fake News

Thursday, November 18, 7-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

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

Thursday, December 2, 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

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!

In-person Events



Drop-in Computer and Tech Help

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.
RCL-Maplewood

Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.
Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Do you need extra help on the computer, tablet or other piece of technology? Are you searching for a job or working on a resume? Let us help answer your questions! Registration not required.

Drop-in E-book and E-audio Help

Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Have you purchased a new computer or mobile device and are curious how to use the Library's e-book Overdrive/Libby service? Help is available for your questions about the world of e-books! Bring your device for some hands-on instruction. No appointment necessary.

Microsoft Word Basics

Monday & Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

November 1: Part 1
November 3: Part 2

In part one, learn how to enter and edit text, apply formatting and save files. In part two, learn more about page layout. Class covers margins, page breaks, AutoCorrect, AutoFormat, page numbers, headers, footers, lists, tabs and tables.

Genealogy on the Web

Thursday, November 4, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

An introduction to Ancestry.com, a starting point for people searching online for genealogy information. Other useful online and print resources will be highlighted.

Microsoft Excel Basics

Monday & Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

November 8: Part 1
November 10: Part 2

In part one, work with spreadsheets and learn to create formulas. In part two, learn more about working with multiple worksheets, formulas, mouse pointers and charting basics.

Scams: Learn to Spot and Avoid Today's Most Common Scams

Monday, November 8, 7-8:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

One of the many painful lessons of the COVID-19 experience has been how quickly and easily amoral scammers take advantage of life situations, and our emotions to steal our money, information and identities. Now more than ever, it's a crucial survival tactic to be able to spot and avoid scams. This session explains how they work, so you'll be able to spot them, by examining many of the most prolific scams, including:

- IRS and Social Security.
- Microsoft Tech Support.
- Package delivery.
- Lottery winnings.
- Stimulus check.
- Coronavirus scams.

We'll cover how to report scams, and concrete steps you can take to protect yourself, your personal information and your money.

Overdrive/Libby and the World of E-books

Monday, November 29, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

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.

Computer Basics

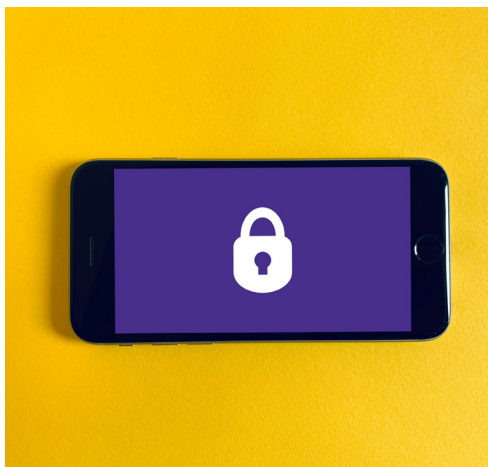
Wednesday, December 1, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

Become familiar with basic computer parts and terminology. Learn about opening programs and working with windows and menus.

Internet Basics

Thursday, December 2, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

Learn how to access the internet, navigate websites and find information with a search engine.



iPhone Basics: Navigating iOS

Monday, December 6, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

This beginner class will introduce you to the iOS interface, Siri (your virtual assistant), browsing the internet using Safari, downloading apps, and some iPhone tips and tricks

Android Phone Basics

Wednesday, December 8, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

This beginner class will introduce you to the operating system of your Android phone. Learn to navigate your home screen, work with apps and learn basic settings.

Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

Thursday, December 9, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

Are you unsure about your computer skills? Northstar Assessments are an easy way to identify what you know and pinpoint what you need to learn.

Maker Adult

Maker Adult

Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Maker equipment will be available through a combination of reservations and first-come, first-served basis. For the most up-to-date information on how to access and reserve time with the equipment, visit rclreads.org/MakerAdult.

Creating a Successful Etsy Shop

Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Rebecca Grothe, of the successful Etsy shop *relaine*, will use Etsy as a learning lab to teach best practices for your business. Come prepared to meet other makers, share your ideas and ask questions. Participants must have at least one handmade craft item or vintage item ready to sell. Registration required. Space is limited to 20 participants. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

November 4: Introduce Your Shop

Understand Etsy fees. Track your business expenses, package and ship your item and price your item for profit.

November 18: Opening Your Shop

Get to know your target market and make them excited about you and your shop with a creative About section and clear policies.

December 2: Stocking Your Shop

Understand Etsy SEO (search engine optimization), keywords and tagging so buyers can find your items on Etsy.

December 9: Photography

A great listing description is important, but what buyers really need to see are fantastic photos. You will use your phone camera and a free app to create listing photos for your shop.

December 16: Marketing, Promotion and Customer Service

Now that your shop is open for business, how do you attract buyers and keep them coming back? Learn how to use Etsy's promoted listings and other marketing techniques.

Teen Events

Contact a Teen Services Librarian:

Erica Redden, Maplewood

651-724-6137 | erica.redden@ramseycounty.us

Devin Warner, Roseville

651-724-6065 | devin.warner@ramseycounty.us

Alyssa Stevenski, Shoreview

651-724-6166 | alyssa.stevenski@ramseycounty.us

Teen events and virtual programs are for grades 6-12. Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. Check rclreads.org for the most up-to-date event and virtual program information. Masks are required in Ramsey County facilities. For more information about Ramsey County's mask policy, visit ramseycounty.us/masks.

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Virtual Dungeons and Dragons

Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon

Zoom Webinar

No Dungeons and Dragons December 26.

Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

AniMondays

Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Please join us for a fun hang out space to watch and geek out about your favorite anime.

MakerTeen

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

RCL-Shoreview

No MakerTeen December 21, 28.

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

No MakerTeen November 24; December 22; 29.

MakerTeen is all about being creative, making new things, and using high-tech and low-tech tools to change your world. Join us for weekly hangouts where we will chat, make together, and share creations. What will you make?

Gaming Thursdays for Teens

Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

No Teen Gaming November 25; December 23, 30.

Please join us on Zoom for a variety of fun board games and video games, in person and virtually! Drop in at the in-person events or register online for the virtual program.

History Day Hullabaloo

Saturday, December 12, 11 am.-3 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

National History Day in Minnesota invites you to dig deeper into the theme, "Debate & Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences." Our History Day Hullabaloo is a research open house to get the details you need for your project. Drop in throughout the day to get one-on-one help from a History Day staff member or undergraduate mentor. You can also attend a mini-lesson on a range of topics and view sample projects.

Ramsey County Library's History Day Hullabaloo is everything you need to make your History Day project a success.

For more information, contact History Day staff from the Minnesota Historical Society at education.mnhs.org/historyday/contact. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Teen GSA

Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

November 14, 28; December 12

RCL-Shoreview

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



Teens 100 Books Before Challenge

We're challenging all our teens to read 100 books! Join one of our multi-year reading challenges to get special perks like monthly raffles, prizes for reaching milestones, reading suggestions from our teen librarians and a grand prize when you finish.

Go to rclreads.beanstack.org to choose your challenge and read at your own pace. For teens in grades 6-8, challenge yourself to read 100 Books Before High School. For teens in grades 9-12, we're challenging you to read 100 Books Before Graduation.

To sign up:

- Go to rclreads.beanstack.org.
- Choose the challenge for your age group.
- Log your books.
- Earn badges and prizes.

How it works and prizes:

Logging at least one book a month, you're automatically enrolled in a raffle to win a \$10 gift card. Get a free book and 100 Books Challenge swag when you reach the 25 book, 50 book and 75 book milestones. When you reach your goal of 100 books, you get a High School Survival Kit or an After Graduation Survival Kit to help you on the next leg of your journey.

For more information, visit rclreads.org/100-books-challenge-for-teens.

Kids Events

Virtual programming is offered remotely using Zoom communication software. Some in-person events have resumed at select library locations. Registration is required at rclreads.org or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate. Masks are required in Ramsey County facilities. For more information about Ramsey County's mask policy, visit ramseycounty.us/masks.

Dail-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: 651-461-6164. Happy listening!

This program is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.



Storytime Snacks

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
November 10, 24; December 8, 22
Facebook Live
my.nicheacademy.com/kidsathome

Enjoy a short video clip with your favorite Ramsey County librarians and learn a new literacy rich rhyme or fingerplay.

Zoom Family Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
November 4, 18; December 2, 9, 16
Zoom Webinar
Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Join us virtually for a live storytime event with stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays featuring some of your favorite Ramsey County children's librarians. Registration is required; please register on the Library's online calendar with your email address.

MakerKids Take-and-Make Kits

Appropriate for ages 5 and older.



Drop by the library location listed and pick up a take-home maker kit activity. Kits will be available at 10 a.m. on the dates below and are ready to

pick up, while supplies last. *MakerKids Take-and-Make kits are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries, unless otherwise noted.*

November 3: String Art
RCL-Mounds View

November 3: World Kindness Day
RCL-Shoreview

November 13: Knit a Skinny Scarf
RCL-New Brighton
RCL-North St. Paul

December 1: Create a Snowflake with Silly Millies*
RCL-Mounds View
RCL-North St. Paul
RCL-Roseville

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

December 11: Winter Candy Construction
RCL-New Brighton
RCL-North St. Paul

December 15: Indoor Snowballs
RCL-Mounds View

Make & Take Fridays

Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
November 5, 12, 19, 26
December 3, 10, 17

RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for families with children ages 2-5.

Drop-in and make a craft to take home—or take the craft home to make! *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*



Paws to Read

Appropriate for ages 2-6.

Work on your reading skills in a low-stress environment. Our licensed therapy dogs welcome all school-aged readers to participate in this special program. Contact the hosting library to register for your 20-minute time slot.

Read to Mercy
Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 7, 14, 21, 28
RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Duke
Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.
November 6, 20; December 4, 18
RCL-Roseville

Read to Arthur
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
November 8, 22, 29; December 6, 13
RCL-Shoreview

Read to Luigi
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
November 8, 22; December 6, 20
RCL-White Bear Lake

Ready to Magen
Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
November 13; December 11
RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Trevor
Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.
November 27; December 11
RCL-Roseville

Kids Events

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. Contact a Children's Librarian: 651-724-6141 | ann.wahlstrom@ramseycounty.us

Spy School

November 1-30

RCL-Roseville

Appropriate for families with kids in early elementary school.

Drop by the library in Roseville any time during the month of November for various spy-themed activities.



Virtual Family Chess

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

November 10, 17; December 1, 15

Zoom Webinar

Do you want to connect with other chess players online and learn how to play chess virtually? 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. Registration is required; please register with your email address. Program will be hosted on Zoom and Lichess, a free online chess server. Players under 16 years old need parental/guardian consent to use Lichess. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

Craft and Care Circles

Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m.

November 9, 16, 23, 30

Zoom Webinar

Appropriate for ages 8 and older.

Craft and Care Circles are facilitated gatherings of tweens and teens who hold a shared space of crafting, mindfulness and sharing stories together. These gatherings help strengthen connection between neighbors, which supports a sense of well-being and connection within community. Bring your own new or ongoing craft projects to share with us.

Hosted by community partner Thrivelihood, an organization that works to strengthen relationships between neighbors to foster health and resiliency in neighborhoods. Registration is required; please register on the Library's online calendar with your email address. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

Kids Adventuring Academy

Tuesday, November 23, 2-3 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Appropriate for ages 5 - 8.

Calling all young adventurers! Join the Kids' Adventuring Academy and pick up everything you need to get started playing Amazing Tales as a family. This tabletop roleplaying game is a story making game of roleplay and imagination for children who are old enough to have adventures. Registration is required; please register on the Library's online calendar with your email address. Participants will receive a kit, attend class on Zoom (Amazing Tales introduction and a fantasy read-aloud), and then start your adventures together. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*



Fun with Watercolors: Self-Portraits

Tuesday, December 28, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 30, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 31, 1:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Appropriate for ages 8 and older.

Join artist and illustrator Hannah Haverkamp for a Zoom workshop where you create a watercolor self-portrait and learn some face-drawing basics and cool watercolor techniques. This session will allow you to create along and interact with the artist in real time. Registration is required; please register on the Library's online calendar with your email address. Supplies will be available for pick up at a library location of your choice. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Creative Pastels for Children: Polar Bears

Monday, December 27

Session 1: 10:30 a.m.

Session 2: 2 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Appropriate for ages 7 and older.

Join Creative Pastels for a Zoom workshop where you will create a polar bear in a snowy landscape with oil pastels, and learn about monochromatic technique. Registration is required; please register on the Library's online calendar with your email address. Supplies will be available for pick up at a library location of your choice. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Welcome Mary Worley!



We are delighted to welcome our new Friends Executive Director, Mary Flynn Worley! Mary comes to the Friends with a strong background and proven track record in non-profit development and leadership. She is a strategic thinker with a successful performance history raising support for a variety of non-profits. The Friends team is excited that Mary will bring her wealth of experience, gifted leadership, enthusiasm (and passion for reading!) to support Ramsey County Library!

Friends Virtual Author Talk with Nancy Pearl

Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar



Don't miss this chance to connect with Friends Board Members and hear from author Nancy Pearl on November 10! Zoom opens with a welcome session starting at 6:10 p.m., program from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Members of the Friends Board will be providing updates from the organization and announcing the winner of the inaugural Ruth Palmer Award.

Bestselling author, librarian, literary critic and devoted reader Nancy Pearl regularly speaks about the importance and pleasure

of reading at libraries and other groups around the world. She can be heard on NPR's Morning Edition and KWGS-FM in Tulsa, Oklahoma, discussing her favorite books and making book recommendations. Her monthly television show on the Seattle Channel, Book Lust with Nancy Pearl, features interviews with authors, poets and other literary figures. Nancy even has her own action figure – the Archeon McPhee Librarian Action Figure was modeled after her!

Proceeds support Ramsey County Library's programming for adults, children and teens. Fees per household/computer:

- \$50 General Public
- \$25 Friends Members
- Free to Friends Partners

Not a Friends Member? Join or renew today to receive the reduced rate! Friends Partnership benefits are offered for donors who contribute \$500 or more in a calendar year. Learn more about registration, membership and partnership: rclfriends.org/events/nov-talk

Holiday Gift Quality Book Sale

Saturday & Sunday, Noon-5 p.m.
December 4, 5
RCL-Maplewood

Looking for the gift of reading for that special someone? We are offering gift quality books of all genres. Buy a great book, receive complimentary gift wrapping while supporting the Friends. We look forward to seeing you.

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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