

Ramsey County ■ *Library News & Events*



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Ramsey County Library is excited to announce that Udemy is now available for patrons. Udemy is an online learning and teaching platform with over 6,000 courses. Learn programming, marketing and data science and improve skills across business, tech, design and more. The service includes 6,000+ on-demand video courses in multiple languages. Login with your library card and start learning today. Access Udemy at rclreads.org/resources/education.

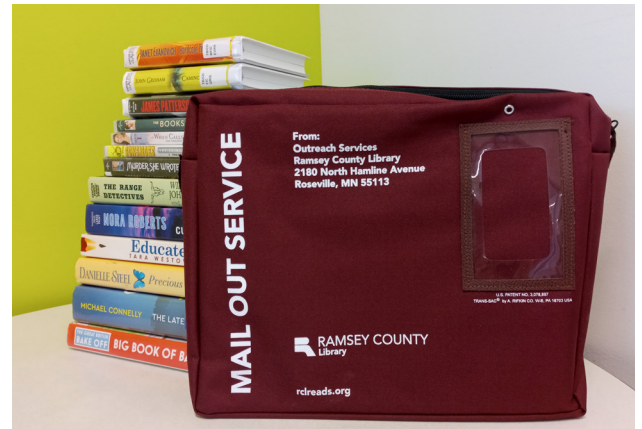
Mail Out Service at Ramsey County Library

Mail Out Service is available to residents of suburban Ramsey County who are experiencing health, transportation and/or disability barriers that prevent them from visiting a library location.

Ramsey County uses the United States Postal Service (USPS) to mail requested materials directly to residents in designated courier bags. Residents return materials to the library with pre-paid postage via USPS.

Library material type and weight limitations apply. For more information or to enroll, call 651-724-6001 (option 2).

Mail Out Service is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.



Grab Bags is now Shelf Help

Not sure what to read, listen to or watch? Let our librarians give you a little Shelf Help. Fill out an online form and we'll create a curated list specifically tailored to your reading tastes. For your convenience, we'll send it straight to your inbox.

For kids and teens: rclreads.org/shelf-help-for-kids-teens

For adults: rclreads.org/shelf-help-for-adults

Read-It-Down Resumes at Ramsey County Library

Read It Down

Read-It-Down has resumed at all our library locations. Youth, 17 years old and younger, can drop in anytime during open hours to read down fines. Children being read to and youth can earn \$1 for every fifteen minutes of reading time. Upon completion, the reader will receive a coupon showing the value of the time they've read. This can be brought to the service desk, where the account will be credited. See [library.southcoastlibrary.org/ask-a-librarian](https://www.southcoastlibrary.org/ask-a-librarian).

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.

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 on 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.

September 7, October 5

Zoom Webinar

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

Arts Roseville Featured Artists

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-Noon

Zoom Webinar

September 11: Michael Sweere

Michael Sweere is a visual artist that specializes in creating artwork from recycled materials. His installations can be seen in numerous locations in the United States including airports, health care facilities and libraries. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife Carole and their two dogs-Ladybug and Tulip.

October 9: Mike Dec

Mike Dec has always been interested in photography and purchased his first digital camera in 2003. Naturally, he has always been drawn to nature since his dad was a sportsman. In 2012, he decided to start photographing some of the wildlife near his home. He refers to himself as someone that captures the beauty of nature by using the technology that is available to us now, shooting low at eye level and in "golden light," one hour after sunrise or one hour before sunset.

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



Watercolors with Creative Pastels

Monday, September 13, 6-8 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Join Karen Tan from Creative Pastels in a workshop on creating art with watercolor paints. She will lead participants through a class focusing on how to paint fall trees using watercolors. Registered participants can pick up supplies at the Ramsey County Library of their choice. Class size limited to 20 participants. Registration is required. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Shoreview Poetry Circle

Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.

September 13; October 11

Zoom Webinar

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

Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

September 15: "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich

October 20: "There's a Revolution Outside, My Love" edited by Tracy K. Smith*

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

Maplewood Eclectic Book Club

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

September 15: "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See

October 20: "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams

North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

September 21: "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles

October 19: "The Rent Collector" by Camron Wright

Shoreview Mystery Club

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

September 21: Come with suggestions of books or authors you'd like to read together.

October 19: "Impersonator" by Mary Miley

White Bear Mystery Book Club

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

September 1: Favorite Author or Adventure Mysteries

October 6: Agatha Christie Mysteries or Women as Strong Characters

Virtual programming are subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit rclreads.org.

Tuesday with a Scholar Series

Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

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

September 21: The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic

By some measures, gun violence has almost doubled in our cities over the past year. Join James Densley as he looks at violence prevention and innovative ways to stop the social contagion of mass shootings in the United States. Densley is Professor and Department Chair of Criminal Justice at Metropolitan State University and the author of six books, most recently, "The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic."

September 28: Free Speech: A Contested Symbol of Democracy

Free speech is a fundamental symbol of our democracy, but its meaning is "essentially contested," says Ronald W. Greene, because that meaning changes each time it's challenged or expanded. Join Dr. Greene, a professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Minnesota, as he charts the interactions between free speech and democracy as they have defined political strife in the United States over the last 50 years and more.

October 5: St. Paul and Kidnapping in America

From the toxic brew of Prohibition and the Great Depression emerged a new threat: kidnapping for ransom. Starting in the Midwest, the "snatch racket" spread rapidly, reportedly reaching 3,000 kidnappings in 1931 alone. Join author Carolyn Cox as she explores how Saint Paul vied with St. Louis and Chicago for the dishonor of being America's "kidnap capital." Cox is a retired attorney and law professor, and the author of "The Snatch Racket: The Kidnapping Epidemic That Terrorized 1930s America." *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

October 12: Fake News and the Fourth Estate

This program will have a late start time of 1 p.m.

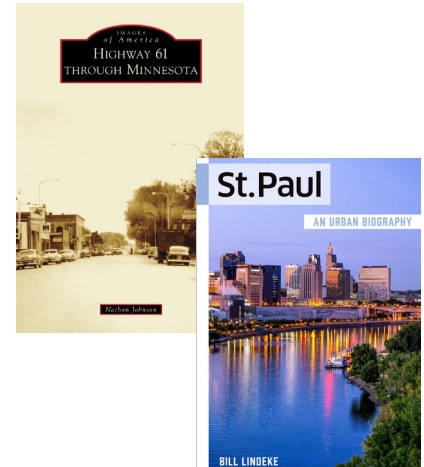
There was a time when national TV newscasters possessed some of the most universally trusted voices in America. That era has clearly ended, but how did we get from Walter Cronkite to today's indiscriminate charges of "fake news"? Matt Carlson, an associate professor at the Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota, will explore news trends over time, moving from an era when a few mainstream organizations controlled most of what we know, to our modern explosion of digital voices.

October 19: The Problem of Monopolies and the Poor

Why are decent housing, adequate medical care, and other basic life necessities so often out of reach for low and middle-income families? James A. Schmitz, Jr., a senior research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, suggests that part of the problem are modern monopolies that block low-cost goods and services from reaching those who need them most. Join Dr. Schmitz for a provocative look at the past and present role of the monopoly. *Presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.*

October 26: How the Streets Were Made

The idea of "the streets" has long influenced our understanding of Black culture. Join Dr. Yelena Bailey, Director of Education Policy at the State of Minnesota's Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, as she discusses the historical legacy of geographically segregated Black spaces, as well as the role they have played in shaping our contemporary perceptions of Black identity through music, film and literature. Bailey is the author of "How the Streets Were Made: Housing Segregation and Black Life in America." *Presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.*



Ramsey County Historical Society Presents: History Revealed

Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

September 16: Highway 61 Through Minnesota

Driving on Highway 61 through Minnesota provides a rare opportunity for one to see virtually every type of landscape in the North Star State. Join Nathan Johnson, a local historian, as he explores the fabulous history of the 1,400-mile highway, which signals where the west begins and has links to everything from the Civil Rights Movement to the development of jazz, blues and alternative rock.

October 21: St. Paul: An Urban Biography

Urban geographer and 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.

A member of the Saint Paul Planning Commission, Lindeke is also the author of "Minneapolis-Saint Paul: Then and Now" and the coauthor of "Closing Time: Saloons, Taverns, Dives, and Watering Holes of the Twin Cities."

History

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.

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

September 27: Birchwood Village Turns 100

Birchwood Village was incorporated in September of 1921 and would eventually evolve into the City of Birchwood Village. Join us to hear about the people and events that make this area unique, including Al Bloomquist, school bus driver and police officer for the village, and Lucy Tighe, our area's first woman mayor.

October 25: What's in a Name Part II

Join us for Part two 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 McKnight to Florence and Peggy to Randy, what's in a name?

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

The Presidency of Barack Obama with J.B. Andersen

Wednesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.
October 6, 13, 27
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, JB Andersen, for a look 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.



Educational Equity and the Page Amendment

Tuesday, October 12, 3-4 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Two of the best-known voices in Minnesota are calling for passage of an amendment to the Minnesota State Constitution to guarantee the right to a quality education for every child in the state. Join Alan Page and Neel Kashkari as they explain why they believe this measure is the best way to address the race-based gap in educational outcomes in our state.

Page is a retired Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court and a legendary pro football player. Kashkari is the President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Great Decisions: The Korean Peninsula

Friday, October 29, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

As the rift between the United States and China grows, South Korea may end up in the middle of the two superpowers. Join Hyon Kim, founder and CEO of MN Best, Inc., to discuss what the future holds for the US relationship with the Republic of Korea.

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.

Jobs and Small Business

Resume Writing

Tuesday, September 28, 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.*

Career Services

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

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.

Online Jobs Resources

Several online resources are available at rclreads.org to help with your job search. All resources are accessible with your library card.

• Cell-Ed

Learn job skills, resume writing and more for free on your own time. With Cell-Ed, your cell-phone becomes your teacher.

• Job & Career Accelerator

Gain access to career exploration tools, a resume and cover letter builder, job search, and other materials related to career and job readiness. This resource is part of the Learning Express Library.

• JobNow

A real-time online job coaching resource for your resume and job interviewing skills.

Community & Well-being

Virtual programming and in-person events are subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit rclreads.org.

Knitting for Good

Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Knitting for Good starts September 9.

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.

Practicing Positive Community Conversations

Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m.

September 7, October 5

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.

Ending the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Monday, September 20, 7-8 p.m.

Zoom Webinar



A juvenile record is a gateway to mass incarceration. How do we stop the school-to-prison pipeline? Dr. Artika Tyner will share information about the school-to-prison pipeline and introduce three key

strategies for ending it. Dr. Tyner is a passionate educator, lawyer, author, sought-after speaker and advocate for justice. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries and co-sponsored by Do Good Roseville.*

Dementia: Caring and Coping During the Pandemic

Humor as a Tool for Caring and Coping
Wednesday, September 22, 1 p.m.

Learn more about dementia caring and coping during the pandemic with Lori La Bey. Videos available on the Alzheimer's Speaks YouTube channel: youtube.com/user/AlzheimersSpeaks.

This month, Shannan Calcutt will join us to discuss more about humor and how it can help with dementia caring and coping. Calcutt is a comedian, actor, workshop leader, clown, comic act designer and acting coach with Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas.

Presented by the Roseville Alzheimer's & Dementia Community Action Team in partnership with Lori La Bey's online show Alzheimer's Speaks and Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Raising Allies Parenting Class

Sunday, October 17, 1-3 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

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. Registration required. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

Fall Meditation Series

Saturdays, Noon-1 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

October 23: Finding Inner Peace and Calmness Through Meditation with Arlene Samsel

October 30: Meditation for Everyday Living with John Bednarik

In this fast-paced, stressful world we live in, is there a way to decompress, recharge and experience peacefulness? Join us to learn simple technique of spiritual meditation (explained and practiced during the session) that can help us achieve a lasting state of peace and happiness found through no outer experience.

Environment and Sustainability Events

Seed Talk: How to Save Seeds

Tuesday, September 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Join horticulturist and seed librarian Pam Frink to share your ideas and questions about gardening. We will learn how to save vegetable and native plant seeds.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present:

Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

September 9: Food Saving

October 14: Fall Into Winter

Join Ramsey County Master Gardeners to learn more about a variety of gardening topics. In September, we will learn about different methods of food preservation. In October, we will discuss about how to put your garden to bed and what to do for your garden and landscape between September and February.

Electric Vehicles Are Here: Why, What and How?

Tuesday, September 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Join us for a presentation into the technology behind the shift to electric vehicles (EV), models available in the US, and how people use and charge their EVs. Then hear from EV owners as they share their experiences, and see selected models in the parking lot. Presented by MN EV Owners and Shift2Electric.com.

Technology Courses

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Virtual Programs

Basic Image Editing

Monday, September 20, 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.

Meet Your New Library Catalog!

Tuesday, September 21, 10-11 a.m.

Zoom Webinar

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.

How to Maintain Hardware (Computers, Tablets, Smartphones) and Back Up Your Data

Wednesday, September 22, 7-8 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Everyone wants a fast and smooth computing experience, whether using a smartphone or the latest Windows 10 or MacBook Pro. This session covers easy-to-perform steps you can take to ensure your devices stay in optimal shape. We'll discuss tools and techniques for optimizing your devices, backing up your data, and how to stay ready to fend off crashes, viruses and other computing woes.

Password Management

Wednesday, September 22, 2-3 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!



Make the Most of Google Drive & Docs

Monday, October 4, 7-8 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Explore the basic functionality of Gmail, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Sheets, Calendar, Tasks and Maps. Presented by Keer Keer Creative and funded by MELSA.

Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings

Thursday, October 14, 6-7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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

Searching for Jobs on the Internet

Thursday, October 21, 2-3:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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.

In-Person Events

Drop-in Computer and Tech Help Appointments

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

Drop-in Help starts September 14.

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

Drop-in help starts September 14.

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.

Maker Adult

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

RCL-Roseville

Starting Friday, September 10, 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.

Microsoft Word Basics

Monday & Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

September 27: Part 1
September 28: 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.

Legal Information on the Web

Wednesday, September 29
10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

This class will cover free, valuable, legal resources available online. It will highlight the financial power of attorney, the health care directive, and other legal forms. It will also describe helpful court resources, statutes, ordinances and case records. Referrals to free and low-cost legal help will be explained. Presented by the Ramsey County Law Library.

Microsoft Excel Basics

Wednesday & Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

September 29: Part 1
September 30: 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.

Overdrive/Libby and the World of E-books

Thursday, October 14, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

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.

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month



Be (Almost) Invisible on the Internet: How to Keep a Low Profile and Avoid Prying Eyes and Tracking Bots

Tuesday, October 5, 7-8:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Are you tired of Google tracking everything you do online? This session focuses on how to reduce your information footprint and avoid being tracked when online. We'll start by reviewing how to lock down your online accounts and recommend settings that will keep secure major social media accounts. After touching on how to spot and avoid phishing and smishing, we'll discuss which browsers and plugins to use and how to encrypt your texts, calls and email. Then we'll explain what a VPN is and why you should use one. Up next is finding and deleting old online accounts. Finally, we'll go over ways to surf without leaving any trace and ways to delete yourself from the internet.

Personal Information Security Protection in a Modern Era

Wednesday, October 13, 6:30-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join Ramsey County's Information Services department for a security presentation on how to protect yourself online. Learn from our Chief Information Security Officer on how to stay protected while on the internet. Topics include personal information security protection, how to see if your personal information has been compromised, multi-factor authentication, credit freeze, phishing and more!

Ransomware: What it is and how to Avoid it

Tuesday, October 26, 7-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

A day doesn't go by without another story about ransomware. While it has crippled municipalities, hospitals, police and fire departments, pipelines and other critical infrastructure, it can also attack individuals as well. As long as hackers can leverage ransomware, we need to be on guard. In this session, we'll discuss what ransomware is, how it has evolved over time, what to do if it happens to you, and—most importantly—tips for avoiding it in the first place.

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. *Teen events and virtual programs are funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries, unless otherwise noted.*



Virtual Dungeons and Dragons

Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon
Zoom Webinar

Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

MakerTeen

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.
RCL-Maplewood

Thursdays, 4-6 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

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

Please join us on 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.

Teen GSA

Sundays, 1-3 p.m.
September 12, 26; October 10, 24
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.

Trivia Tuesday for Teens!

Tuesday, October 26, 4-5:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Zoom Webinar

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



Teens 100 Books Before Challenge

Starting September 1, 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 merchandise 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.

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Storytime Snacks

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

September 1, 8, 29

October 13, 27

Facebook Live; rclreads.org/kids

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

Preschool Storytime STEAM Kits

Learn about turkeys, bread, apples and pumpkins through STEAM kits. Registration is required on the Library's website. One per child. *STEAM kits are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

Bread in a Bag

Registration begins September 7. Measure, mix and bake with this edible kitchen science activity for kids.

Apples & Pumpkins

Registration begins October 5. Apples & Pumpkins! Count, taste and explore!

Turkeys

Registration begins November 9. Gobble, count and float with turkeys!

Snakes Storytime

Friday, September 17, 10:30 a.m.

Tamarack Nature Center

5287 Otter Lake Rd, White Bear Township

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes about snakes at Tamarack Nature Center's Amphitheater. Plus, meet a live snake with a Tamarack Naturalist. Storytime will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

Farmers' Market Storytime

Friday, September 24, 10:30 a.m.

White Bear Lake Farmers' Market

Join us on the grassy boulevard on Clark Avenue between 1st and 2nd Street to read stories and sing songs. We will learn about farmers' markets and eating local with guest star Michelle Bruhn of Forks in the Dirt. Afterwards, investigate White Bear Lake's own farmers' market on a scavenger hunt. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*



Meet a Firetruck!

Appropriate for ages 2-5.

This series of events are weather dependent. In the event of inclement weather or 911 emergency on the side of the fire department, the event will be canceled.

Roseville Fire Department

Thursday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Roseville

Come join us in the Reading Garden as we read a story about fire fighting. We will meet, in person, our local fire department with their truck!

White Bear Lake Fire Department

Friday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

Join us for a special event in the parking lot featuring the White Bear Lake Fire Department. Learn about fire safety, meet a firefighter and explore a fire truck!

Lake Johanna Fire Department

Wednesday, October 6, 6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Learn about Fire Prevention Week with the Lake Johanna Fire Department. Come meet fire fighters, see a fire truck and take a self-guided story stroll around the library.

North St. Paul Fire Department

Thursday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.

2400 Margaret St., North St. Paul

Celebrate Fire Safety Month and meet your local fire department in this exciting on-location storytime! We'll read fire fighter books, learn more about a fire fighter's uniform and tour the station at this exciting event.

Storytime Guest Stars

Join us virtually for your favorite storytime guest star! Virtual storytimes premiere 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. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Squids! Skunks! and Witches! Oh, my! Magical Musical Storytime with Trisha Speed Shaskan and Stephen Shaskan

Friday, September 10, 10:30 a.m.

Facebook Live

Stephen Shaskan and Trisha Speed Shaskan will share their amazing books and maybe a song or a skunk or two in this exciting storytime event!

I Like the Weather with Author Sarah Nelson

Monday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.

Facebook Live

Join local author Sarah Nelson for a fun storytime exploring our weather! Viewers will enjoy hearing Sarah read books from her "I Like the Weather" series as well as talk about the unique weather we enjoy here in Minnesota!

From the Tops of Trees with Author Kao Kalia Yang

Friday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.

Facebook Live

Author Kao Kalia Yang will be sharing her brand new book, "From the Tops of Trees" and discussing the writing process with us in this virtual storytime event!

The Magic in You with Author Timi Bliss

Friday, October 29, 10:30 a.m.

Facebook Live

Local author Timi Bliss will showcase her brand new book, "The Magic in You", as part of this fun virtual storytime!

Kids Events

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

Maker Kids 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, while supplies last. *Maker Kids Take-and-Make kits are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

September 8: Decorate a Notebook With Washi Tape

RCL-Mounds View

September 11: Measurements Galore

RCL-New Brighton

RCL-North St. Paul

October 6: Helicopters

RCL-Mounds View

October 9: Fall Foliage Leaf Art

RCL-New Brighton

RCL-North St. Paul

October 12: Let's Play, Babies

RCL-Roseville

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 Duke

Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.

September 11, 25; October 9, 23

RCL-Roseville

Read to Arthur

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

October 4, 11, 25

RCL-Shoreview

Read to Luigi

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

September 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 25

RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Mercy

Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

RCL-White Bear Lake

Ready to Magen

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

September 25; October 16

RCL-White Bear Lake



Reading Garden

Shout and Sing: Saturday Playtime

Saturdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

September 11, 18, 25

October 9, 16, 23

RCL-Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2-6.

From scavenger hunts to sing-alongs, join us outside in the Reading Garden for a fun surprise activity each week! Please R.S.V.P., if possible: anna.krueger@ramseycounty.us. This program is weather-dependent; call 651-724-6032 for updates.

Fall Garden Play

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

September 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

RCL-Roseville

Appropriate for ages 5 and younger.

Drop in for outdoor fun each week in the Reading Garden. This program is weather-dependent; call 651-724-6032 for updates.

Tot Obstacle Course

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

September 22; October 13

RCL-Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Let's get our wiggles out and enjoy some outdoor play in our Reading Garden with our toddler obstacle equipment! Meet in the Reading Garden for 90 minutes of self-directed and guardian supervised inclusive play! This program is weather-dependent and in the event of inclement of bad weather, the event will be canceled.



Virtual Family Chess

Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m.

September 22, 29; October 20, 27

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.*

Make & Take Fridays

Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

October 8, 15, 22, 29

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.*



A Tisket, A Tasket Awesome Volunteer Baskets!

Thank you to the Shoreview Friends bookstore volunteers! Peggy, Miriam and Marilyn created and put together 35+ themed book baskets that were sold during the Friends Book Basket Mini Auction held in July. This summer fundraiser raised over \$2,000. Proceeds from the auction support Ramsey County Library and will be used for programming online and at the public libraries in Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake.

Friends Virtual Author Talk: 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 bestselling author, Nancy Pearl. Zoom opens with a welcome session at 6:10 p.m. and program from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Pearl is also a librarian, literary critic and devoted reader who 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. Pearl even has her own action figure—the Archee McPhee Librarian Action Figure was modeled after her!

Members of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries' Board will also be providing updates from the organization and announcing the winner of the inaugural Ruth Palmer Award during this virtual event.

Proceeds support Ramsey County Library. Fees per household/computer: \$50 general public, \$25 Friends Members. Learn more and register at www.rclfriends.org.

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 the Friends at 651-486-2213 to learn more about including us in your will to make a lasting difference in your community.

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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For more information, please call 651-486-2213.

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