Changes to Adult Library Fines and Regional Library Hours Begins Jan. 1

On December 21, 2021, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the 2022-2023 budget which includes eliminating adult library fines and slightly reducing hours at the three regional libraries. This budget continues to invest in transformative change and reflects the county's vision, mission, goals and strategic priorities. The Library has aligned resources to support several strategic priorities including Residents First, Advancing Racial and Health Equity, and Shared Community Power.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the libraries in Maplewood, Roseville and Shoreview will close one hour earlier at 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday and Sunday hours will remain the same. The change to hours is being made to meet the property tax levy target, support operational efficiencies, and better align closing hours with our Metropolitan Library Service Agency partners.

In addition, adult late fines will be eliminated in alignment with the Racial Equity strategic priority and removing barriers to accessing Library materials. These fines were suspended during the pandemic and will now be permanent. This policy change aligns with the 2020 efforts to eliminate late fines on all youth materials.

Find more information about library changes at rclreads.org/news/2022Update. Detailed budget information is available at ramseycounty.us/Budget.

We Are Meant to Rise Panel Discussions

Carolyn Holbrook, David Mura, Suleiman Adan, Marcie Rendon and Kevin Yang*
Thursday, January 13, 7-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Carolyn Holbrook, Ed Bok Lee and Alexs Pate**
Tuesday, February 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join local authors as they read and discuss their writings from "We Are Meant to Rise: Voices for Justice from Minneapolis to the World." This collection features Indigenous writers and writers of color discussing racism in Minnesota, including context of the COVID-19 pandemic and after the murder of George Floyd. In January, discussions will be focus on the historical context of racism.

*This program is sponsored by the Ramsey County Historical Society, in partnership with the East Side Freedom Library as part of the History Revealed series. **This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Club Book: Maggie O'Farrell

Wednesday, February 23, 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.
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. Registration required through the Library’s online calendar. Take-Home Art kits are funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Creative Pastels

Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting
January 10: Acrylic Painting
February 14: Watercolor Painting

Join Karen Tan from Creative Pastels for a series of painting workshops. Supplies will be provided through pickup at a library of your choice. Class size limited to 20 participants. This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Shoreview Poetry Circle

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
January 11; February 8
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.

Gallery 96 Exhibition

January 21 - March 11
Opening Reception
Friday, January 21, 6-8 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

The Gallery 96 exhibition is available for viewing in the Community Program Room during open hours when the room is not in use. Join us for the opening reception to meet the artists. This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Winter Reads

January 2 - February 28

Winter Reads encourages busy adults to delight in reading during the dark months of winter. Starting January 2, read four books and you will be entered for a chance at a grand prize. There will be Winter Reads themed giveaways throughout the reading months, while supplies last. Sign up online at rclreads.beanstack.org.

Book Trivia

Wednesday, January 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Come celebrate Winter Reads for adults with a live, virtual trivia game! Show off your knowledge about today’s bestselling books.

Authors Read and Recommend:

Mona Susan Power
Tuesday, January 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Mona Susan Power is the author of “The Grass Dancer,” “Roofwalker” and “Sacred Wilderness.” She is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and a graduate of Harvard Law School and the University of Iowa Writers’ Workshop.

Brian Malloy
Tuesday, February 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Brian Malloy is the author of the novels “Twelve Long Months, Brendan Wolf,” “The Year of Ice” and “After Francesco.” He teaches creative writing and literature at the University of Minnesota, Hamline University and the Loft Literary Center.

Chauan Webster
Monday, February 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Chaun Webster is a poet and graphic designer living in Minneapolis whose work interrogates blackness and being as a way to interrogate the world. Webster’s debut book, “Gentryfication: Or the Scene of the Crime,” was published by Noemi Press in 2018, and received the 2019 Minnesota Book Award for poetry.

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

Book Clubs

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

Roseville History Book Club

Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

January 19: VooDoo Dreams by Jewel Parker Rhodes.
February 16: Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

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, 6:30-8 p.m.
January 19: Oil and Marble: A Novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo by Stephanie Storey
February 16: “Coraline” by Neil Gaiman

North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.
January 18: Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
February 15: Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Shoreview Mystery Club

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.
January 18: The Dry by Jane Harper
February 15: Broken Ice by Matt Goldman

White Bear Mystery Book Club

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.
January 5: Freedom Day
February 2: Author New to Me
**Tuesday with a Scholar Series**
Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

_This series is co-sponsored by the East Side Freedom Library. Funded by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries._

**January 18: Critical Race Theory: Why It Matters for All of Us**
It began as an analytic tool for legal scholars, but in recent months critical race theory has exploded as a controversial topic everywhere from local school board meetings to social media. Join Brian Lozenski for an in depth look at CRT. Where did it originate, why is it causing so much concern in American education and elsewhere, and what are its implications for all of us?

Lozenski is an associate professor of urban and multicultural education in the Educational Studies Department at Macalester College.

**January 25: Gimme Shelter: Affordable Housing, Rent Control and Current Politics**
Their homes are the largest financial asset in the lives of many American homeowners, but rents are rising faster than incomes, and other Americans can’t afford any roof over their heads at all. When the politics of NIMBY clash with the stark realities of housing inadequacy in our cities, the stage is set for controversy. Join Edward Goetz as he examines the critical issues involved in our housing situation today.

Goetz is a professor of urban and regional planning at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs and the director of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

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**Ramsey County Historical Society Presents: History Revealed**

**Making Minnesota: The Story of Saint Paul**
Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

The Ramsey County Historical Society, in partnership with the East Side Freedom Library and the Ramsey County Library in Roseville, invites you to join a series on the experiences of indigenous people, African Americans, and immigrants in Ramsey County from the 1800s through the current day. In this program “Making Minnesota: Natives, Settlers, Migrants, and Immigrants,” Bill Lindeke will explore the topic as it relates to the history of Saint Paul.

Lindeke is an urban geographer and writer who focuses on how our environments shape our lives. His most recent book is St. Paul: An Urban Biography, a concise history of St. Paul.

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**White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:**

**Probates & Wills in Genealogy with Tom Rice**
Monday, January 24 , 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Learn more about the value of probates and wills in the study of Minnesota history with Tom Rice, Certified Genealogist. Tom will explain the usefulness of these legal documents to genealogical and other historical research in Minnesota.

**Women of the Fillebrown**
Monday, February 28, 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Kick off Women’s History Month with the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society as we share stories of the extraordinary women who called the Fillebrown House their home including Hattie and Helen Fillebrown, Hattie Long and Emily Noyes.

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

**The Presidency of Barack Obama Part II with J.B. Andersen**
Wednesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.
January 26; February 2, 9, 23
Zoom Webinar

We continue our examination of the life and political accomplishments of the nation’s first African-American president. Join J.B. Andersen for more discussion of what we can learn from the achievements and the complicated ongoing legacy of President Barack Obama.

Andersen is a historian and the creator of the popular History of the Presidents series for OLLI.

*Presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota. This series is funded by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*
Who is a Citizen? Our Nation’s First Racial Reckoning, 1865-1924

Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
February 1: How Black People Became Citizens; The South and the Nation, 1865-1876
February 8: Industrializing the Economy and Expanding White Citizenship, 1865-1924
February 15: Black People Lose Their Citizenship: Red People Lose Everything, 1876-1924
February 22: Consequences: The (Re) Birth of a Nation and the Birth of a White Empire, 1896-1924

From the end of the Civil War to the opening of the 20th century, Americans of several races and ethnicities struggled—from often violently—over the question of who qualified for citizenship. In the end, white people settled this question by deciding that they alone enjoyed full citizenship rights. The consequences of that decision continue to haunt us up to the present day.

Presentations will be based on Dr. Stewart’s YouTube video lectures Jim Stewart’s Historical Tonic for Fragile White Folks at bit.ly/3t8rSnC.

Stewart is professor emeritus of history at Macalester and an eminent scholar of the Abolitionist Movement.

This miniseries is part of the Tuesday with a Scholar Series and is presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota. Funded by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Great Decisions: International Organizations in a Global Pandemic

Friday, February 11, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrust the World Health Organization (WHO) into the limelight, for better and for worse. Join John Oswald as he examines the WHO’s role in international pandemics and how its response to future global health crises can be improved.

Oswald PhD, MPH is an adjunct professor in Community Health and Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. He has worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization in Cuba, Argentina and Mexico.

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 focuses 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.

Knitting for Good

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

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.

Community Resource Advocates

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

Social workers, advocates, and county navigators will be in the library to help individuals and families with questions relating to housing resources, shelter, accessing benefits, food assistance, mental health, youth and senior services, transportation and more. No appointment necessary. Call 651-724-6062 for more information. Co-sponsored by People Incorporated, Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood.

Criminal Justice Today Series: Law Enforcement

Thursday, February 17, 6:30-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

What roles do different people in the criminal justice system play? Public conversations recently have turned to how to fix or abolish racist policing, sentencing and incarceration. This series will address the question of where in the system authorities have discretion on what happens and how citizens can impact outcomes. Each session will feature a panel discussion with people in a particular role and how they view justice and change. Sponsored by Do Good Roseville.
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.

Conversations with Constituents: Representation in City Leadership
Thursday, January 20, 6:30-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
The changing demographics of our communities means that elected and appointed leaders are provided with great opportunities and also some challenges. Join League of Women Voters Roseville Area (LWVRA) in important discussions on these issues with our local city leaders. How well does the composition of their leadership reflect greater diversity in our communities? What outreach efforts have been made to broaden involvement across the spectrum of their constituents? What has and what has not worked? What examples come to mind when addressing the diversity of constituents’ needs in areas such as housing, employment, transit, business development, and community programs and events? How can our local governance become more representative, and what resources or expertise will it take? Moderated by LWVRA members.

Health Care Fraud
Monday, January 24, 2-3 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Learn how to detect Medicare fraud and what to do if you suspect Medicare fraud. We discuss the top scams currently being directed towards older adults and highlight why they might be targeted. We’ll offer tips on how to avoid falling for scams and where to get help. Presentation by Trellis/Senior Linkage Line.

Jobs and Small Business

Conversations with Constituents: Representation in City Leadership

Seed Talk: Growing Indoor Plants
Tuesday, January 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
This Seed Talk is all about growing plants indoors. During the long dark days of winter it’s wonderful to have something green growing or even flowering in your house. Do you have a ‘brown’ thumb when it comes to growing houseplants? Tune into this Seed Talk to learn some surefire ways and tricks to growing houseplants.

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.

Social Media Marketing
Tuesday, January 25, 1-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Learn the ins and outs of using four different social media apps (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube). We also discuss why having social media accounts boosts search engine optimization also known as SEO, learn how to use analytic tools to target demographics and discover social media scheduling tools for pushing posts to multiple platforms. Presented by Keer Keer Creative and funded by MELSA.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present:

January 13: Growing Microgreens
Come learn about growing microgreens, quick-growing vegetable and herb seedlings that can be grown indoors and can be used in salads or as fresh green in many types of dishes during the cold seasons of the year.

February 10: Nature Heals
Learn the science of how time spent in nature helps to improve our physical and mental well-being.
Virtual Programs

Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings
Tuesday, January 4, 2-3 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Learn the basic features of using Zoom Meetings. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

How to Maintain Hardware (Computers, Tablets, Smartphones) Post-Holiday Edition *NEW*
Wednesday, January 12, 6:30-8 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, with a special focus on setting up new equipment.

Password Management
Tuesday, January 18, 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!

Personal Information Security Protection in a Modern Era
Wednesday, January 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Join Ramsey County’s Information Services department for a security presentation on how to protect yourself online. Topics include personal information security protection, how to see if your personal information has been compromised, multi-factor authentication, credit freeze, phishing and more.

Media Literacy: Spotting Fake News
Tuesday, January 25, 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.

Geek Out!: A High Tech Conversation and Demo *NEW*
Wednesday, February 16, 6:30-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Join Ramsey County’s Information Services department for an interactive technical presentation, sample topics include:
- Cell phone boosters
- Software Defined Radio
- Raspberry Pi
- Bluetooth everything (locks, tracking devices, and home automation)
- WiFi – how it works and why not all WiFi is the same

While knowledge of technology isn’t required, this session is intended for an audience comfortable with technical terms, though likely be informative for all attendees.

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
Thursdays, 10 a.m.-Noon
RCL-White Bear Lake
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.

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.
Assess Your Basic Computer Skills
Wednesday, January 26, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-New Brighton
Monday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville
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.

iPhone Basics: Navigating iOS
Thursday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-New Brighton
Thursday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville
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
Friday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-New Brighton
Wednesday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville
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.

Legal Information on the Web
Wednesday, February 2, 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, statues, ordinances and case records. Referrals to free and low-cost legal help will be explained. Presented by the Ramsey County Law Library.

Microsoft Word Basics
Monday & Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
February 7: Part 1
February 8: 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.

Microsoft Excel Basics
Wednesday & Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
February 9: Part 1
February 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.

Be (Almost) Invisible on the Internet: How to Keep a Low Profile and Avoid Prying Eyes and Tracking Bots
Wednesday, February 23, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Are you tired of everything you do online being tracked? 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. Finally, we’ll go over ways to surf without leaving any trace and ways to delete yourself from the internet.
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
No Dungeons and Dragons January 2.
Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

MakerTeen
Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.
Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.
Zoom Meeting
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?

Cosmic Wednesdays
Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.
Zoom Meeting
Cosmic Wednesdays celebrates all things science fiction. We will watch and discuss different sci-fi/fantasy media, play video and board games, and complete maker projects inspired by our favorite nerdy franchises.

Gaming Thursdays for Teens
Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.
Zoom Meeting
Please join us on Zoom for a variety of fun board games and video games virtually!

Teen GSA
Sundays, 1-4 p.m.
January 9, 23; February 13, 27
Zoom Meeting
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.

Virtual Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.
January 13, 27; February 10, 24
Zoom Meeting
Fans of comics, manga and graphic novels, rejoice! Join us on Zoom to talk about great graphic novels! Participants get free copies of each book.

Board Game Drive
February 1-28
RCL-Maplewood
RCL-Roseville
RCL-Shoreview
Throughout the month of February, Ramsey County Library will be partnering with Asmodee USA to collect donations of new and gently used board games to use with kids and teens in our spaces and in our gaming programs. Donation bins will be available. Help connect our kids and teens with great games!

Teens 100 Books Before Challenge
Join one of our multi-year reading challenges to get special perks like monthly raffles, prizes for reaching milestones and a grand prize when you finish.
To sign up:
• Go to rclreads.beanstack.org.
• Choose the challenge for your age group.
• Log your books.
• Earn badges and prizes.
14th Annual Kindergarten Library Card Event

Ramsey County Library is excited to present our 14th Annual Kindergarten Library Card Event with this year’s special guest, local author Siman Nuurali. Kindergarten classrooms in suburban Ramsey County schools will have an opportunity to attend a virtual event in late January, or be able to watch a video presentation from Siman Nuurali, author of the “Sadiq” book series. She will discuss how she creates the character of Sadiq and his world in her books, and how important the library and having a library card will be in their school careers.

If you have a kindergartener and haven’t received info on how to participate in this program, please call the kids desk at the library in Roseville at 651-724-6032 to talk with a children’s librarian or check with your local Ramsey County library location. This program is funded with money from both Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Storytimes

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: 651-461-6164. Happy listening!

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

Homework Help

Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for all ages.
No Homework Help January 17; February 21.

Need help with your homework? Students of all ages are welcome to stop by for assistance with completing assignments. A tutor will be on hand to help keep you on track. Service is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Coloring Club: Color a Snowflake!

January 2-31
RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2-11.

Stop by the library in Roseville and pick out an ornate snowflake to color! Take it home to brighten your own space or hang it up for all to see in the library!

Make & Take Fridays

Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 25
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 the Ramsey County Libraries.
**Story Play!**
*Appropriate for ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*
Play and explore early learning activities connected to a special story. Each family group will have time to interact with the activities in a private setting. To register, call the hosting library and make a 20-minute appointment for your family group. To register, call the library in Roseville at 651-724-6032 or the library in White Bear Lake at 651-724-6007. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

**5 Senses**
Saturday, January 8, 10 a.m.-Noon
Monday, February 10, 10 a.m.-Noon
RCL-White Bear Lake
February 7-11
RCL-Roseville

**Shapes**
January 10-14
RCL-Roseville
Saturday, February 5, 10 a.m.-Noon
Monday, February 7, 10 a.m.-Noon
RCL-White Bear Lake

**TinkerCAD Design and 3D Printing**
Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.
January 15; February 26
RCL-White Bear Lake
*Appropriate for ages 9-13.*
Learn how to create your own 3D printer projects using TinkerCAD, a free online 3D modeling program. After designing something, each person will be able to have it printed on a 3D printer that day or for later pick up. Online registration required, limited to 12 participants.

**Outdoor Winter Play Wednesdays!**
*Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.*
January 19, 26; February 9, 16
RCL-Roseville
*Appropriate for ages 2-6.*
Let’s take our play outside! Layer up your favorite winter wear and come join in the fun outside in our reading garden! We’ll have different winter activities every week. Snowshoes for toddlers and kids up to age 7 will be available to try out. Parents encouraged to play as well. This program is weather-dependent; call 651-724-6032 for updates. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

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RCL-White Bear Lake

**January Story Trail**
January 15-31
RCL-Maplewood
Visit the library in Maplewood and enjoy a winter stroll along the path behind the building while reading the book “Cat’s Colors” on a Story Trail. If it’s too snowy for just shoes, you can check out a pair of snowshoes (while available) at the front desk. No registration necessary. *Presented in partnership with Ramsey County Parks & Recreation.*

**February Story Trail**
February 4-20
RCL-Roseville

**Ramsey County Parks & Recreation**

**Kick Sleds and Cross-Country Skis**
Saturday, January 8, 1-3 p.m.
RCL-North St. Paul
Friday, January 28, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View
Saturday, February 5, 1-3 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
*Appropriate for all ages.*
Have you ever wanted to try these fun winter activities but didn’t know where to start? Now is your chance at these fun events hosted at the library by Ramsey County Parks & Recreation. Stop in any time during the program to take the equipment for a test drive.

**Nature Walk on Snowshoes**
Saturday, February 26, 1 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Monday, February 7, 2 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Join a librarian and a Parks & Recreation staff for a one hour nature walk through a local park with snowshoes. Space is limited to 12 participants. Registration required on the Library’s website.

**Family Chess**
Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.
January 29; February 12
RCL-Shoreview
*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*
Make a move and come play chess at the library! Kids and caregivers are invited to practice your chess skills with some new partners and each other. Beginners welcome, too. Drop-in any time. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

**Gold! Silver! Bronze! Olympics 2022!**
February 4-20
RCL-Roseville
Drop by the library in Roseville to help celebrate the Winter Olympics happening in Beijing, China! We’ll be hosting various winter sports-like activities throughout the kids area. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

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.
Creative Pastels for Children: Snowy Saturday

Saturday, February 12
Session 1: 10:30 a.m.
Session 2: Noon
RCL-Roseville

Appropriate for ages 7 and older.

Come and join Creative Pastels to create a “winter landscape with a cozy log cabin” art project. Have fun while learning the fundamentals of drawing and oil pastels techniques. This is an in-person class, step by step instructions will be given as you draw along with the instructor, Karen Tan.

Art supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants. Registration required. Families are limited to registering up to 3 children ages 7 and older with adult present. Masks required to attend this event. This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Paws to Read

Appropriate for ages 5-8.

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 Luigi
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
January 3, 31; February 14, 28
RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Mercy
Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22
RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Duke
Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.
January 8, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26
RCL-Roseville

Read to Trevor
Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26
RCL-Roseville

Read to Arthur
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
January 10; February 7, 28
RCL-Shoreview

Read to Magen
Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
January 15; February 19
RCL-White Bear Lake

Online Resources for Kids

The library has many online resources for kids such as homework help and early literacy online books and games. Visit the Library’s website at rclreads.org/kids and log in with your library card.

HelpNow

HelpNow provides one-to-one live homework help from online tutors. Tutors are available in English and Spanish every day, 1-11 p.m. HelpNow covers all major subject areas such as Math, Science, English/Language Arts, Social Studies and Reading Assistance.

Bookflix

Explore the world of reading in a new way! Bookflix offers a wide variety of books come to life with animation. Each fiction story is paired with a non-fiction book to help kids learn more about each subject.

Kanopy for Kids

Kanopy for Kids has a variety of films and shows for children of all ages. Explore shows like Sid the Science Kid, Reading Rainbow, Arthur, Sesame Street and more. In addition, watch books come to life such as “The Snowy Day,” “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” and “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.”

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
**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 for pick up at 10 a.m. on the dates below, while supplies last. **MakerKids Take-and-Make kits are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.**

- **January 5:** Learn How to Quill
  - RCL-Mounds View
- **February 2:** Dragon Eye
  - RCL-Mounds View
- **January 8:** Make Your Own Squishy
  - RCL-Mounds View
- **February 12:** Love Crafts
  - RCL-New Brighton
  - RCL-North St. Paul
- **January 24:** Snowman in a Bag
  - RCL-Shoreview

**PreK Take-and-Make Kits**

On each listed date, drop by the library in Mounds View for a take-home kids activity appropriate for ages 2-5, while supplies last.

- **January 5:** Alphabet
  - RCL-Mounds View
- **February 2:** Pattern Blocks
  - RCL-Mounds View

**Preschool STEAM Kits!**

On each listed date, drop by the library in Mounds View for a take-home kids activity appropriate for ages 3-5, while supplies last.

- **January 12:** STEAM activity kits! Registration is required on the Library’s website.
- **February 16:** STEAM activity kits! Registration will open on the dates listed and limited to one per child. Kits can be picked up at the library location of your choice. **STEM kits are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.**

**New Nature STEM Kit**
Learn more about nature with the new Nature STEM kit, now available for check out on the Library’s online catalog. Other themed kits include: magnets, motion, buoyancy, length, weight, volume and capacity, shapes and colors, patterns, counting and numbers, 5 senses and coding with Bee Bot.

STEM kits allow families the opportunity to perform STEM activities at home. Each kit contains interactive items as well as two accompanying books to support the subject matter. Each kit can be checked out for three weeks at a time and can be renewed if there are no requests. These kits are designed for families with children ages 3-7. Search ‘STEM kit’ in the Library catalog to request one.

**Storytime Starter Kits**

- **January 3:** Storytime Starter Kits
  - RCL-New Brighton
  - RCL-North St. Paul

Drop by RCL-New Brighton or RCL-North St. Paul for a take-home pack of storytime and early literacy activities to do at home with your little ones! Available all month long, while supplies last. **Storytime Starter kits are funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.**

**Beanstack Reading Programs**

**Fall into Winter with Parks**
Discover Ramsey County parks! This winter, challenge yourself to get out of the house even when the weather is cold with our new scavenger hunt. Then, read books about nature from a curated list from your favorite librarians. To get started:

1. Download the Beanstack app.
   - Visit each of the participating Ramsey County parks and look for activity clues.
   - Find four out of the five clues and earn that park’s badge!
   - Earn five park badges and you have successfully completed the challenge!

2. The scavenger hunt is appropriate for families with kids of all ages. **Sponsored by Ramsey County Library and Parks & Recreation.**

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**
Read familiar books, new books, non-fiction books or even the same book more than once! After each milestone, stop by your branch to pick out a brand new book as a prize, then continue your journey reading to 1,000 books before kindergarten!

Not signed up?
- Sign up on rclreads.beanstack.org.
- Or download the Beanstack app, available on iOS and Android.

**This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.**
Online Auction
February 17-24

Our Online Auction is coming back in 2022 as an exciting way to support the Library from the comfort of your own home! Mark your calendars for this silent auction to open Thursday, February 17 and run until Thursday, February 24 at 8 p.m.

Exciting items in categories such as sightseeing experiences, autographed books, travel, dining and drinks, home goods, gardening, theater, sports and fitness, beauty and pampering, artwork, and assorted gift baskets will be featured. Interested in donating an item to the auction? Learn more at rclfriends.org/events/auction22.

Proceeds support Ramsey County Library and will be used to add to the lending collection shared by the public libraries in Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview, and White Bear Lake.

Ramsey County Library has the highest circulation per staff member in the Twin Cities metro area. Auction proceeds will enable the Friends to add much-needed items to the collection, including extra copies of the most popular materials as well as new audio books, large-print books, and e-books. Every $100 raised will add five new books to the collection. Plan to liven up the gray winter days with some shopping while supporting a create cause!

Watch for updates and auction item news in January and February on our website rclfriends.org and via our e-news and social media channels. You can subscribe to our e-newsletter on our website and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @rclfriends to stay current on this and other Friends news.

Become a Sustaining Circle Member of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries

A Sustaining Circle membership is an unrestricted monthly gift that you can pay in a convenient, ongoing way. Each month, we will charge your credit or debit card or withdrawal from your checking account the amount you specify. Your Sustaining Circle membership will automatically continue unless you choose to cancel or change it. You can increase, decrease or stop your donation at any time by calling us at 651-486-2213. Sustainers are crucial to providing ongoing support for Ramsey County Library.

Sustaining Circle member benefits include:

• The Friends e-newsletter that provides advance notice of book sales, programs, events and volunteer opportunities.
• The Ramsey County Library Explore newsletter.
• The satisfaction of knowing your contribution is going further – less paper, stamps and administrative costs means more of your contribution goes to adding to the collections and cultural programming of Ramsey County Library.

Become a Sustaining Circle member of the Friends today!
Maplewood (MP) 651-724-6003
3025 Southlawn Drive
M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-5; Su Noon -5
Friends’ Used Book Store

Mounds View (MV) 651-724-6004
2576 Mounds View Boulevard
M & Th 1-8; W, F & Sa 10-5; T & Su Closed

New Brighton (NB) 651-724-6002
400 10th Street NW
M, Th-Sat 10-5; T 10-8; W 1-8; Su Closed

North St. Paul (NS) 651-724-6005
2300 North St. Paul Drive
M, W & Sat 10-5; T & Th 1-8; F & Su Closed

Roseville (RV) 651-724-6001
2180 N Hamline Avenue
M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-5; Su Noon -5
Friends’ Used Book Store

Shoreview (SV) 651-724-6006
4560 N Victoria Street
M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-5; Su Noon -5
Friends’ Used Book Store

White Bear Lake (WB) 651-724-6007
2150 2nd Street
M 10-8; T & W 1-8; Th-Sa 10-5; Su Closed

Website and Social Media
rclreads.org
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@rclreads
bit.ly/RCL_e-newsletters

Due Date Renewal
651-766-4141 or My Account online

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Friends Membership Levels

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- Contributor: $50-$99
- Enthusiast: $100-$249
- Patron: $250-$499
- Partner-Library Advocate: $500-$999
- Partner-Library Champion: $1000+

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Address ____________________________________________________________

City/Zip ____________________________________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________

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I would like information about volunteering.

I would like information about other forms of giving.

Mail to: Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries
4560 North Victoria Street
Shoreview, MN 55126

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

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