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Ramsey County Library News & Events

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

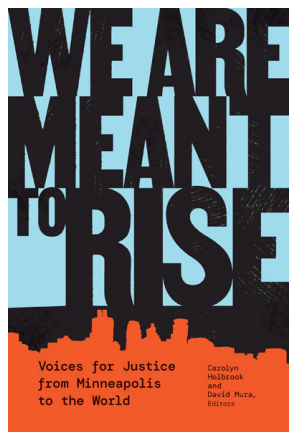
On December 21, 2021, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the 2022-2023 budget which includes eliminating adult library fines and slightly reducing hours at the three regional libraries. This budget continues to invest in transformative change and reflects the county's vision, mission, 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.*

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. 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.

Chaun 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-Yamahatta 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.

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.



The Links, Incorporated

Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join us to learn more about the history and work of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, founded in 1972. The Links, Incorporated is one of the oldest and largest predominately African-American, non-profit service organizations in the nation.

This program is offered in conjunction with a Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) exhibition highlighting the history of the local chapter of The Links, Incorporated available in the RCHS Gallery during 2022, with a special additional exhibit in the North Gallery of Landmark Center during February.

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.

History

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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

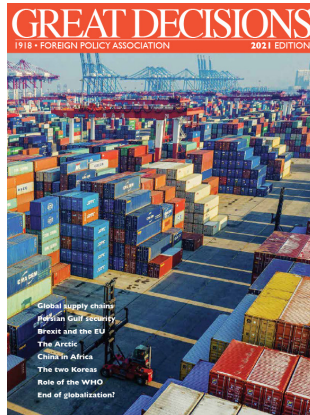
February 15: Black People Lose Their Citizenship; Red People Lose Everything, 1876-1924

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—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.

Community and Well-being Events

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



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.*

Environment and Sustainability Events



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.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present:

Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join Ramsey County Master Gardeners to learn more about a variety of gardening topics.

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.

Technology Courses

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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

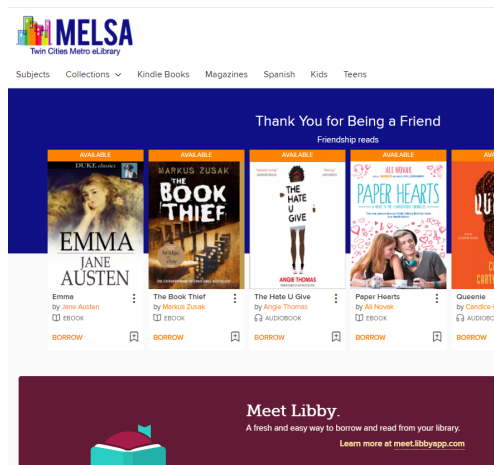
Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

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.



Overdrive/Libby and the World of E-books

Tuesday, January 4, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
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.

Introduction to Chromebooks *NEW*

Monday, January 10, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Tuesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

This basic computer class will introduce you to Chromebooks. Learn what a Chromebook is, the difference between types of Chromebooks, how it differs from a PC, and basic usage and settings.

Computer Basics

Monday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-New Brighton

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

Internet Basics

Tuesday, January 25, 10:30 a.m. -Noon
RCL-New Brighton

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

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, statutes, 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

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. Contact a Teen Services Librarian: rclteenservices@ramseycounty.us.

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.

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



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.



Storytime Snacks

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

January 5, 19; February 2, 16

Facebook

my.nicheacademy.com/kidsathome

Enjoy a short video clip with your favorite Ramsey County librarians and learn a new literacy rich rhyme or fingerplay. Access videos anytime on the Library's website.

Zoom Storytimes

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.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24
Zoom Meeting

Bedtime Storytime

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

January 25; February 22
Zoom Meeting

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.*

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.

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

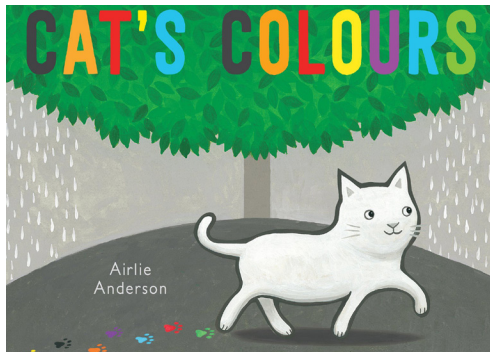
Saturday, January 8, 10 a.m.-Noon
Monday, February 10, 10 a.m.-Noon
RCL-White Bear Lake

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



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.*

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.

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.

Outdoor Winter Play Wednesdays!

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
January 19, 26; February 2, 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.*

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.*



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, 15, 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."

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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; February 1
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.*

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
February 2: Dragon Eye
RCL-Mounds View

January 8: Make Your Own Squishy
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
February 2: Pattern Blocks
RCL-Mounds View

Preschool STEAM Kits!

January 12; February 16
Appropriate for ages 3-5.

Learn about the world through preschool STEAM activity kits! Registration is required on the Library's website. 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. *STEAM kits are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

Beanstack Reading Programs

DOWNLOAD BEANSTACK TODAY!



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:

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!

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 relfriends.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 relfriends.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 @relfriends to stay current on this and other Friends news.

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- 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!

New Partnership Program Launched in 2021

Organizations, businesses, individuals and families were invited to become 2021 Partners. Gifts of \$500 or more received special recognition and perks throughout the year. Thank you for your support in 2021:



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