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Ramsey County Library News & Events

Partnership with Ramsey County Correctional Facility Enables Equitable Access to Library Collection



Left to right: Meg, library manager at New Brighton; Ann, library manager at North St. Paul; Rebecca, Outreach Librarian; Carly, Outreach Librarian and Alyssa, Teen Services Librarian.

Libraries are crucial to providing both recreational and educational resources for all our residents, and an expanded county partnership ensures that residents at the Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF) will have access to Ramsey County Library (RCL) books. The opportunity to learn new things, improve literacy skills, or discover a new book is one eagerly sought by many RCCF residents, yet access to public library materials during incarceration has not been available.

Over the years, in order to remove barriers, this partnership has taken on several forms ranging from helping organize and build an internal library to librarian visits. Librarians from both Saint Paul Public Library and Ramsey County Library made monthly visits to RCCF to help residents record CDs of themselves reading for their children and provide information about library services and programs.

In 2019, with the help of a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, the Library was able to strengthen the connection by providing books and list selections that were informed by RCCF resident requests. The impact of providing recent and resident requested books was motivating and RCCF education staff and RCL staff began working together on ways to expand access to more materials. Under the direction of Meg Robertson, library manager at New Brighton, librarians Ann Wahlstrom, Alyssa Stevenski, Carly Sanft and Rebecca Cooper, as well as the school instructors at RCCF, Britt Gulstrand and Abby Roza, the program made changes to its approach in order to help residents get access to the current Library collection.

“One of the limitations of the internal library was that materials were made up largely of discarded books from the Ramsey County Library, providing a limited collection that doesn’t often match what residents are looking for,” says Robertson. “The books funded by the LSTA grant were used and passed so often, the books are now in need of repair or replacement. We were trying to find a way to provide access to the public library book collection.” While some residents requested popular authors or titles, others wanted more current non-fiction for research. A few residents have had specific requests such as a book on Hmong folk tales or an English-Russian dictionary that could not be fulfilled, but these books were available through RCL’s main collection.

Working with the county’s Information Services department, the current program uses a secure kiosk that residents can use to send requests for books. The librarians fulfill the requests and outreach librarians make a delivery once a week. If the book is not available, the librarians can give suggestions for similar books or authors. Librarians also offer recommendations for specific genres to help residents new to the idea of book requesting.

“The new model started in January 2022; it’s working great and is more equitable. It really is a joy to see books that residents have requested get dropped off by the librarians,” says Roza. “Books that Brit and I weren’t able to fulfill in the past. Our plan for next steps is to make the books from the internal library available for residents to browse. This will supplement RCL’s service by offering a few reading choices in between library deliveries.”

Residents are given temporary library accounts that will expire when they leave the facility. This process allows residents the opportunity to start fresh at a public library during re-entry. The program is off to a great start—in the first delivery under this program, 99 items were requested. In the first five weeks of the program, there were 60 new library cards holders and 417 items were checked out. Currently, librarians have delivered 939 books to over 100 residents!

“I love the fact that just about any resource we need, the librarians do their very best to accommodate us. They stay professional and are always willing to help when asked.” says Eugene, a current resident.

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. Registration required through the Library's online calendar. *Take-Home Art kits are funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Tiny Art Kits for Kids, Teens and Adults

June 1-30

Make your own tiny painting to show off at the Library! Pick up a take-home art kit with canvas, paint brush and paints at any Ramsey County Library location in June, while supplies last. Drop off a completed canvas by the end of July at any location to be included in an end-of-summer exhibit.

In August, come to the library to see your painting and others' works of art on display. Appropriate for ages 5 and up (adult supervision recommended for younger children). No registration required. Limit one kit per person. *Art kits are funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Shoreview Poetry Circle

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

May 10; June 14

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

May 13-June 11

Opening Reception

Friday, May 13, 6-8 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Gallery 96, the local arts organization for Shoreview and surrounding communities, hosts the art exhibition "A Break From Reality." Join us on May 13 for the opening reception. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Lakeshore Quilters Saturday Sew-In

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview



Quilt making involves innumerable creative choices, measuring

and cutting fabric, piecing or appliqueing blocks and binding the finished product. Join the Lakeshore Quilters Guild for a drop-in sew-in. Bring your own project and sewing machine.

Meet guild members from Shoreview and surrounding communities. Members will be working on various stages of their current quilting projects and willing to share information about quilts and quilting. Learn more about guild activities and member's completed projects.

Arts Roseville Featured Artists

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-Noon

RCL-Roseville

May 14: Connie Beckers

Connie Beckers is an award-winning stained-glass artist who is now enjoying semi-retirement after a 25-year career. She took her first glass class in 1995, and shortly thereafter, opened the Goddess of Glass in North Minneapolis. The retail shop offered handmade gifts from local artists, custom picture framing, and a variety of glass art classes held at her studio – The Funky Bungalow. Beckers has devoted many years to helping organize a local arts organization to build a strong network of artists in North Minneapolis and says building a small business network has contributed to her success.

June 11: Patrick Cunningham

Patrick Cunningham has a Bachelors in Fine Arts and a Masters in Social Work, and began his art career drawing superheroes from comic books. He studied the "Visual Arts of Africa: Gender, Power and Life Cycle Rituals" at MIA, and has taught art in Saint Paul Public Schools for more than 20 years. He participated alongside other African American emerging artists to create the "Celebration of Life Mural" under the guidance of African American Artist, John Biggers, with the mural dedicated to the North Minneapolis Community.

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

Worldbuilding in Creative Writing

Tuesday, May 17, 6-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

This workshop is for writers interested in building fascinating fictional worlds. Learn about what makes interesting worldbuilding from Chris Santiago, the author of "Tula" and winner of the 2016 Lindquist & Vennum Prize for Poetry, selected by A. Van Jordan. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Creative Pastels

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

Zoom Meeting

May 9: Golden Beets in Acrylic

June 13: Barn Owl in Watercolor

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.*

An Evening with Minnesota Poet Laureate Gwen Westerman

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting



Join us for a reading from and conversation with Gwen Westerman, Minnesota's third poet laureate. Gwen's poems, essays, and short stories appear in numerous

publications, including the "Norton Anthology of Native Nations Poetry" (2020); the Minnesota issue of "Quiltfolk" (January 2020); and "New Poets of Native Nations" (Graywolf Press, 2018). Her poetry collection "Follow the Blackbirds" (2013) was published by Michigan State University Press. She is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota Oyate, her father's people, and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, her mother's people. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and 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

May 18: *The Corpse in the Kitchen* by John Adam Waterman

June 15: *Downwind: The 1619 Project; a New Origin Story* by Nikole Hannah-Jones

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 co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.*

Maplewood Eclectic Book Club

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

May 18: *Give a Girl a Knife: A Memoir* by Amy Thielan

June 15: *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede

North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

May 17: *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate

No meeting in June.

Shoreview Mystery Club

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

May 17: "The Last Place You Look" by Kristen Lepionka

June 21: "The Nightmare" by Lars Kepler

White Bear Mystery Book Club

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

May 4: Favorite Mystery Series

June 1: Foreign Settings

History Events

After Such Knowledge: Art, Religious Life and the Holocaust

Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.

May 3: *Rebuilding Jewish-Christian Relations*
Zoom Webinar

May 10: *Lasansky's Nazi Drawings: 33 Haunting Works*
Minneapolis Institute of Art
2400 3rd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Join Rabbi Barry D. Cytron, Rachel McGarry and Darrell Jodock as they examine the legacy of the Holocaust through the lens of the exhibition "Envisioning Evil: The Nazi Drawings by Mauricio Lasansky," currently on view at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Cytron retired from Macalester College and now serves as Adath Jeshurun Congregation's senior scholar.

McGarry, Ph.D. is the curator of the "Envisioning Evil: The Nazi Drawings by Mauricio Lasansky" exhibition.

Jodock is professor emeritus of religion at Gustavus Adolphus College.

This program 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.

The History of Psychology with J.B. Andersen

Carl Jung: Archetypes and the Collective Unconscious

Wednesday, May 4, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join educator, curator, historian and writer J.B. Andersen for a look at the history of psychology as an academic discipline and in the popular imagination. Examine prominent psychologists and their work, including Stanley Milgram, Sigmund Freud and Alfred Adler. Explore psychology in pop culture including hypnosis, dream analysis, the id, ego and superego, and the role of birth order in personality. *This series is funded by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

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May 17: Kim Potter, Daunte Wright and Minnesota Justice

The trial of former Brooklyn Center police officer Kim Potter for the death of Daunte Wright attracted national attention, coming as it did on the heels of a time of racial strife and the questioning of the role of police. Was justice done? Join legal scholar Rachel Moran in an analysis of this case and what it means for our region and our nation.

Moran is an associate professor and founder of the Criminal and Juvenile Defense Clinic at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where her research focuses on policing accountability and reform.

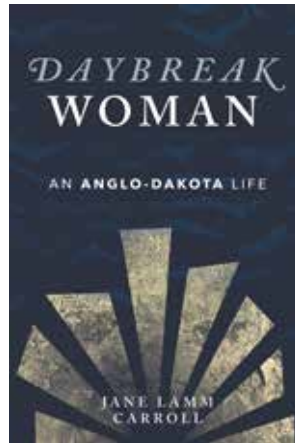
May 24: Reckoning with Opioids in The Land of 10,000 Rehabs

Nearly everyone in the U.S. has been touched by our two-decades-long opioid epidemic, now at a million deaths and counting. Historian Amy Sullivan interviewed more than sixty Minnesotans for her new book, "Opioid Reckoning: Love, Loss and Redemption in the Rehab State." Taking a clear-eyed, nonjudgmental approach to drug use, parenting, harm reduction, medication, abstinence and stigma, Sullivan will discuss the history of how we got here and offer a path forward that cultivates empathy, love and hope for anyone touched by substance use disorders.

Sullivan is a history professor at Macalester College, where her courses and research focus on the history of women, childhood, medicine, and drugs and alcohol.

May 31: Daybreak Woman RCL-Roseville

Note: This event will be held in-person at the library in Roseville. Registration required.



Daybreak Woman, also known as Jane Anderson Robertson, was born at a trading post on the Minnesota River in 1810 and lived for 92 years in Minnesota,

Wisconsin, Michigan, Canada and South Dakota. Join Jane Lamm Carroll as she explores the life of the daughter of an Anglo-Canadian trader and a Scots-Dakota woman, who witnessed and experienced seismic changes in Minnesota society over the course of the 19th century.

Carroll, a professor of history and women's studies at St. Catherine University, is the author of "Daybreak Woman: An Anglo-Dakota Life."

June 7: Nellie Francis: A Minnesota Life

Join Bill Green to learn about Nellie Francis, a Minnesota pioneer for gender and racial equality. Her life story illustrates the difficulties faced by Black women in their struggle for justice in the face of racism, cultural pressure and societal expectations.

Green is a professor of history at Augsburg University. He has published widely on topics on race and civil rights in Minnesota history, including most recently, his book "Nellie Francis: Fighting for Racial Justice and Women's Equality in Minnesota."

The following Tuesday with a Scholar programs are funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

June 14: The Wisdom of Edward O. Wilson: Applying Sociobiology to Modern Life

Edward O. Wilson died recently at age 92. An eminent Harvard biologist, Wilson was the father of sociobiology, the study of the biological blueprint of human nature. Join Bruce Peterson for a discussion of how our politics, social media and mental health would benefit by respecting the instincts and predispositions embedded in our biology.

Peterson, a retired Minnesota District Court judge, teaches Lawyers as Peacemakers at the University of Minnesota Law School.

June 21: The History Behind Juneteenth

Juneteenth is our newest Federal holiday and a landmark in the celebration of the role played by Black people in American history. But how did a date marking the arrival of the news of Emancipation in Galveston, Texas in 1865 come to represent the struggles of a people and a national day of commemoration? Join Keith Mayes for an exploration of the historical background of Juneteenth and its significance in our American narrative.

Mayes, an associate professor in the Department of African American and African Studies in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota, is an expert on modern African American history and current issues of race and perception.

June 28: The Supreme Court Lays Down the Law

This month marks the end of one of the most consequential Supreme Court sessions in modern history. Join Tim Johnson for insight and analysis of the Court's current decisions in areas from abortion, the 2nd Amendment and affirmative action, to disability discrimination and national security.

Johnson is the Morse Alumni Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Law at the University of Minnesota.



Ramsey County Historical Society Presents: History Revealed

The following Ramsey County Historical Society programs are part of the series, "Making Minnesota: Natives, Settlers, Migrants and Immigrants," co-sponsored by the East Side Freedom Library.

Sunrise Over Wat Thamkrabok

Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join us to learn more about the lives of our Hmong neighbors before they came to America. Dr. Brian V. Xiong and Marlin L. Heise will present photographs and stories about the experiences the former residents of Wat Thamkrabok, a Buddhist temple in Thailand that became the final refuge of many Hmong before their emigration to Minnesota.

Xiong and Heise are the authors of "Sunrise Over Wat Thamkrabok: A Photographic Legacy of the Last Hmong American Refugees."

Swedish Foodways and Immigration

Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

From Spam to Tater Tot hotdish, Minnesotans have their unique and diverse traditions centered around food. Join author Patrice Johnson as she explores how Swedish immigrant recipes and eating patterns help define our state's cuisine and make mealtimes more interesting for all of us.

Johnson is the author of "Land of 10,000 Plates: Stories and Recipes from Minnesota" and "Jul: Swedish American Holiday Traditions."

Dejsiab: From My Liver to Yours

Thursday, June 9, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join Mai Neng Vang as she shares the poems and process that went into the creation of her new book "Dejsiab: From My Liver to Yours." She explores colonialism, patriarchy, hope and healing through a critical Hmong womxn's lens.

Grasshoppers in My Bed

Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

What was it like to live through a locust plague on the Minnesota Frontier in the 1870s? Join Terry Swanson, former manager of the Gibbs Farm Historical site, as she presents her new historical fiction book, "Grasshoppers in My Bed." The children's book is based on the journal of 11-years old Lillie Gibbs of Gibbs Farm.

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

Sophie Wirth Camp

Monday, May 23, 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join us during Jewish Heritage Month as we learn about Sophie Wirth Camp - the very first kosher camp in the northwest, located on White Bear Lake.

The Story of Tom Weinhagen and White Bear Water Ski Company

Monday, June 27, 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

The year 2022 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the start of waterskiing in Lake City, Minnesota. Join us to hear the story of Tom Weinhagen and the White Bear Water Ski Company that designed and manufactured skis and other recreational items right here in White Bear Lake.

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



Community & Well-being

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.

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 services and more. No appointment necessary. Call 651-724-6062 for more information. *Co-sponsored by People Incorporated, Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood.*

Understanding Your Child's Individualized Educational Program and Educational Rights

Tuesday, May 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Is your child facing struggles in school and is on an Individualized Education Program also known as an IEP? What are your options for advocating for your child's education and getting the support they need from the school? This presentation highlights the legal background of special education services for students with disabilities. *Presented by Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, a local nonprofit providing free, high-quality legal services to low-income people in critical civil matters.*



Beyond Death: Medicine, Mysticism and Meditation

Wednesday, May 25, 7-8 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Since the 1980s when near death experiences (NDE) became part of the public consciousness, they have held endless attraction for people. Why do they resonate so powerfully within us? Join Dr. Matthew Raider to hear the latest medical research and discover a simple, natural way to connect with the inner light talked about by those who have experienced an NDE. Drawing parallels between near-death experiences and those who have meditated throughout the ages, Raider will give the audience an opportunity to learn a simple meditation technique that can enable them to experience this peace and light.

Environment and Sustainability Events

Seed Talk: Gardening Vegetables

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Do you know when is the best time to plant tomatoes, carrots, spinach or parsnips? Learn about vegetables and when, where and how to grow them! Get some of your questions answered on how to grow fresh, tasty produce. Come with your questions and share your gardening experiences.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present:

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

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

May 12: Spring Into Summer

Learn about how to wake up your garden in this class, which provides information about what to do for your garden and landscape between March and August.

June 9: Climate Resilient Gardens

The climate is changing and that will affect Minnesota gardens. Learn about what to expect and how to adapt to grow a more resilient landscape.

Food Scrap Recycling

Monday, May 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting



Learn how Ramsey County's Food Scraps recycling program turns food scraps into a valuable resource: finished

compost. This presentation will also cover the importance of reducing food waste and how to start recycling your food scraps. You can pick up a free compost bin at a Yard Waste site to get started!

Jobs & Small Business

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



Career Services

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
RCL-Maplewood

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

Open to everyone for drop in job search assistance and career planning including:

- Resume development, applying to job postings, interview tips, networking, LinkedIn and more.
- Upcoming Job Search related workshops and events.
- Information and referral to Employment and Training programs offered by Ramsey County and partner providers.

Presented by Ramsey County Workforce Solutions.

Online Job Resources

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

• 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.

Social Media Voice: Finding Authenticity

Wednesday, May 18, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Gracious or flip? Funny or refined? Curious or cool? We can all think of social media examples where these choices have gone awry or been wildly effective, so even if we know the why (the strategy) and the what (the content) for our business' social channels, how do we know the how (our tone)? Through case studies, exercises and examples, we'll explore what kinds of voices an organization might take on and how to go about determining the best fit for yours. *Presented by the Loft and funded by MELSA.*

Social Media Strategy: Content and Conversation

Wednesday, May 25, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Do you know why your organization uses (or should use) social media? In this seminar, we'll explore what tools to consider, when and how often to post, which content to share, who can help create and extend conversations, and how to analyze your results, diffuse your critics and amplify your strongest advocates. *Presented by the Loft and funded by MELSA.*

Online Market Research

Wednesday, June 8, 1-2:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Ever wonder "how do I research an industry or understand the demographics of my business, or, how do I use a database to identify my competition and prospects?" Join us to learn about the online tools available at Ramsey County and Hennepin County libraries to gain control of your research efforts, where they fit in your business building effort and your options to use these powerful resources. Get an overview and understanding of tools such as Mergent Intellect, Business Source Premier, Data Axle Reference Solutions and more. *Presented by Ramsey County Library, Hennepin County Library and SCORE Twin Cities. Funded by MELSA.*

An advertisement featuring a laptop on the left displaying a newsletter titled 'Explore' with a 'HEALTHCARE FOR' section. To the right, a potted plant sits on a surface. Large text reads 'Get the most up-to-date library news and events!' with a blue envelope icon below it. At the bottom, it says 'SUBSCRIBE TODAY: bit.ly/RCL_e-newsletters'.

Technology Courses

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Virtual Programs

Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings

Monday, May 9, 6-7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14, 6-7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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

Password Management

Thursday, May 19, 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!

How to Maintain Hardware (Computers, Tablets, Smartphones)

Wednesday, June 1, 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. *Funded by MELSA.*

Media Literacy: Spotting Fake News

Wednesday, June 8, 6-7 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.

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.

Computer Basics

Monday, May 16, 1:30-3 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

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

Internet Basics

Wednesday, May 18, 1:30-3 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

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

Introduction to Chromebooks

Monday, May 23, 1:30-3 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

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.

Android Phone Basics

Wednesday, May 25, 1:30-3 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

Wednesday, June 22, 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.

Microsoft Excel Tips and Techniques *NEW*

Thursday, May 26, 6-7:30 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

A potpourri of ideas to help you use Excel more efficiently. Topics: quick access toolbar, margins, headers and footers, titles, freeze panes, wrap text, formatting, flash fill, tables, etc.

iPhone Basics: Navigating iOS

Friday, May 27, 1:30-3 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

Thursday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

Learn more about the iOS interface, Siri (your virtual assistant), browsing the internet using Safari, downloading apps, and some iPhone tips and tricks.

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Microsoft Word Basics

Monday & Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Maplewood

June 6: Part 1

June 7: 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. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Microsoft Excel Basics

Wednesday & Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Maplewood

June 8: Part 1

June 9: 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. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Your Trackpad: What to Know About the Built-in Mouse ***NEW***

Monday, June 20, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

Click, scroll, zoom in and out, and more on your computer using a laptop trackpad! We will also cover using the mouse and keyboard to navigate your computer. Laptops and mice will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own device.

Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

Wednesday, June 29, 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.

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

Wednesday, June 29, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

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.

Getting Started with Libby

Thursday, June 30, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

Join us for an introduction to Libby, the library app for reading e-books and listening to audiobooks.



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.

Photo & Video Conversion

Thursday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Thursday, June 2, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Come learn about the Library's digitization equipment that can convert physical photos, slides, negatives, cassette tapes, 8mm and Super 8 film, and VHS and VHS-C tapes to digital files. Bring a flash drive to store your files and up to 12 items to digitize. Registration required. Space is limited to 10 participants.

3D Printing & Design

Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

Learn how to design three dimensional objects on the computer using Tinkercad.com that can be made with the Library's 3D printer. Registration required. Space is limited to 10 participants.

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. 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 for Teens

Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon
Zoom Meeting

Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

AniMondays

Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

No AniMonday on May 30.

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

MakerTeen

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

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.

RCL-Shoreview

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!

Virtual Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.

May 12, 26

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.

Teen GSA

Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

May 8, 22

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.

De-Stress Fest

Tuesday, June 7, 4-5 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Study for your final exams and enjoy some study breaks that include snacks, petting a therapy dog and more!



Summer Break With Your Library!

June 1 - August 6

Join us for a summer of learning! Use your Beanstack account at rclreads.beanstack.org or scan the QR code to download the Beanstack Tracker app on your device and choose the "Teen Summer Break" program to participate.

Teens going into grades 6 - 12.

Teens can write reviews of the books they read and programs they visit this summer using Beanstack. The more reviews you write, the more chances you get to win! There will be weekly drawings for prizes, and at the end of the summer, there will be a drawing for even bigger prizes!

Teen prizes include \$10 gift cards to Target, Barnes and Noble, iTunes and Google Play. Prizes will be mailed out to winners.

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries and MELSA.

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.

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.

Family Storytimes

Join us in-person for stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays featuring some of your favorite Ramsey County children's librarians. *Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Roseville

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Shoreview

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
May 2, 9

White Bear Lake

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
May 6, 13, 20, 27

Zoom Storytimes

Registration is required for Zoom storytimes. Register on the Library's online calendar with your email address. *Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Family Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
May 5, 12, 19
Zoom Meeting

Bedtime Storytime

Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Storytime Snacks

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
May 11, 25; June 8, 22
Facebook

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, my.nicheacademy.com/kidsathome.



Storytime in the Garden with Author Sarah Nelson

Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
Appropriate for all ages.

Join local author Sarah Nelson in a celebration of her newest book, "A Park Connects Us"—a playful tribute to city parks and the many ways that parks connect us to neighbors and nature. Learn about how "A Park Connects Us" was created, from a tiny spark of an idea to a colorful, hold-in-your-hands book. Nelson will also read her book "Frogness" and we all can be part of a frog chorus. You can also join in on the sidewalk chalk art project, shop a selected book collection from The Red Balloon or explore the Children's Reading Garden. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Homework Help

Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
Appropriate for all ages.
Homework Help ends May 16.

Need help with your homework? Now until May 16, 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.

Nature Play

Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
May 18, 25
RCL-Roseville

Join us in the Children's Reading Garden for various activities, weather permitting.



Family Chess

Saturday, May 21, 1-3 p.m.
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. Drop in anytime, all skill levels welcomed. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

Storytime Starter Kits

Monday, May 2
RCL-New Brighton
RCL-North St. Paul

On May 2, visit the library in New Brighton or North St. Paul for a take-home pack of storytime and early literacy activities to do at home with your little ones! Appropriate for ages 2-5, while supplies last.

MakerKids Take-and-Make Kits

Appropriate for age 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.*

May 4: Beaded Dragonfly
RCL-Mounds View

May 14: Dragon's Eyes
RCL-New Brighton
RCL-North St. Paul

PreK Take-and-Make Kits: Rainbow Popsicle Sticks with Clouds

Wednesday, May 4
RCL-Mounds View

On May 4, drop by the library in Mounds View for a take-home kids activity appropriate for ages 2-5, while supplies last.



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 Mercy
Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Maslow
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
May 4, 11, 18, 25
RCL-Maplewood

Read to Duke or Trevor
Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.
May 7, 14, 21
RCL-Roseville

Read to Arthur
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
May 9, 23
RCL-Shoreview

Read to Luigi
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
May 9, 23
RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Magen
Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
May 28
RCL-White Bear Lake



Summer Break With Your Library!

June 1 - August 6

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Grades 5 & under

Track the number of books read, time spent reading and activities completed on Beanstack!

Kids can pick up a Summer Reading Program participation bag with a free prize book anytime after June 15. You do not need to complete the program to pick up your participation bag, while supplies last. Ask at your local library for details.

Ages 6 & younger

Children ages 6 and younger can participate in both our Summer Break With Your Library and our year-round program, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries and MELSA.

Friends Online Auction Exceeds Goal

The 2022 Friends Online Auction took place from February 17-24 and was a great success. Our hope for this event was to raise \$20,000 for the Ramsey County Library lending collection. This event far exceeded that goal and raised more than \$26,000!

The proceeds will add much-needed items to the lending collection, including extra copies of the most popular materials as well as new audio books, large-print books, and e-books shared online and by the public libraries in Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake.

Over \$7,600 of the total raised will support the children's collection specifically through contributions to the special Fund-A-Need appeal.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers, auction item contributors, auction bidders, sponsors, fund-a-need contributors and other donors who helped to make this event possible.

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Why Do You Love Your Library?

In early February, the Friends launched the Love Your Library Campaign by asking patrons, board members, staff, committee members and volunteers to share why or what they love about their library. Respondents answered the question online or used drop boxes located at each library. So far, we have received over 200 heart-warming comments. Here's a handful of the wonderful comments we've received so far:

- *"I like the variety of the books this library offers. I really appreciate that the library makes the effort to find books in other languages, other than English."* Mahmood A.
- *"Because it's a good place to study for stressful tests."* Carols E.
- *"I love it sooooo much because the books are cool and your staff is sooooo nice."* Cooper F.

If you missed the opportunity to share with us why you Love your Library, please visit rlcfriends.org.



Used Book Sale

Friday, May 13, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 15, Noon-4 p.m.: \$5 Bag Sale
RCL-Roseville

USED BOOK SALE



Get ready to stock up for your summer reading! We will be hosting a used book sale featuring a huge selection of book genres, DVDs, CDs and more. Sunday will be our ever popular \$5 Bag Sale. All the books you can fit into a bag for \$5. Mark your calendars, we look forward to seeing you!

Friends Family Fun Day

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Shoreview

The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries, Shoreview Community Center and Ramsey County Library would like to invite Friends, community members and patrons for a scavenger hunt at the library in Shoreview. Join us to enjoy an indoor and outdoor celebration of spring. The scavenger hunt will begin at the the library, move onto the community center and end at the new Shoreview destination park. Learn more at rlcfriends.org.

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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

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M 10-8; T & W 1-8; Th-Sa 10-5; Su Closed

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

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