KIDS SUMMER BREAK

with Ramsey County Library

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Summer Reading Program
June 1 - August 6

RAMSEY COUNTY Library

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KIDS SUMMER BREAK

KICKOFF CELEBRATIONS

Heat up your summer break with special guests Kidcreate Studio, Mixed Nuts, Raptor Center or Snake Discovery at your local library. We'll make dragons, laugh and learn.

This year's kickoff celebrations will be held at separate library locations. Attend the one nearest to you or all of them! You can pick up your summer reading supplies, join fun activities and pick out your free participation book!

Summer Kickoff Celebrations are funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

MAKE A DRAGON WITH KIDCREATE STUDIO

Saturdays
June 11, 1-3 p.m.: RCL-Mounds View
June 18, 1-3 p.m.: RCL-Shoreview

MIXED NUTS COMEDY SHOW

Saturdays
June 11, 2 p.m.: RCL-Maplewood
June 18, 11 a.m.: RCL-New Brighton
June 18, 1 p.m.: RCL-North St. Paul

THE RAPTOR CENTER: BALD EAGLE

Saturday, June 11, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville

THE JOLLY POPS

Saturday, June 11, 10:30 a.m.
Railroad Park
4752 Highway 61, White Bear Lake
In case of inclement weather, call White Bear Lake at (651) 724-6007.

SNAKE DISCOVERY

Saturday, June 18, 1-3 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

PERFORMERS

BRUCE THE BUG GUY

Thursday, June 2, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville

Monday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for all ages.

Join us for a lively, hands-on, educational program about insects and related arthropods. There will be live critters and other fun props. For specific event details, check the Library's online calendar.

PETITE CONCERTS

Monday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

Wednesday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Mounds View

Thursday, June 30, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville
Appropriate for ages 2-6.

Join us in a live music performance with Petite Concerts. Children will sing and move to well-known children's songs and learn more about musical instruments. For specific event details, check the Library's online calendar.

MIXED NUTS COMEDY SHOW

Monday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for all ages.

Physical comedy, hilarious hijinks, age-appropriate humor and uproarious audience participation guaranteed to produce side-splitting laughter in everyone.

GROOVE ON: JAZZ DANCE

Wednesday, July 6, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville
Appropriate for ages 8 & older.

Jazz dance with Rhythmically Speaking. Come learn how groove, interaction and improvisation inspire jazz music and dance. Registration required on the Library's online calendar.

SNAKE DISCOVERY: SNAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

Thursday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for all ages.

Come and meet some reptile friends with Snake Discovery.

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KIDS EVENTS

NATURE PLAY IN THE GARDEN

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
June 1-August 24
RCL-Roseville
Appropriate for ages 5 & younger.

Drop in and play outside in the Children's Reading Garden. Prepare to get a little wet, maybe even dirty! Sunscreen, hats and bug spray encouraged. Weather dependent, call 651-724-6032 for more information.

ON THE FRONT PORCH

Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m.
June 15, 29; July 6, 20
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

Drop in anytime and join us on the patio in front the library in Shoreview for some outdoor craft time such as mini magic gardens, dragon crafts, Encanto-inspired door hangers and Kindness Rocks, while supplies last.

HERB PLANTING PARTY: PIZZA PIZAZZ

Wednesday, June 15, 1:30 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 7-12.

Join Michelle Bruhn from Forks in the Dirt as we learn about and sample the classic Italian herbs that give pizza it's pizazz. Then, we will plant an Italian herb planter that you can take home. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

BIRDWATCHING FOR KIDS

Thursday, June 16, 4 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

Monday, June 20, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

Tuesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Thursday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville
Appropriate for ages 8-12.

Ever wonder about the birds you hear chirping outside? Join Amy Simso Dean, who has been bird-watching for over 25 years, as we explore the outdoors and get to know the birds in our neighborhood. Binoculars will be provided. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

Events are subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date information or to register for an event, visit rclreads.org.
Contact a Children's Librarian: 651-724-6141 | ann.wahlstrom@ramseycounty.us

TOT OBSTACLE ON THE DECK

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
June 15; July 13; August 10
RCL-Maplewood
Appropriate for ages 2-6 with an adult.

Little ones can jump, crawl, balance and twirl with these specially designed activities! Adults must remain with children for the duration of playtime. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the community program room.

TABLE-TOP GAMING

Fridays, 1-3 p.m.
June 17; July 15; August 12
RCL-Maplewood
Appropriate for ages 7-12.

Learn how to play a new game or challenge someone to a favorite. Join us for free tabletop gaming!

STRATEGY GAMES BUFFET

Saturdays from 1:30-4:30 p.m.
June 25; July 30
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 9-12.

Learn and play some of the latest multi-player tabletop strategy games, including card games and board games. Participants will have some choice of what they want to learn and play, from Settlers of Catan to Exploding Kittens. This program is in partnership with Chess and Strategy Game Association.

RAD ZOO

Tuesday, July 5, 2 p.m.
RCL-Maplewood
Appropriate for ages 4 & older.

Come meet and learn about live reptiles and amphibians in this interactive and educational program. This event will take place on the library's back patio, weather permitting.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Fridays, 1-4 p.m.
July 8, 22
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 9-12.

Learn about role playing games by joining us on an entry level dungeon adventure. No experience is required, your CSGA Dungeon Master will be guiding you. This program is in partnership with the Chess & Strategy Game Association.

BOOKS & BIKES

Tuesday, July 19, 6-8 p.m.
RCL-North St. Paul
Appropriate for all ages.

Looking for an opportunity to spend some time on a bike? Borrow a bike to explore North St. Paul and its local trails. A variety of styles and sizes for youth and adults will be available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis. Presented in partnership with Ramsey County Parks & Recreation.

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STORYTIME

FAMILY STORYTIMES

Join us in-person for stories, songs, and rhymes designed to enhance your child's early literacy skills.

Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Maplewood
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
June 6, 20; July 11, 25; August 8, 22

Storytimes at Maplewood will meet on the deck. In case of inclement weather, storytime will move indoors.

Mounds View
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
July 6, 20; August 3, 17

North St. Paul
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
June 8, 15, 22, 29

Roseville
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
June 6, 13, 20, 27
July 11, 18, 25
August 1, 8, 15, 22

Shoreview
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
June 14, 28; July 12, 26

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
July 11, 18, 25

White Bear Lake
Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Storytimes at White Bear Lake will meet on Clark Boulevard. In case of inclement weather, storytime will move indoors.

STORYTIME SNACKS

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
June 8, 22; July 6, 20; August 10, 24

Enjoy a favorite video from the storytime vault and learn a literacy rich rhyme or fingerplay. Access videos anytime on Facebook or the Library's website, my.nicheacademy.com/kidsathome.

STORYTIME GUEST STAR: CAT'S KIDS YOGA

Tuesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville

Tuesday, June 28, 6 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Join us for special yoga storytime with Cat from Cat's Kids Yoga.

SPECIAL STORYTIME SERIES WITH RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Join us at a Ramsey County Regional Park pavilion for stories, songs and fingerplays designed to enhance your child's early literacy skills. Then explore all the beauty and enjoyment our local county parks have to offer!

Snail Lake Regional Park Upper Pavilion
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
June 13, 20, 27

Keller Lake Regional Park Pavilion
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
July 14, 21, 28; August 4

Long Lake Regional Park Pavilion
Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
June 10, 17, 24; July 8, 15, 22

PAWS TO READ

Work on your reading skills in a low-stress environment with our licensed therapy dogs. Contact the hosting library to register.

Appropriate for ages 5-8.

Read to Maslow
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
June 1, 8, 15
July 13, 20
August 3, 10, 17
RCL-Maplewood

Read to Duke or Trevor
Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13
RCL-Roseville

Read to Arthur
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
June 6; July 18; August 1, 8
RCL-Shoreview

Read to Luigi
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
June 6, 20; July 18
August 1,15, 29
RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Mercy
Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
RCL-White Bear Lake

1000 BOOKS
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

WHY 1,000 BOOKS?

Studies have shown that reading with your child:

- **Builds listening, memory and concentration skills.**
- **Assists with language development.**
- **Increases vocabulary.**
- **Introduces concepts like letters, numbers, shapes and colors in a fun way.**

Experts agree that children who learn these necessary skills early do better in school and later in life.

To get started, sign up on rclreads.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app via the QR code.

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ART

CREATIVE PASTELS: SUMMER!

Monday, June 13, 2 p.m.
RCL-Maplewood

Monday, June 20, 2 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Thursday, June 23, 2 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Saturday, June 25, 2 p.m.
RCL-North St. Paul

Thursday, June 30, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

Saturday, July 2, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville

Tuesday, July 12, 1:30 p.m.
RCL-New Brighton

Wednesday, July 13, 2 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 7-12.

Come and join Creative Pastels to create a summer art project. Draw along with the instructor, Karen Tan, while learning oil pastel techniques. Art supplies will be provided. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar. Families are limited to registering up to 3 children.

ART WITH KIDCREATE STUDIO

Drop in and join the summer fun with Kidcreate Studio. Learn to make a dragon or sculpt a nifty narwhal from air-dry clay.

Make a Dragon
Saturday, June 25, 1-3 p.m.
RCL-Maplewood

Narwhals
Saturday, July 30, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-North St. Paul

LET'S CLAY WITH PARCEL ARTS

Parcel Arts will be present to teach you how to prep your materials, shape and form different objects, and add expressive details out of polymer clay, whether you're making gnomes or miniature snacks. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

Appropriate for ages 7-11.

Gnomes
Monday, June 27, 2 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Tuesday, June 28, 2 p.m.
RCL-New Brighton

Wednesday, June 29, 2 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

Miniature Snacks
Thursday, June 30, 2 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Saturday, July 16, 2 p.m.
RCL-North St. Paul

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GALLERY EXHIBIT OF JONATHAN THUNDER'S BOWWOW POWWOW ART

July 1-August 31

Meet the Artist: Jonathan Thunder
Saturday, July 23, 2-3 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Come to the library in Shoreview to view large reproductions of illustrator Jonathan Thunder's art for the children's book "Bowwow Powwow." These colorful, dynamic illustrations capture the movement of Ojibwe powwows and a child's imagination about these gatherings.

On July 23, join artist Jonathan Thunder for a presentation on the making of the art for "Bowwow Powwow." The artist will discuss the process of creating the images and be available to answer questions from the audience.

SILLY MILLIES: SPECTACULAR SWITCH PLATES

Wednesday, July 13, 2-3:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Tuesday, July 19, 2-3:30 p.m.
RCL-New Brighton

Thursday, July 21, 2-3:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Tuesday, July 26, 2-3:30 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 7-12.

Join us for an in-person, step-by-step session to create a whimsical polymer clay switch plate for your home. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

SUMMER ORIGAMI

Thursday, July 14, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 6-12.

Learn the basics of origami and leave with creations of your own. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

CLAY TIME

Thursday, July 28, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 6-12.

Have fun creating an owl out of modeling clay! Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

FOIL RELIEF ART

Thursday, August 11, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 6-12.

Join us to make a piece of artwork using tin foil, yarn and sharpie markers. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

ARE YOU READY FOR SCHOOL?

Thursday, August 25, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 6-12.

Use a variety of washi tape to personalize your very own notebook and pencil for school. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

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MAKERSPACE

MAKER KIDS

MAKER KIDS TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Drop by a library location listed below to pick up a Maker Kids take-and-make activity, while supplies last.

Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

RCL-Mounds View
June 1: Make a Squishy
July 6: Go the Distance
August 3: Are You Ready For School?

RCL-New Brighton
June 11: Vinyl Record Art
July 9: String Art Symmetry

RCL-North St. Paul
June 11: Vinyl Record Art
July 9: String Art Symmetry

MAKER KIDS PRE-K TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Drop by a library location listed below to pick up a Maker Kids Pre-K take-and-make activity, while supplies last.

Appropriate for ages 2-5.

RCL-Mounds View
June 1: Paper Plate Turtle
July 6: Butterfly Suncatcher
August 3: Paper Plate Fish

RCL-New Brighton
June 4: Summer Fun Pre-K Play and Learn

RCL-North St. Paul
June 4: Summer Fun Pre-K Play and Learn

DROP-IN MAKER KIDS

Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.
June 22; July 6, 20; August 3
RCL-Maplewood
Appropriate for ages 7-12.

Glue it. Paint it. Stretch it. Fold it. Make it. Imagine it! Drop in anytime and make something!

3D PRINTING WITH TINKERCAD

Thursday & Saturday, 2-4 p.m.
July 7, 16
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 9 -12.

Get a basic introduction to Tinkercad and 3D Printing. You will design your own project, to be printed and picked up later. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

MAKEDO CARDBOARD CREATIONS

Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 6-12 with an adult.

It's not just a box...it's a ship! It's a dinosaur! It's a doghouse! We'll supply the boxes and kid-friendly cutting tools, and you bring your ideas.

TURING TUMBLE

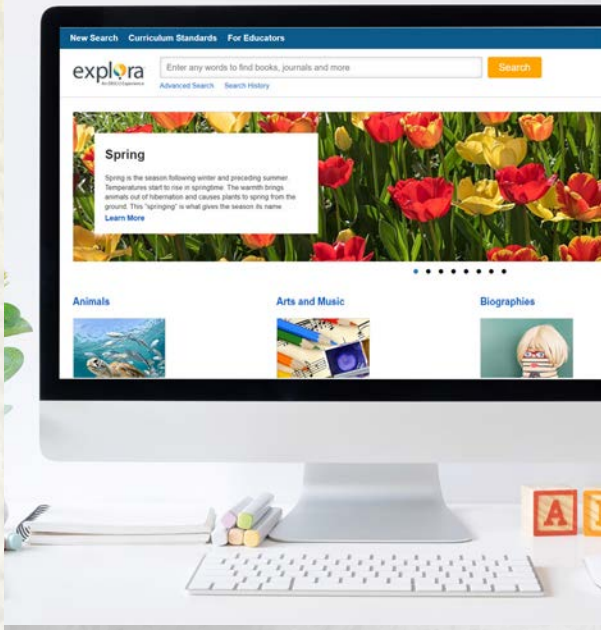
Wednesday & Thursday, 2 p.m.
July 27, 28
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 8 & older.

Join the Turing Tumble team for a two-day program. You will build mechanical computers powered by marbles to solve logic puzzles and discover how computers work. Must be able to attend both days. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

SPINTRONICS

Wednesday & Thursday, 2 p.m.
August 10, 11
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 8 & older.

Spintronics is a new game from the makers of Turing Tumble where players build mechanical circuits to solve puzzles. Come experiment and build all sorts of crazy contraptions with us and you'll never see electronics the same way again! Must be able to attend both days. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.



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.

Bookflix

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

Explora

Find articles from magazines, newspapers and reference books about current events, people, places, animals, history and more.

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.

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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 "Summer Break" program to participate.

1. Sign up for Summer Break!

Visit rclreads.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack Tracker app and choose "Summer Break" to participate.

2. Log your reading and activities.

3. Earn badges* and a chance to be

entered into the grand prize drawing for a family pack (4) of Minnesota State Fair tickets or Twins tickets, or a $50 gift card.

Grades 5 & under

Track the number of books read, time spent reading or 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 location for details!

Pre-K & younger

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

**All badges must be completed by August 6 to earn prizes.*

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