

# Explore

*Ramsey County Library News & Events*

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teen lit TAKEOVER



## Meet the Author: Naomi Kritzer

Saturday, November 19, 2-3 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Join us on Zoom to hear from award-winning author Naomi Kritzer. She has written short stories and novels for teens and adults. Her young adult novel "Catfishing on CatNet" won an Edgar Award, a Minnesota Book Award and a Lodestar Award. Register today at [bit.ly/3T7lkT1](https://bit.ly/3T7lkT1).

*This program is part of Teen Lit Takeover: 60+ events, 41 days, 8 libraries supported by MELSA and funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## Winter events at the Library Keeps Kids and Teens Engaged

This winter, our librarians have prepared a variety of programs and events to keep kids and teens active and engaged as the weather gets colder. Kids and Teen events starts on page 8. Here's a few to look forward to:

### Strategy and board games

Learn and play some of the latest multi-player tabletop strategy games, including card games and board games. Explore deck building, worker placement, and cooperative games. Participants will have some choice of what they want to learn and play, from Settlers of Catan to Exploding Kittens. Browse kids and teen gaming events at [bit.ly/RCL-Kids-TeenGaming](https://bit.ly/RCL-Kids-TeenGaming).

### Art classes and events

Sculpt animals from the chilly areas of the arctic and south pole with Parcel Arts! Kids can also drop in to make a shrinkable art with Shrinky Dinks or create fun designs with Perler Beads. Find art events at [bit.ly/RCL-KidsArt](https://bit.ly/RCL-KidsArt).

### MakerKids & MakerTeen

Create. Think. Craft. Tinker. Build. Learn. There's a new activity each week in MakerKids. And during MakerTeen, we will hangout, chat, make together and share creations. Find dates and locations at [bit.ly/RCL-MakerKids-Teen](https://bit.ly/RCL-MakerKids-Teen).

### Stem Kits

STEM kits allow families the opportunity to perform simple experiments at home. Each kit contains items to perform experiments as well as two accompanying books to support the subject matter. There are nine themed boxes: magnets, motion, buoyancy, length, weight, volume and capacity, shapes and colors, patterns, and counting and numbers. Check out a kit today: [bit.ly/RCL-STEMKits](https://bit.ly/RCL-STEMKits).

Kids and teens don't get all the fun at the library. From one-on-one Tech Help to the writing classes, adults can also join in the fun. Explore programs and events for adults: [bit.ly/RCL-EventsAdults](https://bit.ly/RCL-EventsAdults).



# 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](http://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.*

## Lakeshore Quilters Saturday Sew-In

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
November 12; December 10  
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 are more than willing to share information about quilts, quilting and their guild activities.

## Creative Pastels

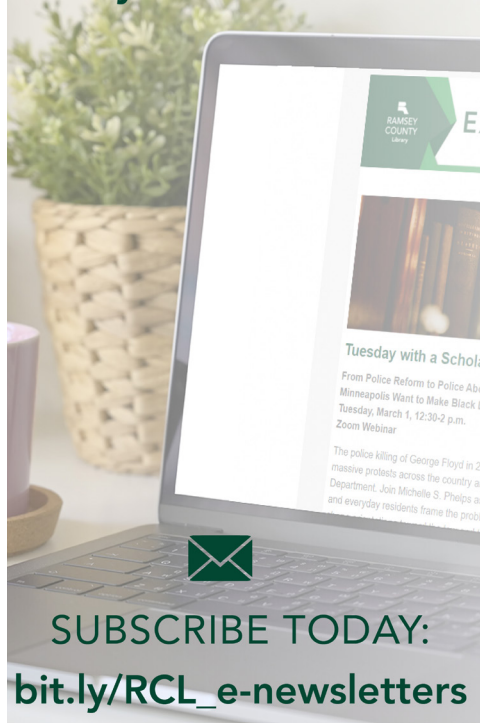
Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

November 14: Figs in Tempera  
RCL-Shoreview

December 12: Boxwood and Cuties in Acrylic  
RCL-Roseville

Join Karen Tan from Creative Pastels for a series of painting workshops. Supplies will be provided at the class. Limited to 20 participants. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Get the most *up-to-date*  
library news and events!



## 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

November 16: Covert Capital: Landscapes of Denial and the Making of the U.S. Empire in the Suburbs of Northern Virginia by Andrew Friedman  
No meeting in December.

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 and presented in partnership with the East Side Freedom Library.*

### Maplewood Eclectic Book Club

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

November 16: King Lear by William Shakespeare

December 21: Bring a favorite book to share\*

*\*December meeting location to be determined. Check the Library's online calendar for the most up-to-date information.*

### North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

November 22: Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin

December 20: Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

### Shoreview Mystery

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

November 15: A Minute to Midnight by David Baldacci

December 20: Hollywood Homicide by Kellye Garrett

### White Bear Mystery

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

November 9: Mysteries that Take Place in England or Mysteries with Animals

December 7: Asian Mysteries or Women as Strong Characters



## Tuesday with a Scholar Series

*Presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota and funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*



### Our Constitution: Its Origins and Its Future

Tuesdays, Noon-2 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

**November 1: The Bill of Rights and the Expansion of Individual Liberties**

**November 8: Later Amendments and How the Supreme Court Has Shaped Our Modern Understanding of What the Constitution Means**

The U.S. Constitution is the fundamental document of our nation's political system and the ultimate arbiter of our legal disputes. Yet we Americans do not agree on the very nature of its meaning to us. Is it a text that must be interpreted based on the original understanding at the time it was adopted? Or should it be viewed as a living document that must evolve and adapt to suit the needs of our ever-changing American society?

Join Janet Woolman, longtime history educator at The Blake School, for a new look at the Constitution—what is its historical background and what is its future for our contentious, divided society?

### David Schultz Analyzes the Midterm

Tuesday, November 15, 12:30-2 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

The Midterm Elections of 2022 may have been some of the most consequential of the modern era. Now that the results are in, join David Schultz for a look at what it all means for our nation and our democracy.

Schultz is a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School where he specializes in election law.

### Richard Painter on Current Politics

Tuesday, November 22, Noon-1:20 p.m.\*  
Zoom Webinar

Noted political commentator Richard Painter knows politics both as an observer and a participant. Join him for a fascinating discussion of where we are politically at this moment.

Painter is the S. Walter Richey Professor of Corporate Law at the University of Minnesota. He previously served as the U.S. President's Chief Ethics Lawyer during the George W. Bush administration.

*\*Please note the time change. This event will end at 1:20 p.m.*

### George Washington: The Man and the Myths

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

**November 2: American Revolution Part Two**

**November 9: Washington Becomes a Statesman**

He was the Father of the Nation, the First President and the most revered figure of 19th century American history. Yet he also was a major slaveholder and a fierce and aggressive combatant in the Indian wars of the Colonial Era. Join J. B. Andersen for a fresh look at George Washington, perhaps the foundational figure of our American story.

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

### Great Decisions Series: Drug Policy in Latin America

Friday, November 4, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Zoom Webinar

The issue of migration to the United States from Latin America has overshadowed the war on drugs, which has been underway for decades with little signs of progress. Robert Scarlett investigates the roots and the bureaucratic logic behind today's dominant drug policies in Latin America. Is it time to reconsider punitive drug control policies that disrupt supply chains and punish drug possession?

Scarlett currently serves as Senior Advisor to Clearwater Biologic, LLC, a bio-remediation business located in Babbitt, Minnesota. Since 1999, he has also led Hunter Scarlett Consulting and serves as a director for start-ups in the US, Europe and Latin America.

Great Decisions is led by expert speakers on the most critical international issues facing America. Ten copies of the Briefing Book for this series are available for checkout through the generosity of Global Minnesota. *Presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Center of the University of Minnesota, Global Minnesota and Foreign Policy Association.*

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## 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.*

### The Farmer-Labor Movement: A Minnesota Story

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

The Farmer-Labor movement founded the most successful third-party in U.S. political history. Join us for the screening of a new documentary film that tells its story through the voices of Farmer-Labor leaders and their descendants, as well as contemporary historians and activists. Filmmakers Randy Croce, Tom O'Connell and Anna Kuharjec will be present for an online conversation after the screening.

## White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

### The Legends of White Bear Lake

Monday, November 28, 6-7 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Join us as we explore the many variations of the legend that is said to give our lake its name. We will explore the earliest known sources and many versions that have evolved.

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

## Online History Resources

Online encyclopedia, magazine, and journal articles, plus primary sources, images, video and more are available for your curiosity or research projects. Access with your library card: [rclreads.org/resources/history](http://rclreads.org/resources/history)

### ArchiveGrid

Includes over 7 million records describing archival materials, bringing together information about historical documents, personal papers, family histories and more.

### Britannica Academic Edition

Encyclopedia content plus multimedia, timelines, world data analysis, country comparison, and the Britannica blog.

### Explora Library

Full text of popular magazine and scholarly journal articles covering all subject areas including multimedia, primary source documents and reference books.

### Minnesota Digital Library

Collection of images and documents from historical societies, public libraries, special archives, universities, and colleges that depict the history of Minnesota.

### Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub

The Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub is a searchable website from the Minnesota Historical Society that makes millions of pages of Minnesota newspapers available online. The Hub contains geographically and culturally diverse newspapers published between 1849 and today.

### ProQuest

Cross-search the Historical Star Tribune (1867-2001), Historical New York Times (1851-2018), U.S. Newsstream (1980-current) and more for full text articles.

## Community & Well-being

### 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  
*No Advocates in December.*

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.*

### Detox Your Mind Through Meditation

Thursday, November 17, 7-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Many of us seek out programs to help detox our bodies, but we ignore the health of our mind. We live in a stressful world and there are many factors that impact us on a negative level. By befriending our minds, we can wipe the slate clean and calm the body. Join Gaurav Singh and learn how to implement a simple yet powerful meditation technique to help cleanse your mind and change your life.

## Environmental & Sustainability

### 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.

#### November 10: Houseplant Success

Caring for indoor plants is a little different than caring for outdoor plants. With a little special care and consideration, you can keep your indoor plants healthy and avoid common problems.

#### December 8: Growing Microgreens

Learn about growing microgreens; quick-growing vegetable and herb seeds that can be grown indoors to provide fresh green year-round.

### Seed Talk: Winter Sowing

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

Starting native plant seeds using the winter sowing method is an easy and successful way to start native plant seeds that need a period of stratification. Many native plants need to experience winter temperatures before they will germinate. Learn how to use the winter sowing method and have an abundance of hardy seedlings come spring for your garden.

### Ramsey County Fix-it Clinic

Saturday, November 19, 10:30 am.-1:30 p.m.  
RCL-Maplewood

At Fix-It Clinics, residents bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more to receive free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix items. Fix-It Clinics build community connections and reduce the number of repairable objects that are thrown in the trash.

## Jobs & Small Business

### Career Services

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
RCL-Maplewood  
*No Career Services on November 24.*

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*No Career Services on November 24.*

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](http://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.



### The Loft Literary Center Copywriting: Tips and Techniques

Monday, November 14, 6-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

You've written plenty of copy. You know the basics, but there's always more to learn. In this seminar, we'll go beyond the basics of copywriting into the more conceptual aspects, including emotional appeal, consistency, humor and impact. You'll walk away with a tool kit of new approaches for your next assignment.

### Advanced Copywriting

Monday, November 21, 6-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Copywriting has a language all its own, and this seminar will explore the tricks and traps in the practice. We'll look at headlines, writing to sell, capturing attention, and much more. Using what we've discussed and learned, we'll work through a number of specific writing challenges, including your own.

*This series is presented by The Loft. Funded by MELSA.*



# Technology Courses

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## Virtual Programs

### **Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings**

Monday, November 7, 6:30-7:30 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)**

Wednesday, November 16, 6-7:30 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.*

### **Searching for Jobs on the Internet**

Thursday, November 17, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Finding a job has become more challenging in recent months, but Ramsey County Library has many resources available to help in your job search; our resources can help with creating and tailoring your resume, finding job listings, applying for jobs online and more. This class will introduce you to the many tools available to make your job search easier and more effective.



### **Media Literacy: Spotting Fake News**

Wednesday, November 30, 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.

### **Ransomware: What It Is and How to Avoid It**

Wednesday, December 14, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

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

## In-person Events

### **One-to-One Computer and Tech Help by Appointment**

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
RCL-New Brighton

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

Individual basic computer and technology help is available by appointment at the libraries in New Brighton and White Bear Lake. Staff will help with your basic technology questions including email, working on resumes or documents, mobile devices, e-books and social media. Call New Brighton at 651-724-6002 or White Bear Lake at 651-724-6007 to schedule your half-hour help session!

### **Drop-in Computer and Tech Help**

Mondays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.  
RCL-Maplewood  
*No Drop-in in December.*

Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.  
Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

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 in your device for some hands-on instruction. No appointment necessary.

# Technology Courses

Programming is subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org).

## **Maker Adult**

**Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville**

Maker equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis or online reservation.

Use the Library's laptops to design a 3D model, create your own stickers, cards or other cardstock cutouts, or utilize the video and photo editing software. Access the Library's digitization equipment to convert your physical photos, slides, negatives, cassette tapes, 8mm and Super 8 film, and VHS and VHS-C tapes to digital files. Try the sewing machine or ask questions about the 3D printer.

For the most up-to-date information on how to access and reserve time with the equipment, call 651-724-6100 or visit [rclreads.org/makeradult](http://rclreads.org/makeradult).

## **Computer Basics**

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

Become familiar with basic computer parts and terminology. Learn how to open programs and work with Windows and menus.

## **Photo & Video Conversion**

**Tuesday, November 15, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville**

Come learn about the Library's digitization equipment that can convert physical photos, slides, negatives, cassette tapes, 8mm and Super 8 film, 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.

## **Introduction to Chromebooks**

**Wednesday, November 16, 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, basic usage and settings.

## **Android Phone Basics**

**Monday, November 21, 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.

## **iPhone Basics: Navigating iOS**

**Tuesday, November 22, 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.

## **Scams: Learn to Spot and Avoid Today's Most Common Scams**

**Monday, November 28, 6-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview**

One of the many painful lessons of the COVID-19 experience has been how quickly and easily amoral scammers take advantage of life situations, and our emotions to steal our money, information and identities. Now more than ever, it's a crucial survival tactic to be able to spot and avoid scams. This session explains how they work, so you'll be able to spot them, by examining many of the most prolific scams, including:

- IRS and Social Security.
- Microsoft Tech Support.
- Package delivery.
- Lottery winnings.
- Stimulus check.
- Coronavirus scams.

We'll cover how to report scams, and concrete steps you can take to protect yourself, your personal information and your money. *This program is funded with money from MELSA.*

## **Intro to 3D Design Using Tinkercad**

**Tuesday, November 29, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville**

Become familiar with Tinkercad.com while using it to design your own keychain. Your project will be printed with the Library's 3D printer so you can pick it up at a later date. Registration required. Space is limited to 10 participants.

## **Microsoft Word Basics**

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

**December 5: Part 1  
December 6: 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 Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## **Microsoft Excel Basics**

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

**December 7: Part 1  
December 8: Part 2**

In part one, work with spreadsheets and learn how 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 Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## **3D Printing: From Start to Finish**

**Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville**

Learn how 3D printers work and what you can create with them. We'll discuss the history of 3D printing, the different types of 3D printers and materials they use and how slicing software prepares a design to be printed.

# Teen Events

Teen events and virtual programs are for grades 6-12. Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. Check [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org) for the most up-to-date event and virtual program information. Contact a Teen Services Librarian: [rclteenservices@ramseycounty.us](mailto:rclteenservices@ramseycounty.us).

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## Virtual Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon

Zoom Meeting

*No D&D November 27; December 25.*

Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

## AniMondays

Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

*No AniMondays November 21;*

*December 19, 26.*

Come and hang out, watch and geek out about your favorite anime.

## Gaming Thursdays for Teens

Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

*No Gaming November 24; December 22, 29.*

Meet other teens on Zoom for a variety of fun board games and video games virtually!

## MakerTeen

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

*No Maker November 22; December 20, 27.*

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

*No Maker November 22; December 20, 27.*

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

*No Maker November 23, 30; December 7, 14, 21, 28.*

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?

## Teen GSA

Sundays, 1-3 p.m.

November 6; December 4

RCL-Shoreview

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.

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## Guest Makers

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### The Alternate Universe: Creating Fictional Worlds

Tuesday, November 1, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Tuesday, November 8, 3-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Wednesday, November 9, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

How do you create fictional but vivid and detailed "other worlds" on the page? Learn how celebrated authors have mastered the art of creating these alternate worlds where anything is possible and how you can too!

This program is available virtually on Zoom. Teens can come to the libraries and we'll have laptops for them to use. Or they can attend from home. *Presented by The Loft Literary.*

### Altered Books

Tuesday, November 1, 3-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Wednesday, November 2, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

Tuesday, November 8, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Learn how to repurpose old and unloved books and turn them into new works of art. Different techniques will be explored including black-out poetry, paper folding, paper cutting, painting, drawing and more. Feel free to bring a book you don't mind remaking into a new work of art. We will supply books for anyone who does not bring one. *Presented by Artistry.*

## D&D Figurine Program

Sunday, November 13, 1-2 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Sunday, November 20, 1-4 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Learn to design and customize a character using the software program, HeroForge. We will 3D print it for you. Then, the following week, you will learn how to paint it to make your character come to life. Registration required on the Library's online calendar.

## Cosmic Thursday: Teen Gaming Party

Thursday, November 17, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Join us for some fun video gaming on some of the newest consoles. Snacks will be provided.

## International Games Month Celebration

Sunday, November 20, 1-4 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Game on! Celebrate International Games Month with an afternoon of tabletop games, card games, Wii games and more. This celebration is open to grades 4-12. *Presented by the Chess and Strategy Game Association.*

## History Day Hullabaloo

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

National History Day in Minnesota invites you to dig deeper into the theme "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." Our History Day Hullabaloo is a research open house to get the details you need for your project. Drop in throughout the day to get one-on-one help from a History Day staff member or undergraduate mentor. You can also attend a mini-lesson on a range of topics and view sample projects. *This event is supported by MELSA and funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



## 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 at 651-461-6164. Happy listening!

*This program is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## Family Storytime

Stories, songs and fingerplays designed to enhance your child's early literacy skills.

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

*No storytimes December 26-30 for all locations.*

**Mondays, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-Maplewood

RCL-Shoreview

*No Storytimes in December for Maplewood.*

**Mondays, 6:30 p.m.**

RCL-Roseville

**Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**

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**Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

RCL-New Brighton

**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-Mounds View

**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-North St. Paul

*No storytime November 23.*

**Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-New Brighton

*No storytime November 24.*

**Fridays, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-White Bear Lake

*No storytimes November 4, 11, 25.*

## Baby & Me Storytime

Share stories, songs, rhymes and play with your baby at this storytime, designed for the youngest learner.

*Appropriate for ages 6-23 months. Limited to 15 babies with caregivers.*

*No storytimes November 7, 24; December 26-30.*

**Thursdays, 9:45 a.m.**

RCL-Roseville

**Thursdays, 9:45 a.m.**

RCL-Shoreview

**Mondays, 9:45 a.m.**

RCL-White Bear Lake

## Special Storytimes

Drop in for special storytimes and guest stars. No registration necessary.

### **Sing! Play! Learn with MacPhail Wheels Make Music**

Wednesday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-North St. Paul

### **Colors, Feelings, Music**

Friday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

### **Musical Snowstorm**

Thursday, December 1, 9:45 a.m.

RCL-Roseville

Thursday, December 8, 9:45 a.m.

RCL-Shoreview

### **La Música y la Familia**

Saturday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Join MacPhail Center for Music's early childhood music specialists as we explore the magic of music and play around. Through hands-on musical play activities families will experience music's impact on learning and reading readiness. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### **Rocking Out with Jesse Norell**

Wednesday, November 16, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Mounds View

*Appropriate for ages 2-6.*

Come to sing, dance, laugh, and rock out to original songs by guitarist and songwriter Jesse Norell. Be ready for engaging songs fueled by audience participation. *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

### **Learning Tree Yoga**

Monday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-North St. Paul

Thursday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-New Brighton

Friday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

Join Miss Jessie as she combines yoga movement and storytelling in one special storytime workshop! *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*



### **Petite Concerts**

Tuesday, December 13, 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. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

# Kids Events

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## 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 Maslow

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

November 2, 9, 16

RCL-Maplewood

## Read to Duke or Trevor

Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.

November 12, 19

December 3, 10, 17

RCL-Roseville

## Read to Arthur or Holly

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

November 7, 14, 21, 28

December 5, 12, 19

RCL-Shoreview

## Read to Magen

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

November 26; December 17

RCL-White Bear Lake

## MakerKids

### MakerKids Take-and-Make Kits

November 2: Homemade Stamps

December 7: Yarn Octopus

RCL-Mounds View

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

November 5: Dinovember: Dinosaur Eyes

RCL-Maplewood

November 12: Dinovember: Be a

Paleoartist

RCL-New Brighton

RCL-North St. Paul

December 10: Winter Wonderland: Salty

Snow Crystals

RCL-New Brighton

RCL-North St. Paul

*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 above, while supplies last. *MakerKids Take-and-Make kits are funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

### PreK Take-and-Make Kits

November 2: Dinosaurs

December 7: So you want to build a

Snowperson?

RCL-Mounds View

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Drop by the library in Mounds View for a take-home kids activity, while supplies last.

## MakerKids

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

*No MakerKids in December.*

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

*No MakerKids November 23;*

*December 21, 28.*

Create. Think. Craft. Tinker. Build. Learn. A new activity each week. Come make with us! Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Homework Help

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

RCL-Roseville

*Appropriate for all ages.*

*No Homework Help December 26.*

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.

## Baby Meet-up

Fridays, 10 a.m.

RCL-New Brighton

*No Meet-ups November 25; December 30.*

A special time set aside for babies and their caregivers to meet up for weekly play at the library.



## Meet Author V.T. Bidiana For a Hmong New Year Book Celebration

Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Local author V. T. Bidania will introduce you to her book series and read from "Astrid & Apollo and the Happy New Year." Learn about the Hmong New Year celebration and traditions, make a craft and watch a special live performance by a Hmong dancer. *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## **Finger Knitting and Finger Crocheting**

Saturday, November 12, 10:30 a.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake  
*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

Using your hands and bright colored, super chunky, eco (recycled) yarn, learn how to knit and crochet ropes to decorate your favorite room. You can also stitch them together for a scarf or turn them into fun little creatures. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar. *Presented by Parcel Arts and funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## **Family Chess**

Saturday, November 12, 1-3 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.  
November 19; December 17  
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 their chess skills with some new partners and each other. Drop in anytime, all skill levels welcomed. *Hosted by Bill Nara and the Chess and Strategy Game Association. This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## **Rhythmically Speaking: Move and Groove Dance**

Saturday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

Jazz dance with Rhythmically Speaking. Come move and learn how groove, interaction and improvisation inspire jazz music and dance. Registration required on the Library's online calendar. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## **International Games Month: Game on!**

Sunday, November 20, 1-4 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview  
*Appropriate for ages 9 and older.*

Celebrate International Games Month with an afternoon of table top games, card games, Wii games and more. This celebration is open to grades 4-12. *Presented by the Chess and Strategy Game Association. This program is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## **Block Printing and Book Making: My Sketchbook**

Monday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.  
RCL-New Brighton

Saturday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Saturday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.  
RCL-Mound View  
*Appropriate for ages 8-12.*

Create a sketchbook to hold your best artwork with Parcel Arts! First, design your own cover by creating a printing plate with a special pen. Then, choose your favorite color of ink to print the cover of your sketchbook. Once your cover is done, learn a book binding technique to build the pages of your sketchbook. Registration required on the Library's online calendar. *Presented by Parcel Arts and funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## **Board Games and More**

Tuesday, November 22, 1-4 p.m.  
RCL-New Brighton

Thursday, December 29, 2-4 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Come and meet new people while learning a new game or have fun playing old favorites. We will have plenty of board and card game options for all experience and skill levels.

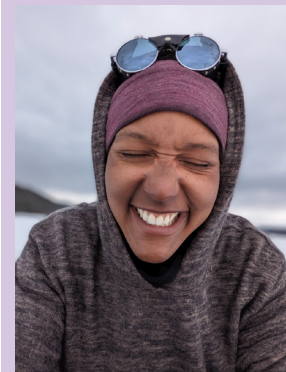
## **Make a Card to Donate**

Wednesday, November 23, 2 p.m.  
RCL-Mounds View  
*Appropriate for ages 7-12.*

Join us at the library in Mounds View to make cards to donate and brighten someone's day! Supplies provided.

## **The Wilds are for All! Featuring Emily Ford and Her Dog Diggins**

Saturday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.  
RCL-Roseville



Emily Ford is an aspiring and notable winter adventurer and thru-hiker based in Duluth, Minnesota. With an understanding and drive to show that

anyone can adventure and everyone deserves to discover the outdoors, regardless of race, gender identity, age or upbringing, she continues to seek adventure and represent the underrepresented in outdoor spaces.

Ford, along with her dog Diggins, will share tales about her recent treks on the Ice Age Trail and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## **Early Readers Book Club**

Saturday, December 10, 2-3 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake  
*Appropriate for ages 5-8.*

We will investigate a new book, explore its elements and read a portion, and do a fun activity. Participants will receive a copy of the featured book to bring home. *This program is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*



# Kids Events: Winter Break

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## Strategy Games Buffet

Wednesday, December 28, 1-4 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake  
*Appropriate for ages 9-14.*

Learn and play some of the latest multi-player tabletop strategy games, including card games and board games. Explore deck building, worker placement, and cooperative games. Participants will have some choice of what they want to learn and play, from Settlers of Catan to Exploding Kittens. *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## Let's Clay: Arctic Animals with Parcel Arts

Wednesday, December 28, 1:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Thursday, December 29, 1:30 p.m.  
RCL-North St. Paul  
*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

Sculpt animals from the chilly areas of the arctic and south pole! Using oven-safe clay, learn how to prep your materials, shape and form different styles of animals, add expressive details, and receive instructions on how to bake your animals at home. Use your animals for play or learn how to attach an eye-pin to create a charm. *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## Shrinky Dinks

Thursday, December 29, 2-3:30 p.m.  
RCL-Mounds View

Saturday, December 31, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-North St. Paul  
*Appropriate for ages 4 and older.*

Watch as your artwork shrinks before your very eyes! Drop-in anytime during this event for a morning of shrinky dink fun!

## Board Games and More

Thursday, December 29, 2-4 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Come and meet new people while learning a new game or have fun playing old favorites. We will have plenty of board and card game options for all experience and skill levels.

## Perler Bead Fun

Friday, December 30, 1-3 p.m.  
RCL-New Brighton  
*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Join us during Winter Break for an afternoon of Perler Bead fun.

## Online Resources for Kids

The library has many online resources for kids such as homework help and early literacy online books and games. Visit [rclreads.org/kids](http://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."



## **Announcing Our New Name and Logo**

We're thrilled to announce our new, streamlined organization name and share our updated logo. In an effort to bring our name into closer alignment with the library we support, and to shorten what was a lengthy organization name, we've formally changed from Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries to the new name Ramsey County Library Friends. Our logo has been updated to reflect this with new colors.



## **Leave a Legacy of Literacy**

Most of us want to be remembered as someone who made a difference, both in life and after we are gone. Legacy gifts to the Friends help to sustain vital financial support for Ramsey County Library now and into the future. If you have already included a bequest for the Friends in your estate plan, please let us know. Contact the Friends at [mworley@rclfriends.org](mailto:mworley@rclfriends.org) to learn more about including us in your will to make a lasting difference in your community.



## **Used Book Sale**

**Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 4, Noon-3 p.m.: \$5 Bag Sale**  
**RCL- Shoreview**

Get ready to stock up on your winter reading on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4! The Friends are hosting a huge Used Book Sale at the library in Shoreview featuring a large selection of book genres, DVDs, CDs, games, gift quality books and more.

Sunday will be our ever popular \$5 Bag Sale with all of the books you can fit into a bag for \$5.

Mark your calendar. We look forward to seeing you!



## **Maplewood Capital Campaign**

The Ramsey County Library in Maplewood is slated for renovation in late 2022 with completion in the fall of 2023. The Friends have been asked to execute a capital campaign to raise funds for art, a makerspace, fun seating in the teen area and to add to the lending collection.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the campaign on a variety of subcommittees that include fundraising but also other areas such as art, steering, events, communications and outreach committees. I'd be happy to answer any questions about the capital campaign at the library in Maplewood or get you signed up for a committee. I can be reached at [mworley@rclfriends.org](mailto:mworley@rclfriends.org) or 952-237-3391.

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 Friends' Used Book Store

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

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




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

**Roseville (RV)** 651-724-6001  
 2180 N Hamline Avenue  
 M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-5; Su Noon -5  
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**Shoreview (SV)** 651-724-6006  
 4560 N Victoria Street  
 M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-5; Su Noon -5  
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**White Bear Lake (WB)** 651-724-6007  
 2150 2nd Street  
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