

# Explore

## Ramsey County Library News & Events

### Library Programs and Services for School Success this Fall



It's September and that means it's back-to-school season! While parents and students prepare for school, reshuffle schedules and figure out activities, our children's and teen services librarians have been gearing up for a series of fall fun and educational programming. MakerKids programs were designed to help student success by building skills such as paying attention and getting along with others. Rhymes, songs, music and fingerplays during storytime strengthen early literacy skills. In addition, teen gaming and AniMondays are safe places to connect through shared hobbies, while MakerTeens encourages teens to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) topics. Teen and kids events start on page 12.

"We have been thrilled to offer children and their caregivers opportunities to attend enriching activities in our libraries again," says Ann Wahlstrom, Library Manager and Children's Services Coordinator at North St. Paul, "With safety always at the forefront, we will continue to offer ourselves as a place of fun, learning, reading and community."

Just as our library buildings aren't just for books, our library website is more than just a card catalog. At [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org), you can see upcoming events and programs as well as

book recommendations and watch curated kids and teen shows on Kanopy. You can also watch prerecorded storytime snacks, short rhymes and songs, from your favorite librarians or read a variety of interactive books with Bookflix. If you're looking to freshen up your child's reading lists, fill out the online Shelf Help form and let our youth services librarians give you some personalized recommendations.

Online resources, such as Explora Teens, are available 24/7 to help students succeed this school year. Students can access databases with their library card for school research projects and look up articles and primary sources. Students can get extra lessons in math, science and reading from Skills Camp.

"The one thing teachers and school librarians often get asked by parents is about tutoring resources," says Anna Smithberger, children's services librarian at New Brighton, "Through our website, students can get one-to-one live homework help from online tutors at HelpNow."

Libraries have been a long-standing ally in student success. It is a community of early literacy and life-long learning. Strong libraries, build strong students! Stop by a library close to you or visit [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org).



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## 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.*

## Arts Roseville Featured Artists

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville

### September 10: Ramona Kitto Stately

Ramona Kitto Stately is an enrolled member of the Santee Dakota, a Mni Sota Nation. She lives in her original homelands in the Minnesota River Valley where she practices Dakod Wichohan, or traditional lifeways. She shares her gift of making moccasins, passed down from generations of moccasin makers. In addition to being an accomplished beadwork artist with moccasins on display at the Science Museum of Minnesota, Stately serves as Project Director for We Are Still Here Minnesota and Chairperson of the Minnesota Indian Education Association.

### October 8: Duane Tougas

Duane Tougas is a multidisciplinary artist who works with found materials. His current work involves puppetry with In The Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, Barebones Collective, Picnic Operetta, Thingamajig Theater, the Weisman Art Museum and the Minnesota History Center. He has performed in the United States as well as South Korea, England and the Dominican Republic. He lives in Minneapolis with his son Max and wife Kat Corrigan.

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



## Creative Pastels

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

September 12: Apples in Tempera  
RCL-Maplewood

October 10: Fall Landscape 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.*

## NEA Big Read: The Bear by Andrew Krivak

Wednesday, October 12, 2-3:30 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

Join White Bear Center for the Arts for an in-depth discussion of "The Bear" by Andrew Krivak. Connect with other readers in the community and share your thoughts and impressions of Krivak's book. A facilitator will be present to help guide conversation and foster connection. Copies are available for checkout from the library and the Libby app.

*NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.*

## 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

September 21: The Sinking Middle Class  
by David Roediger

October 19: Whiteness in Plain View  
by Chad Montrie

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.

September 21: The Last Thing He Told Me  
by Laura Dave

October 19: The Night Watchman  
by Louise Erdrich

### North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

September 20: Project Hail Mary  
by Andy Weir

October 18: Lady in Waiting  
by Anne Tennant and Baroness Glenconner

### Shoreview Fiction

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

September 6: The Sentence  
by Louise Erdrich

October 4: Libertie  
by Kaitlyn Greenidge

### Shoreview Mystery

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

September 20: A Minute to Midnight  
by David Baldacci

October 18: Hollywood Homicide  
by Kellye Garrett

### White Bear Mystery

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

September 7: Female Authors

October 5: Focus on France or English Writers

## 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.

### A Shared Community: Chicano Studies at the University of Minnesota

Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Dionicio Valdes will discuss the birth and 20<sup>th</sup> century history of the Chicano Studies Department at the University of Minnesota, with particular attention to the role played by the political turbulence of the 1960s and 1970s.

Valdes directed the University of Minnesota's Ph.D. program in Chicano/Latino Studies before moving to Michigan State University. He is the author of "Barrios Norteños: St. Paul and Midwestern Mexican Communities in the Twentieth Century" and "Al Norte: Agricultural Workers in the Great Lakes Region, 1917-1970."

### Indigenous Peoples' Day: Traditions & Celebrations

Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Join Kate Phillips as she shares the history and the multiple traditions of Indigenous Peoples' Day, traditionally celebrated on the second Monday in October.

Phillips is a citizen of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe. She teaches Native American history and the history of the American West at Macalester College.

## Tuesday with a Scholar Series

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

*Presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota and funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries, unless otherwise noted.*

### September 20: How Secure are American Elections: A Minnesota Perspective

For close to four decades, Joe Mansky had a unique view of the Minnesota electoral process. He served as both Minnesota state election director and head of Ramsey County Elections, mastering the vital process of running fair, accurate and efficient elections. Join him for a look at American elections with a special emphasis on the closely related issues of election access and election security, present and future.

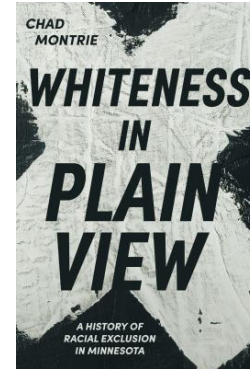
Mansky retired in 2019 after a lifetime of public service in Minnesota. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### September 27: How Newton Revolutionized Science

Isaac Newton solved the greatest scientific mystery of the 17<sup>th</sup> century: How is it possible that we humans feel no motion as the earth spins on its axis and races at incredible speed around the sun? But his work also accomplished much more, demonstrating the validity of the scientific method even as it revealed unexpected aspects of nature. Join David Bressoud as he talks about Newton's "Principia" and how it affected popular understanding of the world around us and foreshadowed the Age of Enlightenment.

Bressoud is Dewitt Wallace Professor Emeritus at Macalester College and former Director of the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences.

### October 4: Whiteness in Minnesota



Widely seen as a progressive stronghold of the Midwest, Minnesota also has some of the greatest racial disparities in the nation. Chad Montrie maintains that those disparities have

their roots in Minnesota's earliest days as a territory and in the decades that followed. Join him for an investigation of our state's historical record of white exclusion of African Americans.

Montrie is a history professor at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. He is the author of "Whiteness in Plain View: A History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota." *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### October 11: What next for Russia and the Ukraine?

The conflict between Russia and the Ukraine has presented Europe with its gravest military crisis since World War II. The toll on the citizens of Ukraine has been profound, and the political and economic implications of the war extend far beyond the borders of the region. Join Todd Lefko for an analysis of the origins the war and a look at what the future holds for Russia, Ukraine, Europe and the rest of us.

Lefko is president of the International Business Development Company. He has business and academic ties with Russia going back many decades.

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## Tuesday with a Scholar Series Continued

The following Tuesday with a Scholar miniseries is presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota and funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.



## Our Constitution: Its Origins and Its Future

**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, for a new look at the Constitution—what is its historical background and what is its future for our contentious, divided society?

## White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

### Miss Benson's Nursery School

**Monday, September 26, 6-7 p.m.**  
**Zoom Webinar**

Miss Amy Benson approached her friend Helen Fillebrown in the 1940s with a dilemma. She had planned to start a nursery school for the neighborhood children but her original location was no longer an option. She asked if Helen would consider allowing the nursery school to be in her home and a decade of childhood excitement and energy was launched on Lake Avenue. Join us to see photos, hear stories and maybe even share some of your own from that special time at the Fillebrown House.



### What's in a Name, Part III

**Monday, October 24, 6-7 p.m.**  
**Zoom Webinar**

Join us for Part III of a series where we explore many of the streets and parks around White Bear Lake and investigate how they got their names through the years. From Podvin Park to Hammond Road and Long Avenue to Sandra Lane, what's in a name? This program was rescheduled from April of this year.

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



## George Washington: The Man and the Myths

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

**October 5: Washington: The Man and the Myths**

**October 12: Who was Washington? His Origins, Early Days, Personal Life and Military Service**

**October 26: Washington: The Making of a Military Man. The American Revolution Part One**

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 a historian and the creator of the popular History of the Presidents series.

*This series is presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota and funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

## Great Decisions Series

Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Zoom Webinar

No class on October 19.

Join discussions 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.*

### October 14: Changing Demographics

The world experienced remarkable demographic changes in the 20<sup>th</sup> century: changes which continue today and have global, social, economic, political and environmental consequences. Todd Lefko, president of the International Business Development Company, explains how demographic change is creating mounting challenges to development efforts, security, climate, and the environment, as well as the sustainability of human populations.

### October 21: Myanmar and ASEAN

The situation in Myanmar, including the coup by the military in February 2021 and the ongoing human rights crises, coupled with civil resistance by those opposed to the regime, has led to chaos in the Southeast Asian country. Join Richard Leitch, a member of the Political Science Department at Gustavus Adolphus College, to learn how neighboring countries are reacting, and what role The Association of Southeast Asian Nations [ASEAN] will play.

### October 28: The Quad Alliance

As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China. Recently, the Quad nations held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. Join Raymond Kuo, independent political scientist based in Minneapolis, as he discusses how effective the actions of this alliance will be.



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

Tuesday with a Scholar  
From Police Reform to Police Abolition  
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Tuesday, March 1, 12:30-2 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

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## 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

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## **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.*

## **Community Service Day**

Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

The American Sewing Guild's Community Service Day is where they invite people to bring their machine and their own projects to work on. Finished projects will be donated to various metro non-profit organizations.

## **Local Ranked Choice Voting**

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

The League of Women Voters of Roseville Area will host a panel of experts on ranked choice voting (RCV). RCV allows voters the option to rank candidates in order of preference. Panelist include Jeanne Massey, Executive Director of FairVote Minnesota, a national leader in the movement for RCV, Mary Hartnett, Executive Director of Clean Elections Minnesota, a group dedicated to public financing of elections and RCV, and an election official from a metro suburban city that uses RCV.



## **Fall Meditation Series**

### **Meditation as Medication: A Doctor's Perspective**

Thursday, September 22, 7-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Can meditation improve high blood pressure, anxiety, depression or pain? If a doctor told you to meditate, would you hesitate? Matthew Raider, M.D., is a clinical physician and coordinating director of the Geriatric Teaching Program in Family Medicine at Middlesex Hospital in Connecticut. Learn how meditation can have a profound effect on your life.

### **Meditation in Current Times**

Thursday, October 20, 7-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

In our current world, there is much uncertainty and many stressors that we are faced with daily. The world as we know it has changed drastically. Learn how meditation can be a tool to help cope with everyday life. Regular meditation provides benefits such as reducing stress, helping with depression, anxiety, pain and improving concentration. Learn a simple time-tested meditation technique with meditator Bruce Faithwick.

## **What are Minnesota's Social Studies Standards, Where do They Come From, and How Much Civics are Kids to be Taught?**

Tuesday, October 18, 6-8 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Every 10 years, by Minnesota Statutes, academic standards are reviewed and revised. Review and revision of the Social Studies standards began during the 2020-2021 school year. A committee of 36 members from across the state with varying perspectives and backgrounds worked on a series of draft standards. In 2021, a draft was released for comment and now the Minnesota Department of Education is in the process of drafting the Statement of Need and Reasonableness or SONAR. But, what is in these standards and what are kids being taught about civics?

This session will bring together a panel to help league members understand what the current and proposed revised standards are and to discuss how and whether the standards may encourage civic engagement of our youth. Maria Cheney will also provide an overview of the program she and her team provided to the Roseville High School seniors.

# Environment & Sustainability

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## Seed Packets Needed

The White Bear Lake Seed Library needs your help. The seed drawers need replenishing for this fall and next season. Please donate open-pollinated (not hybrid) seeds of peas, beans, lettuce, tomatoes or other vegetables or native plant seeds to the seed library at the White Bear Lake location. There is a box for donations on the seed library table at the library. Questions? email: [wblseedlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wblseedlibrary@gmail.com).

Learn more: [wblseedlibrary.blogspot.com](http://wblseedlibrary.blogspot.com)



## Seed Talk: How to Save Seeds

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting

Saving seeds from your flowers, native plants and vegetables is an easy and inexpensive way to grow more of the plants you like. Seeds from plants you grow become adapted to our environment and may produce more over time. This Seed Talk will show you how to save common vegetable and flower seeds for your own garden or to donate to the White Bear Lake Seed Library.



## 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.

### September 8: Food Saving

Learn about the many ways to save, store, and preserve seasonal fruits and vegetables so you can enjoy the best flavors and highest nutrition for as long as possible. This class introduces participants to best practices for storing fresh produce and the many different methods of food preservation.

### October 13: Fall Into Winter

Learn about how to put your garden to bed in this class, which provides information about what to do for your garden and landscape between September and February.

## Electric Vehicle Basics from the Minnesota EV Owners

Tuesday, September 13, 6-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville Parking Lot

Curious about electric vehicles? Learn the facts about EVs from local EV owner Brian Anderson in a short indoor presentation and then join a group of MN EV owners in the parking lot to explore a variety of vehicles. The owners are ready for your questions.

## Jobs & Small Business

### 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](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.

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## Small Business Workshops

Registration required on the Library's online calendar. *The Small Business Workshops are presented by SCORE Twin Cities.*

### Double Your Sales

**Wednesday, September 7, Noon-1:30 p.m.**  
RCL-Shoreview

Most CEOs believe that if they double their sales they are going to have to work "harder." The truth is, you can actually work less and double your sales. In this workshop, you will learn to implement key business strategies and beliefs that support maximum accelerated selling.

### Business Essentials

**Tuesday, September 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
RCL-Shoreview

This workshop will provide some terrific guidance on the basic components of building your business. We'll focus on understanding what product or service you want to take to market, who's your customer, who's your competition and how you're unique.

### Credit for Small Business

**Tuesday, October 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
RCL-Shoreview

In this workshop, we'll explore the dynamics of credit including credit reporting, personal & business creditworthiness, how credit reporting works, the benefits to small business in credit reporting, the risks from credit scams, and strategies to build or improve your credit.

## The Loft Literary Center

### Great Communication Skills

**Monday, September 12, 6-7:30 p.m.**  
RCL-Roseville

Develop skills in grammar and business communication relevant to digital communication and report writing in the workplace. The program begins with a review of basic grammar and usage. Topics will include punctuation, verb tenses and mechanics. Learn how to use advanced techniques such as tone, narrative strategy and descriptive language.

### Writing for the Web

**Monday, September 19, 6-7:30 p.m.**  
RCL-Roseville

When you go to a company or organization website, you aren't seeking the same things you might from a great book, but that doesn't mean there isn't an art to writing for the web. Website writing needs to be organized and presented for the medium it serves. The scanning eye and clicking finger dominate this landscape, and effective organizational website writing knows how to take advantage of those behaviors. In this seminar, you'll learn some key web writing practices like employing hierarchies of information, ensuring short, scannable text and highlighting content with visual cues.

### Blogging for Beginners

**Saturday, October 8, 2-3:30 p.m.**  
RCL-Roseville

Platforms like Wordpress.com and Blogger.com make it easy to start writing about your favorite topic, whether it's sports, cooking, politics or something personal. In this class, you'll learn about writing compelling content and building an audience so your blog is a big hit. Please note, this class will not cover technical parts of starting a blog; however, resources will be provided.

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



## Online Market Research

**Tuesday, September 20, 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?" In these times, leveraging online resources from the public library is one of your best options. Come join us to get a clear view of the tools available at your library to gain control of your research efforts and increase your success! This workshop will provide you with an overview of some of the most important research tools available: Mergent Intellect, Business Source Premier and Data Axle Reference Solutions. You'll walk away understanding what each are, where they fit in your business building effort and your options to use these powerful resources.

*Co-presented with Hennepin County Library and SCORE Twin Cities. Funded by MELSA.*

# 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).

## Virtual Programs

### **The (Free) Online Classroom**

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

A great promise of the online world is access to knowledge. Many free videos are available on online, but this session goes beyond YouTube. This workshop will provide participants with an overview of popular, free, online learning platforms and help them explore the endless opportunities for online learning. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*



### **Basic Image Editing**

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

This class explains the different image formats and when to use them. Use free image editing software (Pixlr) to manipulate images and save them for the web. *This program is funded with money from the Metropolitan Library Service Agency.*

### **Succession Planning for Digital Assets**

Wednesday, September 28, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Technology has changed the way we store our data, communications, activities and memories. Even if you aren't aware of it, most of us have digital assets of some kind. Digital assets include email accounts, laptops, smartphones, USB thumb drives, cloud accounts, domain registrations, digital photos, social media and even cryptocurrency.

So what happens to these assets if we're incapacitated or we pass away? How can we make sure that the appropriate people—a spouse, loved one, or executor—can access what they need? What about things you don't wish to share—whether it's email, a dating profile or certain accounts or documents? And what if some forgotten or abandoned account were hacked? This session is designed to clarify the kinds of information worth protecting, how to protect it and how to make sure the right person has the kind of access you wish. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

### **Password Management**

Tuesday, October 18, 6-7 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!

## In-person Events

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

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

Starting Tuesday, September 13, individual basic computer and technology help will be available by appointment at the New Brighton location. 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 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

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

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## Computer Basics

Monday, September 26, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-New Brighton

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

## Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

Tuesday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-New Brighton

Tuesday, October 18, 1-2:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Are you unsure about your computer skills? Join us in using the Northstar Assessment tools! These assessments are an easy way to identify what you know and pinpoint what you need to learn.

## Introduction to Chromebooks

Wednesday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-New Brighton

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

Friday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-New Brighton

Friday, October 21, 1-2:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

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

Thursday, September 29, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-New Brighton

Thursday, October 20, 1 2:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

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



## Microsoft Word Basics

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

September 26: Part 1  
September 27: 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

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

October 3: Part 1  
October 5: 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 the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

## Getting Started with Libby

Wednesday, October 19, 1-2 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

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

## October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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

Tuesday, October 4, 6-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Maplewood

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. We'll also 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.

### Personal Information Security Protection in a Modern Era

Wednesday, October 12, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Hear from the Ramsey County Chief Information Security Officer on how to stay protected while on the internet. Topics include personal information security protection, how to see if your personal information has been compromised, multi-factor authentication, credit freeze, phishing, and more.

### Advanced Information Privacy \*NEW\*

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

A Ramsey County Information Security Officer will present on information privacy. Topics include dissecting spam (how to avoid junk mail and what do when inundated), private browsing using public internet and an introduction to private operations systems.



## Maker Adult

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

Maker equipment is available on a first-come, first-served 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).

## Photo & Video Conversion

Wednesday, September 7, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, September 8, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
Wednesday, October 5, 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, 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: From Start to Finish

Tuesday, September 13, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

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.

## Intro to 3D Design Using Tinkercad

Tuesday, September 20, 6-7:30 p.m.  
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.

## Creating a Successful Etsy Shop

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

Learn how to establish an online business to sell your handcrafted or vintage products using Etsy, a leader in e-commerce for creative entrepreneurs. Each session will focus on a best practice for your business. Register for specific sessions or attend the entire series. There will be time for discussion, so come prepared to meet other makers, share your ideas, show off what you want to sell, and ask questions. Registration required. Space is limited to 20 participants.

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### September 22: Introduce Your Shop

Why Etsy? What can you sell? Understand Etsy fees, track your business expenses, package and ship your item and price your item for profit.

### September 29: Opening Your Shop

Develop a cohesive brand that inspires trust in buyers. Get to know your target market and make them excited about you and your shop with a creative "about section" and clear policies. Write listing descriptions for your items that encourage buyers to add to cart.

### October 6: Stocking Your Shop

A great listing is important, but what buyers really need to see are fantastic photos. This will be a workshop session, so bring an item to photograph. You will use your phone camera and a free app to create listing photos for your shop.

### October 13: Promotion and Marketing

Promote your Etsy shop. Understand Etsy SEO (search optimization), keywords, and tagging so buyers can find your items. Learn how to use Etsy's promoted listings and other marketing techniques.

# 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).

*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

*No D&D September 18.*

Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

## **AniMondays**

Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

*No AniMonday September 5.*

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

*No MakerTeen September 6.*

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

*No MakerTeen September 6.*

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

*No MakerTeen September 7.*

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?

## **Gaming Thursdays for Teens**

Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

*No Gaming September 1, 8.*

Please join us on Zoom for a variety of fun board games and video games virtually!

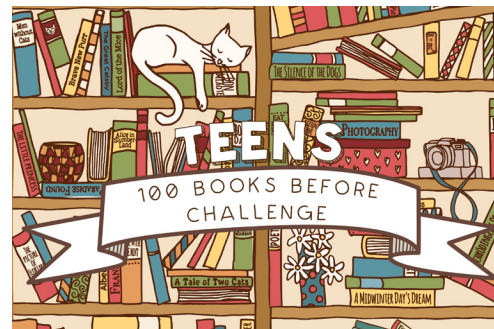
## **Teen GSA**

Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

September 11, 25; October 9, 23

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.



## **Teens 100 Books Before Challenge**

Join one of our multi-year reading challenges to get special perks like monthly raffles, prizes for reaching milestones and a grand prize when you finish.

To sign up:

- Go to [rclreads.beanstack.org](http://rclreads.beanstack.org).
- Choose the challenge for your age group.
- Log your books.
- Earn badges and prizes.

## **Online Resources for Teens**

The library has many online resources for teens such as homework help, article databases and skills camp. Visit [rclreads.org/teens](http://rclreads.org/teens) 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.

## **Explora Teens**

Look up articles, facts and primary sources for research papers, class projects or homework.

## **Skills Camp**

Login with your library card to access math, science and reading lessons for students in grades 3-12.

# Kids Storytime

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## 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.*

## Listen and Win! A Dial-A-Story Scavenger Hunt

*Appropriate for children birth - 8 years with caregiver.*

Dial in and listen to stories read by your favorite children's librarians. Find a clue at the end of one story each week for a prize! Six new stories and a new clue will be added each Monday for six weeks beginning September 19.

Find all six clues and solve the riddle for grand prize! Visit the "Ask Us" desk at your favorite library to redeem prizes.

## Family Storytime

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

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

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

**RCL-Maplewood**

**RCL-Shoreview**

*Storytime starts September 12 for both locations. No Storytimes October 17.*

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

**RCL-Roseville**

*Storytime starts September 12.*

*No Storytime October 17.*

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

**RCL-Roseville**

*Storytime starts September 13.*

**Tuesdays, 6 p.m.**

**RCL-Shoreview**

*Storytime starts September 13.*

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

**RCL-New Brighton**

*Storytime starts September 13.*

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

**RCL-Mounds View**

*Storytime starts September 21.*

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

**RCL-North St. Paul**

*Storytime starts September 14.*

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

**RCL-New Brighton**

*Storytime starts September 15.*

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

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

*Storytime starts September 16.*

## 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.*

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

**RCL-Roseville**

*Storytime starts September 15; October 27.*

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

**RCL-Shoreview**

*Storytime starts October 6.*

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

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

*Storytime starts September 12. No*

*Storytime October 17.*



## Meet a Firetruck

**Roseville Fire Department**

**Tuesday, September 20, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Roseville**

**Lake Johanna Fire Department**

**Monday, September 26, 10:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, September 27, 6 p.m.**

**RCL-Shoreview**

**White Bear Lake Department**

**Friday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

**North St. Paul Fire Department**

**Wednesday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.**

**North St. Paul Fire Hall**

**2400 Margaret St N**

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Join us for a special storytime featuring your local fire department. Learn about fire safety, meet a firefighter and explore a fire truck. Please note, fire trucks may leave early due to emergencies.

## Nighttime Sky Storytime

**Friday, September 23, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

*Appropriate for ages 2-5 and caregivers.*

Join us for a special "stellar" storytime. We'll read stories, sing songs and do a fun craft about the moon and stars. *Presented in partnership with the White Bear Center for the Arts and NEA Big Read.*

## Costume Party Storytime

**Saturday October 22, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Shoreview**

**Saturday, October 29, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

*Appropriate for ages 2-6.*

Get dressed up and join us for a special storytime featuring songs and crafts related to Halloween.

# 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.  
September 14, 21, 28  
October 5, 19, 26  
RCL-Maplewood

### Read to Duke or Trevor

Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.  
September 17, 24  
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
RCL-Roseville

### Read to Arthur

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.  
September 12, 19  
October 3, 24  
RCL-Shoreview

### Read to Magen

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
September 17  
October 22  
RCL-White Bear Lake

## MakerKids

### MakerKids Take-and-Make Kits

September 7: Coffee Filter Experiments  
October 5: Paper Weaving Owl  
RCL-Mounds View  
*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

September 10: Beaded Bracelets with Gibbs Farm  
RCL-New Brighton  
RCL-North St. Paul

October 8: Fall with Creative Pastels\*  
RCL-New Brighton  
RCL-North St. Paul  
RCL-Shoreview  
*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Drop by the library location listed and pick up a take-home maker kit activity. Kits will be available for pick up at 10 a.m. on the dates below, while supplies last. *MakerKids Take-and-Make kits are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries, unless otherwise noted. \*Creative Pastels maker kits are funded by money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### PreK Take-and-Make Kits

September 7: Hand Print Frogs  
October 5: Apple Coffee Filter Suncatchers  
RCL-Mounds View  
*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

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

## Maker Kids

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

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for ages 6-12.  
Maker Kids starts September 13.*

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.*

Need help with your homework? Starting September 19, 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.

## Young Rembrandts

### Junior Zoo Art

Friday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for ages 4 and older.*

This workshop gives little artists the chance to draw all the different animals and things we see at the zoo! Llamas, lions, monkeys and more.

### Cartoon Character Creation

Friday, October 21, 2 p.m.  
RCL-New Brighton  
*Appropriate for ages 7 and older.*

Learn the basics of cartooning and create your own characters. Young artists will learn techniques used in cartooning. Subjects like characteristics, features, exaggeration, action and personification will contribute to your child's artistic advancement.

Registration is required on the Library's online calendar. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

## Garden Play Time

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
September 14, 21, 28  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for ages 4 and younger.*

Drop in and play outside in the Children's Reading Garden. Come dressed for the weather! Call 651-724-6032 for more information.

### **Baby Meet-up**

Fridays, 10 a.m.

RCL-New Brighton

*Meet-ups start September 16.*

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

### **Family Chess**

Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.

September 17; October 22

RCL-White Bear Lake

Saturday, September 24, 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, October 16, 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. *Hosted by Bill Nara and the Chess and Strategy Game Association. This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

### **Bitty Kitty Brigade: All About Adopting Kittens**

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

September 24: RCL-Roseville

October 1: RCL-Maplewood

October 15: RCL-Shoreview

*Appropriate for all ages.*



This interactive workshop is all about how to adopt cute felines into your family! The Bitty Kitty Brigade is a local non-profit specializing in fostering and raising neonate kittens to adoption age

of 12 weeks, helping them socialize and find their forever homes. Kittens will be on site for petting with a signed waiver. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

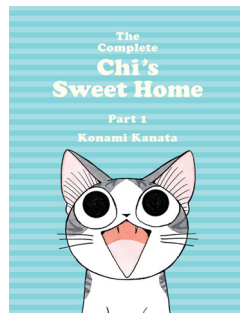
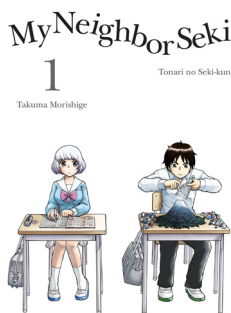
### **Early Readers Book Club**

Saturday, October 1, 2-3 p.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for ages 5-8.*

Get excited about reading by exploring great books and a fun activity at the library! In Early Readers Book Club, we will investigate a new book, explore its elements and read a portion, and do a fun activity at each meeting. Participants will receive a copy of the featured book to bring home. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*



### **Introduction to Manga for Young Readers**

Tuesday, October 4, 4:30 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

*Appropriate for ages 9-12.*

Get an introductory lesson on manga, how to read it and see titles you can check out. Then, learn how to make your own manga. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

### **Petite Concerts**

Wednesday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-North St. Paul

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



### **Fall Cardinal with Creative Pastels**

Saturday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Roseville

*Appropriate for ages 7 and older.*

Karen Tan from Creative Pastels will give step-by-step instructions on how to draw a fall cardinal scene! Have fun while learning the fundamentals of drawing and oil pastel techniques. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### **Introduction to Zines for Kids**

Tuesday, October 11, 4:30 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

*Appropriate for ages 8-12.*

Whether it's for book reviews, short stories or comics, zines are a great way to share and keep information. Join us as we learn how to make zines and go through examples of what can go inside zines. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

## Haunted Gingerbread Houses

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

October 15: RCL-Roseville

October 22: RCL-Shoreview

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Use graham crackers, frosting and other items to create a spooky and sweet masterpiece to take home. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar.



## Out On a Limb Dance

Wednesday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Roseville

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Join us as we explore jazz, ballet and tap dancing with Out On a Limb Dance! *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## KidCreate

### Mosaic Van Gogh Leaf

Thursday, October 20, 1 p.m.

RCL-New Brighton

### Glow-in-the-Dark Owl

Friday, October 21, 1 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood

### Dinomania Scene

Saturday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-North St. Paul

*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

Celebrate Fall with a trio of art programs from Kidcreate Studio! Registration is required on the Library's online calendar. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

## Perler Bead Fun

Thursday, October 20, 2-3 p.m.

RCL-Mounds View

Thursday, October 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

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



## ZOMBIE Make-Up Workshop

Saturday, October 22, 1 p.m.

RCL-New Brighton

Saturday, October 29, 1 p.m.

RCL-North St. Paul

Monday, October 31, 1 p.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

Planning on a scary Zombie costume for this year's Halloween, or are you interested in learning special effects make-up? Join us for this hands-and-face-on class where local theater make-up artist Ahnika Lexvold will teach you the Zombie basics. Registration is required on the Library's online calendar. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.*

## 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

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## Bookflix

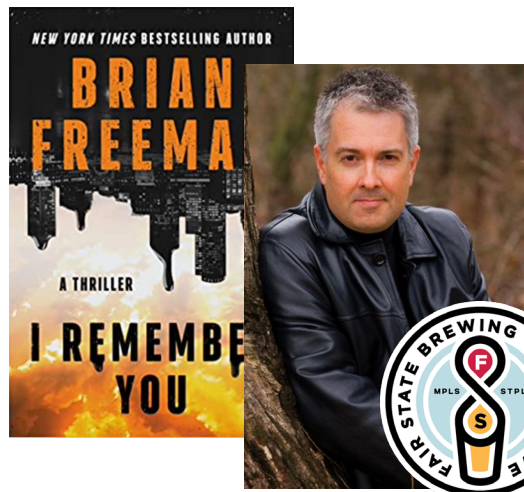
Explore the world of reading in a new way! Bookflix offers a wide variety of books come to life with animation. Each fiction story is paired with a non-fiction book to help kids learn more about each subject.

## 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."

## Books & Brews: Author talk with Brian Freeman

Thursday, October 13, 5:30-8 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview



Join us for an evening of Books & Brews with award winning Minnesota author Brian Freeman! Event sponsor Fair State Brewing will be serving beer as well as non-alcoholic beverages. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres during a social hour followed by a presentation and Q&A session with the author.

Brian Freeman is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of more than two dozen psychological thrillers. He was also selected by the Robert Ludlum estate to take over Ludlum's iconic Jason Bourne series.

Since 2005, Freeman has sold books in 46 countries and 24 languages. He was an Edgar Award finalist in 2021 for his novel "The Deep, Deep Snow," and his novel "Spilled Blood" won the award for Best Hardcover Novel in the International Thriller Writers Thriller Awards. Kirkus Reviews named his novels among their best mysteries and thrillers of the year in both 2020 and 2021 (for "The Bourne Evolution" and "Infinite"). He is a two-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award.

All of his books are available in audio editions. His novels "The Bone House" and "Season of Fear" were both named finalists for the Audie Award for Best Audiobook in Thriller/Suspense.

Proceeds from this event will support the growing outreach and engagement programs at Ramsey County Library. Outreach librarians provide services to immigrant groups, incarcerated residents, seniors and non-library users throughout local communities.

Visit [rclfriends.org](http://rclfriends.org) to register online or print a mail-in form. You can also pick up a paper form from any Ramsey County Library location or Friends Used Bookstore.

Friends members and their guests receive discounted registration, but membership is not required to attend. Registration is \$30 for Friends members and their guests, \$40 for non-members. To become a Friends member, please see the form on the back of this newsletter or call 651-724-6127 for more information.

## 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. We will welcome you to the Legacy Circle and tell you about all the fun that comes with it! Contact Mary Worley at 651-724-6127 or [mworley@rclfriends.org](mailto:mworley@rclfriends.org) to learn more about including the Friends in your will to make a lasting difference in your community.

## Renew Your Friends Membership! Not A Member? Join Today!

With the support of our amazing members, the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries provided \$130,000 in program grants in 2021. These grants help to fill county funding gaps and provide vital community services. None of this would be possible without our members. The grants were used for:

- Dynamic use of technology, library space, and community space collections.
- Literacy and lifelong learning.
- Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens, Adult Programs, Youth Programs.
- Library Staff/Employee Development.
- Facilitating access by removing barriers.
- Explore Newsletter, Closed Captioning, Home Delivery by Mail.

The Friends are dedicated to continued focus on our goals and mission to strengthen, support and advocate for the Ramsey County Library system in order to enrich the lives of our library users, to promote literacy and education and to foster community. This mission is a strong reminder of how our small actions can have great impact.

Renew or join today and receive a \$5 coupon to be used at any of our Used Books Stores and Carts! Join online at [rclfriends.org](http://rclfriends.org) or by using the membership form on the back of this newsletter.

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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

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