

# Explore

## Ramsey County Library News & Events

### **The library in Maplewood closed for renovation, limited library services at Maplewood Mall**



The library in Maplewood closed on December 5 for an interior renovation. Due to the closure, limited Library services will be embedded into the Service Center - Maplewood satellite location at the Maplewood Mall. This preferred building was chosen due to its proximity to the community, indoor amenities and ease of parking. The temporary satellite location is expected to open on January 17, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Starting January 17, patrons may request to pick up library holds at the satellite location. Future book requests can also be routed to this location. To see the status of your book request, check your online account at [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org). Other library services include indoor and outdoor library return, newspapers and public computers. Career Lab, a form drop box, financial workers and navigator assistance will also be available at the satellite location.

Details about the Maplewood closure are available at [bit.ly/RCL-MaplewoodRenovation](http://bit.ly/RCL-MaplewoodRenovation). For the most up-to-date information about the project, visit [rclreads.org/Maplewood-Renovation](http://rclreads.org/Maplewood-Renovation) or subscribe to the Library's newsletter at [bit.ly/RCL-e-newsletters](http://bit.ly/RCL-e-newsletters).

### **Winter Reads**

January 2 - February 28

Winter Reads encourages busy adults to delight in reading during the dark months of winter. Starting January 2, read four books and you will be entered for a chance at a grand prize. There will be Winter Reads themed giveaways throughout the reading months, while supplies last. Stop by a library location near you to pick up a reading record or print out a record at [bit.ly/RCL-WinterReads2023](http://bit.ly/RCL-WinterReads2023).



### **Join Ramsey County Library and Parks & Recreation for a Book Hunt at Battle Creek Regional Park!**

January 2 - March 30

*Appropriate for ages 6 and older.*



Head to Battle Creek Regional Park for a book scavenger hunt! Solve the clues to find the name of a popular book series by using the park environment, then be entered to win an autographed copy of the first book in the series!

To get started, download the Beanstack app and visit Battle Creek Regional Park.

*Sponsored by Ramsey County Library Friends and Parks & Recreation.*

# 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.*

## Creative Pastels

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

**January 9: Winter Sunset in Oil Pastels**  
RCL-White Bear Lake

**February 13: Porcelain Vase in Acrylic**  
RCL-Shoreview



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.*

## Gallery 96 Exhibition

**February 3 - March 3**

### Opening Reception

**Friday, February 3, 6-8 p.m.**  
RCL-Shoreview

Gallery 96, the local arts organization for Shoreview and surrounding communities, hosts the art exhibition "A Break From Reality." Join us on February 3 for the opening reception. *This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## Poetry Trail (and s'mores event)

**Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.-Noon**  
Snail Lake Regional Park

Follow a poem along the trail of Snail Lake at any time in February and join us for s'mores and a bonfire. Presented in partnership with Ramsey County Parks & Recreation.

## Book Clubs

In-person book clubs have resumed at some locations. Visit the Library's online calendar for the most up-to-date information.

### Roseville History Book Club

**Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting**

**January 18: Swede Hollow by Ola Larsmo**

**February 15: Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All by Martha S. Jones**

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.**

**Zoom Webinar**

**January 18: The Last Great Walk by Wayne Curtis**

**February 15: Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy**

### North St. Paul

**Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.**

**January 17: Winterdance by Gary Paulsen**

**February 21: Oona Out of Order by Margarita Montimore**

### Shoreview Mystery

**Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.**

**January 17: Firewall by Mankell Henning**

**February 21: Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz**

### White Bear Mystery

**Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.**

**January 4: Freedom - Your Choice**

**February 1: Author New to Me**

## History Events



### Washington and Adams: A New Look at Two Founding Fathers with J.B. Andersen

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

**Zoom Webinar**

**No class on January 18; February 15.**

**January 11: Washington Creates the Office of President of the United States**

**January 25: Washington's Second Term and His Farewell Address**

**February 1: Washington: The Final Years and His Legacy**

**February 8: John Adams: The Making of an American**

**February 22: Adams: Revolution Comes to Boston**

Join J.B. Andersen for a fresh look at our first two Presidents: George Washington and John Adams. We continue our investigation of the life of Washington and begin looking at his successor, the first President from Massachusetts.

How did the two help to shape—for better or worse—the nation we have inherited more than 200 years later?

Andersen is the creator of the popular History of the Presidents series for OLLI. *Presented in cooperation with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota and funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

## Tuesday with a Scholar Series

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

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### January 24: What Should We Do about the Electoral College?

Even though those who understand foreigners find it incomprehensible, and even those who understand the American electoral system have difficulty explaining how it is possible for a U.S. presidential candidate to win the popular vote but lose the election. It has happened twice already in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Is the Electoral College system in need of reform or should it be abolished altogether? Join Mark Bohnhorst for a penetrating look at an increasingly problematic American institution.

Bohnhorst is retired Associate General Counsel of the University of Minnesota.

### January 31: Battling Minnesota's Anti-Semites in the Hitler Years

In 1938, Nazism was at the apex of its political power in Germany; and even in distant Minnesota, there were dark appeals to anti-Semitism in public life. Join Jon Butler for the story of how the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota took on the forces of prejudice in one of the lesser known chapters in our State's history.

Butler is Howard R. Lamar Professor Emeritus of American Studies, History, and Religious Studies at Yale University. He is currently an adjunct research professor at the University of MN, where he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### February 7: Gun Control: Why Is It So Hard?

The United States is unique among industrialized nations for its high rates of gun-related injuries and deaths. And the problem has only increased since the start of the Covid pandemic. Meanwhile, meaningful gun control legislation remains elusive. Join John Roman as he offers his ideas on past obstacles and future avenues to a solution to the problem that continues to tear at the fiber of our society.

Roman is a senior fellow in the Economics, Justice and Society Group at NORC at the University of Chicago. His research focuses on the economics of crime in juvenile and adult justice systems.

### February 14: The Languages We Speak and What Happened to Them

Languages are often connected with each other, but how exactly? How can we say with a clear conscience that English and Latin and Russian are all part of one linguistic family? What happened to them? Did they choose to be different? Can we still recognize words in one language as the cousins of words in another language? Join Ari Hoptman as he answers questions like these, and explores how linguists view the world.

Hoptman is a senior lecturer in German at the University of Minnesota.

## Ramsey County Historical Society Presents: History Revealed

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Vision of Freedom in American Memory

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

The study of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy offers important lessons about radical democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our observation of Martin Luther King Day and this presentation give us the opportunity to have a rich conversation between the past and the present and to get to know a new member of the Twin Cities historians' community, Dr. Walter Greason.

Greason is Professor and Chairperson of the history department at Macalester College and has recently been named the DeWitt Wallace Endowed Chair in History.

### Call Him Jack with Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Before any of the historic milestones of the mid-century Civil Rights Movement, there was Jackie Robinson, the baseball great who integrated the major leagues in 1947. Join Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long, co-authors of the new biography "Call Him Jack: The Story of Jackie Robinson, Black Freedom Fighter," for a fresh perspective on Robinson's life and work.

Williams is Distinguished University Chair and Professor of History, as well as Founding Director of the Racial Justice Initiative at the University of St. Thomas.

Long has written several books on civil rights, religion and politics. He also served as an expert historian for Ken Burns' documentary on Jackie Robinson.



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## **White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:**

### **White Bear's Hockey Heritage**

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

White Bear has produced hockey greats throughout the decades. Names such as Moose Goheen and Doc Romnes kicked it off more than a century ago. Join us to hear how they got their start in White Bear and other local hockey trivia including the origins of the Hippodrome and the start of the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament.

### **The Plantation Night Club: White Bear's Gangster Headquarters**

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

Join us to hear how the Plantation Night Club, on the shores of White Bear Lake, evolved from a boat works to one of the Twin Cities most popular night clubs that catered to the underworld of the Midwest.

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

### **Great Decisions Series**

Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Zoom Webinar

February 17: Economic Warfare with  
Todd Lefko

February 24: China and the U.S.

Join us as we conclude this year's Great Decisions series, sponsored in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Center of the University of Minnesota, Global Minnesota and the Foreign Policy Association. Study the issues and join the discussions led by expert speakers. Ten copies of the Briefing Book for this series are available for checkout through the generosity of Global Minnesota.

### **Two from Ed Lotterman**

Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.

Economist Ed Lotterman is best known for his common-sense rumination on current American economic conditions, but his interests extend far beyond "the dismal science." A true Renaissance Man, he invites you to join him as he explores some fascinating—but lesser-known—areas of the American past. Lotterman writes the "Real World Economics" column for the Pioneer Press, taught economics at the college level and enjoys explaining "the dismal science" to non-economists.

**February 21: A Century of Carnal  
Covetousness, U.S.-Cuba Relations  
from 1789-1903**

The history of U.S. policy toward Cuba is full of intriguing questions. Which U.S. Vice President took his oath of office in Cuba and why? Why did John Quincy Adams deem Cuba "ripe fruit" that must inevitably fall into the hands of the United States. Join Lotterman for an engaging look at the history of our relationship with Cuba in the early years of the Republic. *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

**February 28: Blame it on Mexico City!  
How Minnesota's Lucky Lindy Was  
Smitten by His Smithie**

Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow were the celebrity couple of 1929. Yet they came from vastly different worlds. His father was the Swedish-born son of a fugitive embezzler, a fiery prairie-populist progressive who was the scourge of Wall Street. She was a Smith graduate and the daughter of a senior partner at J.P. Morgan.

The couple led a roller-coaster life of early fame and distinction, notoriety and tragedy. Their romance began when they were seated next to each other at a banquet table in Mexico City, but their relationship also reveals much about U.S. industry and foreign relations a century ago. Join us to learn more about their life and romance. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## **Community & Well-being Events**

### **Knitting for Good**

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

Do you love to knit, or crochet, or quilt or sew? Join us for this unique opportunity to gather with your crafty neighbors as we knit for good. Drop in anytime and bring your projects to work on. All skill levels are welcome.

### **Envision Roseville Community Visioning Session**

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Join the city of Roseville for a community visioning session. We will provide dessert, hot chocolate and coffee for you to enjoy while we chat about Roseville's future.

The Envision Roseville Project is looking to hear from residents, students, employees and visitors to understand what they love about the city of Roseville and what they would like to change or improve. To learn more about the project, visit [bit.ly/EnvisionRoseville](http://bit.ly/EnvisionRoseville).

### **Meet the Twin Cities Frugal Mom at the Library**

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

January 14: Ways to Save Money (and  
Make Extra Money) That You May Not  
Know About  
RCL-Roseville

February 18: How to Spend Money Now  
to Save Money Later  
RCL-Shoreview



Join local blogger, Lisa Baker, otherwise known as the Twin Cities Frugal Mom, for two sessions on how to make your money stretch

while still having fun with your family here in the Twin Cities. Learn more at [twincitiesfrugalmom.com](http://twincitiesfrugalmom.com). *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

# Community & Well-being

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## **Been There, Done That Travel**

Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

January 15: Caribbean Islands

February 19: Central America

It's a big world and there's so much to see! Maybe you're from another country, have traveled to other places or are simply interested in other people's experiences. Join us to share tips and ideas on what to see and do in various parts of the world. Over the course of the next year, on the third Sunday of each month, we'll bring a map of a different part of the world and the rest is up to you! *Hosted by Do Good Roseville.*

## **Conversations with Constituents: Addressing Local Issues with Elected Leaders**

Thursday, January 19, 6:30-8 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

The public is invited to participate virtually with local elected leaders to learn about current issues and concerns in our communities. The mayors of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood and Roseville, as well as Ramsey County Commissioners representing our 5-city area, will be available to answer your questions. *Co-hosted by the League of Women Voters Roseville Area.*

## **Dealing with Grief and Other Emotional Challenges Through Meditation**

Wednesday, February 15, 7-8 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Many people are turning to meditation to help cope with the intense and overwhelming emotions that we face in the world today. Meditation can be a tool to help anyone deal with the stresses of life. Join Jim Rose, M. Ed., a long time meditator and learn a simple meditation technique that can be life changing. There will be a chance to practice this meditation technique during the workshop.



## **Jigsaw Puzzle Contest**

Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Roseville

Come see how fast you can put together a surprise 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Space is limited. Register your team (of up to 4 people) on the Library's online calendar.

## **Restorative Justice: What is it? How does it work?**

Tuesday, February 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Can a restorative justice approach break the cycle of repeat offenders in the justice system? Join our panelists to discuss followed by a Q&A with John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney who will define the concept and discuss restorative practices in Ramsey County; Roslyn Harmon, Executive Director of the Dispute Resolution Center, who will address their work with juveniles; and Tina Sigel, Program Manager with Restorative Justice Community Action, who will discuss their work with adults and juveniles in Minneapolis and Hennepin County. *Co-sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters Roseville Area and St. Paul.*

## **Environmental & Sustainability**

### **Seed Talk: How to Care for Indoor Plants**

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Do you feel like you have a 'brown thumb' when it comes to growing indoor plants? Or maybe you just want to grow something that blooms inside during our long winter to remind you of warmer times.

Join us to learn how to successfully grow both blooming and foliage house plants. Discussions led by Horticulturist, lifelong gardener and one of the White Bear Lake Seed Library founders, Pam Larson Frink.

### **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.

### **January 19: Home Composting**

Learn the science behind and the benefits of home composting, including information on different composting methods, recommended compostable materials and common uses of compost around the yard and garden.

### **February 16: All About Seeds**

Seeds are the foundation of a garden. In this class, you will learn about choosing seeds, growing seeds and saving seeds.

### **Ramsey County Fix-it Clinic**

Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

At Fix-It Clinics, residents may 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

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.*



## Job Fair

Wednesday, January 25, 3-6 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Meet employers, find a new career, get hired! Hospitality, Service, Healthcare, Manufacturing, IT and Government employers are eager to meet candidates with a variety of work experience and backgrounds. Bring your resumé and your best first impression and get hired at the job fair. All are welcome. *Presented in partnership with Ramsey County Workforce Solutions.*

## Small Business Workshops

### Business Development Essentials

Wednesday, January 4, Noon-1:30 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.

### 30-Day Social Media Machine

Wednesday, February 1, Noon-1:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

The 30-Day Social Media Machine will teach small business owners how to use their social media content to build an engaged audience and convert them into paying customers. This workshop is ideal for service-based businesses who find the process of creating social media content too time consuming and are frustrated with the current results.

### Turn your Google Business Profile Into a Sales-Driving Channel

Thursday, February 16, 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

In this workshop, you will learn practical tips that will help turn people, who find you on Google Search and Maps, into new customers with a free business profile for your storefront or service area. This workshop is for entrepreneurs who are currently operating or planning to open soon as a brick and mortar or service-area business (not intended for ecommerce-only businesses). *Presented by SCORE Twin Cities.*



## The Loft Literary Center Proposals that Engage

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

Potential stakeholders need to connect with ideas. The strongest proposals don't just relate the compelling facts, they weave them together into a powerful story to make an idea, need, or purpose into something visceral. But how do you actually do that? In this seminar, we'll look at the principles of storytelling and proposal structure and make sure that your next one makes your best ideas come to life. *Presented by The Loft. Funded by MELSA.*

## Writing Better Presentations

Saturday, February 25, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville

Great presentations require many of the principles behind great writing. It's not just about getting the idea across, it's about finding the most compelling way to do it. This seminar is for anyone who struggles with their presentations—getting complicated ideas across, finding the balance between information and interactivity and engaging an audience. *Presented by The Loft. Funded by MELSA.*



# Technology Courses

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## Virtual Programs



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

**Monday, January 30, 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.

### **Cyber Safe Travel \*NEW\***

**Wednesday, February 1, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
Zoom Webinar

As you embark upon your next adventure, whether domestically or internationally, it is always important to practice safe online behavior. This presentation will include steps you can take before, during, and after you travel to ensure a cyber safe trip.

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

**Wednesday, February 15, 6-7:30 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 Ramsey County Library Friends.*

### **Discovering Podcasts \*NEW\***

**Monday, February 27, 1-2 p.m.**  
Zoom Webinar

Learn about what podcasts are and where to find them. Get acquainted with podcast genres and discover what podcasts might be of interest to you.

## 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, 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.



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## **Maker Adult**

**Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**RCL-Roseville**

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.

Maker equipment is available through a combination of reservations and first-come, first-served.

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**

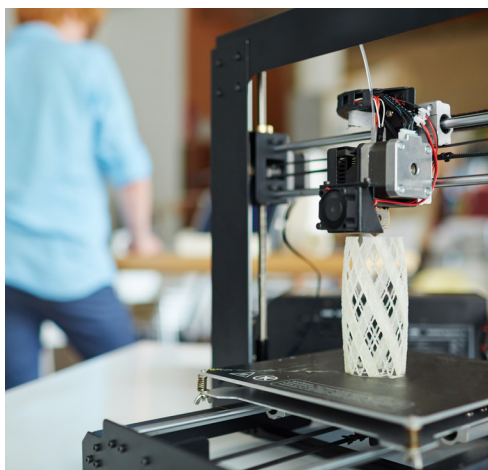
**Thursday, January 12, 6-7:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**  
**RCL-Roseville**

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 is required. Space is limited to 10 participants.

## **Assess Your Basic Computer Skills**

**Monday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**  
**RCL-Roseville**

Are you unsure about your computer skills? Northstar Assessments are an easy way to identify what you know and pinpoint what you need to learn. Join us to learn more about your computer skills.



## **Introduction to Chromebooks**

**Wednesday, January 25, 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**

**Friday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**  
**RCL-Roseville**

**Wednesday, February 15, 1:30-3 p.m.**  
**RCL-White Bear Lake**

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, January 26, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**  
**RCL-Roseville**

**Thursday, February 16, 1:30-3 p.m.**  
**RCL-White Bear Lake**

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-Roseville**

**February 6: Part 1**  
**February 7: Part 2**

In part one, learn how to enter and edit text, apply formatting and save files. In part two, learn more about page layout. This 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**

**February 8: Part 1**  
**February 9: 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.*

## **Computer Basics**

**Monday, February 13, 1:30-3 p.m.**  
**RCL-White Bear Lake**

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

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

**Thursday, February 23, 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 is required. Space is limited to 10 participants.



# Teen Events

Teen events and virtual programs are for grades 6-12. Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. Check [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org) for the most up-to-date event and virtual program information. Teen events and virtual programs are funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends, unless otherwise noted. Contact a Teen Services Librarian: [rclteenservices@ramseycounty.us](mailto:rclteenservices@ramseycounty.us).

## Virtual Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon

Zoom Meeting

No D&D January 1.

Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

## AniMondays

Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

No AniMondays January 2, 16;

February 20.

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

## Gaming Thursdays for Teens

Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Join us for a virtual hangout and play a variety of fun board games and video games!

## MakerTeen

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview

MakerTeen is all about being creative, making new things, 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?

## Atomic Cosmic Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

January 4; February 1

RCL-Shoreview

Come talk about your favorite comics and learn about different styles of comics. We'll focus on a different theme each month, such as silent comics, superheroes, Manga, and more.



## Teen GSA

Sundays, 1-3 p.m.

January 8; February 5

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.

## Cosmic Gaming Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

January 11; February 8

RCL-Shoreview

Join us to play video games on systems like the Nintendo Switch and Xbox One, eat snacks and hang out.

## Dungeons & Dragons Figurine

Sunday, January 22, 1-2 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 1-4 p.m.

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Please join us for a two-part event of designing and learning to paint your own D&D miniature. Customize a character of your own design using the program HeroForge. We will 3D Print it for you and then the following week, you will learn how to paint it to make your character come to life.

Designing your character on Sunday, January 22, will be virtual and registration is required on the Library's online calendar.

## 2023: Space Odyssey Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

January 25; February 22

RCL-Shoreview

Join us to talk about all things space related, from the history of astronomy to extraterrestrial life. Activities will range from watching videos, creating crafts, reading related books and graphic novels, and more.



## 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.

# Kids Storytime

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).

## 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.*

*Storytimes resume January 9 for all locations.*

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

**RCL-Shoreview**

*No storytimes January 16; February 20.*

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

**RCL-Roseville**

*No storytimes January 16; February 20.*

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

**RCL-Roseville**

**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**

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

**RCL-New Brighton**

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

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

## 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.*

*Storytimes resume January 9 for all locations.*

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

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

*No storytimes January 16; February 20.*

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

**RCL-Roseville**

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

**RCL-Shoreview**

## Special Storytimes

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

### Petite Concerts

**Wednesday, January 18, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Mounds View**

**Wednesday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-North St. Paul**

**Friday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Roseville**

**Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-New Brighton**

**Monday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Shoreview**

**Friday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

*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.*



### Storytime featuring COMPAS Teaching Artist Beverly Cottman

**Friday, January 20, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

**Monday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Shoreview**

*Appropriate for ages 2 and older.*

Join us for a special storytime featuring COMPAS Teaching Artist Beverly Cottman. Auntie Beverly will share stories of the African Diaspora as well as cultural tales from around the world. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*



## Paws to Read

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.

*Appropriate for ages 5-8.*

### Read to Duke or Trevor

**Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.**

**January 7, 14, 21, 28**

**February 4, 11, 18, 25**

**RCL-Roseville**

### Read to Arthur or Holly

**Mondays, 6-7 p.m.**

**January 9, 23, 30**

**February 6, 13, 27**

**RCL-Shoreview**

### Read to Magen

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

**January 14**

**February 11**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**



## MakerKids

### MakerKids Take-and-Make Kits

January 4: Penguin Lacing  
February 1: 3D Hot Air Balloon  
RCL- Mounds View

January 14: Monster Puppets  
RCL-New Brighton  
RCL-North St. Paul

February 11: Squishy Feelings  
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

January 4: Mitten Lacing  
February 1: Melted Snowperson collage  
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

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*  
*No MakerKids January 4.*

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.



### Kindergarten Party with V.T. Bidania

Saturday, January 28  
10 a.m., Noon, 1:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Ramsey County Library is hosting its annual Kindergarten Card Party! All kindergartners in suburban Ramsey County will receive an invitation to this event through their school, but everyone is welcome to attend. Local Minnesota author, V.T. Bidania, will be giving three presentations to young readers about how she creates her stories and pictures; and how important the library and having a library card will be in their school careers. She will also be available for autographs. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### Homework Help

Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for all ages.*  
*No Homework Help January 2, 16; February 20.*

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.

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

### Warrior Cats Adventure Club

Saturdays, 1-2 p.m.  
January 7-February 11  
RCL-Mounds View  
*Appropriate for ages 9 and older.*

Have you read the Warrior Cat books by Erin Hunter? Do you want to continue the adventure through a role playing game and create your own cat character? If you are a fan of the Warrior Cat books, join us for an hour of fun adventure gaming.

### Toddler Obstacle Course

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.  
January 11, 18; February 1, 8  
RCL-Roseville  
*Appropriate for ages 1-5 with caregiver.*

Come join us for open, active play in our community program room!

### Meet the Twin Cities Frugal Mom at the Library

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.  
January 28: Ways to Save Money (and Make Extra Money) That You May Not Know About  
RCL-Roseville

February 18: How to Spend Money Now to Save Money Later  
RCL-Shoreview

Join local blogger, Lisa Baker, otherwise known as the Twin Cities Frugal Mom, for two sessions on how to make your money stretch while still having fun with your family here in the Twin Cities. Learn more at [twincitiesfrugalmom.com](http://twincitiesfrugalmom.com). *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*



## **Raptors of Minnesota**

Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for all ages.*

Learn about Minnesota raptors in this special program presented by the University of Minnesota's Raptor Center. *This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*



## **Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes**

### **Cartoon Character Creation**

Thursday, January 26, 2-3 p.m.

RCL-Mounds View

Saturday, February 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

RCL-Shoreview

### **Elementary Drawing**

Friday, January 27, 2-3 p.m.

RCL-New Brighton

*Appropriate for ages 7 and older.*

These fun drawing classes will help children learn to break complex objects into foundational shapes, allowing them to have fun while building artistic skills. Register on the Library's online calendar.

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



## **Kick Sleds with Parks and Recreation**

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

Wednesday, January 18, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-Roseville

Friday, January 27, 2-3:30 p.m.

RCL-Mounds View

Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-North St. Paul

*Appropriate for all ages.*

Have you ever wanted to try these fun winter activities but didn't know where to start? Now is your chance at this fun event hosted at the library by Ramsey County Parks & Recreation. Stop in any time during the program and take the equipment out for a test drive!

## **Family Chess**

Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.

January 14; February 25

RCL-Shoreview

Saturday, February 11, 1-3 p.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Make a move and come play chess at the library! Kids and caregivers are invited to going against each other and new opponents. 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.*

## **Outdoor Winter Play**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

January 25; February 15, 22

RCL-Roseville

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Let's bundle up and play outside! Children's sized snowshoes and snow play toys available in our reading garden for exploring in the season of white! Scavenger hunts, storywalks and snow painting among the activities provided. Outdoor Winter Play is weather dependent on storms and windchills.

## **Textile Workshop**

### **Crocheted Creations**

Thursday, January 26, 3 p.m.

RCL-New Brighton

*Appropriate for ages 7-12.*

Learn how to crochet, starting with the basic stitches! Then, follow a pattern or go freeform to design your own accessories, like a scarf or decorative wall hanging and try out different yarns as you go! Register on the Library's online calendar.

### **Kumihimo Bracelets**

Friday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Roseville

*Appropriate for ages 7-12.*

Kumihimo is a Japanese art form of braiding that was used to lace up protective armor. Now Kumihimo is used as an art form used to decorate just about anything. Register on the Library's online calendar.

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

## Minnesota Association of Library Friends Awards



The Ramsey County Library Friends and our fabulous longtime volunteer Dianne Dirkswager were honored during the Minnesota Association of Library Friends' Saturday Splash in September.

Dianne was recognized with the Stand Up award for the Standout Friends Award for her decades of volunteerism with Ramsey County Library Friends. A Friends Member since 1990, Dianne has served on our Board, Capital Campaigns, Program Committee, and created the pilot program that became today's Ramsey County Library's Kindergarten Library Card Sign up program. Congratulations, Dianne!

In addition, our organization was presented the second place Evy Nordley Award for our 2022 Love Your Library campaign. MALF has since cited our campaign as the inspiration for their new I Love My Librarian Award.

## Ruth Palmer Award Winner



Friends Executive Director Mary Worley, right, presents Nancy Guerino, left, with the award at the fall author talk.

worked with Nancy describe her as the "glue and grease" of the Friends organization. Her commitment, enthusiasm, wisdom, and sense of humor have enabled the organization to grow into a dynamic fundraiser and advocate for Ramsey County Library.

Congratulations to our 2022 Ruth Palmer Award winner Nancy Guerino!

Ruth was the first librarian at Ramsey County Library before she even had a real library to work with - just a book mobile. She was at the helm when more locations were added—one by one—over her 30 years of service. This award honors those like her who have had a lasting, transformative effect on the Friends and the Library.

Nancy Guerino has been a Friends Board member for 15 years in various roles including 6 years as President. One Legacy Circle member commented, "If you want to get something done, ask a busy person to get involved." People who have



## Books & Brews Author Talk

Thank you to all who came to and supported our October 2022 Books & Brews Author Talk! International bestselling thriller writer Brian Freeman signed books before and after giving a lively and entertaining presentation to 76 attendees.

Event sponsor Fair State Brewing Cooperative served donated craft beer at the event as well as wine and alcohol-free beverages. Participants also enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and a book basket raffle during a social hour.

A special thank you to event sponsors:



## Save the Dates for Our April Used Book Sale

April 13-16  
RCL-Roseville

Mark your calendars. We will be hosting a huge used book sale at the library in Roseville. Sunday, April 16 will be our ever popular \$5 Bag Sale. All the books you can fit into a bag for \$5. We look forward to seeing you!



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 3001 White Bear Avenue N., Suite 1022A  
 M-F 10-4:30  
 Limited Library services available. Friends'  
 Used Book Store not open during renovation.

**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  
 Friends' Used Book Store

**Shoreview (SV)** 651-724-6006  
 4560 N Victoria Street  
 M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-5; Su Noon -5  
 Friends' Used Book Store

**White Bear Lake (WB)** 651-724-6007  
 2150 2nd Street  
 M 10-8; T & W 1-8; Th-Sa 10-5; Su Closed

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Is the quality of your library important to you? If so,  
 use the form below to join the Ramsey County Library

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