Library of Things Grand Opening
Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

Libraries worldwide are adding what we call a Library of Things to our typical collections of books, magazines, audio and visual materials. Over the years, Ramsey County Library has added unusual items as well: from framed prints and sculptures in the 1970s, to energy meters, bike locks and snowshoes more recently. The collections are intended to give you a chance to try something new without investing in it first and to save you money and storage space for items you may not use very often. The goal is also to save natural resources by not buying more things than we need and borrowing them instead.

Based on a survey conducted by Ramsey County Library, we have been collecting items that can be easily stored and transported between branches for requests. We are emphasizing kitchen items, tools, games and crafts. We will have individual items like paper shredders and bundt pans and kits on themes, like knitting, crocheting or Do-It-Yourself home projects. We also will have outdoor games as well as board games.

Our collections will start at the Maplewood, Mounds View and White Bear Lake locations. Maplewood’s items will be temporarily located at the White Bear Lake branch during the library renovation. On April 22, join us at the library in White Bear Lake to kick off Ramsey County Library of Things. Come and see what we currently have for you to borrow.

Club Book with Alka Joshi
Monday, April 24, 7-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join us to meet author Alka Joshi, best known to many for “The Henna Artist,” the first entry in her wildly popular The Jaipur Trilogy. Reese Witherspoon featured it as part of her popular Hello Sunshine Book Club in 2022. Joshi’s new book, “The Perfumist of Paris,” is the much-anticipated final entry in the trilogy and hits shelves on March 28.

Construction underway at the library in Maplewood

In December, staff finished moving and clearing out the Maplewood library collection and the new year started with demolition inside of the building. Shelving was taken down and shortly after, the carpet, walls and ceiling were cleared out for construction. The new spaces will help resolve current issues affecting use, comfort and service for the Library such as acoustics, sightlines, collection area locations, location of lobby, security gates, and broader use of the main lobby.

During construction, limited Library services will remain at the Service Center-Maplewood located in the Maplewood Mall. Patrons can pick up holds, read newspapers and return library materials.

For the most up-to-date information about the project, visit rclreads.org/Maplewood-Renovation or subscribe to the Library’s newsletter at bit.ly/RCL_e-newsletters.
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.
March 13: Gerber Daisy in Watercolor
RCL-Roseville
April 3: Grapes and Blossoms in Acrylic
RCL-White Bear Lake

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.

Arts Roseville Featured Artists

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville
March 11: Duane Tougas
Duane Tougas is a local 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.

April 15: Matt Sieberg
Matt Sieberg is a local pianist. He shares his music with schools, churches, hospitals and friends. He looks forward to continuing his education and to a career of teaching and concertizing. This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Book Clubs

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

Roseville History Book Club
Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting
March 15: Five Smooth Stones by Ann Fairbairn
April 19: South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation by Imani Perry

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.
RCL-White Bear Lake
March 15: American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
April 19: The Twilight World by Werner Herzog

North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.
March 21: Giants in the Earth by O.E. Rolvaag
April 18: Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Shoreview Mystery

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.
March 21: Behind Closed Doors by B.A. Paris
April 18: Rafferty’s Last Case by Larry Millett

White Bear Mystery

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.
March 1: Non-Professional Crime Solvers
April 5: Mysteries with Recipes

History Events

John Adams: A New Look at Our Second President
Wednesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
March 29: John Adams: His Early Life
April 5: Tom Paine Publishes his Famous Pamphlet and Adams Takes it Badly
April 12: Adams Fights for Liberty (and Quarrels with Jefferson)
April 26: Mr. Ambassador Adams and His Young Nation

Join J.B. Andersen as he continues his investigation of the presidency of John Adams, our second President and the first New Englander to hold the job. Adams was also resolute and independent-minded. He married Abigail Adams and together the couple established an American dynasty.

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**

**March 7: Finding Hope in a Divided Country: A Study of White Christian Nationalism and Political Polarization**

Join author and pastor Angela Denker as she explores the impact of Christian Nationalism and political polarization among American Christians in the era of COVID, George Floyd and the January 6 insurrection. She will also share about her work as a pastor in rural southwestern Minnesota and how she dealt with the influence of Christian Nationalism in her own family and community.

Denker is a Lutheran pastor and veteran journalist. She is the author of “Red State Christians: A Journey into White Christian Nationalism and the Wreckage it Leaves Behind.” This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

**March 14: America in the World**

When President Joe Biden took office in 2020, America’s allies and adversaries alike hoped for a new consistency in American foreign policy. But we live in a difficult, uncertain world. Events from the American withdrawal from Afghanistan to the Russian war on Ukraine—not to mention the recently declared Presidential candidacy of Donald Trump—have led to new layers of complication and ambiguity in our international relationships. Join diplomatic consultant Tom Hanson for a clear and insightful analysis of our nation’s foreign policy today.

Hanson is a former U.S. Foreign Service Officer who currently serves as Diplomat in Residence at the Alworth Institute for International Affairs at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

**March 21: Separation of Church and State: Vital in 1787, Vital Now**

American presidents from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson to John F. Kennedy believed the Wall of Separation between church and state must be absolute. This concept is enshrined in our Constitution’s First Amendment. Join Michael Goldman and Marcia Avner to look at the history of this foundational principle and why the “wall of separation” is more important to protecting Americans’ freedom than ever.

Goldman lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has managed many local political campaigns and has led the boards of several nonprofit organizations.

Avner teaches at Metropolitan State University in the Masters in Advocacy and Political Leadership program.

**March 28: Is There a Right to Offend?**

What happens when the right to free speech comes in conflict with the right to be protected from the hateful acts that such speech may incite? Do bigots have the same rights as their historic victims? Is there ever an argument for silencing hateful speech—as opposed to hate crime? What should we make of cancel culture or influential internet lies when they intersect with traditional ideas of freedom of speech? These are among the issues that Edward J. Cleary will address when he considers the long, repugnant history of hate speech in Minnesota—and how and why it deserves to be protected.

Cleary retired as Chief Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals in 2020. He is an expert on the First Amendment and author of “Beyond the Burning Cross: A Landmark Case of Race, Censorship, and the First Amendment.” This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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**Ramsey County Historical Society Presents: History Revealed**

**When Minneapolis Teachers Broke the Law**

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

The 1970 Minneapolis Teachers’ Strike had a profound effect on Minnesota labor relations and political history. Join William D. Green for a look back at a tumultuous chapter of Minnesota history.


**An Interrupted Childhood: Polish WWII Survivors in Minnesota**

Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Join Polish survivors of World War II as they share the stories of their experiences as refugees and immigrants to Minnesota. The program is presented in conjunction with photographic exhibition, “An Interrupted Childhood” at the Landmark Center from March 5 through April 30.

This program and exhibition is part of the Kalejdoskop Polski MN project created by the Minnesota Polish Medical Society (MPMS) and lead by Katarzyna Litak, the current MPMS President. For the project, Litak conducted oral interviews. Originally from Poland, she is a physician who studied at the University of Minnesota.
Great Decisions Series
Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.
Zoom Webinar
Great Decisions is a series cosponsored with the Osher Lifelong Learning Center of the University of Minnesota, Global Minnesota and the Foreign Policy Association. Ten copies of the Briefing Book are available for checkout through the generosity of Global Minnesota.

March 31: War Crimes
Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has resulted in widespread charges of war crimes and calls for justice. Join Christi Siver, Professor of Political Science at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University, as she explores the definition of war crimes, since opinions of what constitutes a war crime have evolved, as have ways to identify and punish the perpetrators.

April 7: Energy Geopolitics
Access to oil and gas has long held an influence over the politics of individual nations and their relations with others. But as more countries move toward sustainable energy and supply chain shortages affect the availability of oil and gas, how will this change the way in which the United States interacts with the outside world? Join Andrew Latham, Professor of International Relations and Political Theory at Macalester College, for his analysis of the situation.

April 21: Iran at a Crossroads
Iran has been in a state of turmoil due to widespread protests against government-enforced wearing of the hijab, a failing economy, an ineffective new president and the looming succession of the country’s leader, Ayatollah Khamenei. Abroad, renewal of the Iran nuclear deal seemed doubtful and tensions remain high. Join Afsheen John Radsan, Professor of Law at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, for an examination of a nation at the crossroads.

Black Artistry Explains American History
Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
No class on April 11.
Art can deepen our understanding of our shared narrative and anchor our knowledge of ourselves. Join distinguished historian James Stewart and African-American artists as they interpret American history through images of the Black experience. Stewart is Professor Emeritus at Macalester and a distinguished scholar of the Abolitionist Movement.

April 4: Black Women and the Legacies of Africa with Beverly Tipton Hammond
We explore the rich connections between African American and African culture as well as women’s empowerment through music, cuisine, architecture, fine arts, religion and the struggle for racial equality. Beverly Tipton Hammond is a painter and collage artist. Most recently, her “Hattitude Series” was featured at the Minnesota African American Heritage Museum & Gallery.

April 18: Four Centuries of Racism, Rage and Resistance with A. Drew Hammond
An examination of images that connect the 16th century origins of American white supremacy with African Americans’ 400-year history of struggle to resist and overcome it. A. Drew Hammond is a self-taught artist and he credits God with endowing him with the gift for art.

April 25: White Racism and Personal Identity with Kennedy Simpson
How have Black people struggled to create and interrogate images of self-identity in a historical context of white racism? Kennedy Simpson is a graphic designer from St. Paul. She takes inspiration through her experiences as a mixed-race person, using digital imageries to explore ideas of racial confusion and the impacts of microaggressions.

Register on the Library’s online calendar. This Tuesday with a Scholar mini-series is cosponsored by OLLI and funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

Miss Benson’s Nursery School
Monday, March 27, 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 is a Powwow?
Monday, April 24, 6-7 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
A powwow, or what the Dakota would call a Wacipi, is a traditional Native American celebratory and ceremonial gathering that involves music, dancing and socializing. Join us to learn more about the tradition, protocols and opportunities for experiencing a powwow today.

This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.
**Community Resource Advocates**
Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.
Service Center–Maplewood
3001 White Bear Avenue N., Suite 1022A

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.

Please note: Advocates have relocated to the Service Center at the Maplewood Mall during the library renovation. No appointment necessary. Call 651-724-6062 for more information. Co-sponsored by People Incorporated, Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood.

**Knitting for Good**
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
RCL–Shoreview
No meeting on March 30.

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.

**Meditation: Healing Time**
Thursday, March 9, 7-8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Dr. Manish Saggar an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University School of Medicine has been practicing meditation for many years. He will discuss how meditation can improve our physical and mental health. You will have a chance to practice this simple technique that can reduce stress, enhance relaxation and promote inner growth.

**Taking Action to Improve Mental Health Series**

**Mental Health Clubhouse Model: Filling a Gap in Ramsey County for People Living with Serious Mental Illness**
Tuesday, March 7, 6:30–8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

The mental health clubhouse model is an evidence-based program that promotes purpose, employment and social engagement among people living with serious mental illnesses. While it is found in many places around the world, there is not as yet a clubhouse in Ramsey County. Learn about this successful approach and efforts underway to start a local clubhouse.

**Clozapine Panel and Listening Session**
Wednesday, April 19, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Learn about an underused and highly effective medication for treatment-resistant psychotic disorders, including schizophrenia, schizoaffective and bipolar disorder. Patients, family members and mental health professionals will share their experiences and recommendations for improving clozapine access and use, leading to better outcomes.

*This series is presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Ramsey County.*

**Environmental & Sustainability**

**Seed Talk: How to Start Seeds**
Tuesday, March 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Many vegetable, flower and herb seeds need to be germinated in the late winter or early spring indoors. These seeds need a longer growing season than what we have in Minnesota. Learn which seeds need to be started early and when they need to be started. Equipment and supplies recommended to start seeds will be covered as well as the best way to transplant your seedlings when the weather starts getting warm.

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.

**Introduction to Vegetable Gardening**
Thursdays, 6:30–8 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

March 16: Where to grow a garden
March 23: Choosing plants
March 30: Caring for the garden

This series will teach the basics of growing your first vegetable garden. Learn where to plant your vegetables, which plants to choose, and how to care for your garden all season long. Presented by Ramsey County Master Gardeners.

**Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present: Advanced Vegetable Gardening**
Thursday, April 13, 6:30–8 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

This class is designed for gardeners who have previous experience growing vegetables. Learn some of the advanced techniques to take your vegetable garden to the next level by improving your growing conditions, extending the growing season and increasing your total harvest.
**Career Services**

**Ramsey County Fix-it Clinic**
Saturday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
RCL-New Brighton
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.

**Trees: Guardians of Health, Happiness, and Equity**
Tuesday, April 18, 6-8:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Beyond the shade and beauty we love, trees help mitigate climate change challenges, are a key to community well-being, and are an essential and required feature of every neighborhood. Join us for a discussion on our urban treescape with Peter McDonagh, horticulturist, arborist, and renowned urban tree specialist, and Ben Shardlow, a “Tree Activist,” with the 100 Trees Project. McDonagh will discuss the many societal benefits of trees while Shardlow will share his experiences expanding and sustaining our tree canopy in all areas of our urban landscape. Armed with facts and practical advice, we can all become advocates for our friends, the trees.

**Small Business Workshops**

**Grow Your Business with SEO**
Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
Discover how to get found and successfully attract customers online with SEO. Learn how Google, Yahoo, and Bing are analyzing your website. Plus tips and tools you can use to enhance your online presence.

**3 Steps to Get More Customers for Your Small Business**
Wednesday, April 5, Noon-1:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Growing your small business with a limited marketing budget does not have to be hard. This workshop will explore three guiding principles to get more customers for your small business. You will leave this workshop with a focused action plan to implement.

**Using AI to Create an Irresistible Lead Generator**
Thursday, April 20, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
Looking to have a steady flow of leads for your business but unsure of where to begin? This workshop will provide simple strategies to start growing your leads immediately and utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help you. Each attendee will receive information on the best AI software that can help you build your lead generation.

**Presented by Ramsey County Workforce Solutions & MN Job Partners.**

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

- **Job & Career Accelerator**
  Gain access to career exploration tools, a resume and cover letter builder, job search, and other materials related to career and job readiness. This resource is part of the Learning Express Library.

- **JobNow**
  A real-time online job coaching resource for your resume and job interviewing skills.

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**Technology Courses: Virtual Programs**

**Jobs & Small Business**

**Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings**
Monday, March 13, 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Learn the basic features of using Zoom Meetings. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

**How to Maintain Hardware (Computers, Tablets, Smartphones)**
Wednesday, March 15, 6-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Everyone wants a fast and smooth computing experience, whether using a smartphone or the latest Windows 10 or MacBook Pro. This session covers easy-to-perform steps you can take to ensure your devices stay in optimal shape. We’ll discuss tools and techniques for optimizing your devices, backing up your data, how to stay ready to fend off crashes, viruses, and other computing woes, with a special focus on setting up new equipment. *This program is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

**Password Management**
Tuesday, April 4, 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. *This program is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

**Discovering Podcasts**
Thursday, April 6, 6-7 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.

**Searching for Jobs on the Internet**
Thursday, April 20, 1:30-3 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Finding a job has become more challenging in recent months, but Ramey County Library has many resources available to help in your job search. Our resources can help with creating and tailoring your resume, finding job listings, applying for jobs online, and more. This class will introduce you to the many tools available to make your job search easier and more effective.

**The Loft Literary Center**

**Great Communication Skills**
Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville
Hone your persuasive and descriptive writing skills using proven tips and tricks from the world of print advertising. Learn how to self edit and move from sentences that just sit on the page to those that inspire your reader.

**Blogging for Beginners**
Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville
Platforms like Wordpress.com and Blogger.com make it easy to start writing about your favorite topic, whether its 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. *This series is presented by The Loft and funded by MELSA.*

**Smartphone Security *NEW***
Wednesday, April 26, 6-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Do you worry about privacy and security on your mobile phone? This seminar discusses the things you need to know in order to make wise choices about security settings that are suitable for you, how to configure them and how to check that your settings are correct. *This program is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

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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
No One-on-One and Tech Help March 30.

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
No Drop-in Computer and Tech Help March 30.

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.

Getting Started with Libby
Friday, March 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville

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

Magazines, Newspapers and More *NEW*
Tuesday, March 21, 1-2:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

The library offers a vast and varied selection of online research and learning resources. Learn how to find magazines, newspapers and other popular materials from the Digital Library.

Introduction to Chromebooks
Wednesday, March 22, 1-2:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

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.

iPhone Basics: Navigating iOS
Thursday, March 23, 1-2:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Thursday, April 13, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

This beginner class will introduce you to the iOS interface, Siri (your virtual assistant), apps, widgets and notifications.

Android Phone Basics
Friday, March 24, 1-2:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Wednesday, April 12, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

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.

Assess Your Basic Computer Skills
Monday, April 10, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

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.

iPhone Tips & Tricks *NEW*
Friday, April 14, 1:30-3 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View

Learn to use Focus mode to manage your notifications, find a lost iPhone, navigate, and organize your photos, connect to wireless devices using Bluetooth and more.

Google Docs *NEW*
Tuesday & Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Part 1: April 18
Part 2: April 19

Learn how to access and use Google Docs. We will discuss the pros and cons of this free application, as well as learn to create, edit, format, and save a document. Participant must have a Google Account prior to taking the class.
Technology Courses: Maker Adult

**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. 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.

**March 2: 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.

**March 9: 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. Develop a creative “About” section and clear policies. Write listing descriptions for your items that encourage buyers to add to their cart.

**March 16: 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.

**March 23: 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.

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**Photo & Video Conversion**

**Wednesday, March 8, 6-7:30 p.m.**
**Thursday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**
RCL-Roseville

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

**Designing for the Cameo: Create a Window Cling**

**Tuesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**
RCL-Roseville

Use Silhouette Studio to design a window cling that you’ll cut out using the Library’s Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine. Registration required. Space is limited to 6 participants.

**3D Design Using Tinkercad: Make a 3D Printed Puzzle Cube**

**Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**
RCL-Roseville

Become familiar with Tinkercad.com while using it to design your own 3D printed puzzle cube. 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 6 participants.

**Designing for the Laser Engraver: Engrave a Pet Tag**

**Tuesday, April 25, 6-7:30 p.m.**
RCL-Roseville

Learn how to engrave anodized aluminum with the library’s laser engraver while making a tag for you or your pet. Registration required. Space is limited to 6 participants.
Teen Events

Teen events and virtual programs are for grades 6-12. Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. Check rclreads.org for the most up-to-date event and virtual program information. 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.

Virtual Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon
Zoom Meeting
No D&D April 9, 30.
Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

AniMondays
Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
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
No Virtual Gaming March 30.
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.
March 1; April 5
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
Mondays, 5-7 p.m.
March 6; April 3
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.
March 8; April 12
RCL-Shoreview
Join us to play video games on systems like the Nintendo Switch and Xbox One, eat snacks and hang out.

2023: Space Odyssey Wednesdays
Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.
March 22; April 26
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.
• Choose the challenge for your age group.
• Log your books.
• Earn badges and prizes.
**Dial-A-Story**
Dial-A-Story is a service with free, recorded stories read by your favorite Ramsey County librarians. Adults and children of all ages can listen by phone any time, day or night.
Call us at 651-461-6164. Happy listening!
*This program is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

**Family Storytime**
Stories, songs and fingerplays designed to enhance your child’s early literacy skills. 
*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

*No storytime March 30.*

**Mondays, 10:30 a.m.**
RCL-Shoreview
**Mondays, 6:30 p.m.**
RCL-Roseville
**Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**
RCL-Roseville
**Tuesdays, 6 p.m.**
RCL-Shoreview
**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.*

*No storytime March 30.*

**Mondays, 9:45 a.m.**
RCL-White Bear Lake
**Thursdays, 9:45 a.m.**
RCL-Roseville
**Thursdays, 9:45 a.m.**
RCL-Shoreview
**Fridays, 9:45 a.m.**
RCL-Mounds View

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

**Minnesota DNR Naturalist Storytime**
Wednesday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-North St. Paul
Friday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Tuesday, April 4, 6 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Mounds View

*Appropriate for ages 2-7.*

Join Sarah Anderson, a Naturalist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource, for a special nature focused storytime and experience some special artifacts from the natural world.

**Ukulele Storytime with Ms. Rose**
Thursday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-New Brighton
Monday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Friday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for ages 3-5 with their families.*

Sing along with Ms. Rose and her ukulele to explore interactive songs featuring puppets and movement. Engage with different musical styles, learn new songs and have fun with favorite tunes.

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

**Family Storytime featuring Miss Nina**
Friday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Join us for a special event featuring Miss Nina! Enjoy a live music performance sure to get you and your child moving and singing.

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

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**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.
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
RCL-Roseville

**Read to Arthur**
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
March 13, 27
April 3, 17
RCL-Shoreview

**Read to Holly**
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
March 6, 20
April 24
RCL-Shoreview

**Read to Magen**
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26
RCL-White Bear Lake
MakerKids

MakerKids Take-and-Make Kits
March 1: Curled Paper Spring Flowers
RCL-Mounds View
March 11: Creative Pastels Spring Bugs
RCL-Maplewood*
RCL-New Brighton
RCL-North St. Paul
RCL-Shoreview
RCL-White Bear Lake
Creative Pastels Spring Bugs kits are funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

*Kits can be picked up at the Service Center located at the Maplewood Mall, 3001 White Bear Avenue North, lower-level.

April 5: Pipe Cleaner Spring Flower Cards
RCL-Mounds View
April 8: Garden Butterflies
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, unless otherwise noted.

PreK Take-and-Make Kits
March 1: Popsicle Stick Crafts-Sharks!
April 5: Playdoh Bug Fossils
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 6-11.

Creative Pastels: Spring Robin’s Nest
Thursday, March 9, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View
Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
Thursday, March 16, 2 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 7-11.
Join Creative Pastels to create a spring robin’s nest! Have fun while learning the fundamentals of drawing and oil pastel techniques. This is an in-person class, step-by-step instructions will be given as you draw along with the instructor, Karen Tan.

Art supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants. Register on the Library’s online calendar. Families are limited to registering up to 3 children. This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

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

Early Reader Book Club
Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 5-8.
Get excited about reading by exploring great books and fun activities 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. Participants will receive a copy of the featured book to bring home. This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.

Rhythmically Speaking
Friday, March 10, 2-3 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 5-11.
This interactive performance welcomes kids to come learn about and move through how groove, interaction and improvisation inspire jazz music and dance! This event is led by local jazz dance company Rhythmically Speaking. This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.
**Suncatchers 3 Ways**
Tuesday, March 14, 2-3 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 6-11.

Celebrate sunny days by creating sun catchers you can hang in the windows of your home using colorful beads, shrink film or tissue paper. You can choose to make one, two, or try all three designs! Register on the Library’s online calendar.

**Brodini Comedy Magic Show!**
Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville
Appropriate for all ages.

Join us for a fast paced and family friendly show of humor, magic and optical illusions for all ages. Brodini brings his wide smile and amazing tricks to the library in this special spring break program. This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.

**LEGO Building**
Wednesday, March 15, 1-2:30 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 5-11.

Drop in anytime for LEGO. We’ve got the bricks, but need you to bring your imagination and building skills. You can challenge yourself to build to the theme of the day or create something totally original.

**Silly Millies: Create a Creature**
Wednesday, March 15, 2 p.m.
RCL-New Brighton

Thursday, March 16, 2 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Appropriate for ages 5 and older.

Come create your own animal or creature in this hands-on polymer clay class with Silly Millies! Registration required on the Library’s online calendar. This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

**Table Top Games for Everyone**
Thursday, March 16, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 5 and older.

Learn a new game and meet new people! Players of all ages can come and learn new card and board games – or have fun playing old favorites.

**Shrinky Dinks**
Friday, March 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
RCL-New Brighton
Appropriate for ages 7-12.

Drop by the library in New Brighton this Spring Break to witness the magic and fun of Shrinky Dinks.

**Taiko Arts Drumming**
Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
RCL-Roseville

Japanese drumming and its artists are a powerful and wonderful sight to behold. Join us for an all ages program showcasing the beauty and strength of Taiko drumming. Please note, this program will be very loud for those with auditory sensitivities. This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

**Book Hunt at Battle Creek Regional Park!**

Join Ramsey County Library and Parks & Recreation for a scavenger book 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! Appropriate for children ages 6 and older.

To get started:
- Download the Beanstack app.
- Visit Battle Creek Regional Park and look for book clues.
- Solve the clues to find the title of the book series.
- Be entered into a drawing to win an autographed book, while supplies last.
- Let us know your favorite Ramsey County Library location.

Sponsored by Ramsey County Library Friends and Parks & Recreation.
Family Chess
Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.
March 18: April 22
RCL-Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 5 and older.
Make a move and come play chess at the library! Kids and caregivers are invited to play 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.

Winter Sowing 101 for Kids
Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 7-12.
Learn how to start spring vegetables early in this hands-on class for kids with Michelle Bruhn of Forks in the Dirt! You will make a mini-greenhouse to bring home and place outside. When the temperature warms, you will transplant these veggies outside! Register on the Library’s online calendar. This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.

Perler Bead Fun
Sunday, March 19, 2-3:30 p.m.
RCL-North St. Paul
Friday, April 21, 1-3:30 p.m.
RCL-New Brighton
Appropriate for ages 5 and older.
Drop by the libraries in New Brighton or North St. Paul for an afternoon of Perler Bead fun.

Earth Day Art Buffet
Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-North St. Paul
Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville
Appropriate for ages 3 and older.
Spend the morning making anything you want with our Earth Day Art Buffet. We’ll put out the supplies and you can use your creativity to make something special. This event is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.

Growing Green Yoga
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
April 19, 26
RCL-New Brighton
Appropriate for ages 3-11 and their caregivers.
Join Growing Green Hearts for a hands-on activity, practicing breath and trying body movements to go with the green-theme story. Scan QR to register through the New Brighton community center or by calling 651-638-2130.
Program is in partnership with the Rice Creek Watershed District, Growing Green Hearts, and the New Brighton Community Center.

Paper Circuit Robots
Friday, April 21, 2 p.m.
RCL-Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 7-14.
Join us to make a paper robot with an LED light! Space is limited to 14 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Toddler Obstacle Course
Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-Noon
RCL-White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 1-5 with a caregiver.
Come join us for open, active play in our community program room!

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 and log in with your library card.

HelpNow
HelpNow provides one-to-one live homework help from online tutors. Tutors are available in English and Spanish every day, 1-11 p.m. HelpNow covers all major subject areas such as Math, Science, English/Language Arts, Social Studies and Reading Assistance.

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

Kanopy for Kids
Kanopy for Kids has a variety of films and shows for children of all ages. Explore shows like Sid the Science Kid, Reading Rainbow, Arthur, Sesame Street and more. In addition, watch books come to life such as “The Snowy Day,” “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” and “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.”
**Friends Used Book Sale**

April 13-16  
RCL-Roseville

Join us for our annual spring Friends Used Book Sale! There will be huge selection of books from many genres priced at $2 or less. Everyone’s favorite, the $5 Bag Sale, will be happening on Sunday. Fit as many books into a bag as you can for only $5.

Proceeds from this sale will support all seven Ramsey County Library locations: Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake.

All current Friends members will be receiving a $5 coupon to be used at the sale. Watch your mail in March for this offer and don’t forget to mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you!

**Sale Days & Times:**
- Thursday, April 13: 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 14: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 15: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 16: Noon- 4 p.m. ($5 Bag Sale)

**Volunteers Needed for Book Sale**

We also need a lot of volunteers for this sale to be a success. Volunteers can register to help via signupgenius at rclfriends.org/buy-books/booksales.

Each volunteer will receive a $5 “Thank You” coupon for helping with the sale. The coupon can be used at the sale or at any of the Friends Used Book Stores or Carts.

**Breakfast with Friends: William Kent Krueger**

Thursday April 27, 8 a.m.  
Midland Hills Country Club  
2001 Fulham Street, Roseville, 55113

Join us for a fundraising Breakfast with Friends, featuring New York Times Bestseller William Kent Krueger at the Midland Hills Country Club in Roseville. Doors will open at 8 a.m. followed by a one-hour program beginning at 8:30 am.

Event ticket prices are $50 for the general public and $40 for Friends members. Join the Friends and benefit from reduced ticket price for this event. Register at rclfriends.org.

Proceeds will be used to expand the Ramsey County Library lending collection at Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake. This is your opportunity to support your community and keep the Library collection fresh and exciting!
Maplewood (MP)  651-724-6003
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 10-8; W, F & Sat 10-5; T & Th 1-8; Su Noon-5

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 Noon-5

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Mail to: Ramsey County Library Friends
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Shoreview, MN 55126

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