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Ramsey County Library News & Events

New Learning Space Will Expand Access to Technology and Maker Programming



This May, Ramsey County Library will be updating the main floor of the library in Roseville to create a 5,800 square foot walled-in area for a new learning space dedicated to Digital Literacy and Maker programming. In alignment with the Library's strategic priority to build resources to create positive change, the new space will host programming to reflect the needs of the residents we serve.

In 2017, the Library launched a series of Maker programming for adults that has grown to include 3D printing, Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machines, a

sewing machine and various digitization equipment that can convert physical photos, slides as well as a variety of analog media into digital files. However, there is no designated space for library programs featuring technology. Technology equipment and furniture constantly needs to be moved around, set up and torn down to host programs like Maker Adult on Fridays and Saturdays. In the Facilities Master Plan, conducted in 2019, it was recommended that the Library create a dedicated flexible makerspace.

During the pandemic, the Library pivoted to virtual programming and currently, both in-person and virtual Digital Literacy and Maker are being offered to residents (see page 7 for all Technology and Maker programming). This expansion has created an increase demand on Library spaces needed to host both in-person and virtual classes. A dedicated learning space will improve the logistics of sharing meeting rooms without conflicting with the demands on other public meeting spaces. Additional benefits of the new learning spaces include allowing allow equipment to be kept set up and secured and provide more opportunities for patron access to library equipment during, and outside of, formal instruction.

The Library is excited for this new learning space as it will allow the library to work towards meeting the increasing demand for Digital Literacy related programming and reduce the strain on demands for public spaces needed for programming across the library.

Ramsey County Library 2023-2025 Strategic Priorities Announced

Ramsey County Library is excited to announce the 2023-2025 Strategic Priorities. In the next two years, we will focus on:

- Extending our welcome: We strive to grow welcoming spaces, to be more anti-racist, equitable, responsive and effective for all communities.
- Growing our partnerships and community presence: We will be deliberate in igniting our communities and forging partnerships to maximize positive impact.
- Building resources to create positive change: We will build our services, programs, spaces, technology, and collections to reflect the needs of the residents we serve, and to celebrate diverse cultures across our communities.

Learn more at rclreads.org/Planning.



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 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.*

Gallery 96 Exhibition

May 7-June 23

Opening Reception

Thursday, May 11, 6-8 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Gallery 96, the local arts organization for Shoreview and surrounding communities, will host an art exhibition at the library. Join us on May 11 for the opening reception. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



Karen Chan Art

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

May 8: Peonies and Vase in Tempera
RCL-Shoreview

June 12: Farmland Sunrise in Acrylics
RCL-Roseville

Join local artist Karen Chan for a series of painting workshops. Register on the Library's online calendar. Class size limited to 20 participants. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



Arts Roseville Featured Artist: Bola Koleosho

Saturday, May 13, 11 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

Bola Koleosho is a Nigerian-American actress with extensive experience in stage theater, including performances at the Guthrie Theater. Koleosho can currently be seen in a recurring role on "Dear White People" on Netflix. She also starred in Netflix's, "Trees of Peace," which won the Panavision Spirit Award for Independent Cinema and the ADL Stand Up Award at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. Join us to learn more about her journey and career as an actress.

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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

Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

May 17: American Midnight by Adam Hochschild

June 21: The Good Country by Jon Lauck

The History Book Club meets monthly with representatives from the East Side Freedom Library for discussions on a wide variety of topics from American history. Extra 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.*

Maplewood Eclectic

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake*

May 17: The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi

June 21: The Bear by Andrew Krivak

**The Eclectic Book Club will meet at the library in White Bear Lake during the Maplewood Renovation Project.*

North St. Paul

Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m.

May 16: Still Life by Louise Penny

No meeting in June.

Shoreview Mystery

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

May 16: The Last Place You Look by Kristen Lepionka

June 20: The Nightmare by Lars Kepler

Shoreview Take Pride

Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

May 4: The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

June 1: Share a Joyful Pride Read!
(Reader's Choice)

White Bear Lake Mystery

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

May 3: Foreign Settings

June 7: Humorous

Black Artistry Explains American History

Law and Racial Justice: Allies and Antagonists

Tuesday, May 2, 12:30-2 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Art can deepen our understanding of our shared narrative and anchor our knowledge of ourselves. Join distinguished historian James Stewart and Donald Walker, local African-American artist, as they explore the essential nature of our nation's tragic and enduring contradiction between the goal of equality before the law and the reality of subjugation and marginalization.

Stewart is Professor Emeritus at Macalester and a distinguished scholar of the Abolitionist Movement.

Walker pursued an award-winning career as the first African-American artist to work at the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

Register on the Library's online calendar. *This Tuesday with a Scholar event is cosponsored by the East Side Freedom Library, AHHA! (Artistry. Honesty. Healing. Action!) and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota (OLLI) and funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

John Adams: A New Look at Our Second President

Adams: The Presidency and the Post-Presidential Years

Wednesday, May 3, 12:30-2 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

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. Independent and contentious by nature, Adams was a lifelong abolitionist. Together he and his remarkable wife Abigail established an American dynasty.

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

Ramsey County Historical Society Presents: History Revealed

The following Ramsey County Historical Society programs are part of the series, "Making Minnesota: Natives, Settlers, Migrants and Immigrants," co-sponsored by the East Side Freedom Library.

Nature's Crossroads: The Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota

Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

The industrial and commercial development of the Twin Cities transformed the landscape, dispossessed the original Native inhabitants, and had consequences which reached far beyond the geographic borders of the Metro Area. Join Chris Wells and George Vrtis as they describe the environmental history of our region.

Wells is professor and chair of Environmental Studies at Macalester College.

Vrtis is an environmental historian and professor of history and environmental studies at Carleton College.

Together they edited the new collection of essays "Nature's Crossroads: The Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota."

WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

Minnesota Museums Month with the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society

Monday, May 22, 6-7 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

May is Minnesota Museums Month! To celebrate, let's look behind the scenes of the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society, our sites, our collections, and our story. We will highlight some of the most interesting items from our collection and share some of the stories that make us a unique local history organization.

A Century of Community: 100 Years of Building White Bear

Monday, June 26, 6-7 p.m.
RCL-White Bear Lake

The 1920s were a turning point in White Bear when residents invested in and built up the community we know today. Join us to hear about some of the organizations, buildings and enterprises that began their roots a century ago and are still going strong.

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

Tuesday with a Scholar Series

Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Join scholars from area colleges and elsewhere as they share their specialized knowledge and enthusiasm. *Presented in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.*

The following Tuesday with a Scholar programs are funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

May 16: Diverse Stories from Minnesota's Past

While white men dominate Minnesota history as war heroes, business moguls and political honchos, they tell less than half the state's stories. Longtime Minneapolis Star Tribune history columnist and author Curt Brown will share five diverse stories from the state's past.

Brown has published more than 400 columns, as well as several books, on the history of Minnesota.

June 6: A Minnesota Meteor: What Can It Tell Us?

Last year scientists from the Minnesota Geological Survey located a meteor crater over two miles wide, lying 350 feet below the surface of the suburb of Inver Grove Heights. Join Julia Steenberg, a member of the discovery team, to learn more about the finding and what it tells us about our distant past.

Steenberg is a researcher at the University of Minnesota and a member of the Minnesota Geological Survey.

June 20: A Look at the Minnesota Legislature 2023

For the first time in a decade, the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) took control of the governor's office and both houses of the Minnesota Legislature in 2023. How have they handled their lawmaking trifecta? Join Lori Sturdevant for an overview of the accomplishments and shortcomings of the just-concluded legislative session.

Sturdevant is a retired Star Tribune editorial writer, author and columnist who has written about Minnesota government and politics since 1975.

The following Tuesday with a Scholar programs are funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.

May 23: When a Nation Grows Old: The Implications of Global Demographics

The United States has traditionally thought of itself as a "young" nation, but according to global demographic trends, we now have an aging population, and the "age gap" between the United States and nations with predominantly youthful populations is growing. Join Alfred Marcus for a look at what this divide between "young" and "old" means for our economic and political future here in Minnesota and throughout the nation as a whole.

Marcus is the Edson Spencer Professor of Strategy and Technology Leadership at the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota. He is the author of "Managing Business Ethics: Making Ethical Decisions."

May 30: Culture Wars in the Classroom

Teaching has rarely been so stressful a profession as it is at the present moment. Passionate challenges to educational materials, texts and methods arise from both ends of the political spectrum and consensus in the classroom is no easier to achieve than it is in American society generally. Join Deborah Appleman for a look at our fractious learning environments—how did they get this way and what are their implications for our shared future as Americans?

Appleman is the Hollis L. Caswell Professor of Educational Studies at Carleton College. Her latest book is "Literature and the New Culture Wars: Triggers, Cancel Culture and the Teacher's Dilemma."

June 13: Model Minority or Hyphenated American? The East Asian Immigrant Experience

Taiwanese and other East Asian immigrants to the United States have experienced both unprecedented prosperity and a rising tide of sometimes violent prejudice. Join Dr. Raymond Kuo for a look at the historical background of East Asian immigration and its implications for current issues from affirmative action to foreign relations.

Kuo is political scientist and Director of the Taiwan Policy Initiative at the Rand Corporation.

June 27: A Look at the Supreme Court Term 2022-23

This month marks the end of another historic Supreme Court session as judicial conservatives and liberals face off on some of the most important issues of our time. Join Tim Johnson for insight and analysis of the Court's current decisions in areas ranging from affirmative action, legislative redistricting, and religious liberty, to LGBTQ+ rights and the legal liability of social media giants.

Johnson is the Morse Alumni Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Law at the University of Minnesota, and a nationally recognized expert on U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments and decision making.

Community & Well-being

Programming is subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit rclreads.org.

Community Resource Advocates

Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Service Center-Maplewood*

3001 White Bear Avenue N., Suite 1022A

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

RCL-Roseville

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.

Call Peoples Incorporated Central Access Contact Center at 651-774-0011 for more information or visit peopleincorporated.org.

*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.*



Meditation

What Can Meditation Do for You?

Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

How can we find inner peace within ourselves through meditation? Join Bruce Faithwick as he explores the aspect of going within rather than without. He will discuss the blocking out of stressful triggers, finding peace by living in the current moment and all this is possible by incorporating a simple time tested meditation technique. There will even be a short meditation sitting.

Total Healing: the Meditation Prescription

Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

What can meditation do for you? It can help you deal with the stress in your life and boost your immune system. Matthew Raider, M.D., a clinical physician and coordinating director of the Geriatric Teaching Program in Family Medicine at Middlesex Hospital in Connecticut, has been practicing meditation for over 35 years.

Join Raider for a presentation on the latest medical and scientific data regarding meditation and the prevention and treatment of many disease states. Learn more on how and why meditation helps you live in a way that gives expression to your spirit, the source of all healing, and how you can use meditation to access your own healing power.

Presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness

Anosognosia and Serious Mental Illnesses

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

"Anosognosia" refers to a disorder that affects millions. Do you know what the word means? Anosognosia means an "absence of knowing". It is believed to affect up to 90 percent of people with psychosis-related Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and prevents them from knowing they are sick. Learn how Anosognosia affects a person with SMI and can lead to: refusal to take medication; family discord/rupture; incarceration; illicit drug use; and homelessness. Content will be helpful to families, providers, mental health professionals, law enforcement, public officials and others who interact with individuals living with serious mental illnesses.

Childhood Trauma and Healing

Thursday, June 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

It is possible to move from surviving trauma to healing from trauma. However, it is not an easy transition. Our panelists will discuss childhood trauma, share stories of healing and provide helpful resources. There will be time for Q & A. This educational program is intended for adults including those recovering from childhood trauma and their family and friends as well as those who are working in or studying for careers in health care, mental health, education, research and policy.

Pride Celebration

Sunday, June 11, 1-4 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Join us for an all-ages event with many different LGBTQIA2S+ Pride activities throughout the day!



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.

Jobs & Small Business

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 or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.

Environment and Sustainability Events

Seed Talk: Happy Soil, Happy Plants

Tuesday, May 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Do you know how much the health of your soil determines the health of your plants? This Seed Talk is about what is healthy soil and how do you improve your garden soil. Also, why healthy soil that is full of microorganisms is the best for improving vegetable yields, flowering plants and can even improve the health of our earth.



Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present: Introduction to Vegetable Gardening

Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

May 11: Container Gardens

Gardens can be grown anywhere. Come and learn the basics of designing, selecting plants and pots, and caring for container gardens for season-long satisfaction, no matter where you grow.

June 8: Climate Resilient Gardens

The climate is changing and that will affect Minnesota gardens. Learn about what to expect and how to adapt to grow a more resilient landscape.

Presented by Ramsey County Master Gardeners.

Employer of the Day

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

Looking for a new job? Every Tuesday, a different employer will visit the library to talk about job opportunities in their organization. Bring your resumé and your best first impression to get hired. *Presented by Ramsey County Workforce Solutions.*

Career Services

Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.
Service Center-Maplewood*
3001 White Bear Avenue N., Suite 1022A

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
May 5; June 2
RCL-Roseville

Tuesdays, 1-5 p.m.
May 16; June 20
RCL-Shoreview

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.

*Please note: Career Services have relocated to the Service Center at the Maplewood Mall during the library renovation. *Presented by Ramsey County Workforce Solutions and MN Job Partners.*

Online Market Research

Tuesday, May 23, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Zoom Webinar

This workshop will introduce online research tools available at local libraries that can assist entrepreneurs with industry, demographic, and company research. *Presented by Ramsey County Library, Hennepin County Library, and SCORE Twin Cities. Funded by MELSA.*

Job Fair

Wednesday, May 31, 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.*

YOUTH WORKS!

Be a Youth Works! Partner

Youth Works! Employment and Support Orientation
Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-Noon
May 10; June 14
Zoom Webinar

Ramsey County Workforce Solutions is inviting organizations that support young people in the community to attend a virtual orientation about employment, training, programs and resources.

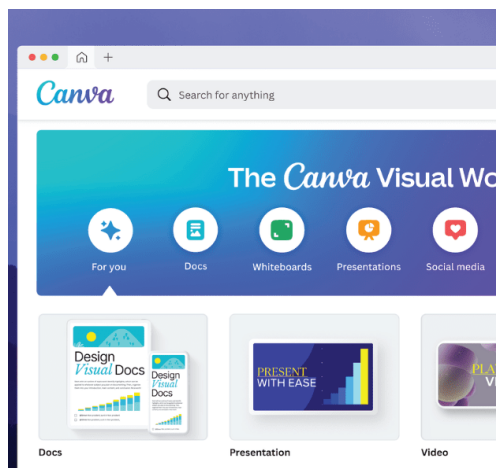
Register for free online at bit.ly/3JDXVXt.

Youth Works! is a county-wide youth employment partnership initiative to ensure support for young people (ages 14-24) in gaining access to employment, training resources and career pathways opportunities. Learn more at ramseycounty.us/YouthWorks.



Technology Courses: Virtual

Programming is subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit rclreads.org.



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

**Thursday, May 25, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville**

Are you tired of everything you do online being tracked? This session focuses on how to reduce your information footprint and avoid being tracked when online. We'll start by reviewing how to lock down your online accounts and recommend settings that will keep secure major social media accounts. After touching on how to spot and avoid phishing and smishing, we'll discuss which browsers and plugins to use and how to encrypt your texts, calls and email. Then we'll explain what a VPN is and why you should use one. Finally, we'll go over ways to surf without leaving any trace and ways to delete yourself from the internet.

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

Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings

**Monday, June 12, 6-7 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

Learn the basic features of using Zoom Meetings. There will be time for questions following the presentation.



Dealing with Identity Theft

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

Knowing what to do if your identity were stolen is important because an identity thief can hijack your tax refund, alter your medical records, prevent you from getting credit or a job, and even borrow money in your child's name. This seminar is designed to encourage people to make identity protection part of their regular routine and reduce their risk of identity theft. It covers what Identity Theft is, how to protect your identity and avoid Identity Theft, and clear action steps to take if it happens to you.

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

Small Business Workshops

Canva for Content Creation

**Wednesday, May 3, Noon-1:30 p.m.
RCL- Shoreview**

Whether marketing to new clients or engaging new ones, you need to say something that matters. Canva is a powerful tool for making your message professional and vibrant. This workshop will introduce you to how amazing this drag-and-drop design software can be.

Turn your Customers into your Sales Team

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

In this workshop, you will learn how to leverage the power of your existing customers to drive sales for your business. You will discover effective strategies for turning your customers into your salesforce, so that they are willing to pay premium prices, make repeat purchases and refer their friends and family to your business.

Start with Brand: Brand Positioning

**Thursday, June 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
RCL- Roseville**

Learn how to define your unique selling proposition, communicate with your audience, and make sure all your marketing efforts align with your true north. Tackle the behind-the-scenes work that determines your competitive edge.



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Technology Courses: In-Person

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Drop-in Computer and Tech Help

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

RCL-Shoreview

*No Drop-in Computer and Tech Help
May 29; June 19.*

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.

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



Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

Monday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-Roseville

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

Computer Basics

Wednesday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-Roseville

Monday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-New Brighton

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

Android Phone Basics

Thursday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-Roseville

Friday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-New Brighton

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

Friday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-Roseville

Tuesday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-New Brighton

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

iPhone Tips & Tricks

Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-Roseville

Thursday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-New Brighton

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.

Magazines, Newspapers and More

Friday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

RCL-Roseville

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.

Microsoft Word Basics

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

RCL-Shoreview

June 5: Part 1

June 6: Part 2

In part one, learn how to enter and edit text, apply formatting and save files. In part two, learn more about page layout. Class covers margins, page breaks, AutoCorrect, AutoFormat, page numbers, headers, footers, lists, tabs and tables. *This program is funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends.*

Technology Courses: Maker Adult

Programming is subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit rclreads.org.

Introduction to Chromebooks

Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-New Brighton

This basic computer class will introduce you to Chromebooks. Learn what a Chromebook is, the difference between types of Chromebooks, how it differs from a PC, and basic usage and settings.

Microsoft Excel Basics

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

June 7: Part 1

June 8: Part 2

In part one, work with spreadsheets and learn to create formulas. In part two, learn more about working with multiple worksheets, formulas, mouse pointers and charting basics. *This program is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*



Discovering Podcasts

Monday, June 26, 6-7 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

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.



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.

3D Design Using Tinkercad: Make a 3D Printed Impossible Box

Tuesday, May 2, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Become familiar with Tinkercad.com while using it to design your own impossible box. 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 six participants.

Photo & Video Conversion

Thursday, May 18, 6-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Roseville

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

Designing for the Cameo: Create a Gift Tag

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

Use Silhouette Studio to design gift tags that you'll cut out of cardstock using the Library's Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine. Registration required. Space is limited to six participants.

Designing for the Laser Engraver: Engrave a Coaster

Wednesday, June 21, 6-7:30 p.m.
RCL-Roseville

Learn how to engrave wood veneer with the library's laser engraver while making a set of coasters. Registration required. Space is limited to six 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. Contact a Teen Services Librarian: rclteenservices@ramseycounty.us.

Teen events and virtual programs are funded with money from Ramsey County Library Friends, unless otherwise noted.



Gaming Thursdays for Teens

Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

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

Atomic Cosmic Wednesdays

Wednesday, May 3, 4-6 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Cosmic Wednesdays celebrates all things science fiction. We will watch and discuss different sci-fi/fantasy media, play video and board games, and complete maker projects inspired by our favorite nerdy franchises.

Teen GSA

Monday, May 8, 5-7 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview

Please join us for a safe, welcoming place to hang out, have fun and talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.

Cosmic Gaming Wednesdays

Wednesday, May 10, 4-6 p.m.
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

Wednesday, May 24, 4-6 p.m.
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.

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon
Zoom Meeting

Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

AniMondays

Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
No AniMondays May 22, 29; June 19.

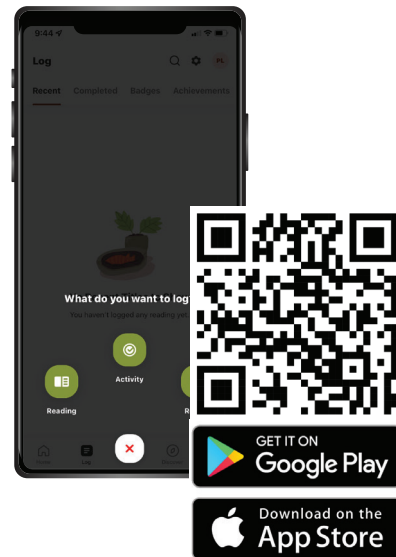
Please join us for a fun hang out space to watch and geek out about your favorite anime.

MakerTeen

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.
RCL-Roseville
No MakerTeen May 23, 30.

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.
RCL-Shoreview
No MakerTeen May 30.

MakerTeen is all about being creative, making new things, and using high-tech and low-tech tools to change your world. Join us for weekly hangouts where we will chat, make together, and share creations. What will you make?



Summer Break With Your Library!

June 1 - August 5

Join us for a summer of learning! Use your Beanstack account at rclreads.beanstack.org or scan the QR code to download the Beanstack Tracker app on your device and choose the "Teen Summer Break" program to participate.

Teens going into grades 6 - 12.

Teens can write reviews of the books they read and library programs they visit this summer using Beanstack. The more reviews you write, the more chances you get to win! There will be weekly drawings for prizes, and at the end of the summer, there will be a drawing for even bigger prizes!

Teen prizes include \$10 gift cards to Target, Barnes and Noble, iTunes and Google Play. Prizes will be mailed out to winners.

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by Ramsey County Library Friends and MELSA.

Kids Events

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 or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.

Family Storytime

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

Appropriate for ages 2-5.

No storytimes May 29-June 9 and June 19.

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

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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 storytimes May 29-June 9 and June 19.

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

Storytime at Barnes & Noble with Miss Patong

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

May 8, 15, 22

Barnes & Noble, Maplewood Mall

3001 White Bear Avenue N.

Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Join Maplewood librarian, Miss Patong, for a storytime in Barnes & Noble located at the Maplewood Mall.

Paws to Read

Appropriate for ages 5-8.

Work on your reading skills in a low-stress environment. Our licensed therapy dogs welcome all school-aged readers to participate in this special program. Contact the hosting library to register for your 20-minute time slot.

Read to Duke or Trevor

Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.

May 6, 13, 20

June 3, 10, 17, 24

RCL-Roseville

Read to Maslow

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

May 3, 10, 17, 24

RCL-White Bear Lake

Read to Magen

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

May 20

RCL-White Bear Lake

Special Storytime With Ramsey County Commissioner Nicole Frethem

Monday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.

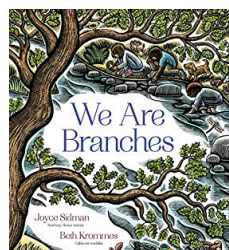
RCL-Shoreview

Special Guest Ramsey County Commissioner Nicole Frethem joins us to share a favorite story.

Children's Book Week with Joyce Sidman

Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m.

RCL-Shoreview



Celebrate Children's Book Week with award-winning Minnesota author, Joyce Sidman. She will share her new book, "We Are Branches," with

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

MakerKids



MakerKids Take-and-Make Kits

May 13: Guerilla Gardening Seed Balls

RCL-Mounds View

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

May 13: Springy Flowers

RCL-Mounds View

May 15: Discover Magnets

RCL-Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Drop by for a take-home kids activity appropriate for ages 2-5, while supplies last.

MakerKids

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

RCL-Roseville

No MakerKids May 31.

Sunday, May 14, 1:30-3 p.m.

RCL-North St. Paul

Appropriate for ages 6-11.

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



Homework Help

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

RCL-Roseville

Appropriate for all ages. Homework Help ends May 22.

Need help with your homework? Now through May 22, 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.

Star Wars Day

Wednesday, May 3, 6-7 p.m.

Saturday, May 6 10:30-11:30 a.m.

RCL-Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 5-12.

May the Force be with you as you create your favorite Star Wars character in shrink film and check out the selection of books in the Jedi library.

Nature Play

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

May 10, 17, s24

RCL-Roseville

Join us in the Children's Reading Garden for various activities, weather permitting.

Out on a Limb! Little Movers

Thursday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

RCL-Roseville

Introduce your little mover to creative movement. Join us as we explore jazz, ballet, and tap dancing! Out on a Limb Dance Theater Company and School offers classes for toddlers as young as 15 months through their Limb Extensions classes for Tiny Dancers. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Plant a Seed, Plant a Garden

Friday, May 26, 2 p.m.

RCL-Mounds View

Celebrate Spring in the library by planting seeds to take home and plant at the library. Watch them both grow throughout the summer.

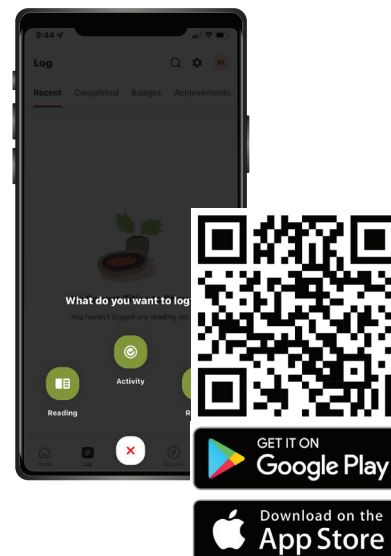
Early Reader Book Club

Saturday, May 13, 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.*



Summer Break With Your Library!

June 1 - August 5

Join us for a summer of learning! Participants will have the opportunity to track their summer activities via a paper tracker or online with Beanstack. Use your Beanstack account at rclreads.beanstack.org or scan the QR code to download the Beanstack Tracker app on your device and choose the "Summer Break" program to participate.

Grades 5 & under

Track the number of books read, time spent reading and activities completed on Beanstack or on the paper tracker!

Stop by a library nearest you to pick up a free participation giveaway and program details. Upon program completion, kids can receive a brand new free book and be entered into the Grand Prize drawing, while supplies last. Ask at your local library for details.

Ages 6 & younger

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

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by Ramsey County Library Friends and MELSA.



Family Fun Day

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.-Noon
RCL-Shoreview

Join us for the second annual Family Fun Day! There will be a scavenger hunt and story journey beginning at the library in Shoreview and ending at the Shoreview Commons Destination Playground.

Families, check in for the scavenger hunt in the Friends Bookstore at the library in Shoreview. Children will be rewarded to a sweet treat for completed scavenger hunt cards, while supplies last. Adults can enter a drawing for prizes! No registration needed.

Presented in partnership with the Shoreview Community Center and Ramsey County Library.



Volunteers Needed for Family Fun Day

Help us make Family Fun Day a sweet experience for everyone! Additional volunteers are needed to help on event day, Saturday, May 20. Learn more and sign up for a volunteer position at rclfriends.org/ffd.



Support the 2023 Summer Reading Program

Each year, Ramsey County Library offers Summer Break, the summer reading program, to sustain children's and teens' education in a free, fun and easy-to-access format. Activities are expansive, (science, reading, arts, gaming and nature) and tailored to meet the needs of different age groups. Donations support activities such as the Summer Break Kick Off Festival, programs and events, Kids take-and-make kits and prizes for readers.

The Friends organization is the primary sponsor of the Ramsey County Library's summer reading program. Each year, we are able to enrich the lives of thousands of children and teens through this effort. In 2022, Summer Break supported 1,895 participants who read 20,725 books and wrote 2,070 book reviews. In addition, 2,575 books were given away to participants.

You can help prevent what has been described as a three month "summer slide" of learning loss and continue this important work by making a donation. Gifts are tax-deductible and can be made online at rclfriends.org/summer-learning-program or by mail via check to RCL Friends, 4560 N. Victoria St., Shoreview, MN 55126.

Join the Legacy Circle

By making an estate gift to the Ramsey County Library Friends, you will become a member of the Legacy Circle and help sustain library programs and services that are not supported by tax dollars. An estate gift to the Friends is a direct way to improve library collections, increase learning, and expand virtual access. Your legacy gift will leave a meaningful impact on countless lives for future generations. For more information, contact Mary Worley at 651-724-6158 or mworley@rclfriends.org.

Become a Sustaining Circle Member

A Sustaining Circle Membership is an unrestricted monthly gift that you can pay in a convenient, ongoing way. Each month, we will charge your credit or debit card or withdrawal from your checking account in the amount you specify. Your Sustaining Circle Membership will automatically continue unless you choose to cancel or change it. You can increase, decrease or stop your donation at any time by calling us at 651-724-6158. Sustainers are crucial to providing ongoing support for Ramsey County Library.

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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Friends Membership Levels

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- ☐ **Contributor:** \$50-\$99
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- ☐ I would like information about volunteering.
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Mail to: Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries
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For more information, please call 651-486-2213.

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