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## *Ramsey County Library News & Events*

### **Ramsey County Library Honored as Minnesota's Best: A Celebration of Dedication and Excellence**

Ramsey County Library was nominated and awarded the Gold seal by the Star Tribune's Minnesota's Best—an interactive and community-oriented contest where businesses earn recognition through audience participation. Nominations originate from various sources, including owners, managers, customers and devoted fans.

Being chosen as one of Minnesota's Best is an immense honor for Ramsey County Library, reflecting the dedication and hard work of our staff in providing exceptional services and resources to our community. As a premier public space, we take profound pride in enhancing the quality of life for Ramsey County residents and continuously strive to create welcoming, anti-racist, equitable, responsive and effective spaces for all communities. This accolade inspires us to pursue excellence and innovate ways to cater to the diverse needs of our patrons. We deeply appreciate the unwavering support of our community and eagerly look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and newcomers, as we continue our mission to be a beacon of education and enrichment in Minnesota.

Over the past year, the Library has witnessed steady recovery in service utilization and spaces, reflecting the value and relevance it provides to the community. In-person visits have rebounded by 50% from 2021, as the Library continues to emerge from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents checked out an impressive 2.73 million items, including books, audiobooks, electronic books, movies, music and games. Learning opportunities and library events totaled 2,240 programs, attracting 35,178 participants, both in-person and virtually. Notably, Ramsey County Library welcomed 11,472 new library cardholders in 2022.

Sustaining partnerships with county departments remains crucial to the Library's success. A newly equitable check out process between the library and Ramsey County Correctional Facility has enabled residents to gain access to the current library collection. The Parks and Library's Books and Bikes program continues, allowing patrons to explore trails around the libraries by trying out different types of bikes. Additionally, Service Centers and Workforce Career Labs at the Roseville and Maplewood libraries facilitate connections to essential county services and programs.

Last year's Summer Break, Ramsey County Library's summer reading program, engaged 1,895 kids and teens. The participants read 20,725 books and wrote 2,970 book reviews, resulting in the distribution of 2,575 books to program participants. This year's program is currently wrapping up and statistics will be available soon.

For more information about Minnesota's Best awards, visit their website at [votedminnesotasbest.com](http://votedminnesotasbest.com). Delve into all of the Library's remarkable accomplishments, circulation numbers and more by exploring Ramsey County's Open Data Portal at [opendata.ramseycounty.us](http://opendata.ramseycounty.us). For the latest information on our services, programs and events, visit the Library's website at [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org).



### **The library in Maplewood plans to reopen fall**

Maplewood's renovation plan is on track for its grand reveal this fall. The transformation is nearly complete, and we're excited to welcome you to the refreshed and revitalized Library space. Experience the new interior, unwind on modern furnishings, check out the new Makerspace area, and explore the thoughtfully crafted zones for kids and teens. Further information will be provided in the oncoming weeks.

To learn more about the Maplewood Renovation Project, please visit [rclreads.org/maplewood-renovation](http://rclreads.org/maplewood-renovation). Stay updated on the project by following us on Facebook and Twitter. You can also check out the work-in-progress pictures at [bit.ly/RCL-MP\\_Renovation](https://bit.ly/RCL-MP_Renovation).

# Art & Literature

Virtual programming is offered remotely using Zoom communication software. Some in-person events have resumed at select library locations. Registration is required at [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org) or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.

## Take-Home Art Kits for Adults

Adult Take-Home Art kits provide you with a creative experience away from screens and technology. Supplies and instructions are included. Registration is required through the Library's online calendar. *Take-Home Art kits are funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## Tiny Art

September 1-31

Get ready for a spectacular showcase of Tiny Art at Ramsey County Library locations in Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview, and White Bear Lake. Experience the incredible creativity unleashed by fellow residents who picked up kits in July and crafted their very own miniature masterpieces. *Tiny Art is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



## Karen Chan Art

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

September 11: Sunflowers in Acrylic  
RCL-Roseville

October 9: Orchids in Acrylic  
RCL-White Bear Lake

Join local artist Karen Chan for guided step-by-step instructions throughout the process of using acrylic paints to create beautiful works of art. All levels are welcome. Class size limited to 20 participants. Registration is required. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



## Saturday Sew-In with Lakeshore Quilters

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
September 9; October 14  
RCL-Shoreview

Unleash your creativity and join the Lakeshore Quilters Guild for an exciting drop-in event where you can bring your own project and sewing machine. Prepare for a delightful and productive time surrounded by fellow quilting enthusiasts.

## Gallery 96: Entrances and Exits

September 27-October 27  
RCL-Shoreview

## Opening Reception

Wednesday, September 27, 6-8 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Gallery 96 returns to the library in Shoreview with an inspiring fall exhibition, "Entrances and Exits." This exhibition showcases not only artwork featuring doors and windows but also explores the concept of entering or leaving a special place. Join us for the opening reception on September 27 and immerse yourself in the artwork.

## Book Clubs

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

## Maplewood Eclectic

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

September 20: *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

October 18: *Imperium* by Robert Harris

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

## North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

September 19: *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce

October 17: *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri

## Shoreview Mystery

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

September 19: *The Guilty Dead* by P.J. Tracy

October 17: *Above the Bay of Angels* by Rhys Bowen

## Shoreview Take Pride

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

September 11: *Queer Voices Poetry, Prose, and Pride* edited by John Medeiros, Andrea Jenkins, & Lisa Marie Brimmer

October 9: *Sorrowland* by Rivers Solomon

## White Bear Lake Mystery

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

September 6: *Historicals*

October 4: *Art and Music*

## 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.*

### Connecting to Collections: Preservation for Whom?

Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Join Chris Rico as he discusses the social and cultural issues surrounding institutional collecting, their impact on communities, and how they have spurred grassroots preservation initiatives and the sharing of resources and knowledge. Learn how to preserve your personal collections like a museum conservator in this informative session. Rico has a Master's degree in Heritage Studies and Public History and is a historian, archaeologist and conservator.

### Prairie Imperialists: The Indian Country Origins of American Empire

Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Discover how the Spanish-American War of 1898 marked the United States' ascent as an imperial power, while Katherine Bjork explores how earlier interactions with Native nations within their own borders influenced American military's strategies of colonial domination. Join Bjork as she examines the progression of American expansion in "Indian Country." Bjork is a Professor of History at Hamline University and the author of "In the Circle of Dance: Notes of an Outsider in Nepal."

## History Events



### White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:

#### Finds from the Johnson Boat Works Archaeological Dig

Monday, September 25, 6-7 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

In May 2013, the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society conducted a public archaeology event at the former site of the Johnson Boat Works before its development. Join us to witness some of the unique items discovered on the site and learn what they might reveal about the history of that location.

#### Highlights from the WBLAHS Collection

Monday, October 23, 6-7 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

Meet the Collections Inventory Specialists who have been conducting a grant-funded inventory of the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society (WBLAHS) collections throughout 2023. They will share project highlights and showcase some of their favorite items from the collection.

*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

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 People Incorporated at 651-774-0011 for more information or visit [peopleincorporated.org](http://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.*



### Knitting for Good

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

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



# Community & Well-being

Virtual programming is offered remotely using Zoom communication software. Some in-person events have resumed at select library locations. Registration is required at [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org) or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.

## **Artificial Intelligence: Empowering Our Community**

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

Join us for an enlightening evening as we delve into Artificial Intelligence (AI) in key areas of our community, focusing on innovative applications in education, human services and voting. Discover how AI is revolutionizing these fields to create change. *Presented by the League of Women Voters-Roseville Area.*

## **Puzzle Pals**

**Sundays, 12:30-4:30 p.m.**  
**September 17; October 15,**  
**RCL-Shoreview**

Join us every third Sunday of the month for a day of making friends and making puzzles! Puzzles will be provided at the library, though you're welcome to bring your own.

## **When Public Safety and Mental Health Intersect: Roseville Police Department's Response**

**Wednesday, October 11, 1-2:30 p.m.**  
**RCL-Roseville**

Join People Incorporated to meet the Roseville Police Department's Community Action Team (CAT) Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) and learn how they engage with the community and ensure public safety.

The Roseville Police Department has partnered with People Incorporated to integrate a mental health professional into their program. This collaboration provides support to residents before and after mental health crises, ensuring access to follow-up services.



## **Meditation**

### **Inner and Outer Peace Through Meditation**

**Thursday, September 21, 7-8 p.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Imagine accessing a sanctuary within whenever modern life becomes overwhelming, where peace and bliss await. Experience contentment and freedom from fear through meditation. Learn how to achieve tranquility during this informative and educational program led by Sangeeta Sinha, MBA, and M.Ed. The workshop will include a short meditation sitting.

### **Meditation Techniques to Reduce Stress in Everyday Life**

**Wednesday, October 18, 7-8 p.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting**

The scientific community has explored the use of meditation as a healing modality. Join Arlene Samsel, a long-time meditator, as she discusses the extraordinary effects of meditation in reducing stress-related responses, improving concentration, and enhancing clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. She will also present a simple, time-tested, ancient and effective meditation technique. The workshop will include a short meditation sitting.

## **Environment and Sustainability Events**

### **Seed Talk: How to Save Seeds**

**Tuesday, September 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**RCL-White Bear Lake**

Learn how to save seeds from your flowers, vegetables, and native plants to grow more of the plants you love. This Seed Talk provides guidance on seed saving, resulting in plants that are better adapted to our environment, leading to improved harvests and stronger plants.

### **Ramsey County Master Gardeners Present**

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

**September 7: Food Saving**

Learn how to save, store, and preserve seasonal fruits and vegetables to savor their optimal flavors and maximum nutrition for an extended period. This class introduces various methods of food preservation.

**October 5: Growing Microgreens**

Learn about growing microgreens, which are quick-growing vegetable and herb seeds that can be cultivated indoors, providing a year-round supply of fresh greens.

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

**Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**RCL-White Bear Lake**

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

# Jobs & Small Business

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

## Employer of the Day

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.  
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 & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Service Center-Maplewood\*  
3001 White Bear Avenue N., Suite 1022A

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Open to everyone for drop in job search assistance and career planning including:

- Resume development, applying to job postings, interview tips, networking, LinkedIn and more.
- Upcoming Job Search related workshops and events.
- Information and referral to Employment and Training programs offered by Ramsey County and partner providers.

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

## Online Market Research Tools

Tuesday, October 3, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

This workshop aims to introduce entrepreneurs to the online research tools available at local libraries that can aid in conducting industry, demographic and company research.



## Resume Writing

Wednesday, October 4, 6-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Learn how to write impressive cover letters and resumes that showcase your skills and experience, even if your previous job roles may not directly match the position you're seeking. Explore strategies that will enable you to apply for multiple jobs while tailoring your application for each specific opportunity. Funded by MELSA.

## Small Business Workshops

### Credit for Small Business

Wednesday, September 6, Noon-1:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Join us in this workshop as we explore the dynamics of credit, including credit reporting, personal and business creditworthiness, how credit reporting works, the benefits of credit reporting for small businesses, the risks associated with credit scams, and strategies to build or improve your credit.

### Start with Brand: Design Basics

Thursday, September 21, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Discover how to define your unique selling proposition, effectively communicate with your target audience, and ensure all your marketing efforts align with your core values. Create visually appealing content that effectively communicates your story and enhances your mission. Presented by SCORE Twin Cities.

## Design Your Small Business Website

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Join us online for a series of informative presentations on setting up and managing a small business website. These workshops are presented by Keer Keer Creative and funded by MELSA.

### September 26\*: Setting Up Your Small Business & Website/Blog

Begin your website/blog journey by registering with the State of Minnesota and selecting an ideal domain name. We'll assist you with the setup, software installation, crafting a mission statement and building a strong brand for your site.

### October 2: Starting Your WordPress Website: Part 1

Learn to plan your website's structure with a site map. Follow our step-by-step guidance to create user-friendly pages, design a captivating Home Page, build a menu, and enhance your site with engaging content, images and more.

### October 9: Starting Your WordPress Website: Part 2

Advance your WordPress journey with customization techniques and a Contact Page. Explore form software options for Contact Forms and learn how to integrate a Google map.

### October 23: SEO (Search Engine Optimization)

This class equips you with SEO principles, including understanding the Google Algorithm, building a website Google can index and maximizing its web visibility.

### October 30: Managing Your WordPress Website or Blog

Learn the skills necessary for the ongoing maintenance of your WordPress website and blog. Topics covered include backups, software updates and configuring your security plugin.

\*This program will take place on Tuesday, September 26.

# Technology Courses

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

## Virtual Programming

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

Thursday, September 21, 1:30-3 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Finding a job has become more challenging in recent months, but RCL 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.

### **Personal Information Security Protection in a Modern Era**

Wednesday, October 11, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Join Ramsey County's Information Services department for a security presentation on how to protect yourself online. Learn from our Chief Information Security Officer on how to stay protected while on the internet. Topics include personal information security protection, how to determine if your personal information has been compromised, multi-factor authentication, credit freeze, phishing and more.

### **Smartphone Security**

Tuesday, October 17, 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.

### **Cyber Safe Travel**

Wednesday, October 25, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

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

## In-Person Programming

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

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

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

Do you need extra help on the computer, tablet or other piece of technology? Are you searching for a job or working on a resume? Let us help answer your questions! Registration not required.

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

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
RCL-New Brighton  
*No appointments September 5.*

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.

### **Getting Started with Libby**

Tuesday, September 19, 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**

Friday, September 22, 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-Roseville

September 25: Part 1  
September 26: Part 2

In part one, learn how to enter and edit text, apply formatting and save files. In part two, learn more about page layout. This class covers margins, page breaks, AutoCorrect, AutoFormat, page numbers, headers, footers, lists, tabs and tables.

### **Microsoft Excel Basics**

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

September 27: Part 1  
September 28: Part 2

In part one, work with spreadsheets and learn how to create formulas. In part two, learn more about working with multiple worksheets, formulas, mouse pointers and charting basics.

### **Computer Basics**

Monday, October 2, 1:30-3 p.m.  
RCL-Mounds View

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

### **iPhone Basics: Navigating iOS**

Thursday, October 5, 1:30-3 p.m.  
RCL-Mounds View

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



# Maker Adult

Virtual programming is offered remotely using Zoom communication software. Some in-person events have resumed at select library locations. Registration is required at [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org) or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.

## **Maker Adult**

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

Utilize the Library's laptops to design 3D models, create personalized stickers, cards, or other cardstock cutouts, or explore 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 into digital files. Explore the sewing machine or seek assistance with the 3D printer by asking questions.

Access to maker equipment is available through a combination of reservations and first-come, first-served basis.

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

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

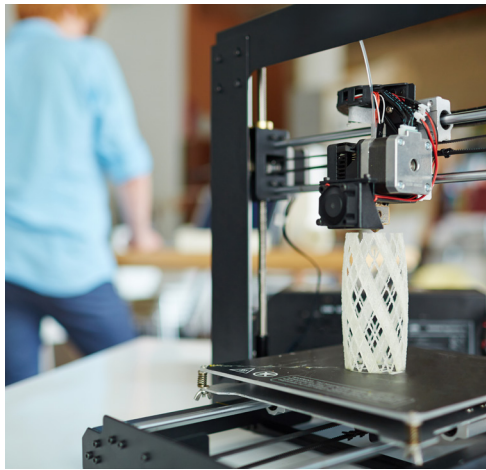
**Thursday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville**

Utilize Silhouette Studio to create a window cling design that you will cut out using the Library's Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine. Registration is required, and space is limited to 6 participants.

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

**Tuesday, October 3, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville**

Get acquainted with Tinkercad.com as you design your very own 3D printed puzzle cube. Your project will be printed using the Library's 3D printer, and you can collect it at a later date. Registration is required, and space is limited to 6 participants.



### **Designing for the Laser Engraver: Engrave a Coaster**

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

Discover the art of engraving wood veneer using the Library's laser engraver while creating a set of coasters. Library staff will handle the engraving of your project, and you can collect it at a later date. Registration is required, and space is limited to 6 participants.

### **Photo & Video Conversion**

**Wednesday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville**

Join us to learn about the Library's digitization equipment, capable of converting physical photos, slides, negatives, cassette tapes, 8mm and Super 8 film, and VHS and VHS-C tapes into digital files. Please bring a flash drive to store your files, as well as up to 12 items for digitization (subject to time availability). Registration is required, and space is limited to 10 participants.

## **Creating a Successful Etsy Shop**

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

Learn how to establish an online business to sell your handcrafted or vintage products using Etsy, a leading platform for creative entrepreneurs in e-commerce. Each session will focus on a specific best practice for your business. You can register for individual sessions or attend the entire series. There will be dedicated time for discussion, so come prepared to meet other makers, share ideas, showcase your products, and ask questions. Registration is required, and space is limited to 20 participants.

### **September 21: Introduce Your Shop**

Explore the benefits of Etsy and the range of items you can sell. Gain an understanding of Etsy fees, track your business expenses, learn how to package and ship your items, and price your products for profitability.

### **October 5: Opening Your Shop**

Develop a cohesive brand that builds trust with buyers. Get to know your target market and captivate them through a creative About section and clear shop policies. Learn how to write compelling item descriptions that entice buyers to make a purchase.

### **October 12: Stocking Your Shop**

While a great listing is essential, stunning photographs are what truly attract buyers. This session will be a hands-on workshop, so bring an item to photograph. You will use your phone camera and a free app to create eye-catching listing photos for your shop.

### **October 19: Promotion and Marketing**

Promote your Etsy shop effectively. Understand Etsy SEO (search engine optimization), keywords, and tagging to increase visibility for your items. Learn how to use Etsy's promoted listings and explore other marketing techniques.

# Teen Events

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



## Teens 100 Books Before Challenge

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

To sign up:

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

## Online Resources for Teens

The library offers online resources for teen academic success. Visit [rclreads.org/teens](http://rclreads.org/teens) and log in with your library card.

## HelpNow

HelpNow offers live homework help with online tutors in English and Spanish daily from 1-11 p.m. Covers major subjects: Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and Reading Assistance.

## Explora Teens

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

## Skills Camp

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

## 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 September 4; October 16.*

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

## MakerTeen

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

*No MakerTeen September 5.*

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

*No MakerTeen September 5; October 31.*

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

## Gaming Thursdays for Teens

Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting

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

## Teen GSA

Sunday, October 8, Noon-2 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

Friday, October 20, 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.



# Kids Storytime

Programming is subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org). Contact a Children's Librarian: 651-724-6141 | [ann.wahlstrom@ramseycounty.us](mailto:ann.wahlstrom@ramseycounty.us)

## Family Storytime

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

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

*Storytimes start September 11. No storytimes October 16.*

**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 p.m.**  
RCL-New Brighton

**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**  
RCL-Mounds View

**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**  
RCL-North St. Paul

**Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**  
RCL-New Brighton

**Fridays, 10:30 a.m.**  
RCL-White Bear Lake

## Baby & Me Storytime

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

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

*Storytimes start September 11. No storytimes October 16.*

**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

## Special Storytimes

### Learning Tree Yoga Storytime

**Monday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-Shoreview

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Join us for a special storytime with Learning Tree Yoga.

### Fire Fighter Storytime

Roseville Fire Department

**Friday, September 22, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-Roseville

Lake Johanna Fire Department

**Monday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, September 26, 6 p.m.**

RCL-Shoreview

North St. Paul Fire Department

**Wednesday, October 4, 10:30 a.m.**

2400 Margaret Street N.\*

White Bear Lake Fire Department

**Friday, October 13, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Join us for firefighting storytimes and meet our local fire department with their trucks. Weather-dependent; the event will be canceled in case of inclement weather or a 911 emergency on the side of the Fire Department. *\*Please note: This storytime will take place at the North St. Paul Fire Department.*

### Costumed Halloween Storytime

**Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-Shoreview

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

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

### Snake, Rattle, and Roll with Snake Discovery

**Monday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-Shoreview

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

At this special storytime program, learn about some of the reptiles and amphibians that call Minnesota home. You will even have a chance to touch some of the animals after the program.

## Storytime Guest Stars



### Ukulele Storytime with Ms. Rose

**Thursday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-New Brighton

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

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

### Out on a Limb

**Friday, September 29, 10:30 a.m.**

RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Introduce your little mover to creative movement with Out on a Limb Dance Theater Company and School. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### Storytime with MN DNR

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

RCL-North St. Paul

Join us for a special storytime with Minnesota DNR.

### Big Fun Show

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

RCL-White Bear Lake

*Appropriate for all ages.*

Get ready for excitement with a performance of the Big Fun Show—a one man circus of comedy juggling, magic and audience interaction. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

# Kids Events

Programming is subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org). Contact a Children's Librarian: 651-724-6141 | [ann.wahlstrom@ramseycounty.us](mailto:ann.wahlstrom@ramseycounty.us)

## Homework Help

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

**RCL-Roseville**

*Appropriate for all ages. Homework Help starts September 18.*

Need help with your homework? Starting September 18, 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**

*Appropriate for ages 2 and younger.*

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

## Outdoor Play

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

**September 13, 20, 27**

**RCL-Roseville**

*Appropriate for ages 4 and younger.*

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

## Early Reader Book Club

**Saturday, September 16, 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.



## Bluey Three Ways

**Saturday, September 23, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**RCL-North St. Paul**

*Appropriate for ages 3 and older with an adult caregiver.*

Do you love the cartoon Bluey? Join us for a morning craft buffet where you can make three different Bluey craft projects.

## Textile Center

Learn the weaving art of Kumihimo, or how to make colorful felted beads with the Textile Center. Online registration is required. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

*Appropriate for ages 7-12.*

## Wet Felted Geodes

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

**RCL-Roseville**

**Saturday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

**Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-North St. Paul**

## Kumihimo

**Thursday, October 19, 2 p.m.**

**RCL-New Brighton**

## Chess Club with CSGA

**Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.**

**September 23; October 21**

**RCL-Shoreview**

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Make a move and come play chess at the library! Kids and caregivers are invited to practice their chess skills with some new partners and each other. All skill levels welcome. *In partnership with Chess and Strategy Game Association.*

## Sensory Friendly Sundays

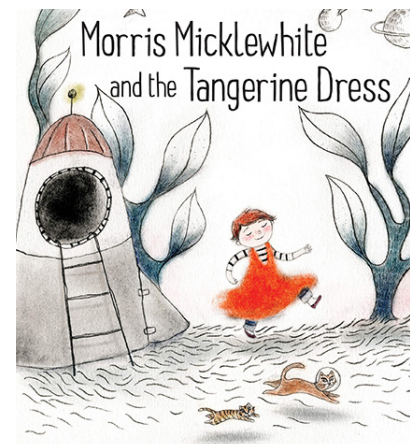
**Sundays, 11 a.m.-Noon**

**September 24; October 22**

**RCL-Shoreview**

*Appropriate for all ages.*

The library in Shoreview will open an hour early for youth and families who have special sensory needs who are looking for a quieter, more adaptive environment than regular library hours provide. Please call 651-724-6128 for more information.



## Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress

**Saturday, October 7, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Roseville**

*Appropriate for all ages.*

Join us for a special appearance by the Children's Theatre Company (CTC), featuring a delightful reading of the book "Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress." Don't miss this chance to enter-to-win tickets to the world premiere theatrical adaptation and participate in activities led by CTC's education department.





### **Fall Craft Fun**

**Saturday, October 7, 2-3:30 p.m.**  
**RCL-Shoreview**  
*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

Drop in to do some seasonal crafting, such as painting spooky stones or making pine cone owls. Space may be limited; while supplies last.

### **Strategy Games Buffet**

**Saturday, October 14, 1-4 p.m.**  
**RCL-White Bear Lake**  
*Appropriate for ages 9-12.*

Learn and play some of the latest multi-player tabletop strategy games, including card games and board games. Participants will have some choice of what they want to learn and play, from Settlers of Catan to Exploding Kittens. *In partnership with Chess and Strategy Game Association.*

### **"Red Light, Green Light" from We All Need Food and Water**

**Thursday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.**  
**RCL-New Brighton**  
*Appropriate for ages 5 and older with an adult caregiver.*

Join us for a fun and educational puppet show about the environment and "Green Light" actions we can all take together to promote personal and planetary health. Online registration is required. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### **Silly Millies: Create A Gnome**

**Thursday, October 19, 1-2:30 p.m.**  
**RCL-Shoreview**

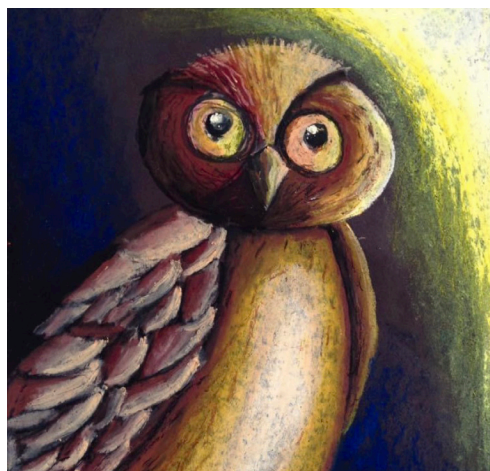
**Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**  
**RCL-Roseville**  
*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

Come create your own gnome in this hands-on polymer clay class with Silly Millies. Online registration required. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### **Owl on a Branch**

**Thursday, October 19, 2 p.m.**  
**RCL-Mounds View**  
*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

Join us to make owl artwork. Art supplies will be provided. Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.



### **Creative Pastels: Fall Owl**

**Thursday, October 19, 2 p.m.**  
**RCL-Roseville**  
*Appropriate for ages 6 and older with an adult caregiver.*

Join Creative Pastels to create a beautiful owl portrait using oil pastels. Online registration required. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*



### **Table Top Games for Everyone**

**Friday, October 20, 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.

### **Costume Party**

**Saturday, October 28, 10:30 a.m.**  
**RCL-White Bear Lake**  
*Appropriate for ages 4-8.*

Put on your best costume and join us for an extraordinary costume party. Delight in a variety of Halloween-inspired activities and festivities.







### **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 Smokey**

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
September 2; October 7  
RCL-White Bear Lake

#### **Read to Maxwell**

Sundays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
September 10, 24  
October 8, 22  
RCL-North St. Paul

#### **Read to Baxter**

Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
September 11  
RCL-White Bear Lake

#### **Read to Duke or Trevor**

Saturdays, 10-11:20 a.m.  
September 16, 23, 30  
October 7, 14, 21, 28  
RCL-Roseville

#### **Read to Arthur**

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.  
September 25  
October 2, 23  
RCL-Shoreview

#### **Read to Holly**

Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.  
October 4  
RCL-Shoreview

## **MakerKids**

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

*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.

### **MakerKids Take-and-Make Kits**

September 6: Climbing Origami  
October 4: Fall Leaves 2 Ways  
RCL-Mounds View

September 9: Quilting with Gibbs Farm\*  
October 14: Make Music  
RCL-New Brighton  
RCL-North St. Paul

September 11: Quilting with Gibbs Farm\*  
October 17: Make Music  
Service Center-Maplewood  
3001 White Bear Avenue N., Suite 1022A

*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. \**Quilting with Gibbs Farm kits are funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### **PreK Take-and-Make Kits**

September 6: Matching Game  
October 4: Owl Popsicle Sticks  
RCL-Mounds View

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

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

### **Maker Kids: Tinker Time**

Friday, October 20, 2-4 p.m.  
RCL-New Brighton

Young tinkers can drop by the library in New Brighton to join for a planned craft project, or have unstructured craft time with access to our Maker Cart.



## **Why 1,000 books?**

Studies have shown that reading with your child:

- Builds listening, memory and concentration skills.
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To get started, sign up on [rclreads.beanstack.org](http://rclreads.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack app via the QR code.





## October Used Book Sale

October 26-29  
RCL-Roseville

Our next big used book sale will be held at the library in Roseville, located at 2180 Hamline Ave N. You'll find a wide variety of books in different genres, all priced at \$2 or less. On the final day, you can fill a bag with books for just \$5.

We're also looking for volunteers to help with the sale. As a thank you, each volunteer will receive a \$5 coupon that can be used at any of the Friends Used Book Stores or Carts. If you're interested in volunteering, learning more, or signing up for volunteer slots, please visit [rclfriends.org](http://rclfriends.org).

In addition, all current Friends members will receive a \$5 coupon this fall, which can be used during the sale. Keep an eye on your mail and save the date to stock up on winter reading!

### Sale hours:

Thursday, October 26: 4:30-7 p.m.  
Friday, October 27: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 28: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 29: Noon- 4 p.m. (\$5 Bag Sale)

## Reading Friends Volunteer Opportunity

The Reading Friends Literacy Program is an outreach program that helps develop the literacy skills of underserved children living in Ramsey County. Friends volunteers work with children in grades K-5, aiming to foster a love for reading and boost the self-esteem of those who are starting to read or facing difficulties. Currently, we are in need of volunteers to be Reading Friends for the 2023-24 school year in the New Brighton area. The sessions will take place after school on Thursdays, from 4-5 p.m. Your level of commitment is flexible, allowing you to volunteer every week or on selected weeks that fit your schedule.

No prior experience is necessary, but a free and confidential background check is required. For more information about the program, the volunteer schedule, and the application process, please contact Caitlin Carroll at [ccarroll@rclfriends.org](mailto:ccarroll@rclfriends.org).

## Breakfast with Friends Nets Over \$21,000

Thank you to the 190+ attendees who joined us for the Breakfast with Friends fundraiser at the Midland Hills Golf Club, and to all who donated during and after the event. The fundraiser resulted in a net amount of over \$21,000, which will be used to expand the lending collection shared by all seven Ramsey County Library locations. Author William Kent Krueger delivered a wonderful talk and spent time with the attendees, and we're grateful for his support as well.

Thank you to sponsors:



## Family Fun Day 2023

The second annual Family Fun Day was filled with sunshine and happy families! Presented by Ramsey County Library, the Shoreview Community Center, and the Friends, this free event included a scavenger hunt adventure and a story journey from the Shoreview library to the Community Center, ending at the new Shoreview Commons Destination Playground. We extend our gratitude to the generous sponsors who made this community event possible.



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September 5-8: New Brighton only

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