

# Explore

## Ramsey County Library News & Events

### **Embracing Change: Ramsey County Library's Transition to a Hyper-Local Communication Strategy**

Starting in January 2024, Ramsey County Library will undergo a significant change as it discontinues printing the traditional Explore newsletter. Instead, the library will embrace a new hyper-local communication strategy, targeting specific library locations and delivering digital and print promotions tailored to each area. This strategic shift aligns with the County's resident-first approach and digital-first strategy, aimed at enhancing communication efficiency, reducing environmental impact and better meeting the unique needs of the community. To achieve these goals, the Library will actively engage its audience through various digital channels such as social media, e-newsletters and online calendars.

While Ramsey County Library is transitioning to a hyper-local and digital-first communication strategy, it's important to note that print communication will not disappear entirely. The library will continue to utilize print materials, such as flyers, calendars and important print pieces, to enhance the communication of programs, events and services. These materials will serve as valuable supplements to our digital efforts, ensuring that our patrons receive information through various channels that best suit their preferences and needs. This balanced approach aims to provide comprehensive and accessible information to all members of our diverse community.

The newsletter, launched in 1998, played a vital role as a print publication, providing residents with valuable information about the library's programs and events. However, over the course of 25 years, the current newsletter has lost its effectiveness in reaching all residents, mainly due to evolving demographics and changes in information consumption patterns. The accelerated shift towards digital platforms and local library resources was further expedited by the COVID-19 pandemic, reshaping how people access and engage with content.

In light of the situation, the decision to phase out the traditional print newsletter was driven by the recognition that it incurs significant costs and demands a substantial amount of time, diverting resources that could be better utilized for more critical endeavors. Other libraries have successfully implemented hyper-local communication strategies without negatively impacting event or program attendance. As the sole library system in the Twin Cities metro area still relying on a print newsletter, it is crucial for us to adapt to this industry trend and prioritize digital communication methods.

In the digital age, there are numerous avenues for accessing the latest up-to-date information about Library services, programs and events. Residents can visit the library website and online calendar at [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org), subscribe to monthly newsletters covering seven topics: Library news, Art & Literature, History, Community & Well-being, Kids and Teen, and stay connected by following Ramsey County Library on Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter.) Embracing this new communication strategy will ensure that the Library can effectively serve and engage its diverse community.

### **Ramsey County Library in Maplewood Unveils Exciting Renovations and Upgrades at Grand Reopening**

Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m.  
RCL-Maplewood

Join us for the Grand Reopening of the library in Maplewood! Experience a day of excitement as you join us to explore our refreshed interior firsthand, unwind on newly designed comfortable furniture, and uncover dedicated spaces tailored for kids and teens. Engage in a range of enjoyable activities suitable for all ages, including an official ribbon-cutting ceremony, food and music.

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.*



## NEA Big Read: Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude

Thursday, November 9, 2-3 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

For the second year in a row, the National Endowment for the Arts has selected the White Bear Center for the Arts (WBCA) to be a part of their nationwide Big Read program. An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience. Join Teaching Artist Amber Guetebier from WBCA for a book discussion on Ross Gay's poetry collection "Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude."



## Karen Chan Art

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

November 13: Pumpkin in Acrylic  
RCL-Shoreview

December 11: Poinsettia in Acrylic  
RCL-Maplewood

### Beginning Acrylics: Apple

Wednesday, November 18, 10 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville

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

Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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.



## 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-Maplewood\*

November 15: *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan

December 20: Bring a book to share with others

*\*Meetings will resume at the library in Maplewood.*

### North St. Paul

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

November 21: *The Bride Price: A Hmong Wedding Story* by Mai Neng Moua

December 19: *Cranford* by Elizabeth Gaskell

### Shoreview Mystery

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

November 21: *Rhode Island Red* by Charlotte Carter

No meeting in December.

### Take Pride Virtual Book Club

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

November 13: *Black Sun* by Rebecca Roanhorse

December 11: *You're a Mean One, Matthew Prince* by Timothy Janovsky

### White Bear Lake Mystery

Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

November 1: Published in 1998 the WBMBC celebrates 25 years

December 6: *Elderly/Senior Sleuths*

## **Thomas Jefferson**

Wednesdays, 12:30-2 p.m.

November 1, 8

Zoom Webinar

Join J.B. Andersen as he explores the presidency of Thomas Jefferson, the Third President of the United States. Andersen will delve into Jefferson's personal scandals, particularly his connection to slavery, and how he received an education, developing a fondness for Enlightenment writers. The discussion will also cover Jefferson's family life, examine eight key aspects of his presidency, and highlight his role as a Renaissance man, including his writings. Additionally, Andersen will provide insights into Jefferson's personal demeanor, encompassing his physical appearance, work habits, and mental abilities.

Andersen, the creator of OLLI's History of the Presidents series, is an educator, curator, and writer with 25 years of service at the University of Minnesota. This presentation is in collaboration with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota.

## **Great Decisions Series: Climate Migration: The Human Impact of Climate Change**

Friday, November 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

Zoom Webinar

As climate change accelerates and droughts and rising sea levels become more common, millions of people in affected regions must uproot themselves and seek safety elsewhere. Who are these affected individuals, and how might the United States aid them and be affected by the migration?

Kennedy is the founder and Executive Director of World Without Genocide. She is also an adjunct professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Saint Paul.

Presented in collaboration with the Osher Lifelong Learning Center, Global Minnesota, and the Foreign Policy Association. Engage in discussions with expert speakers on pressing issues. Borrow one of ten Briefing Books courtesy of Global Minnesota.

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

### **Defying the Silence: A Chronicle of Resilience that Saved the World-Renowned Minnesota Orchestra**

Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In this extraordinary example of how to unionize in the arts, Julie Ayer reveals how some of the world's finest musicians went from sitting in the Minnesota Orchestra to standing on the picket line and how their city rallied around them. This powerful depiction of a defining moment in Minnesota music, 'Defying the Silence' shares how the Minnesota Orchestra went from a sixteen-month struggle to winning hard-fought contract negotiations—and even earned the title of Gramophone's 2021 Orchestra of the Year.

Ayer is a professional violinist, arts advocate, historian and author. A passionate lifelong musician, she spent her thirty-six-year professional career with the Minnesota Orchestra. She holds a master's degree in music and is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

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

### **History Partnerships and Programming**

Monday, November 27, 6-7 p.m.

RCL-White Bear Lake

Over the past few years, WBLAHS has strengthened its partnerships with the White Bear Lake Area Schools in several ways, including the History Club at the high school level, monthly programming at the third-grade level and a grant-funded Native American Education Initiative project. Join us to learn more about these programs and others. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## **Community & Well-being**

### **Community Resource Advocates**

Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.

RCL-Maplewood\*

*Advocates will begin November 7.*

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: The library in Maplewood has reopened. 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

Sundays, Noon-2 p.m.

RCL-Roseville

*Knitting sessions start November 5.*

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

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## **Puzzle Pals**

Sundays, 12:30-4:30 p.m.  
November 19; December 17  
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.



## **Fair & Secure Elections: Behind the Scenes Navigation**

Tuesday, November 14, 6-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Bill Ekblad, Election Security Navigator from the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, will present and discuss his and the state's role in navigating the increasingly complex and technical world of information and election security, further challenged by Artificial Intelligence. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters – Roseville Area and Do Good Roseville.



## **Meditation**

### **Beyond Death, Medical Facts, Mysticism and Meditation**

Wednesday, November 8, 7-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Matthew Raider explores the enduring fascination with near-death experiences (NDEs) that emerged in the 1980s and why they captivate us. He presents the latest medical research and offers a simple meditation technique to help individuals connect with the inner light often described by NDE experiencers.

Raider also draws parallels between NDEs and meditative experiences across different backgrounds, cultures, and faith traditions, providing audiences with the opportunity to access the peace and light associated with NDEs.

### **Inner Peace This Holiday Season Through Meditation**

Thursday, December 14, 7-8 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Join Manish Saggar, PhD, a long-time meditator, as he discusses the extraordinary effects of meditation. He will also introduce a simple yet powerful meditation technique, which will be explained and practiced during the session. This practice can enrich one's life on multiple levels and provide relief from seasonal stress.

## **Environment and Sustainability Events**

### **Seed Talk: How to Easily Start Native Plant Seeds**

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

An easy and successful method for starting native plant seeds involves using the winter sowing technique. Many native plant seeds require a period of stratification (a cold, moist period, also known as 'winter') to break dormancy. You can facilitate this process using a simple gallon jug at home. Learn how to employ the winter sowing method and cultivate an abundance of hardy seedlings for your garden come spring.



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

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

#### **November 2: Nature Heals**

Learn the science of how time spent in nature helps to improve our physical and mental well-being.

#### **December 14: Pruning Trees & Shrubs**

To encourage healthy growth and prevent potential issues, woody plants such as trees and shrubs require regular pruning. Learn the fundamentals of trimming and pruning these plants.

## 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 remained at the Service Center at the Maplewood Mall after the library renovation. *Presented by Ramsey County Workforce Solutions.*

## Trainer of the Day

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Meet community-based, no-cost skill training programs that are currently recruiting participants for upcoming classes. Once your training is complete, you will have the opportunity to connect with employers seeking certified trainees, enabling you to embark on a new and rewarding career. Our courses span various fields, including Automotive, IT, Healthcare and many more. *Presented in partnership with Ramsey County Workforce Solutions.*



## Blogging for Beginners

Saturday, November 18, 2-3:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Platforms like Wordpress.com and Blogger.com make it easy to start writing about your favorite topic, whether it's sports, cooking, politics or something personal. In this class, you'll learn about writing compelling content and building an audience so your blog is a big hit. *Presented by The Loft. Funded by MELSA.*

## Trade Programs & College Degrees: Understanding Your Options as an Adult Student

Tuesday, December 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Whether you want to be more competitive in the job market, move into a new career, pursue a promotion, or finish your degree, there are seven things that every adult should know before applying to a trade program, community college or university. Learn how to research your options, choose the best program for your needs, keep college affordable, and maximize the value of your training and/or education. This workshop includes resources for working adults, adults with children, and former students with college credits but no degree. Attendees are eligible to win a \$25 gift card. *Presented by TRiO Educational Opportunity Center.*

## Virtual Programming

### How to Maintain Hardware (Computers, Tablets, Smartphones)

Monday, November 13, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar

Everyone wants a fast and smooth computing experience, whether using a smartphone or the latest Windows 10 or MacBook Pro. This session covers easy-to-perform steps you can take to ensure your devices stay in optimal shape. We'll discuss tools and techniques for optimizing your devices, backing up your data, and how to stay ready to fend off crashes, viruses, and other computing woes, with a special focus on setting up new equipment.

### Dealing with Identity Theft

Tuesday, December 12, 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.

# Technology Courses: In-Person

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).

## **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**

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.  
RCL-Maplewood  
*Tech Help begins November 8.*

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-White Bear Lake

Get individual computer and tech help by appointment at Maplewood and White Bear Lake libraries. Our staff can help you with various basic technology-related questions, including email, resume and document editing, mobile devices, e-books, and social media. To schedule a 30-minute help session, please call Maplewood at 651-724-6003 or White Bear Lake at 651-724-6007.

## **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.

## **Microsoft Word Basics**

Monday & Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
November 27: Part 1  
November 28: 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.

## **ChatGPT and other Creative AI Unleashed: Exploring the Art and Science of Text and Image Generation**

Monday, November 27, 6-7:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Discover the fascinating world of artificial intelligence in this engaging and interactive talk, as we delve into the basics of AI and showcase the remarkable capabilities of generative tools for image and text creation. Witness the power of cutting-edge AI models through live demonstrations that reveal how these innovative technologies can bring your creative ideas to life. Join us on this captivating journey and be inspired by the endless possibilities that AI holds for the future of creativity and communication.

## **Microsoft Excel Basics**

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

November 29: Part 1  
November 30: 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.

## **Intro to Windows 11: Basic Navigation \*NEW\***

Monday, December 4, 1:30-3 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

Learn basic navigation as we explore the Windows 11 desktop, taskbar, Start menu, and applications. This beginner class is lecture-style. Laptops will not be provided.

## **iPhone Basics: Navigating iOS**

Tuesday, December 5, 1:30-3 p.m.  
RCL-White Bear Lake

This beginner class will introduce you to the iOS interface, Siri (your virtual assistant), Apps, Widgets, and Notifications.



## **Maker Adult**

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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 Sticker**

Tuesday, November 14, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville

Use Silhouette Studio to design stickers that you'll cut out of adhesive vinyl using the Library's Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine. Registration required. Space is limited to 6 participants.

### **3D Design Using Tinkercad: Make a Keychain**

Tuesday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
RCL-Roseville

Become familiar with Tinkercad.com while using it to design your own 3D printed keychain. Your project will be printed with the Library's 3D printer so you can pick it up at a later date. Registration required. Space is limited to 6 participants.



# Teen Events

Teen events and virtual programs are for grades 6-12. Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. Check [rclreads.org](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).



## Virtual Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon  
Zoom Meeting  
*No D&D December 24.*

Come and adventure with us! No experience needed.

## AniMondays

Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville  
*No AniMondays December 25.*

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 December 19, 26.*

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview  
*No MakerTeen December 19, 26.*

Thursdays, 4-6 p.m.  
RCL-Maplewood  
*No MakerTeen November 2, 23; December 21, 28.*

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

## Gaming Thursdays for Teens

Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting  
*No Gaming November 23; December 21, 28.*

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

## D&D Figurine

Sunday, November 5, 1-2 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting  
Sunday, November 12, 1-3 p.m.  
RCL-Roseville

Join us for an exciting two-part event where you'll design and paint your own D&D miniature. First, bring your character to life virtually using HeroForge. Then, come together with us for a hands-on experience at the library in Roseville to 3D print and paint your character.

## Mural Grand Celebration

Thursday, November 9, 4-6 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Celebrate the beautiful new mural in the Teen Space at the Shoreview Library with us. Meet the muralists, Gustavo Lira, Tierra Diaz, and Xilam Balam Ybarra and learn about how the mural came to be.

## Teen GSA

Sundays, Noon-2 p.m.  
November 12; December 3  
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

Wednesday, December 27, 1-3 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

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



## VolunTEEN

### Creative Cards

Thursday, November 16, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Join us to craft some creative cards to donate to local senior living facilities in the community to brighten someone's day. All supplies will be provided.

### No-Sew Blankets

Thursday, December 28, 2-4 p.m.  
RCL-Shoreview

Join us to create no-sew blankets to donate to a local animal humane society to keep the cats comfortable and warm. All supplies will be provided.

## Family Storytime

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

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

*No storytimes November 23-24; December 25-29.*

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

**RCL-Maplewood**

*Storytime starts November 13.*

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

**RCL-Roseville**

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

**RCL-Shoreview**

**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.*

*No storytimes November 23-24; December 25-29.*

**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

### Dental Days with UHC

**Wednesday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Mounds View**

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Join us for an engaging storytime session with Rahel from United Healthcare, where kids will embark on a fun dental journey and learn all about maintaining sparkling smiles!

### Hula Hoop Hooray with Hooperina

**Friday, November 10, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

**Tuesday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Shoreview**

**Wednesday, November 22, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-North St. Paul**

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

This interactive hula-hoop extravaganza brings all ages together for a fun and inclusive learning show. Participants will engage in a variety of hula hoop activities, then conclude with an exciting and vibrant light performance, or 'Glow Show', using LED hula hoops. *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

### Petite Concerts

**Friday, December 1, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Roseville**

**Monday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Shoreview**

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Come join us for a live music performance with Petite Concerts! Children will sing and move to well-known children's songs in this 30-minute program. A short 15-minute instrument discovery session will occur at the end of the program.

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

## Paws to Read

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

*Appropriate for ages 5-8.*

### Read to Baxter

**Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11, 18

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

### Read to Arthur

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

November 6; December 4, 18

**RCL-Shoreview**

### Read to Leo

**Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

November 14, 28

December 12, 26

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

### Read to Holly

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

November 1, 15, 29

December 6, 13

**RCL-Shoreview**

### Read to Duke or Trevor

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

November 4, 18, 25

December 2, 9, 16

**RCL-Roseville**

### Read to Smokey

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

November 4; December 2

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

### Read to Maxwell

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

November 4; December 2, 16

**RCL-North St. Paul**



# 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**

*No Homework Help December 25.*

*Appropriate for all ages.*

Need help with your homework? Students of all ages are welcome to stop by for assistance with completing assignments. A tutor will be on hand to help keep you on track. Service is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Baby Meet-up

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**

**RCL-Maplewood**

*Meet-ups begins November 15.*

**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.

## Clay Time

**Friday, November 3, 2 p.m.**

**RCL-Mounds View**

*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

Have fun creating a turtle out of modeling clay! Space is limited to first-come, first-served.

## Lalo's Lunchbox Fun with Food

**Saturday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Roseville**

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older with an adult caregiver.*

Watch a sketch comedy performance, then make a fun snack with Lalo! We'll use sandwich cutters and edible decorations to make creative sandwiches. Gluten-free options available. Online registration required.



## The Works Museum

Join the Works Museum to explore light reflection and absorption, engineer a vibrant kaleidoscope to take home, practice the Engineering Design Process by crafting a small catapult with a glue gun, and delve into the traditional home engineering of Dakota, Hmong, Mexican, Ojibwe and Somali communities. Online Registration required.

*Appropriate for ages 6-12.*

## Dwellings

**Saturday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-North St. Paul**

## Mini-Catapults

**Monday, November 20, 2 p.m.**

**RCL-New Brighton**

## Lights & Kaleidoscopes

**Thursday, December 28, 2 p.m.**

**RCL-Mounds View**

## LEGO Builders Club

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

**November 18; December 16**

**RCL-Shoreview**

Come be a part of our Lego Builders Club and have lots of fun building and using your imagination!

## Chess Club with CSGA

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

**November 18; December 16**

**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**

**November 19; December 17**

**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.

## Young Rembrandts

Learn the fundamentals of cartooning and bring your own characters to life! Students will discover how to create incredible cartoon characters with humorous expressions and dynamic poses. Also, travel to the farthest reaches of the galaxy as you create your own amphibian astronaut! *This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

*Appropriate for ages 9-14.*

## Cartoon Character Creations

**Saturday, November 25, 2 p.m.**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

## Astronaut Frog

**Wednesday, December 27, 2 p.m.**

**RCL-Shoreview**

**Thursday, December 28, 2 p.m.**

**RCL-Roseville**

## **Chemists in the Library**

**Saturday, December 9, 1:30 p.m.**

**RCL-Roseville**

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older and families.*

Join us for some easy, hands-on chemistry activities led by volunteers from the Minnesota American Chemical Society. All materials will be provided. The 'Chemists in the Library' program is a volunteer effort by chemistry students, teachers, and professionals aimed at sharing the excitement and wonder of chemistry.

## **Early Reader Book Club**

**Saturday, December 9, 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.

## **Dinosaurs**

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

**RCL-Maplewood**

*Appropriate for ages 5-10.*

We will explore fossils, distinguish between dinosaurs and other creatures, delve into dinosaur classification, and uncover how our knowledge is derived from the fossil record. Join us for a simulated dino dig and create a plaster cast of a T-Rex tooth to take home. Online registration is required.

## **New Year's Eve Noise-Makers Craft**

**Wednesday, December 27, 10:30 a.m.-**

**Noon**

**RCL-North St. Paul**

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

Ring in 2024 with noise makers you craft yourself! Create one of our designs, or

build one of your own.

## **Strategy Games Buffet**

**Saturday, December 27, 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.*

## **Creative Pastels: Winter Penguin**

**Thursday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.**

**RCL-Maplewood**

*Appropriate for ages 7-12.*

Come and join Creative Pastels to create a winter Penguin! Draw step-by-step along with Karen Chan and learn oil pastel techniques along the way. Online registration required. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## **Winter Wonderland Snow Slime**

**Thursday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.-**

**Noon**

**RCL-New Brighton**

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older and families.*

Drop in and join us for some snowy fun and crafts including snow slime.

## **Tot Obstacle Course**

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

**November 29; December 6, 13, 20**

**RCL-Roseville**

**Friday, December 29, 10 a.m.-Noon**

**RCL-White Bear Lake**

*Appropriate for ages 1-5 with caregiver.*

Little ones can jump, crawl, balance, and twirl through a series of self-directed play stations. Adults must remain with children for their duration of play.

## **MakerKids**

**Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**RCL-Maplewood**

*MakerKids starts November 14.*

*No MakerKids December 26.*

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

**RCL-Roseville**

*No MakerKids November 22; December 27.*

*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**

**November 1: Owl on a Stick**

**RCL-Mounds View**

**November 9: Weave a Harvest Basket**

**RCL-New Brighton**

**RCL-North St. Paul**

**RCL-Maplewood**

**December 6: Northern Lights Craft**

**RCL-Mounds View**

**December 9: Winter Art with Creative Pastels**

**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.

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

**November 1: Taco Dino**

**December 6: Hippo Teeth**

**RCL-Mounds View**

*Appropriate for ages 2-5.*

Drop by the library on dates listed for a take-home kids activity, while supplies last.

## **Tinker Time**

**Tuesday, November 21, 1:30-3 p.m.**

**RCL-New Brighton**

*Appropriate for ages 5 and older.*

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.





## ***Friends Used Bookstores in Our Communities***



Ramsey County Library Friends operate year-round used bookstores at the Ramsey County libraries in Maplewood, Shoreview, and Roseville, as well as used book carts at the libraries in White Bear Lake and Mounds View. These stores and carts are accessible for honor-pay purchases whenever the libraries are open. Many library patrons are pleasantly surprised when they discover these hidden gems.

The inventory for both the stores and carts comes from books removed from library circulation and donations we receive from the public. Our team of over 30 volunteers diligently sorts, carries, lifts, prices and organizes the inventory, raising over \$60,000 annually for Ramsey County Library through these outlets and our semi-annual big book sales.



living facilities, school and community events, neighborhood free little libraries, and Compassion New Brighton gives away Friends books at their community health clinics.

These are just some of the ways our Friends used bookstores support our communities and contribute to literacy for all. If you'd like to learn more about how an organization can receive donated books from us, please email [friends@rclfriends.org](mailto:friends@rclfriends.org). For information on donating items to the Friends, visit [rclfriends.org/buy-books/](http://rclfriends.org/buy-books/). Thank you for supporting the Friends used bookstores and carts!

Our generosity doesn't stop there! The volume of items we receive often exceeds our storage capacity, prompting us to establish valuable partnerships with local non-profit community organizations. We provide them with books that find their way to various places, including food shelves like Keystone Community Services in St. Paul, the Mounds View School District's Ralph Reeder food shelf, and the White Bear Lake food shelf. The Union Depot Book Cart in St. Paul is also stocked with our books, freely available to train passengers and the public. Additionally, our used books can be found on bookshelves at the Ramsey County Courthouse, senior



## ***Upcoming Friends Book Sales: Winter Gift Quality Sale***

**Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
RCL-Shoreview

**Saturday December 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
RCL-Maplewood

Join us at the Friends Winter Gift Quality Sale where you can discover a wide selection of gift-worthy used books. By attending, you not only find the perfect reads for your loved ones, but also contribute to supporting Ramsey County Library. Don't miss this opportunity to give the gift of reading this holiday season while giving back to your community.

## ***Stay Connected With Us***

Starting January 2024, due to changes in Ramsey County Library's communication strategies, the printed newsletter will no longer be sent out to our Friends members.

If you'd like to connect with Ramsey County Library Friends, you can visit [rclfriends.org](http://rclfriends.org), subscribe to the Friends' e-newsletter, and follow us on Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter) as well. We appreciate your continued support and engagement in our library community.



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3025 Southlawn Drive  
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Friends' Used Book Store**Mounds View (MV)** 651-724-6004  
2576 Mounds View Boulevard  
M & Th 1-8; W, F & Sa 10-5; T & Su Closed**New Brighton (NB)** 651-724-6002  
400 10th Street NW  
M, Th-Sat 10-5; T 10-8; W 1-8; Su Closed**North St. Paul (NS)** 651-724-6005  
2300 North St. Paul Drive  
M, W & Sat 10-5; T & Th 1-8; F & Su Closed**Roseville (RV)** 651-724-6001  
2180 N Hamline Avenue  
M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-5; Su Noon-5  
Friends' Used Book Store**Shoreview (SV)** 651-724-6006  
4560 N Victoria Street  
M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-5; Su Noon-5  
Friends' Used Book Store**White Bear Lake (WB)** 651-724-6007  
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