

**Ramsey County Library Advisory Board
July 16, 2025
Ramsey County Library – New Brighton
400 10th Street NW, New Brighton, MN 55112 Room 220**

I. Call to Order

II. Action Items

- a. Approval of the July Agenda

III. Discussion Items

- a. Collections Development
- b. Legislative Update
- c. Library Director's Report
- d. Meeting Cancellation

IV. Adjournment

Library Advisory Board

Sandy Doubek
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Request for Library Board Action

Meeting Date

July 16, 2025

Action Requested

Information and Discussion

Presented By

Paige Fuller,
Technical Services Manager
Collection Development
Manager

SUBJECT:

Collections Development

BACKGROUND:

Ramsey County Library's resource and material collection is led by the Technical Services Manager and developed by librarians across the Ramsey County Library system.

This overview will discuss:

- Selection process
- Statistics and trends
- Physical materials
- Electronic materials and pricing structures
- National initiatives
- Future of collections

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For information and discussion.

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Presented By

Pang Yang,
Library Director

SUBJECT:

Legislative Update

BACKGROUND:

Ramsey County Library works with the Ramsey County Government Relations team, led by Director Jennifer O'Rourke. The Government Relations team requests platform items from departments annually, which is then approved by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.

This overview will discuss:

- Ramsey County Library legislative platform
- Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy
- MELSA
- Institute of Museums Library Services

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**JULY 2025**

July Staff Updates:	Transferred:	Gao Xiong, RCL – Technical Services Jason Lyons, RCL – Shoreview Jennifer Dietrich, temporary RCL – Maplewood Nicole Brinkman, RCL – Shoreview
	Promoted:	Monica Stratton, out of class RCL – Roseville
	Resigned:	Naw Amelia Kacher, RCL – Shoreview
	Retired:	Paula Bronder, RCL – Shoreview

Important Dates: All Libraries will be closed on September 1, 2025 in observation of Labor Day.

Community Partnerships

Ramsey County Library has partnered with International Institute of Minnesota to provide a series of free classes for people who are new to the United States. This 12-week series is being held at Ramsey County Library - Maplewood and covers topics such as using public transit, obtaining drivers licenses, and getting access to resources. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Minnesota State Parks Library Program has expanded Pass access to Ramsey County Library – New Brighton. The goal of this partnership is to provide a way for Minnesotans living in low-income communities across the state to visit any state park without the financial barriers of entrance fees. In addition to Ramsey County Library – North Saint Paul, the library in New Brighton is now provides four passes for residents to check out access to a state park for seven days. Libraries across the state partner with Minnesota DNR to provide this service.

Training and Development

In June, Ramsey County Library management leaders began their journey in participating in the *Intercultural Development Inventory*, a theory-based developmental psychometric instrument grounded in comprehensive, cross culturally validated theory of intercultural competence. The training program focus on creating space for individuals to increase their self-awareness through activities that allow them to share their perspectives and listen to others. The facilitator, Corey Crowder, have walked leaders through the developmental assessment of intercultural competence, and will provide actionable and practical in-depth information on individual and group competence.

Ramsey County Updates

After an extensive and competitive search, Ramsey County has hired their next Chief Human Resources Officer, Patience Ferguson. Patience brings over 30 years of human resources experience to Ramsey County and has a proven track record of embedding equity into policies and practices to develop organizations. Patience will start in August 2025.

Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

On Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Ramsey County Library employee Chuck Wettergren was recognized by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for his exemplary service, outstanding achievements, and five decades of service to Ramsey County Library and users. Chuck has been an innovator and champion for digital equity, and has committed his career to computer and internet access, digital literacy and support, in addition to being the key leader to partner with local school districts to provide library cards and resources to students. Chuck will be leaving behind a lasting legacy of impact for Ramsey County Library users.

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