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New Look in cloudLibrary

Ramsey County Library is excited to announce that cloudLibrary will be upgrading to a new interface on July 1. The new look will make it easier than ever to:

- Borrow e-books and e-audiobooks.
- Save reading lists and mark favorites.
- View digital borrowing history.
- Easily switch between family member cards.

You will also be able to customize your cloudLibrary – create your own avatar, choose a theme and curate notifications, get the information you want just the way you want it.

cloudLibrary is a free service, available to all library patrons. All you need is your library card. The app is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Patrons can simply download the app, log in using their library card number and PIN and start interacting with Ramsey County Library while they are on the go.

Upgrade cloudLibrary today, take the guided tour of features, and find out how easy it can be to manage your library account.

Enjoy the Outdoors at Your Library

Come out this summer and enjoy our reading gardens and outdoor spaces at several Ramsey County libraries.

- Enjoy butterflies fluttering and children playing in the Roseville reading garden.
- You can always find a favorite reading bench on the patio at the library in Shoreview.
- At White Bear Lake, patrons can enjoy the garden and the reading buddies statue.

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”
- Cicero, Roman statesman and philosopher

- Come and build forts in the nature play area at the library in Mounds View.
- Have a picnic on the outdoor patio and explore the trail through an adjacent wetland at New Brighton.
- Take a stroll through the hiking path behind the library in Maplewood or enjoy a series of musical performances on the deck (see page 2).

See you soon at a library near you.
Family Fringe Preview Night
Monday, July 8, 6:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Monday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Join us at Family Fringe Preview Night. Each event will feature three of the six performing arts groups in the upcoming Family Fringe Festival.

Performers and groups include Storyland Magic Carpet Presents Super Drag Storytime, Broken Box Mime Theatre presents Destination: Everywhere, Keane Sense of Rhythm with Universal Dance Destiny present Minneapolis Human Rhythm Project, Benjamin Domask presents Hodge Podge, Off-Leash Area presents Paws ’n Effect, and Teen Improv from the Brave New Workshop Student Union.

One five-show pass will be given away at each library event. Online ticket discounts will be available for attendees. Family Fringe programs are aimed at children twelve and under, but everyone is welcome at this family-friendly event.

Family Fringe offers children and families new and adventurous presentations by companies creating multi-generational productions. Family Fringe is a juried festival taking place in tandem with the Minnesota Fringe Festival July 26 through 28 and August 2 through 4 at the Barbara Barker Center for Dance.

Man of La Mancha
In Conversation with Joe Chvala
Tuesday, July 9, 1 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Join us for a conversation with Joe Chvala, director of Mounds View Community Theatre’s (MVCT) summer musical, Man of La Mancha. The award-winning choreographer, writer, composer, performer and founder of the Flying Foot Forum will be discussing the upcoming production of Man of La Mancha – the origin and history of the musical – as well as his previous works.

Joining the discussion will be members of the creative team and cast, who will perform selections from the show. Tickets for the performance will be available for purchase at the event. From Thursday, July 18 through Sunday, August 4, the performance will be held at Chippewa Middle School. This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Sensory-Friendly Performance
Thursday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.
Chippewa Middle School
5000 Hodgson Road Connection

For the third year in a row, Ramsey County Library is thrilled to be partnering with MVCT and the Autism Society of Minnesota to present an inclusive, sensory-friendly performance of their summer show, Man of La Mancha, directed by award-winning choreographer, writer, composer and performer Joe Chvala and featuring an amazing cast.

This inclusive performance is also suitable for those with memory loss or other disabilities. For more information, contact MVCT at www.mvct.org or 651-638-2139. This performance is a partnership between MVCT, Ramsey County Library and the Autism Society of Minnesota. This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Poets on Poetry: Pos Moua and Soul Choj Vang
Tuesday, July 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Join us to celebrate the publication of two Hmong American poets, Pos Moua and Soul Choj Vang. The host and co-organizer for the evening is Mai Neng Moua, Minnesota author and editor of Paj Ntaub Voice, the first Hmong American literary arts journal.

Poets on Poetry celebrates the richness of language, featuring two poets who will read some of their poetry, followed by a casual conversation about writing. This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Summer Music Series
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

July 17: Curtis and Loretta presents Pete Seeger - 100th Anniversary of the Music and the Man

Listen to the music of Pete Seeger and sing along to songs like If I Had a Hammer and Kisses Sweeter Than Wine while delving into Pete’s history and passion for social justice.

July 31: Tropics Steel Drum Band
Steel bands play on instruments that began as altered oil drums. The Tropics Steel Band draws from Caribbean styles like calypso, reggae, ska, soca, pop and others.

August 14: The John Penny Trio
The John Penny Trio brings jazz that swings, bossa nova that sways and romantic ballads for dreams. The performance includes informal conversations and audience questions about jazz history and culture.

This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
**Arts Roseville Featured Artist**

Nathan Beverage
Wednesday, July 17, 7 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Nathan Beverage is a Roseville resident and a student at the internationally renowned College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Composition. He has the dream of one day changing the world with his music as a composer for film and media. Beverage has written multiple works for orchestra, chamber and choral ensembles, as well as theater productions and award-winning animations.

**Kalpulli Tlaloctechutli**

Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Kalpulli Tlaloctechutli is a Roseville-based dance group made up of families that are dedicated to lifelong learning of the Mexican (Aztec) ancestral teachings. The group is committed to creating a safe and welcoming space for all. Tlaloctechutli means the great lord of the rain and thunder (storms).

**New Brighton Evening Book Club**

Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.
*Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue

Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m.
*Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal* by Mary Roach

**Shoreview Fiction**

Tuesday, July 2, 7 p.m.
*Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

Tuesday, August 6, 7 p.m.
*Once in a Blue Moon Lodge* by Lorna Landvik

**Shoreview Mystery**

Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 18, 12 p.m.
*Meet Your Baker #1* by Ellie Alexander

Thursday, August 15, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, August 20, 7 p.m.
*Full Dark House #1* by Christopher Fowler

**White Bear Lake Mystery**

Wednesday, July 3, 1:30 p.m.
Books Books Mysteries

Wednesday, August 7, 1:30 p.m.
Suspense/Thrillers

**Book Clubs**

**History Book Club**

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
RCL - Roseville, Board Room

**July 17:** *Si, Ella Puede: The Rhetorical Legacy of Dolores Huerta and the United Farm Workers* by Stacey K. Sowards

**August 21:** *We Were Eight Years in Power* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Join us monthly with Clarence White, associate director of the East Side Freedom Library, for discussions on a wide variety of topics from American history.

In July, we will discuss the life and work of Latina labor activist, Dolores Huerta. In August, we’ll talk about Coates’ essays on race in America from Reconstruction to Reparations. Extra copies of the books are available at the Library. Co-sponsored by the East Side Freedom Library and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota. This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

**Common Threads: The Immigration Experience Book Club**

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

**July 31:** *The Latehomecomer* by Kao Kalia Yang

**August 28:** *The Lion’s Binding Oath and Other Stories* by Ahmed Ismail Yusuf

We will focus on the timely subject of immigration in the U.S. The club will explore the experiences of more recent immigrants from a multitude of nations in order to examine common themes within the immigrant experience. Read the book and join us for a discussion.

*This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*
White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:
The Story of the White Bear Lake Armory
Monday, July 22, 6 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake
Join us to hear the story of the White Bear Armory building that has served our area in a variety of ways since it opened in 1922. From sending our soldiers off to World War II to local coronations and dances, the Armory has been at the heart of the community for decades.

History Revealed
The Floating Bethel
Thursday, July 25, 7 - 9 p.m.
RCL - Roseville
Join author Christine Podas-Larson to learn about Eliza Newport, the well-connected St. Paul resident who set up Floating Bethel, a ship that functioned as refuge for the working poor from its dock off Sibley Street on the Mississippi River at the end of the nineteenth century.

History of the Blues Part II with Joey Leone
Tuesday, July 23, 3 - 5 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview
Join us for the triumphant return of blues musician Joey Leone with an all new program. Part history lesson, part concert, this show will take you further down the road from the birth of the blues in the deep south to the sounds of the Great Migration in places like St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago. Joey has played with the greats, and he’ll share his memories of musicians from Etta James to Chaka Khan. Presented by the Shoreview Area Historical Society. This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

St. Mary’s School: A Look Back
Monday, August 26, 6 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake
From 1914 through 2014, St. Mary’s School provided quality education to area children. Join us to hear stories of the close-knit community, reminisce and get a copy of the centennial history book. This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Thank You for Shopping: The Golden Age of Minnesota Department Stores
Thursday, August 22, 7 - 9 p.m.
RCL - Roseville
They were once the cultural centers, as well as the consumer palaces, of their communities. Join Kristal Leebrick for a nostalgic look back at the great age of shopping downtown, when stores like Dayton’s and Donaldson’s provided Minnesotans with everything from fashion to flower shows. Kristal Leebrick is a long-time community journalist, as well as the author of several books on Minnesota history. Most recently, she was the editor of the Park Bugle newspaper.
**Conversation Circles for English Learners**

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.  
RCL - Roseville

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

No Conversation July 4.

Are you interested in practicing your English speaking and understanding? Join us at our drop-in English Conversation Circle to practice in a friendly, casual group. Circles last one hour and English learners of any age, language origin or level are welcome. *This event is presented in partnership with Silver View Adult Education Center and Roseville Adult Learning Center.*

**Community Resource Advocates**

Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3 p.m.  
RCL - Maplewood

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

Social workers and advocates will be in the library to help individuals and families with questions relating to housing resources and shelter, accessing benefits, food assistance, mental health, youth and senior services, transportation and more. No appointment necessary. Call 651-724-6062 for more information. *Co-sponsored by People Incorporated.*

**Knitting for Good**

Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
RCL - Shoreview

No Knitting July 4.

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! Our drop-in group encourages you to bring your creative talents to support good causes, such as hats for premature babies and welcome blankets. Bring your projects to work on during group time. All skill levels are welcome.

**TED Talks Discussion Group**

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
RCL - White Bear Lake

July 11: A Mother & Son’s Photographic Journey  
August 8: How Can We Help Young People Build a Better Future

Sundays, 2 - 3:30 p.m.  
RCL - Roseville

July 14: Can a Divided America Heal  
August 11: A Kinder, Gentler Philosophy of Success

Join us to view and discuss TED Talks on a variety of topics. Registration required. Limited to 30 participants. *Co-sponsored by Roseville Community Education and the White Bear Area Senior Program.*

**Depolarizing Within: Becoming a Better Angel in Your Own World**

Saturday, August 3, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
RCL - Mounds View

Much of today’s epidemic of toxic polarization is driven by how we talk with like-minded people about those on the other side. Too often we stereotype, dismiss or ridicule our fellow citizens who support the other political party, its leaders and its policies.

This workshop will help you become more aware of polarization inside us and between us; teach you skills for being critical without demonizing, dismissing, or stereotyping the millions of people who differ from you politically; and help you learn how to intervene in a constructive way in social conversations that veer into contempt and ridicule for people who hold other political views. Online registration is required. Space is limited to 60 participants. *Presented by Better Angels, a national nonprofit with a mission to depolarize America. To learn more, please visit better-angels.org.*

**Red/Blue Workshop: Bridging the Political Divide - Listening and Understanding**

Monday, August 12, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
RCL - Maplewood

Thursday, August 15, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
RCL - Shoreview

An intensive workshop that brings together up to seven Republican or conservative-leaning (red) and seven Democratic or progressive-leaning (blue) citizens for moderated activities and discussions that clarify disagreements, reduce stereotyped thinking, and begin building the relationships needed to find common ground. Experience structured conversations with a focus on listening and reflecting rather than debating and persuading.

Goals include:

- To better understand the experiences and beliefs of those on the other side of the political divide.
- Seek out areas of common ground in addition to acknowledging and respecting differences.
- To gain insights that might help to heal the increasing polarization in our community and the nation.

Anyone interested in attending should honestly be able to answer “yes” to the following questions: “Are you willing to listen to the other side, and are you willing to speak to the other side with respect?” Please note all participants must identify as “red” or “blue” in order to fully experience the intent of the workshop.

**Online registration required:**

Maplewood: bit.ly/BetterAngels_MP  
Shoreview: bit.ly/BetterAngels_SV

*Presented by Better Angels, a national nonprofit with a mission to depolarize America. To learn more, please visit better-angels.org.*
Free Help Enrolling in Health Insurance

Want help applying for health care coverage through MNsure.org? MNsure certified navigators can answer questions and help with the MNsure application at no cost to you. Health Access MN schedules appointments with certified navigators at the libraries in Roseville and Maplewood. Health Access MN’s library hours vary, so please call 651-645-0215 to ask a question or schedule an appointment. Interpreters are available. Check out www.HealthAccess.mn for more information.

Easy Exercises for Better Balance

Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - New Brighton

Thursday, August 15, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

Good balance is key to staying mobile, avoiding falls, and living independently as we age. Learn about easy exercises for better balance in this fun, interactive event with physical activity coaches from the Volunteers of America of Minnesota - RSVP Volunteer Program. Participants will leave with information about balance exercises they can practice at home or in free community-based classes.

Lunch and Learn: Planning for Your Future

Thursday, August 8, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

Have you thought about a power of attorney, health care directive or writing your own will? We will share simple steps you can take now to get started and resources available to you to complete the planning process.

Dementia: Caring & Coping

Thursdays, 1 - 3 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Join us for The Housing Decision, a three-part series designed to help you make an informed decision about moving into senior housing. This series is brought to you in partnership with the Roseville Alzheimer’s and Dementia Community Action Team and the Wilder Community Center for Aging.

July 11: Understanding Senior Housing Options

Catherine Engstrom, caregiver consultant at the Wilder Foundation, will discuss various senior housing options and how to evaluate them.

August 8: Know Your Rights

A representative of the state’s ombudsman for long-term care will speak about advocating for residents’ and caregivers’ rights in long-term care facilities.

July 25: Tour a Facility

Tour a senior housing facility to practice evaluating your options and learn from others about things to consider when looking. Only one facility may be toured. Registration is required. Please call the Wilder Foundation at 651-280-2273 or email caregiving@wilder.org to register.

Participants will meet at the library lobby in Roseville from 12:15 - 12:30 p.m. Bus is expected to depart at 12:30 p.m. Tour ends at 2 p.m. followed by an optional debrief. Tour choices include the following facilities:

- Lyngblomsten (Housing with Services and Care Center)
- Arthur’s Senior Care, a Residential Care Home
- Cherrywood Pointe of Roseville at Lexington
Small Business Workshops

Join us for a rotating series of workshops on a variety of practical topics useful for entrepreneurs and small businesses. Registration required. *Presented in partnership with St. Paul SCORE.*

**BizHacks**
*Tuesday, July 2, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*  
RCL - Maplewood  

This workshop will introduce you to nine game-changing online tools that will make you the savvy one in the office. We’ll show you how to intermingle these tools for amazing results that you can take back to work and home. To say more would be a spoiler. Come to this workshop and walk away being an unstoppable (and frugal!) biz guru. You’ll be sharing what you learned with everyone in the office anyway, so bring them, too!

**Finance Basics**  
*Wednesday, July 10, 1 - 3 p.m.*  
RCL - Maplewood  

Wouldn’t you love to get a better understanding of the basics of finance without going into a frenzied state of confusion? In this foundation workshop you’ll get a terrific overview of the three financial statements: income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow. Learn how they work together and what information each is able to provide. Understand how they are able to describe the activity and health of your or any business.

**Credit Best Practices**  
*Tuesday, August 6, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*  
RCL - Maplewood  

This workshop will explain how credit reports work and identify the benefits, risks, and strategies for small businesses seeking credit.

**Managing Stress & Isolation as an Entrepreneur**  
*Thursday, July 11, 12 - 2 p.m.*  
RCL - Shoreview  

This workshop is designed to help business owners of any size company manage the stress related to isolation. Participants will leave ready to use new skills in reducing & preventing the day to day stress of working alone from high-jacking their success.

**Marketing Strategies**
*Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m.*  
RCL - Roseville

**July 18: Get More Followers and Interactions on Instagram**  
Do you ever look at those profiles and wonder how they did it or wish that could be you? This workshop will focus on why there’s so much buzz about Instagram and help you decide whether it’s worth your time and energy. We’ll show you how to create an experience for your current followers as well as how to find and attract new audiences.

**August 15: Finding Your Voice**  
Do you find it difficult to come up with content for your blogs, emails or even social media? Do you avoid networking events because you just don’t know what to say? If you’re ready to show up powerfully on any platform - online or offline, come and learn how to find your voice and tell your story in a way that turns fans into clients.

*This series is presented by Birch Solutions and St. Paul SCORE.*

**Get Smart about Home Buying**  
*Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m.*  
RCL - Roseville  

From finding a realtor to closing on your dream home, join us at our free home buying workshop to learn the ins and outs of buying. Learn about the key players in purchasing a home, mortgage loan options and the steps you can start taking to make home ownership a reality. Followed by a Q&A with a certified mortgage loan expert. Call 651-724-6001 to register.

**Drop-In Job Search Assistance**  
*Tuesday, August 13, 1 - 4 p.m.*  
RCL - Roseville  

Are you searching for a job or working on a resume? Come and receive individualized assistance with your job search. Registration not required. Offered in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.
**Seed Talk**
Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake
Join our small-group conversation with Pam Frink, horticulturalist and seed librarian. Gardening topics vary; please check the online calendar.

**Ramsey County Master Gardeners**
Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

July 13: Advanced Vegetable Gardening
Come and learn some of the advanced techniques for improving your vegetable garden harvest. Designed for gardeners who have previous experience growing vegetables, you will learn ways to extend the growing season, how to plant to increase your total harvest and how to make your garden healthier year-after-year.

**August 3: Planting For Pollinators**
Pollinators like butterflies and bees are critical to a healthy environment but many native species are in trouble. Learn the latest research in the health of Minnesota pollinators and get suggestions about what you can do to help them.

**August 31: Herb Gardening**
Get to know some of the herbs commonly used in cooking and learn how to harness those flavors year-round.

**Electric Vehicles in Minnesota**
Tuesday, July 23, 7 p.m.
RCL - Roseville
Curious about Electric vehicles? Hear from Minnesota Electronic Vehicle (MN EV) owners what it is like to own, drive and charge electric vehicles in Minnesota. You will also get a chance to check out their cars. For more information about MN EV Owners visit www.MNEVOwners.org.

**Fix-it Clinic**
Saturday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
RCL - New Brighton
Do you have broken stuff lying around? Don’t trash it – fix it. Come to a Ramsey County Fix-It Clinic where you can get free assistance to repair broken items. Bring things like small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more. Fix-It Clinics are family-friendly events. For a list of what to bring and additional clinic locations, visit RamseyRecycles.com.

**One-to-One**
**Computer and Tech Help by Appointment**
Basic computer and technology help is now available for individuals by appointment. An AmeriCorps CTEP member will help you with emailing, job searching, working on resumes or other documents and answer other basic technology questions.

Mondays, 5 - 7 p.m.
RCL - Mounds View
Call 651-724-6004 to schedule your half-hour appointment.

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
RCL - Roseville
Call 651-724-6001 to schedule your half-hour appointment.

Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
RCL - New Brighton
Call 651-724-6002 to schedule your half-hour appointment.

**Drop-in Tech Labs**
Registration is not required.

**Drop-in Computer and Tech Help**

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

Tuesdays, 2 - 4 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

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

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

Do you need extra help on the computer, tablet or other piece of technology? Let us answer your questions.

**E-book and E-audio Help**
Tuesdays, 2 - 4 p.m.
RCL - Roseville
Are you curious how to use your new device with the Library’s e-book cloudLibrary service? Help is available. Bring your Nook, iPad or other device for hands-on instruction.
Assess Your Basic Computer Skills
Thursday, July 18, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

Unsure about your computer skills? Ramsey County Library is offering Northstar Digital Literacy Assessments, an easy way to identify what you know and pinpoint what you need to learn. Assessment includes basic skills, email, Windows 10, Mac OS X and MS Word.

Computer Basics
Monday, July 15, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

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

Exploring Virtual Reality
Monday, July 15, 7 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Learn how the technology behind virtual reality works, how it can be used, and what’s next in the VR world. Participants will have time to explore games and experiences on the Oculus Go, a VR headset.

Genealogy on the Web
Friday, July 26, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

An introduction to Ancestry Library Edition, a starting point for people searching online for genealogy information. Other useful online and print resources will be highlighted.

Internet Basics
Wednesday, July 17, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

Learn how to access the internet, navigate websites and find information with a search engine.

Introduction to Geocaching
Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Geocaching is a high-tech hide-and-seek game using satellites and GPS. Learn the basics of the website Geocaching.com, the smartphone app and a hand-held GPS, and get out and find some caches on library grounds. Handheld GPS provided. Be prepared to go outside. Families welcome!

Introduction to Windows 10
Tuesday, July 16, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

This lecture-style class provides an introduction to the key features in the Windows 10 operating system. Meet your clever digital assistant Cortana, download apps from the Windows app store and view web pages using the Edge Browser. Feel free to bring your Windows 10 laptop or tablet.

Microsoft Excel Basics
Monday & Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

This class is an introduction to storing documents and other files on the internet, popularly known as using the "cloud." We will introduce different cloud storage options before exploring how to use Google Drive in detail. Students will learn how to navigate Google Drive, store and manage their files, and share and edit their documents online. Students are encouraged to have a Google account prior to class and know their login information.

Microsoft Word Basics
Monday & Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

July 29: Part 1
Learn how to enter and edit text, apply formatting and save files.

July 30: Part 2
Learn about page layout. This class covers margins, page breaks, AutoCorrect, AutoFormat, page numbers, headers, footers, lists, tabs and tables.

Social Media
Monday, July 22, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

This class is a basic introduction to different social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram. We will go over what these popular sites are and how they can be used. We will provide a brief tutorial for getting started. Participants do not need to have social media accounts for this class.

Spotting Fake News
Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Not sure if the news you’re reading is true. Learn how to assess your online sources of information. This class will cover some basic red flags to look out for, methods to fact-check articles, and biases that affect the news. Overcome “alternative facts” by better understanding how to find and share information online.

Using the Cloud: Storing and Sharing Files on Google Drive
Thursday, July 25, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

We will introduce different cloud storage options before exploring how to use Google Drive in detail. Students will learn how to navigate Google Drive, store and manage their files, and share and edit their documents online. Students are encouraged to have a Google account prior to class and know their login information.
**Open Makerspace**

Wednesdays, 2 - 4 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Tired of letting kids have all the fun? Drop in and learn about the Library's 3D printer, Silhouette Cameo cutting machine, sewing machine, digitization equipment, photo and video editing software and more.

**3D Printing and Design**

Tuesday, July 23, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Tuesday, August 27, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Learn how to design 3D objects on the computer using Tinkercad.com. Then print your design using the Library’s 3D printer. Registration required. Space is limited to 12 participants.

**Maker Workshops**

Thursdays, 6 - 8 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Learn how to use a piece of makerspace equipment and its software by making a pre-determined project. Registration required. Space is limited to 6 participants.

**Exploring Virtual Reality**

Monday, July 15, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Learn how the technology behind Virtual Reality works, how it can be used, and what’s next in the VR world. Participants will have time to explore games and experiences on the Oculus Go, a VR headset. Registration required. Space is limited to 10 participants.

**Silhouette Studio**

Friday, July 12, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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Friday, August 2, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

Become familiar with Silhouette Studio and learn how to use it to cut text and basic designs with the Library’s Silhouette Cameo cutting machine. Design your own stickers, cards or other cardstock cutouts. Registration required. Space is limited to 12 participants.

**Digital Storytelling Series: Making a Short Video Memoir**

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 27; August 10
RCL - Roseville

Participants will develop and edit a short video memoir based on an event in their life or that of someone close to them.

In July, we will cover the principles of good storytelling and the basics of filmmaking, including how to shoot an interview, record voice over, and combine them with photos and other B-roll footage to tell a story.

In August, we will learn how to use Corel VideoStudio Pro to edit together interviews, photos and pre-existing film/video to make a compelling story.

Participants can use time between sessions to collect and scan photos or record interviews, using either their own equipment or resources at the Open Makerspace. Registration required. Space is limited to 12 participants.

*Presented in partnership with FilmNorth. This project was made possible in part by funding from the Minnesota Department of Education through a Library Services and Technology Act [LS-00-18-0024-18] grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.*
The Friends Celebrate 40 Years of Library Advocacy

The Friends celebrated their 40th anniversary with a membership gathering and program held on April 22 at the library in Shoreview. The informative and entertaining speakers – Norman Vinnes, Metta Fridley, Heidi Holland and Nancy Guerino – provided a window into the challenges of 1979 that gave rise to the Friends organization.

Thank You Book It! 5K Sponsors

The Friends express their sincere appreciation to the generous sponsors of the Book It! 5K Walk/Run. We could not host this event without their support.

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Thank You to 2018-19 Reading Friends Volunteers

Our sincere and deep thanks to the Reading Friends Literacy Program volunteers who gave of their time and talent in the past 2018-19 school year: Aleli Balagtas, Susan Benjamin, Joyce Bjerke, Lyn Cariveau, Dana Haas, Ruth Holm, Brad Larson, Nancy Lee, Susan Miller, Jo Ann Morse, Gretchen Needham, Marilyn Pope, Mary Santi, Sophia Vigil, Beth Warren and Mary Weiske.

These volunteers traveled to our Community Partners with Youth (CPY) partner site in New Brighton to share good books and great times with neighborhood children. CPY volunteers worked with K-5 children one-on-one to reinforce literacy skills and help build self-esteem. The lives of many children were enriched this year because of our dedicated and generous Reading Friends.

Reading Friends Volunteer Opportunity for 2019-20 School Year

We are seeking volunteers to become Reading Friends for the 2019-20 school year. The need, beginning in September, is for volunteers to serve in the New Brighton area working one-on-one with K-5 children after school on Thursday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. No prior experience is necessary and orientation is provided. Your level of commitment is flexible - you can volunteer every Thursday or just on any Thursday that fits into your schedule.

Requirements are membership in the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries and a free and confidential background check. Background checks can be completed this summer in preparation for the new school year. For more information about the program, the volunteer schedule, and the volunteer application process, please contact Caitlin Carroll at ccarroll@rcfriends.org or 651-486-2263.

Leave a Legacy of Literacy

Most of us want to be remembered as someone who made a difference, both in life and after we are gone. We hope to leave a legacy for the lives that follow ours. Legacy gifts enable the Friends to continue to provide vital financial support for the public libraries in suburban Ramsey County. You can leave money to your family AND to the charitable organizations of your choice. It’s easy to do. If you are considering a legacy gift, we hope you will include the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries. Our tax EIN is 41-1597085.

For more information, contact the Friends at 651-486-2213 or ccook@rcfriends.org.
Friends “Pop-Up” Used Book Sale

September 25 - 28
RCL - Shoreview

The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries is hosting a Used Book Sale at the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview, 4560 North Victoria Street. Thousands of books, DVDs, and CDs from all seven Ramsey County libraries, as well as private donations, will be sold. Most items sell for $1 or less.

Sale hours:
• Wednesday, September 25, 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
• Thursday, September 26, 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
• Friday, September 27, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
• Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: All Day Bag Sale! All the books you can fit into a bag for $5!

Friends members: Watch your mail in August for your five free books sale coupon. If you would like to become a member, use the form on the back page of this newsletter, go to www.rclfriends.org and click on the blue donate button or pick up a membership application at any Ramsey County Library.

We need your book/AV donations for this sale!

Help us surpass last year’s goal with your donations. In 2018, we raised more than $65,000 through used book sales!

Starting Saturday, September 7, we will be accepting donations. Please bring your donations to the library in Shoreview to be sorted and priced. We welcome all books, CDs, DVDs, talking books and vinyl records in good condition. We do not accept books that are moldy, mildewed, water damaged, torn, have broken spines or missing pages. We cannot accept VHS tapes, magazines, textbooks and encyclopedias, or manuals more than five years old.

Save the Date: November 9
Author Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Friends’ Author Luncheon to be held Saturday, November 9, at the North Oaks Country Club. Our featured speaker this year is award-winning author Sarah Stonich.

The author of internationally acclaimed books Vacationland, These Granite Islands and The Ice Chorus, Sarah Stonich recently won the 2019 Minnesota Book Award for Best Novel with her latest book, Laurentian Divide. Returning to the northern Minnesota town of Hatchet Inlet, Laurentian Divide picks up the story where Vacationland left off, providing a poignant portrayal of life on the edge in border country. Stonich is also the author of the memoir Shelter.

The annual Author Luncheon is open to the public, but Friends members and their guests receive priority reservations and a discount. All members of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries will receive a reservation flyer in the mail a few months before the event, with registration opening to the public afterward. To become a member, please see the registration form on the back of this newsletter or call 651-486-2213 for more information.
**Memory Minders Kits: A Collection Created with a Little Help from the Friends**

As the number of people affected by Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias continues to rise, so does the need for more information and resources for those affected and their care partners. In order to support this community, Ramsey County Library offers monthly programs such as Dementia: Caring and Coping, the Caregiver Collection of books about dementia for care partners, and Memory Minders Kits for caregivers.

The Memory Minders Kits were created out of a partnership between Ramsey County Library and the Roseville Alzheimer’s and Dementia Community Action Team (RSVL A/D). Caregiving for those with dementia can be stressful and can adversely affect casual interactions and visits. In order to help spark memories, create conversation, and provide positive interactions, the Memory Minders Kits were created with materials specifically selected by RSVL A/D team members.

These circulating kits provide information on dementia and are filled with books, CDs, DVDs, and interactive activities such as puzzles, games or conversation cards. After a successful launch in 2017, we added a second batch of kits in 2018, which includes kits specific to Lewy Body Dementia and kits helping children understand their loved ones with dementia. We now have over 100 unique kits available to be checked out from any Ramsey County Library.

The response from patrons and caregivers has been immediate and gratifying. A caregiver commented to staff after learning about the Memory Minder Kits, “I just feel so refreshed.” We’ve seen people come into the library with their loved one experiencing memory loss and select a kit together. One woman needed to get a library card again after 50 years—she had been using her husband’s card—just so she could check out a kit. Libraries across North America have reached out to us to learn how they can replicate these kits for their own communities.

We are enormously grateful to each of our sponsors as their generous support allowed us to quickly move forward to create an initiative which truly responds to the needs of our community.

More information about the Roseville Alzheimer’s and Dementia Community Action Team can be found at https://www.cityofroseville.com/dementiainfo.

**Thank You Memory Minder Kits Sponsors**

We could not have created the Memory Minders Kits without the encouragement and the support of the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries and our sponsors:
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For more information, please call 651-486-2213.

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