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Ramsey County Library News & Events

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Ramsey County Library Is Eliminating Fines on Youth Materials



In December 2019, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the 2020-2021 budget which includes eliminating overdue fines on all youth materials beginning January 1, 2020.

To support early literacy and student educational achievement, there will also be a one-time waive of existing charges for patrons under 18 to ensure that their Library privileges are intact.

"We are focused on removing barriers for youth to the library's learning resources," says Library Director Jill Boldenow. "Currently, there are about 6,000 youth library accounts with blocked privileges due to charges in excess of \$10. With serious educational achievement gaps in our community we can't afford

to block library access of any youth."

We will continue to offer Read It Down for youth to address charges from lost or damaged items or overdue adult materials. Read It Down events happen on the first Saturday of every month. Learn more about the new policy at bit.ly/NoFinesYouth_FAQ.

New Library Website Launching Soon

Ramsey County Library is excited to announce a redesign of rclreads.org! A new modern look that seamlessly integrates with our catalog and calendar of events for a better user experience will soon be available for you. With the new design and mobile friendly features, our digital library spaces will be more accessible. New features include:

- Smarter searching. Simply type what you're looking for, like "new kids books."
- Better browsing. Quickly discover new titles, resources and events through shared lists, filters and more.
- Personalized accounts. Easily customize your online account to track and share interests.

Absentee and Early Voting for Presidential Primary Election

Absentee Voting

January 17 - February 24

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Early Voting

February 25 - 28, 12 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, March 2, 12 - 5 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

RCL - Shoreview

RCL - White Bear Lake

Ramsey County Elections is offering absentee and early voting. You can cast an absentee ballot at the library in Roseville. Early voting is available at four library locations the week leading up to the 2020 presidential primary election. For more information, please visit rcelections.org.

Winter Reads: Winter Reading for Adults

January 2 - February 29

Winter Reads encourages busy adults to delight in reading during the dark months of winter. Starting January 2, read four books and you will be entered for a chance at a grand prize. There will be Winter Reads theme giveaways throughout the reading months, while supplies last.

Start reading:

- Pick up your reading record bookmark at any Ramsey County Library.
- Sign up online at rclreads.beanstack.org.

Winter Reads Kickoff: Meet a Local Booksellers and Librarian

Wednesday, January 8, 2 - 3 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Thursday, January 9, 7 - 8 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Join us as we kick off our Winter Reads reading program for adults! A local bookseller – Next Chapter Booksellers at Roseville and Moon Palace Books at Shoreview – and a Ramsey County librarian will share stories of what it's like to work in the bookstore and the library. They will also share book lists of new and upcoming titles. Come get your reading record bookmarks and hear a bit about the world of books. Refreshments will be provided.

Winter Reads is a MELSA program with support from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Shoreview Poetry Circle

Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

January 14; February 11

RCL - Shoreview

Join us at the Shoreview Poetry Circle to read and discuss beloved poems. Copies of the selected poems will be available at the Ask a Librarian desk one month in advance at the library in Shoreview. Even if you have not read the poems, feel free to attend the discussion.



Gallery 96 Winter 2020 Exhibition

January 17 - March 6

RCL - Shoreview

Opening Reception

Friday, January 17, 6 - 8 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Gallery 96, the local arts organization for Shoreview and surrounding communities, will have its winter art exhibition *Seeing 2020* at the library in Shoreview. The works of art will explore a view of the new year, seeing more clearly and seeing from a different point of view. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Gallery 96 Art Demonstration: James Nutt and Watercolor

Saturday, January 18, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Gallery 96 member and artist/architect James Nutt will present a live demonstration of his fast and loose (yet structured and intentional) watercolor process. Nutt will share his passion for art using a travel art kit to demonstrate an approachable process to create art no matter how busy your schedule is. Visit the Gallery 96 website, www.gallery96.org, for more information and other upcoming programs. *The Gallery 96 Speaker/Workshop series is made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Shoreview Community Foundation.*

Winter Fireside Concert Series

Fridays, 7 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

January 24: Gao Hong & Issam Rafea

Join us as we kick off our Winter Fireside Concert Series with a special performance by a duo of acclaimed international musicians. Pipa (Chinese lute) master Gao Hong and oud (Arabic lute) master Issam Rafea have traveled throughout the U.S. thrilling audiences wherever they perform. Their first CD, "Life As Is," made the first ballot for the 2019 Grammys and was nominated for the 2019 Independent Music Awards. *Presented by International Friendship Through the Performing Arts/World Music Professionals through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council.*

February 28: Pavel Jany

Pavel Jany is known to audiences as a versatile guitarist. His long musical journey encompasses many different genres from classical to Latin, gypsy jazz, American jazz, bluegrass, and more. His music has been continuously featured on several local radio stations, as well as in several MPR productions. Come and enjoy an evening of music and refreshments.

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

Creative Flannelmaking

Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Are you a caregiver, parent or teacher? Would you like to extend your child's early literacy experience? Learn how to make flannel pieces to encourage your child's verbal and storytelling skills. This introductory class will give an overview of the flannel medium in storytelling and allow participants time to create their own pieces to take home and use to support early literacy with their young children. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Sunflowers in Acrylic with Karen Tan

Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.
RCL - Mounds View

Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m.
RCL - North St. Paul



Have fun unleashing your creativity by joining artist Karen Tan to create a “sunflowers” masterpiece. In this class, you will learn the

basics of painting with acrylic on canvas and how to paint loose with beautiful brush strokes. Enjoy the company of other painters in this free and relaxed setting. No painting experience necessary; all levels are welcome. Registration required. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

On Stage: Skeleton Crew - Theater Presentation and Discussion

Monday, February 10, 7 - 8 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Join us for a stimulating theater presentation and discussion led by local actors and teaching artists. They will read scenes from “Skeleton Crew” written by Dominique Morisseau, a Yellow Tree Theatre production. The presentation will be followed by a discussion of the themes, tying in current events, personal values and narratives.

Set during the Great Recession of 2008, “Skeleton Crew” follows Detroit auto plant workers who have to decide how to make a livelihood if the plant closes.

On Stage is a fiscally sponsored program through Springboard for the Arts and is presented in partnership with East Side Freedom Library. This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Book Clubs

Maplewood Eclectic

Wednesday, January 15, 7 p.m.
Neither Wolf nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder by Kent Nerburn

Wednesday, February 19, 7 p.m.
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

New Brighton Afternoon
Thursday, January 16, 1 p.m.
When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Thursday, February 20, 1 p.m.
Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple

New Brighton Evening
Wednesday, January 8, 7 p.m.
Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel



Wednesday, February 12, 7 p.m.
I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara

North St. Paul

Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m.
Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.
The Shallows by Matt Goldman

Shoreview Fiction

Tuesday, January 7, 7 p.m.
The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

Tuesday, February 4, 7 p.m.
Any book by Gish Jen

Shoreview Mystery

Thursday, January 16, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, January 21, 7 p.m.
Marathon by Brian Freeman

Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m.
Thursday, February 20, 12 p.m.
A Slice of Murder by Chris Cavender

White Bear Lake Mystery

Wednesday, January 9, 1:30 p.m.
Freedom Night - Your Choice

Wednesday, February 5, 1:30 p.m.
Guilty Pleasures

Silent Book Club

Wednesday, February 5, 7 p.m.
RCL - New Brighton

Looking for a book club with no homework and no guilt? Come to the Silent Book Club, where there's no assigned reading and no need to clean your house for guests. Bring your book of choice and join us for an hour of uninterrupted, silent reading!



History Book Club

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

January 15: *Under Ground* by Megan Marsnik*

Discuss a novel about the historic Miner's Strike of 1915 on the Iron Range.

February 19: *Nothing Ever Dies: Vietnam and the Memory of War* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Talk about Nguyen's National Book Award-nominated book which provides insights to the war in a Vietnamese-American context.

Clarence White, associate director of the East Side Freedom Library, will lead discussions on a wide variety of topics from Minnesota history.

Co-sponsored by the East Side Freedom Library and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.

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

Tuesday with a Scholar: OLLI Talks

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

January 14: A Minnesota Preview of the 2020 Election with Lori Sturdevant

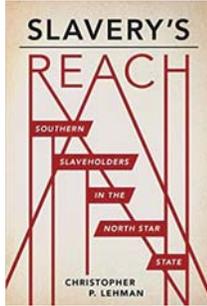
Some political observers say that for the first time in decades, Minnesota is in play in the 2020 presidential election. Might the very narrow Democratic win in the state in 2016 signal that Minnesota can no longer be deemed reliably blue on election maps? Veteran Star-Tribune columnist Lori Sturdevant will assess that claim in light of Minnesota's trends, traditions and values. She invites you to join in a discussion of what's at stake on the 2020 ballot.

Lori Sturdevant retired in 2018 after 43 years at the Star Tribune. She is the author, co-author or editor of 11 books about notable Minnesotans, most recently *When Republicans Were Progressive* with former U.S. Senator Dave Durenberger.

January 21: Where Do Words Come From?*

Words come from the most various sources and thrive on the rich garbage of everyday speech. Some words are native and millennia old, others were coined yesterday, and still others were taken over from the languages of the whole world. Regardless of their age, most are extremely skillful in concealing their roots. Join University of Minnesota Professor Emeritus Anatoly Liberman, an etymologist and author of the Oxford Etymologist Blog, as he share his lifelong experience of hunting for the origin of English words and idioms. *Co-sponsored by OLLI with the financial support of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

January 28: Slavery's Reach in Minnesota



From 1849 to 1865, dozens of slaveholders invested in land and businesses in “free” Minnesota. Slaveholders’ wealth financially built several local communities, and, in turn, these investments supported slave plantations. Minnesota government officials worked for slaveholders, and local legislators even tried to legalize slavery for southern tourists bringing slaves with them to Minnesota. Through careful research in obscure records, censuses, newspapers and archival collections, Christopher Lehman’s book *Slavery’s Reach* reveals this hidden history of Northern complicity in building slaveholder wealth.

Christopher Lehman is the author of *Slavery’s Reach: Southern Slaveholders in the North Star State*. He is professor of ethnic studies at St. Cloud State University.

February 4: Mapping Prejudice in Minneapolis with Kirsten Deleard

Restrictive housing covenants were made illegal by the 1968 Fair Housing Act, but their legacy continues today in Minneapolis, which has some of the largest racial disparities in the country.

Join Kirsten Deleard, director of The Mapping Prejudice Project, as she reveals how structural racism shaped our urban landscape, blocking African Americans from critical avenues for wealth accumulation. Deleard is affiliated with the Department of Geography, Environment and Society at the University of Minnesota. She has written extensively about her hometown of Minneapolis.

This series is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, otherwise noted.



Ramsey County Historical Society Presents History Revealed:

Thursdays, 7 - 9 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

January 23: The Celebrity Portraits of Nicholas R. Brewer

Julie L’Enfant will talk about Minnesota artist Nicholas R. Brewer (1857-1949), best known today for his landscapes. In his own lifetime, Brewer’s wide reputation rested mainly on his portraits, including those of Joseph Jefferson, the comic actor who played Rip Van Winkle in theaters across the world; Ignace Paderewski, the Polish pianist and politician; and Aurora Mardiganian, who starred in a movie about the Armenian Genocide of World War I.

February 20: How Three Saint Paul Boys Struck Literary Gold

They were three boys from Saint Paul’s Jewish West Side neighborhood. All studied journalism at the University of Minnesota, served in World War II and wrote some of the funniest books and movie scripts of the mid-Twentieth century. Join us for a discussion of Max Schulman, Norman Katkov and William Hoffman – three once well-known authors who deserve to be rediscovered.

Downtown White Bear, I & II

Mondays, 6 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

January 27: History of Clark Avenue, Washington Avenue and a portion of Third Street

February 10: History of Fourth Street, Banning Avenue and more of Third Street

Join us for a new two-part series on the history of downtown White Bear Lake.

Explore the buildings and scenes of downtown White Bear Lake that have changed and be surprised by so much that has remained the same! These two illustrated programs highlight many of White Bear's popular businesses and buildings. *Presented by the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society. This series is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Economic War: A History of Tariffs

Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

February 11: Tariffs and the New Nation

February 18: Tariffs and the Global Economy

From Hamilton's vision of economic protection through the Tariff of Abominations, the Smoot-Hawley Tariff, and on to the current measures imposed by the Trump administration, economic tariffs have always been a controversial subject in American history. Back by popular demand, Pioneer Press economics columnist Ed Lotterman is ready to explain it all.

Lotterman writes the "Real World Economics" column for the Pioneer Press. He has taught economics at the college level, and he enjoys explaining the dismal science to non-economists.

This series is co-sponsored by OLLI with the financial support of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.



Ramsey County Master Gardeners

Taught by University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardeners, these classes share research-based gardening best practices that promote healthy landscapes, healthy foods, and healthy lives with the people in their community.

Pruning Trees & Shrubs

Monday, January 13, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Woody plants like trees, shrubs and some flowers benefit from regular pruning to encourage healthy growth while avoiding potential problems. Learn the basics of how to care for your woody plants.

Houseplant Success

Thursday, February 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Caring for indoor plants is a little different than caring for outdoor plants. With a little special care and consideration, you can keep your indoor plants healthy and avoid common problems.

Seed Talk

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

January 14: History of Food Plants

Do you know how we got tomatoes or watermelon? The first wheat and carrot plants didn't look like what we have today. Find out how the plants we eat were started.

February 11: Starting Vegetable and Annual Seeds

What annual plants are easy to start from seeds? Learn how and when to start seeds for your vegetable garden. Plus, get some tips to produce strong and healthy seedlings for your garden.

Fix-it Clinic

Saturday, January 25, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

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 in 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.

Conversation Circles for English Learners

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

No Conversation January 20; February 17.

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

No Conversation January 1.

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

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

No Advocates January 1.

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

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

January 9: What you should know about vaping and e-cigarettes

February 13: This could be why you are depressed and anxious

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

AARP Tax Help

February 1 - April 14

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Free volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance serving low- and moderate-income taxpayers, with special attention to those over age 60. Help is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

OUCH! That Stereotype Hurts: Learning to Speak Up

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

What if you or someone else is the direct or unintentional target of bias? Are you afraid to speak up? Silence in the face of bias reinforces negative attitudes and behaviors. Join us to view the video "Ouch! That Stereotype Hurts" and participate in a discussion afterward facilitated by Michael Gregory, a Qualified Mediator with the Minnesota Supreme Court. This program will help explore the impact of biases and stereotypes and provide practical advice on how to speak up and help others to overcome biases and stereotypes without guilt or blame. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

The Electoral College: Should We Abolish it or Keep it?

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

The Electoral College system has resulted in a presidential winner who did not receive a majority of the popular vote five times in U.S. history (2016, 2000, 1888, 1876 and 1824). League of Women Voters member Karen Schaffer will lead a discussion on how the Electoral College works or (in the eyes of some) doesn't work, plus potential changes (permanent and temporary) that could be made to the system. *Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters Roseville Area.*

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.

A New Year, A New You: Discover the Transformative Power of Meditation

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
RCL - Maplewood

January 4: The Transformative Power of Meditation

January 11: Practical Approach to Meditation

January 18: Start the New Year with Meditation



Start the new year by elevating your vibrational frequencies and bring joy, peace and relaxation into your lives. Meditation is a powerful tool for quieting the mind. Join mediator Arvind

Naik for a series of inspiring meditation workshops.

Naik will show you how to take time to step away from the noise and strain of modern life and to sit quietly in meditation, benefiting your body and mind. Learn how meditations can reduce stress, increase calmness and clarity and promote happiness. Participants will be given the opportunity to practice the art of meditation.



Changes to Medicare 2020

Monday, January 6, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Monday, January 13, 1 - 3 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Major changes are coming to Medicare in 2020 that may affect your coverage. Join us for an unbiased, reliable assistance with understanding these changes. Discuss the program's latest updates and their impacts on seniors with Brenna Galvin, an elder law attorney and a speaker on Medicare for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education at the annual Elder Law Institute. Get information from the Minnesota Board on Aging's Senior LinkAge Line® free statewide assistance services.

The program is presented in partnership with the Roseville Community Health Awareness Team (CHAT), Roseville Alzheimer's and Dementia Community Action Team, City of Roseville and the Roseville Area Senior Program.

Dementia: Caring & Coping

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

January 9: Something's Different, Should I Be Concerned?

Amy House, a certified Positive Approach to Care trainer, and Mary Bauer of Minnesota Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, will present on Teepa Snow's "Normal vs. Not Normal Aging," a workshop to help you learn what is truly a senior moment and when to be concerned it could be dementia.

February 13: Who's On Your Team
Skating Center - Rose Room
2661 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN

Catherine Engstrom, a caregiver consultant with Wilder Foundation's Healthy Aging and Caregiver Services, will lead a conversation about why it is important for caregivers to have a team of support, who should be on that team, and what kind of support they can provide. We will talk about family and friends, as well as professionals who can help.

This series is brought to you in partnership with the Roseville Alzheimer's and Dementia Community Action Team and the City of Roseville. Funded by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Community Connections: Medication and You

Thursday, February 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

Join us as local pharmacist Jim Poulucha answers the following questions: What is a drug, what types are there, how are they available, how do you maximize their benefits while minimizing their unwanted effects, and how to determine if you're getting a good deal. As more medications become available, drug regimens become increasingly complex, and having a team in place to help manage these regimens is vital to a healthy, long life. Also, we'll briefly discuss how insurance companies behave and their impact on you.

This event is brought to you in partnership with the White Bear Area Senior Program.

Small Business Workshops

Registration required. *Presented in partnership with St. Paul SCORE.*

RCL - Maplewood

Insurance Basics for Small Business
Tuesday, January 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

As an emerging or current business owner, insurance can be a considerable source of confusion. This Business Essentials workshop provides an understanding of the different insurance coverages that are available to business owners.

What Makes a Bank Tick
Wednesday, January 8, 1 - 3 p.m.

This valuable workshop will give you the insight and knowledge you need to make sound choices, and an understanding of what makes a lending institution tick when evaluating creditworthiness and terms as you seek funding.

Biz Hacks: How to Find and Use Free Online Tools
Tuesday, February 4, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This workshop will introduce you to nine game-changing online tools that will help you be 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. 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!

Engaging Customers and Employees with Disabilities
Wednesday, February 12, 1 - 3 p.m.

In this workshop discussion, you will learn how working with people living with disabilities is an opportunity for your business; how being smaller helps you better serve customers with disabilities, leveraging a unique, underserved market; and how you can attract and accommodate talented professionals with disabilities. *Presented by WeCo Accessibility Services.*

RCL - Shoreview

Legal Basics
Thursday, January 9, 1 - 3 p.m.

A review of the legal basics when establishing a business, the various contract needs you'll want to address, and best practices when working with an attorney.

Growing Your Business with Google and SEO
Thursday, January 23, 1 - 3 p.m.

Your business is online, but how do you drive traffic and revenue? Learn the anatomy of a search engine and how Google, Yahoo and Bing are actually analyzing your website and online presence; plus tips and tools you can use to enhance your online presence.

Finance: Know Your Numbers
Thursday, February 13, 1 - 3 p.m.

Wouldn't you love to gain a better understanding of the basics of finance? In this workshop, you'll get an overview of the three financial statements: income statement, balance sheet and cash flow. Learn how they work together and understand how they are able to describe the activity and health of your business.

RCL - Roseville

Breaking the Ceiling
Thursday, January 16, 12 - 2 p.m.

What business owner doesn't have a ceiling they need to break in order to get the impact they want? Whether it's time, knowledge, customers or revenue - there are a lot of ceilings that we hit and need to break through to grow.

Referral Marketing
Thursday, February 20, 12 - 2 p.m.

Join us for this workshop where we'll dive into what referral marketing is, how to identify the best referral partners in your niche, and how to create a win-win-win for you, your referral partner and your new clients.

Career Navigation

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
January 8; February 5
RCL - Maplewood

Ramsey County Workforce Solutions will have Career Navigation Services at the library in Maplewood. Community members will be provided services, such as job application assistance, career pathways exploration, resume and cover letter writing consultation, and employment resource connections.



Investing and Finance 101

Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
January 28; February 25
RCL - Roseville

Learn the basics about investments and finance and how to get started. Find out about the research tools that are available free to use for the do-it-yourself investor to enable you to make the best choices for your personal situation.



Job Fair

Thursday, February 13, 1 - 4 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

All are welcome. Bring your resume and your best first impression! There are a variety of open positions from professional to service to technical positions with local area employers. *Presented in partnership with Ramsey County Workforce Solutions.*

Technology Courses

Ramsey County Library is pleased to offer a wide range of technology courses (listed in alphabetical order). Each class is limited to 12 participants. The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries sponsor these free programs.

Series At-a-Glance

Registration Required.

Pick and choose which classes interest you or attend the whole series. Check out our at-a-glance calendar below to explore our technology courses.

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

- Jan 6 Computer Basics
- Jan 8 Introduction to Windows 10
- Jan 9 Assess Your Basic Computer Skills
- Jan 10 Apples & Androids
- Jan 13 Instagram 101 *NEW*
- Jan 15 Spotting Fake News
- Jan 16 Introduction to Online Dating
- Jan 17 Exploring Virtual Reality

RCL - Roseville, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Jan 13 Microsoft Word 2016 Basics pt. 1
- Jan 14 Microsoft Word 2016 Basics pt. 2
- Jan 15 Microsoft Excel 2016 Basics pt. 1
- Jan 16 Microsoft Excel 2016 Basics pt. 2

RCL - Roseville, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

- Jan 21 Instagram 101 *NEW*
- Jan 22 Exploring Virtual Reality
- Jan 27 Introduction to Online Dating
- Jan 29 Spotting Fake News

RCL - Maplewood, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Feb 3 Protect Your Privacy pt. 1
- Feb 4 Protect Your Privacy pt. 2
- Feb 5 The (Free) Online Classroom

RCL - Shoreview, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

- Feb 10 Computer Basics
- Feb 11 Introduction to Windows 10
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Apples and Androids: An Introduction to Tablet Computing

Friday, January 10, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

This class will help you understand the difference between a tablet and a laptop computer. You will discover the wide world of apps and how to download them to your device. Bring your own tablet or try out one of the Library's tablets available for this class.

Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

Thursday, January 9, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Friday, February 14, 1 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

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, January 6, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Monday, February 10, 1 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

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

Exploring Virtual Reality

Friday, January 17, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Wednesday, January 22, 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.



The (Free) Online Classroom

Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

A great promise of the online world is access to knowledge. As top universities like Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard offer popular courses online at no cost and websites like Code Academy and Coursera have built solid reputations, online education is more dynamic than ever before. Some platforms offer certificates of completion or opportunities for college credit. Where do you begin? Is this just for fun or are there tangible benefits?

This workshop will provide participants with an overview of popular, free, online learning platforms and help the curious and the motivated start exploring the endless opportunities for online learning. *Presented by Twin Cities Media Alliance and funded by MELSA.*

Genealogy on the Web

Friday, February 21, 1 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

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

Instagram 101 *NEW*

Monday, January 13, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

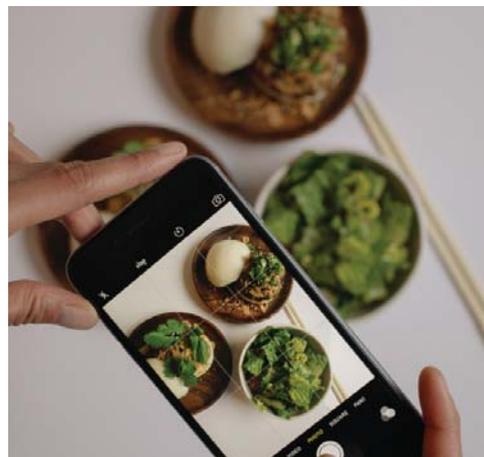
Tuesday, January 21, 7 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Tuesday, February 18, 1 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Learn the basics of Instagram! How to create an account, navigate the home page, create content, follow people and more! Bring your own smartphone if possible.



Technology Courses

Register for technology classes online through the Event Calendar at www.rclreads.org or call 651-724-6001.

Introduction to Online Dating

Thursday, January 16, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Monday, January 27, 7 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Thursday, February 20, 1 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Ready to try online dating, but aren't sure where to start? This class will highlight popular available options and offer tips to make online dating safe and fun. We will provide a brief tutorial for getting started.

Introduction to Windows 10

Wednesday, January 8, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Tuesday, February 11, 1 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

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

Wednesday & Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

January 15: Part 1

Work with spreadsheets and learn to create formulas.

January 16: Part 2

Learn about working with multiple worksheets, formulas and charting basics.

Microsoft Word Basics

Monday & Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

January 13: Part 1

Learn how to enter and edit text, apply formatting and save files.

January 14: Part 2

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

Protect Your Privacy: Staying Safe Online

Monday & Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

February 3: Part 1

From email to social media and e-commerce, modern life leaves digital footprints everywhere we go. How can you ensure that your internet browsing, purchases, emails and other online activities are safe and secure? This class will offer an overview of online security basics, anonymous browsing and better passwords.

February 4: Part 2

This class follows Part 1 by discussing malvertising and safe searching, using ad blockers, setting up a secure home wireless network, using standard versus administrative accounts, encryption and VPNs. You will learn to better protect your digital life.

This series is presented by Twin Cities Media Alliance and funded by MELSA.

Spotting Fake News

Wednesday, January 15, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Wednesday, January 29, 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 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.

Tech Workshops



Getting the Most out of your iPad or iPhone

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

All participants should come with a fully charged iPhone or iPad updated to a minimum of iOS 10.

January 4: iPad and iPhone Foundations

Learn the basics of your iPhone or iPad. You will learn about customizing your device using Settings effectively, navigating around your device, and using the built-in apps provided. No need to download anything ahead of time.

February 1: iPad and iPhone Foundations 2

This class is a continuation of iPad and iPhone basics. This class will cover Safari searching in depth, the Notes app, Reminders app, as well as Face-Time communication. All apps come pre-installed on your iPhone or iPad. No need to download anything ahead of time.

Tech in Focus: Password Management

Thursday, February 6, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - Roseville

Thursday, February 27, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - New Brighton

Too many passwords? This class will teach you how to create strong and memorable passwords, how to store them for easy access, and how to keep passwords safe and secure!

One-to-One Computer and Tech Help by Appointment

Basic computer and technology help is available for individuals by appointment. An AmeriCorps CTEP member will help you with emailing, job searching, working on resumes or other documents, as well as answering other basic technology questions.

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 about 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.

Open Maker

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.

Maker Workshops

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

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

January 9: Learning in VR

Virtual Reality is proving to be a useful tool for education, offering an immersive environment in which to learn. In this workshop, experience what it's like to learn in VR with educational experiences on topics from biology to calculus to geography.

January 30: Photo and Video Conversion

Come learn about the Library's digitization equipment that can convert physical photos, slides, negatives, 8mm, Super 8 film and VHS tapes to digital files. Bring a flash drive to store your files and up to 12 items to digitize.

February 6: Designing in PaintShop Pro: Invitations

Design your own birthday invitation with Corel PaintShop Pro! We'll learn how to create your own invitation by choosing your backgrounds and text, as well as how to use your own pictures for a more unique card.

February 27: 3D Printed Puzzle Cube

Learn basic Computer-Aided Design (CAD) techniques using Tinkercad.com while designing your own 3D printable puzzle cube.



Silhouette Studio

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

Wednesday, February 5, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

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.

Exploring Virtual Reality

Friday, January 17, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
RCL - Mounds View

Wednesday, January 22, 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. Registration required. Space is limited to 10 participants.

3D Printing and Design

Friday, January 24, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

Friday, February 14, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Learn how to design three dimensional objects on the computer using Tinkercad.com then make them with the Library's 3D printer. Registration required. Space is limited to 12 participants.

Teen Events

Contact a Teen Services Librarian:
Erica Redden, Maplewood
651-724-6137 | erica.redden@ramseycounty.us

Camden Tadhg, Roseville
651-724-6065 | camden.tadhg@ramseycounty.us

Alyssa Stevenski, Shoreview
651-486-2234 | alyssa.stevenski@ramseycounty.us

Library After Dark

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

January 3; February 14

RCL - Maplewood

Appropriate for teens ages 12 - 18. Parents welcome.

Hang out without getting shushed! After the library closes, we'll reopen the doors to youth for a night of games, activities, food and fun. Bring your friends! *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*



Read It Down

Saturdays

January 4; February 1

All Ramsey County libraries

Appropriate for ages 17 & younger.

Got library fines or fees? Read them away. Visit any Ramsey County Library on the first Saturday of the month to participate. Earn \$1 for every 15 minutes you spend reading in the library.

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, 1 - 4:30 p.m.

January 4; February 1

RCL - Roseville

Saturdays, 1 - 4 p.m.

January 11; February 8

RCL - Shoreview

Adventure with us on a *Dungeons and Dragons* campaign. No prior role-playing experience needed.



Therapy Dog

Huxley

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

January 8, 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

RCL - Roseville

Arthur

Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m.

January 9; February 13

RCL - Shoreview

Spike

Thursdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

January 9; February 13

RCL - Roseville

Join us in welcoming our guest therapy dogs to the teen space. They are here to get some good pets and de-stress your week.

History Day Hullabaloo

Saturday, January 18, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

National History Day MN invites you to dig deeper into the theme, "Breaking Barriers in History". Our History Day Hullabaloo is a research open house to get the details you need for your project. Drop in throughout the day to:

- Conduct primary and secondary research with the guidance of library staff.
- Get one-on-one help from a History Day staff member or undergraduate mentor.
- Attend a mini-lesson on a range of topics.
- View sample projects.

Ramsey County Library's History Day Hullabaloo is everything you need to make your History Day project a success.

For more information, contact History Day staff from the Minnesota Historical Society at education.mnhs.org/historyday/contact. No registration necessary, all students welcome. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Gaming Party

Friday, January 24, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22, 1 - 4 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Sundays, 1 - 4 p.m.

January 19; February 16

RCL - Roseville

Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m.

January 4; February 1

RCL - Maplewood

What do you want to play? We'll have at least three consoles and a set of laptops for PC gaming. Try a new game or bring your own.

Teen Gaming

Open Daily

RCL - Maplewood

RCL - Roseville

RCL - White Bear Lake

No Teen Gaming January 1, 20; February 17.

Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

What do you want to play? Ask for the controllers during out-of-school time and pick a game from our selection to play with your friends.



Homework Help

Mondays, 3 - 5 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

No Homework Help January 20; February 17.

Let's tackle that homework together! Peer & adult volunteers will be available to help.

Maker Teen

Mondays, 4 - 6 p.m.

January 13; February 10

RCL - Mounds View

Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

January 28; February 25

RCL - White Bear Lake

Wednesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

No Maker Teen January 1.

Thursdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

No Maker Teen January 2.

Maker Teen is all about making cool stuff, getting messy and creating something great! We will be messing around with our 3D printer, vinyl cutter, duct tape and other hands-on projects. No experience needed. We provide the supplies. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Game Night: Unplugged

Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Come and play board games at the Library. Play one of our games or bring one of yours. We will provide snacks.

Change Makers

Thursdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Teens are changing the world around them every day! Be part of the young activist community with us. We'll explore political and protest tactics, practice advocacy and plan activities to make our world a better place. No experience needed. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Teen Gaming Plus

Thursdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

No Teen Gaming January 2.

Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

January 14; February 11

RCL - White Bear Lake

Like regular gaming, but with the addition of the PS4 and all our fun board and card games.

Teen GSA

Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Our teen GSA club is a safe, welcoming place to hang out, have fun and talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.

Paws to Read



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

Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

Read to Duke

Saturdays, 10 a.m.

January 4, 18

February 1, 15, 29

RCL - Roseville

Read to Georgia

Mondays, 6 p.m.

January 6, 13, 27; February 3, 10, 24

RCL - Maplewood

Read to Mercy

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

RCL - White Bear Lake

Read to Abby

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

January 11, 18; February 1, 22

RCL - Shoreview

Read to Arthur

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

January 13, 27; February 10, 24

RCL - Shoreview

Read to Abbie

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

January 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 25

RCL - Roseville

LIVE HOMEWORK HELP ONLINE!

For ages 6 and up. Tutors are available every day 1 - 11 p.m.

Visit bit.ly/RCL_HomeworkHelp to access:

- tutors
- skill-building videos
- practice tests and more!



Family Storytime

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

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

All locations: No Storytimes January 1 - 4.

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

RCL - Shoreview

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

No Storytimes January 20; February 17.

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

No Storytime February 25.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Mounds View

RCL - North St. Paul

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - New Brighton

RCL - White Bear Lake

White Bear Lake: No Storytime February 28.

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

No Storytime January 25.

Baby & Me Storytime

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

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

All locations: No Storytimes January 1 - 4.

Mondays, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

RCL - White Bear Lake

No Storytimes January 20; February 17.

Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

RCL - Roseville

Thursdays, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - New Brighton

RCL - Shoreview

Fridays, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - Mounds View



Special Storytimes & Guest Stars

Preschool Storytime STEAM

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Appropriate for ages 3 - 5.

January 9: Snow

January 23: Colors

February 13: Shapes

Come read your favorite books with the librarian and flex your thinking skills.

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

January 11; February 22

RCL - Mounds View

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

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

Family Storytime Field Trip

Monday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.

Maplewood Cub Foods

2390 White Bear Avenue

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

Meet us at the Maplewood Cub Foods for a special storytime, a store tour, snacks and other fun activities.

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The Kids e-newsletter includes news and information on:

- Storytimes.
- Maker Kids.
- Kids events.
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Frozen Jr. Storytime

Tuesday, January 28, 6 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Friday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

Join us as cast members from "Frozen Jr." lead us in a musical storytime! Frozen costumes encouraged. *Presented by the Children's Performing Arts Company.*

Meet a Dentist

Monday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 4, 6 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

February is Dental Health Month! Meet a dentist and hygienist from Metro Pediatric Dental.

Leap Day Storytime

Saturday, February 29, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2 - 6.

It's Leap Day! Celebrate this special occasion with a very jumpy storytime.



Homework Help

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

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for all ages. No Homework Help January 20; February 17.

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.

Read It Down

Saturdays

January 4; February 1

All Ramsey County libraries

Appropriate for ages 17 & younger.

Got library fines or fees? Read them away. Visit any Ramsey County Library on the first Saturday of the month to participate. Earn \$1 for every 15 minutes you spend reading (or being read to) in the library.

KidSight Vision Screening

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

January 14; February 11

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 6 months - 6 years.

Lions KidSight USA is a nationwide program offering free vision screenings to preschool children, because every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. Contact the library in Roseville for more information.

Toddler Obstacle Course

Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

January 15, 22

RCL - Roseville

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

January 27; February 3

RCL - White Bear Lake

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

February 6, 13

RCL - Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 6 months - 4 years.

Little ones can jump, crawl, balance and twirl with these specially designed obstacle course activities. Babies are welcome in their own activity corner. Adults must remain with kids for the duration of playtime.

Pros of the Rope

Double Dutch Challenge

Friday, January 17, 2 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

Appropriate for all ages.

Join us for this one-of-a-kind family fun fitness activity where you'll learn in seconds how to enter the double dutch jump rope on the first try!

Grasshoppers

Monday, January 27, 11 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 7 - 12.

Learn how to Double Dutch jump rope, including basic footwork combinations.

Jumpin' Joeys

Friday, January 31, 10:15 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Appropriate for ages 3 - 6.

Learn the simple joy of Double Dutch jump rope.

Chess Club

Saturday, January 18, 1 - 3 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

Sundays, 1 - 3 p.m.

January 19; February 9

RCL - Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

Learn how to play chess or how to improve your game. Appropriate for all skill levels. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Parachute Playtime

Friday, January 24, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2 - 6.

Kids and grown-ups alike can sing, dance, and play with the giant parachute during this short, energetic program that's perfect for a cold winter day.

Kindergarten Card Party

Saturday, January 25

10 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview



Ramsey County Library is hosting its annual Kindergarten Card Party! All kindergartners in suburban Ramsey County will receive an invitation

to this event through their school, but everyone is welcome to attend. Award-winning author/illustrator LeUyen Pham will be giving three presentations to young readers about how she creates her stories and pictures; and how important the library and having a library card will be in their school careers. She will also be available for autographs. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Little Limb-rs Dance and Movement

Tumble Time

Wednesday, January 29, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2 - 7.

Little Limb-rs is a program designed to engage even the littlest of movers and shakers in the beauty and joy of dance! Children ages 2 - 7 will have their very own class designed to get their wiggles out while exploring their natural love of expression through movement.

Dance! Jazz & Ballet Time

Friday, February 28, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2 - 7.

Come join in for an introduction to dance for littles! Instructors from Out on a Limb Dance School will be on hand to guide our youngest kids through the beginning steps and coordination of jazz and ballet dance.

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

Unicorns 101

Thursday, February 6, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 4 - 8.

Maximize your unicorn knowledge. Get crafty with rainbows, glitter and unicorn power! Registration required. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Meet a Wildlife Vet

Friday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 5 - 12.

Come meet a veterinarian from the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of MN and take part in a hands-on activity about wild animals!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2 - 6.

Drop off a stuffed animal friend at the library anytime before Friday, February 7 at 3 p.m. Come back on Saturday morning for a special storytime and slideshow showing all the hijinks the animals got into at the library. Make sure to pick a friend who won't be missed too much!

I ♥ Art

Friday, February 14, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for all ages.

Get crafty with drop-in art activities featuring hearts.

Sensory Friendly Play Group

Saturday, February 22, 9 - 10 a.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 3 - 8.

Sensory friendly play group gives autistic children the opportunity to engage in sensory, constructive and imaginary play in a safe environment. Children with all abilities are invited to come and participate at whatever level they feel comfortable. They will be given opportunities throughout to connect with peers. Registration required. Limited to seven families.



Maker Kids

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

RCL - Maplewood

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

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 7 - 11.

Create, think, craft, tinker, build and learn! Each week we will be doing something new. Come make with us. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Saturday Maker Kids

Saturdays, 3 - 4 p.m.

RCL - New Brighton

Appropriate for ages 7 - 11.

January 4: Optical Illusion Drawings

January 11: Hexbug Mazes

January 18: Rocket Science: Straw Rockets

January 25: LEGO® Bridges

February 1: Spin Art

February 8: Build-A-Bot

February 15: Tangram Puzzles

February 22: Cereal Box Monster Jaws

February 29: Leap Day Origami

Drop in on a Saturday afternoon to create, tinker, and discover using a variety of materials. Themes change weekly. Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

Snowflake Symmetry: Six Points, Six Ways

Friday, January 17, 1 - 3 p.m.

RCL - New Brighton

Appropriate for ages 6 & older.

Come in from the cold and learn to make your own snowflakes six different ways.

LEGO® Builders Club

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

January 11; February 22

RCL - Mounds View

Saturday, February 8, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

Appropriate for ages 5 - 12.

We've got the bricks, but we need you to bring your ideas and imagination! Come build something using the Library's LEGO® collection.

Origami Boxes

Tuesday, February 11, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - New Brighton

Appropriate for ages 7 & older.

From boxes with lids to tiny pockets, drop in and learn to fold your own little containers. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Suncatchers and Shrinky Dinks

Saturday, February 15, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

Think sunny thoughts during dark winter days! Drop in for an afternoon to make shrinky dink suncatchers or sparkling suncatchers with glue and glass beads. Supplies provided while they last. Space may be limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shrinky Dinks

Saturday, February 15, 2 p.m.

RCL - North St. Paul

Appropriate for ages 7 - 12.

Drop-by for an afternoon craft with Shrinky Dinks. Supplies provided. Limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

HATS OFF TO THE LIBRARY!
Friends Gala 2020



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

6:30 – 9:30 P.M.

**Ramsey County Library in Roseville
2180 Hamline Avenue North**

Live Music | Hors D'oeuvres | Wine & Craft Beer
Costume Contest | Silent & Live Auctions | Prizes | Games

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HATS OFF TO THE LIBRARY!

2020

EVENT DETAILS: Join us for live music, prizes, live and silent auctions, a costume contest, photo booth, games, and more! Complimentary wine, craft beer, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. This is a public event benefitting the whole community, so gather your friends and family.

CAUSE: To raise \$30,000 to add 1,500 new items to the lending collection of all seven Ramsey County Library locations: Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake.

ATTIRE: The theme of our 2020 Hats Off to the Library Gala is "Welcome to the Roaring 20s." Literary hats or festive evening attire are optional. Wear a fun hat (or full costume) with a 1920s literary tie-in and be eligible to win cash prizes in the costume contest. See ideas and details on our website.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Friends at 651-486-2213 or friends@rclfriends.org
or visit rclfriends.org/events/gala

REGISTER NOW

\$50 per person in advance / \$60 at the door
(\$25 of each ticket is not tax deductible)

For fast, simple online registration go to rclfriends.org/events/gala

To pay by check, please mail this form to
Friends of RCL, 4560 North Victoria St., Shoreview, MN 55126 with check payable to Friends of RCL.

Total number of attendees _____ x \$50 = Total check amount enclosed \$ _____

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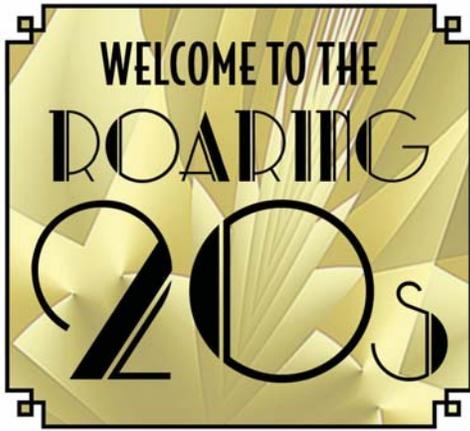
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*Please include your cell phone and email address(es) to receive registration confirmation and auction shopping preview link.

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Friends Gala 2020



Friends Annual Gala

Saturday, February 1, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Please see the enclosed registration flyer to sign up or visit our website for more information at www.rclfriends.org. Hope to see you at the gala!



40th Anniversary Author Luncheon



On November 9, 2019, the Friends organization celebrated its 40th Anniversary Author Luncheon at the North Oaks Golf Club. Award winning author Sarah Stonich spoke to a crowd of more than 140 guests, reading from her books *Vacationland* and *Laurentian Divide* and talking about her experiences as a writer. Attendees generously donated over \$500 to expand the large print, audio and e-book collections at all seven Ramsey County Library locations.

Many thanks to Mary & Wayne Carter, Robert Ostlund and Donald Ostlund for sponsoring this event.



Shoreview "Pop-Up" Success

Thank you to the 50+ hardworking volunteers and enthusiastic customers that made our third annual Shoreview POP-Up Used Book sale a success -- the sale netted over \$5,000 surpassing last year's sale! It could not have happened without our incredible Volunteer Sale Coordinators Janet Huberty and Nancy Huberty, and Shoreview Bookstore Managers Anne Ingle and Peggy Biernat.

We are very grateful for all of the help from the Shoreview library staff and the Friends Shoreview Bookstore volunteer staff for facilitating the donations for the sale. Thank you to the numerous library patrons and Friends members who dropped off their used book donations to the library in Shoreview for the sale.

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@rclfriends.org.

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Shoreview, MN 55126

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 3025 Southlawn Drive
 M-Th 10-9; F-Sa 10-5; Su 12-5
 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-Sa 10-5; T 10-8; W 1-8; Su Closed

North St. Paul (NS) 651-724-6005
 2300 North St. Paul Drive
 M, W & Sa 10-5; T & Th 1-8; F & Su Closed

Roseville (RV) 651-724-6001
 2180 N Hamline Avenue
 M-Th 10-9; F-Sa 10-5; Su 12-5
 Friends' Used Book Store

Dunn Bros Coffee Shop
 M-Th 6:30-8; F 6:30-5; Sa & Su 7-5

Shoreview (SV) 651-724-6006
 4560 N Victoria Street
 M-Th 10-9; F-Sa 10-5; Su 12-5
 Friends' Used Book Store

White Bear Lake (WB) 651-724-6007
 2150 2nd Street
 M 10-8; T & W 1-8; Th-Sa 10-5; Su Closed

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Is the quality of your library important to you? If so, use the form below to join the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries. You can also join the Friends online! Visit our website, www.rclfriends.org, to join the Friends, renew your membership or make tax deductible donations.



Friends Membership Levels

- Basic:**..... \$20 - \$49
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- I would like information about volunteering.
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