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Club Book With Gish Jen

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.

RCL - New Brighton



Club book
the book club re-writer

Gish Jen is a second generation Chinese American and a thoughtful chronicler of emigration, assimilation and multiculturalism as they relate to the modern American experience. The Los Angeles Times said of her 1991 debut *Typical American*: "Jen has done much more than tell an immigrant story... She has done it in some ways better than it has ever been done before." Jen's shrewd insights and sensitive prose are not confined to novels. Her fiction has appeared an impressive four times in the competitive *Best American Short Stories* anthology. Jen's forays into nonfiction include *The Girl at the Baggage Claim: Exploring the East-West Culture Gap* and *Tiger Writing*, a semi-autobiographical examination of "self" in different cultural contexts. Jen's eighth and latest book, *The Resisters*, offers something of a departure: it is set in a dystopian future ravaged by climate change. In a deeply divided society, baseball prodigy Gwen is plucked from the slums to represent North America in the newly reconstituted Olympic Games. Gwen and this most innocuous of sports become an unexpected rallying point for disenfranchised social justice warriors.

Your New Digital Library



Ramsey County Library's new website was designed to make finding things easier. You can now search the catalog with natural language, like "new books" or "kids movies." You can also discover titles and resources through a variety of staff and patron created lists and easy to use filters. If desired, you can customize your online account to track and share what you've found. Because the site is responsive it can easily be used on a variety of devices, allowing you to take the library wherever you go! The Library will continue to improve and add features to rclreads.org.

Get to know your new library catalog! Learn search tips, ways to customize your personal account to create and share lists, and more. Check out the workshops details on page 12.

If you have questions or concerns, please use the "Website Feedback" form: rclreads.org/help-us-improve-our-website.

Ramsey County Library Named Star Library

Every year Library Journal recognizes outstanding libraries across the nation. Ramsey County Library has been recognized as a Star Library for a seventh consecutive year - one of three in Minnesota for 2019.

Library Journal rates libraries based on circulation numbers, visits per capita, program attendance and public internet usage, using annual data that is reported to state library agencies and compiled by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Thank you for making Ramsey County Library an all-star!



The Fake: Adventures of the Cheshire Cat in Wonderland and the Art It Inspired

Exhibition

March 9 - April 25

Artist Talk

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Join us for an exhibition reception and talk with the group of artists who created art work inspired by *The Fake: Adventures of the Cheshire Cat in Wonderland*. *The Fake* is a pun-filled cat adventure story about an artist's angst of wanting to become accomplished while also wishing for fame and fortune. Visitors are encouraged to read *The Fake* while viewing the art and to make journal entries and sketches of their reactions to the art. *This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Shoreview Poetry Circle

Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

March 10; April 14

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.

Lit Out Loud: Adult Storytime

Sundays, 5 - 6 p.m.

Bent Brewstillery

1744 Terrace Drive, Roseville

Appropriate for adults ages 21 and older.

March 15: We Can Read It: Celebrating Women's History Month

April 19: Drink Up, Buttercup: Celebrating the Return of Spring and All Things Beer

Why should kids have all the fun of having stories read aloud to them? Join us at Bent Brewstillery for our new monthly adult storytime. Enjoy a curated hour of humorous short stories and essays read aloud by Ramsey County librarians and friends on a particular theme. Snacks are provided and a variety of beverages are available for purchase.

Diverse Books Showcase

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Discover great new racially diverse books for kids and teens. Ramsey County Library youth librarians will present a fun evening highlighting the best racially diverse books published recently. Hot drinks, treats and 1.5 CE credits provided.

Arts Roseville Featured Artist: Nai C. Lee

Saturday, April 11, 2 - 3 p.m.

RCL - Roseville



Nai C. Lee was born in Laos and came to the United States in 1993. He started learning the qeej (a traditional

Hmong instrument) in 2008 and has played it at Hmong funerals. Lee will perform and share about the ceremonial significance of the qeej and engage in a conversation about his experiences and his life. *This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Twin Cities Collage Collective

Use books and magazines to create an original work of art to learn about the medium of collage. Supplies and materials will be provided. *This series is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Creative Visual Journaling With Collage

Monday, April 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Explore different ways of creative expression to create some of your own imaginative pages. For this session, participants should bring their own journal or notebook.

Explore Collage Mail Art and Postal Networking

Saturday, April 25, 2 - 4 p.m.

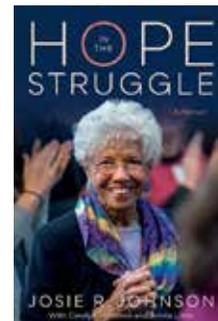
RCL - Shoreview

Explore the world of mail art and postal networking. You will create your own collage postcard. Find out how collage artists have used the postal system to collaborate and share their own work in unusual ways.

Hope in the Struggle

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RCL - Roseville



As part of the League of Women Voters year-long celebration of its 100 years, Josie Johnson, Ph.D., will share stories from her new book, *Hope in the Struggle*. Her memoir describes her role in the League and advocating

for voting rights, including making brave trips to the South to register voters during the civil rights movement. Dr. Johnson is a long-time member of the Minneapolis League and served on the National League board in the 1970s.

Co-author Carolyn Holbrook, adjunct professor at Hamline University, will join her in presenting, and League member Marquita Stephens will moderate. Books will be available for purchase. *Co-sponsored by the Roseville Area League of Women Voters.*

Art & Literature: Book Clubs

Call 651-724-6001 or go to the Library's website, www.rclreads.org, to register for classes online through the Event Calendar.

Maplewood Eclectic

Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.
The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu
by Joshua Hammer

Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.
To be determined.

New Brighton Afternoon

Thursday, March 19, 1 p.m.
The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

Thursday, April 16, 1 p.m.
Big Fish: A Novel of Mythical Proportions
by Daniel Wallace

New Brighton Evening

Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

North St. Paul

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.
Under a Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894 by Daniel J. Brown

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.
The 10,000 Doors of January
by Alix E. Harrow

Shoreview Fiction

Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m.
In the Night of Memory
by Linda LeGarde Grover

Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.
The Maze at Windermere
by Gregory Blake Smith

Shoreview Mystery

Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 19, 12 p.m.
The Dry by Jane Harper

Thursday, April 16, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m.
A Talent for Murder by Andrew Wilson

White Bear Lake Mystery

Wednesday, March 4, 1:30 p.m.
Historical up to 1900 or Local Authors

Wednesday, April 1, 1:30 p.m.
Author New to Me

Silent Book Club

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
March 4; April 1
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

March 18: *America for Americans: A History of Xenophobia in the United States* by Erika Lee

April 15: *Fortress America: How We Embraced Fear and Abandoned Democracy* by Elaine Tyler May

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.

Stories and Science Book Club with the Bell Museum

Thursday, March 19, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Join us for a spirited and informative book club that focuses on the science in the story. We'll read and discuss *The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century* by Kirk Wallace Johnson, a wide-ranging true crime story following the theft of rare bird specimens from the British Museum of Natural History.

This session is presented in association with "Audubon Animated," a multimedia exhibition of birds brought to life through motion and sound. Facilitated by Holly Menninger, Bell Museum's director of public engagement and science learning, Sushma Reddy, Bell Museum's Breckinridge chair of ornithology and curator of birds and University of Minnesota professor in the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, and a Ramsey County librarian.

Get Bent Book Club

Wednesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.
Bent Brewstillery
1744 Terrace Drive, Roseville, MN
Appropriate for adults ages 21 and older.

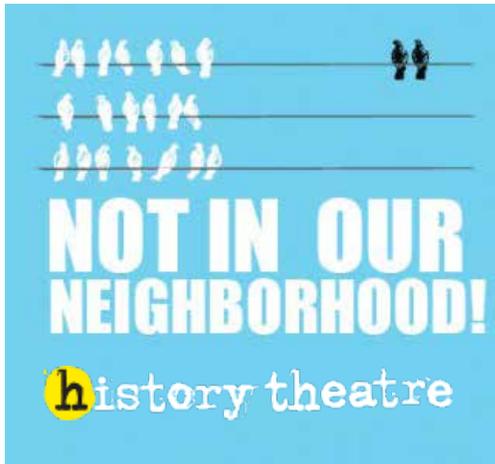
March 25: *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
April 22: *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal

Love books? Love brews? We're taking the book club out of the library and bringing it to a local taproom. Discover and discuss the month's selection with a Ramsey County librarian at Bent Brewstillery. Beverages are available for purchase.

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Minnesota History Theatre Presents: Not for Sale and Not in our Neighborhood

Friday, March 6, 1 - 3 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Join us for a special event as the Minnesota History Theatre presents scenes from two new plays, *Not for Sale* and *Not in our Neighborhood*, about the shameful history of 20th century housing segregation right here in the heart of the “liberal” Twin Cities. A discussion of the tragic events that gave the lie to the myth of Minnesota Nice will follow the presentation. *Co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota. This event is funded with money from the Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Fish Creek Archaeology

Tuesday, March 24, 7 - 9 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

Join Maplewood archaeologist Jeremy Nienow as he presents the latest findings from a dig at Fish Creek in southern Maplewood, where he directed a search for artifacts from the 1,000-year-old Woodland Culture. *Presented by Maplewood Area Historical Society. This event is funded with money from the Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Our Nation’s Endless Civil War

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

March 10: The Civil War as Conflicted Experience

March 17: Historical Memories: How the South Won the Civil War 1877-1945

March 24: Historical Memories: Are African-Americans Winning the Civil War? 1945-2020

The struggle for dignity and full citizenship for African-Americans didn’t end at Appomattox or even with the passage of the landmark Civil Rights legislation of the 1960s. Some would contend that, for many, the Civil War continues to this day. Join renowned scholar of the abolitionist movement, Professor Emeritus Jim Stewart of Macalester College, for a new examination of the ongoing legacy of our nation’s most divisive conflict. Recommended reading for this class is *Challenging the Boundaries of Slavery* by David Brion Davis. A limited number of copies are available for request through the Library.

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents

Mondays, 6 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

March 23: Wet or Dry? How Liquor Helped Shape White Bear

The pubs, taverns, speakeasies and sample rooms around White Bear Lake were popular places before, during and after the Prohibition Era. Join us as we explore the history of our local establishments, the legislation of Prohibition and the impact liquor has had on the formation of our community.

April 27: Moose Goheen Continues to Inspire

Join us to hear stories of White Bear native Francis Xavier “Moose” Goheen who played in the first Olympic ice hockey games in 1920 and was the second American inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. Goheen serves as the namesake to the annual youth hockey tournaments put on by the White Bear Lake Area Hockey Association.

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

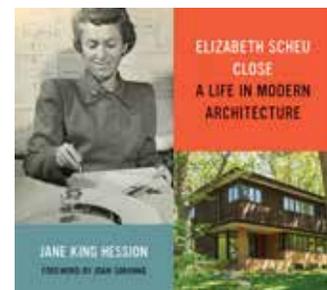
Ramsey County Historical Society Presents History Revealed:

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

March 26: I’m as Restless as a Lion: The Life of Saint Paulite, Ruth Cutler

A resident of Summit Avenue, Ruth Cutler was a multi-talented, educated woman of the upper-class possessed with a desire to make her world a better place. Using the vast collection of journals and diaries that Cutler left, Saint Paul and a world at war in transition is seen through a young woman’s eyes.

April 23: *Elizabeth Scheu Close*



An in-depth look at the life of one of Minnesota’s first woman architects by Jane King Hession, author of

the new book *Elizabeth Scheu Close: A Life in Modern Architecture*.

Jane King Hession is a Minnesota-based architectural historian specializing in modernism. She is a founding partner of Modern House Productions.

Tuesday with a Scholar: OLLI Talks

Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

March 31: The Irish Question & Modern History with Andrew Latham

They were the desperate immigrants of their era, driven by famine to migrate in unprecedented numbers to an America that offered them a harsh welcome and an uncertain future. After decades of bloody internecine conflict and a precarious peace, their nation now represents the biggest obstacle to the resolution of the Brexit dispute. Join professor Andrew Latham of Macalester College as he explores the Irish Question, from the Great Potato Famine of the 1840s to the present.

Andrew Latham is a professor of political science at Macalester College. In addition to his scholarly publications, he has also written a novel, *The Holy Lance*.

April 7: Xenophobia in America: A Long and Painful History with Erika Lee



Immigrants built America, but the irrational fear and hatred of newcomers has more than once threatened to

tear our nation apart. Join prize-winning scholar Erika Lee, author of the new book *America for Americans: A History of Xenophobia in the United States*, for a discussion of the historical roots of one of the most divisive forces in our political life.

Erika Lee is a regents professor, Rudolph J. Vecoli Chair in Immigration History, and director of the Immigration History Center at the University of Minnesota.

April 14: The 2020 Census: Taking Count Amid Controversy with Susan Brower

The U.S. Constitution mandates a national head count every ten years. At the best of times, this represents a major governmental undertaking, but the 2020 Census has also been surrounded by an unusual amount of controversy. Join Minnesota State Demographer Susan Brower for a discussion of the background and the politics of the national census, along with a look at what this year's count will mean for our state and our community.

Susan Brower has been the state demographer since 2012. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and an additional master's in public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.



April 21: Runestone: A Rock Musical*

Join cast members from the Minnesota History Theatre when they present scenes from a new musical about one of the "craziest stories" of Minnesota history. When a Swedish immigrant farmer dug up an oddly carved rock in 1898 near Kensington, was it a "great historic discovery" of Viking exploration? Or was it an audacious fake? Whatever the answer, you'll enjoy the story!

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



Pletschers' Greenhouses: The First Hundred Years

Thursday, April 23, 2 - 4 p.m.
RCL - New Brighton

Join us as we present an illustrated history of one of New Brighton's foremost businesses. In 1920, John E. Pletscher began selling plants and vegetables from his farm. A century later his descendants still own and operate the business, which has expanded to 45,000 square feet of nursery and floristry space. *Presented by the New Brighton Area Historical Society. This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Women's Suffrage: How Votes for Women changed America With Janet Woolman

Tuesday, April 28, 1 - 3 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Join popular history speaker Janet Woolman for a new series on the history of the 19th Amendment and how it changed the lives of women—and men. In this session, we will discuss political status of women in various eras and places.

Seed Talk

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

March 10: Propagating Plants

Learn ways to propagate plants if you don't have seeds. Find out what kinds of plants you can propagate using stem cuttings or leaf cuttings.

April 14: Garden Design

Learn how to design a flower garden that will have blooms all season long.

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. Registration required. Space is limited.

Pest Detective

Monday, March 16, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

Learn how to prevent, identify and respond to common problems in your yard and garden. You'll be taught how to use observation and Integrated Pest Management practices to become a "Pest Detective."

Planting for Pollinators

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
RCL - Mounds View

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.

Mayors Forum on Environmental Issues

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

How are our cities addressing environmental issues? Mayors from Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood and Roseville will discuss how their cities are addressing climate change and how they are implementing their 2040 Comprehensive Plans. They will also talk about the environmental achievements they are most proud of. Panel will be followed by a Q&A from the audience. *Sponsored by the Roseville Area League of Women Voters.*



Fix-it Clinic

Saturday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

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.



Lyme Disease and Ticks: Increasing Awareness and Dispelling Myths

Wednesday, April 8, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Join tick researcher Cole Fisher for a one-hour presentation on what causes Lyme disease, the spread of Lyme into Minnesota and Wisconsin, and how to protect against tick bites. This presentation will also touch on some of the common myths associated with Lyme disease and ticks.



Mosquito Mania

Saturday, April 25, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

Join us to learn about mosquitoes and mosquito control in this fun session from the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District. All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event.

Conversation Circles for English Learners

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

Sundays, 2 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

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

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.*

English Language Help For Adults

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
RCL - New Brighton

Do you want help with conversational skills? Are you preparing for a test? Would you like help with reading? Sign up for a half-hour appointment with an ESL specialist to brush up on your English language skills. Registration required. Please call 651-724-6002, then press 3 to schedule your appointment.



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.

AARP Tax Help

March 1 - April 14
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays
10 a.m. - 3 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.

Civic Literacy 101: The Judicial System

Tuesday, March 10, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Civics affects us every day, but its mechanics is often ignored or forgotten. Educating (or re-educating) yourself on the structure and rules of the government gives you the ability to become part of the decision-making process and create a positive impact on your government.

The U.S. judicial system is renowned for having one of the most sophisticated judicial systems in the world. Everyday thousands of people, including law enforcement officers, lawyers, judges and government officials, take part in this system, hoping to settle disputes and work for justice.

You will learn the basic structure of U.S. judicial system, who plays each role in the system and the duties and responsibilities of each. Join us to find out how to give power to your voice and enrich our democracy. *Presented by the League of Women Voters Roseville Area and Do Good Roseville.*

Children's Challenging Behaviors With NAMI Minnesota

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Join us to understand the difference between typical age-appropriate behaviors and the challenging behaviors that may be a symptom of something more serious. Learn parenting strategies to identify when and how to seek help, how to access special education or other educational programs, and what resources are available through insurance and the county to help your child and family. This is a six-hour workshop and is appropriate for parents or caregivers of children. Registration required. *Presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota.*

Vaccines 101: The Basics and Then Some

Monday, March 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Do you have questions about vaccines? Come learn from University of Minnesota professor, Donna Spannus-Martin, Ph.D., about how vaccines are made, how they work, how they protect and how you can learn more. *Presented by the Roseville Alzheimer's and Dementia Community Action Team.*

TED Talks Discussion Group

What Happened When We Paired Up Thousands of Strangers to Talk Politics?

Thursday, April 9, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

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.*

Legal Literacy 101: Police and Sheriffs

Tuesday, April 14, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Our criminal legal system is complex and there are many different roles that impact who is charged and convicted of a crime and the resulting punishment.

This session will cover the role of the police and sheriff's departments in the criminal justice system, as well as their interactions with attorneys and judges. Discuss how statutes, city code and policies define what happens when a person is suspected of a crime. Learn how decisions are made and how we can impact those decisions to ensure the system reflects our values and priorities. *Presented by Do Good Roseville.*

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.

Dementia: Caring & Coping

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

March 12: Your Medical Diagnostic Team
Skating Center - Rose Room
2661 Civic Center Drive, Roseville

The importance of a diagnosis and how to get one will be discussed by Terry Barclay, Ph.D., L.P., clinical director, HealthPartners Neuropsychology Neurosciences division, Center for Memory and Aging.

April 9: Your Legal Team

Many legal issues arise for families dealing with dementia. That's why it is important to take action as early as possible even before you get a formal diagnosis, if possible. Elder law attorney Brenna Galvin will talk about building and empowering your legal team, which could include an attorney but also relatives or friends who take on specific legal tasks. She will describe the legal tools that 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

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 5: How to Navigate Local Services and Resources
RCL - White Bear Lake

Learn about the new *White Bear Lake Area Guide to Senior Services*. Explore how best to use this guide, and discover what assistance is available to help families navigate services, the costs and what programs can help those with limited funds. Get an overview for those needing services now as well as those planning for the future. Bring your questions!

April 2: Stroke Awareness & Prevention
Senior Center
2484 E County Road F, White Bear Lake

Take the mystery out of strokes. Learn the classic signs and symptoms of a stroke. What is the best action to take when you suspect someone is having a stroke? What is the most important modifiable risk factor? Learn about the new advances in stroke care in a fun, interactive way.

This series 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

Time Management Techniques
Tuesday, March 10, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

How many hours per week do you spend on non-beneficial or energy-draining tasks? Where could you become more efficient or cost-effective throughout your week? During this workshop, you will learn a unique approach to track time, the essentials of goal development and attainment, and an impactful reflective practice based in positive psychology. Furthermore, you will walk away from this session with two personalized tools to immediately implement into your weekly routine, a greater understanding of yourself, and a foundation to support continued success.

Starting a Business at 50+
Tuesday, March 17, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Older entrepreneurs who have already had successful business careers typically have many of the qualities needed to succeed in starting a business or non-profit. Learn how this could be the right next move for you.

Banking for Small Businesses
Tuesday, April 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Human Resources Management I
Wednesday, April 15, 1 - 3 p.m.

This workshop will provide an overview of business culture, compliance, recruitment, and the interview process for small businesses.

Human Resources Management II
Wednesday, April 22, 1 - 3 p.m.

Learn how to hire and onboard, manage performance, and engage and retain employees.

RCL - Shoreview

Credit Best Practices
Thursday, March 12, 1 - 3 p.m.

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

Cybersecurity
Thursday, March 26, 1 - 3 p.m.

This presentation will inform, educate and provide some great insights into the importance of protecting your website against cyberattacks and the mistakes made by many business owners that leave their websites vulnerable to hackers.

Advanced Finance for Existing Businesses
Thursday, April 23, 1 - 3 p.m.

This workshop is targeted at individuals who are already in business with an established financial system who would like to gain a deeper understanding of finance and learn how to better manage business finances.

Getting an SBA Loan
Thursday, April 30, 1 - 3 p.m.

Learn from the experts what is needed to apply for and secure a loan from the Small Business Administration.



RCL - Roseville

Is Your Business Legit?
Thursday, March 19, 12 - 2 p.m.

Avoid the biggest no-nos that entrepreneurs make that instantly make them look like scammers. If you've been working hard this past year and have not made much or any progress in your business, you are probably committing one of these big no-nos. In this workshop, dive in to these no-nos and how to fix them, so that you can kick-start 2020 attracting clients instead of scaring them away. *Presented by Birch Solutions.*

Website Consistency: Why Does It Matter?
Thursday, April 16, 12 - 2 p.m.

From your website to your business cards, if they aren't speaking the same language, you might have a problem. In this workshop, we'll dive into websites that create an experience that makes people want to work with you. Plus we'll talk about how to pull the rest of your marketing together so things become consistent and polished. *Presented by Birch Solutions.*

Simple Steps to Start Your Business

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

Are you interested in running your own business but not sure where to start? This series of workshops is designed for pre-startup entrepreneurs who are ready to work on plans to start their own business. Register for all five, or pick and choose the topics you're interested in. *Presented by St. Paul SCORE. Funded by MELSA.*



March 11: Start-Up Basics

This introductory workshop focuses on the basics of testing your business idea and identifying the key factors that influence start-up success. Get an overview of the skills and tools you need to start a business. In addition, learn about:

- Advantages and disadvantages of owning a business.
- Most profitable form for your business.
- Fundamentals of formation, organization, marketing, cash flow and funding sources.

March 18: Business Concept

The second workshop in the series focuses on your business concept and step-by-step guidance in researching your idea, your market and your competition. Learn to identify your target markets, describe your products and services, and collect key competitive information to support your feasibility plan.

March 25: Marketing Plan

The third workshop in the series helps you identify who your customer is, your specific features and benefits, your competition, your value proposition and a foundation for your go-to market strategy. Discuss pricing strategies, positioning, the difference between features and benefits, and different marketing strategies. Lastly, learn to outline your marketing strategy, test your marketing message, choose the right sales channel and exercise your marketing strategy.

April 1: Financial Projection

In the fourth workshop, use exercises to help you better understand financial concepts. Review sales and prices, financial risks and rewards, true startup costs, ongoing operating expenses, setting benchmarks for tracking progress and the organization of all your financial information. Using a hands-on approach, you will also learn how to use our financial model to forecast sales revenue and build solid pro-forma financial forecasts.

April 8: Funding Sources

The final workshop will offer information on how to finance your small business. Discuss sources of funds, the six C's of credit, banking relations, ratio analysis, and monthly preparation and review of financial statements. A bank loan officer will give an inside view of how a banker assesses the merits of business plans and loan application. Leave the workshop with the tools necessary to decide whether or not to launch your small business.

Investing and Finance 101

Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
March 31; April 28
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.



Open Career Lab

Mondays, 1 - 4 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 - 4 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

Open to all residents for drop-in job search assistance and career planning including upcoming job search related workshops in the area. Get more information and referral to employment and training programs offered by Ramsey County and partner providers. In addition, get personalized help with:

- Developing Resumes.
- Applying to job listings.
- Interviewing tips.
- Networking.
- Setting up LinkedIn and more.

Co-sponsored by 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.

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

Mar 9 Microsoft Word 2016 Basics Part 1

Mar 10 Microsoft Word 2016 Basics Part 2

Mar 11 Microsoft Excel 2016 Basics Part 1

Mar 12 Microsoft Excel 2016 Basics Part 2

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

Mar 16 Computer Basics

Mar 17 Introduction to Windows 10

Mar 18 Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

Mar 19 Instagram 101

Mar 20 Meet Your New Library Catalog *NEW*

Mar 23 Introduction to Email

Mar 25 Travel on the Web

Mar 26 Introduction to Online Dating

Mar 27 Using the Cloud

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

Apr 13 Computer Basics

Apr 14 Introduction to Windows 10

Apr 15 Internet Basics

Apr 16 Access Your Basic Computer Skills

Apr 17 Meet Your New Library Catalog *New*

Apr 20 Introduction to Email

Apr 21 Instagram 101

Apr 22 Using the Cloud

Apr 23 Introduction to Online Dating

Apr 24 Genealogy on the Web

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

Apr 27 Smartphone Basics

Apr 28 Protect Your Privacy Part 1

Apr 29 Protect Your Privacy Part 2

Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Thursday, April 16, 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, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Monday, April 13, 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.

Genealogy on the Web

Friday, April 24, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

An introductory 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

Thursday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

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.



Internet Basics

Wednesday, April 15, 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 Email

Monday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Monday, April 20, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

An introductory class to using email. In this class we'll learn the basics of email from sending email to identifying spam. An existing email account is not needed to attend this class.

Introduction to Online Dating

Thursday, March 26, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Thursday, April 23, 1:30 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

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

Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Tuesday, April 14, 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.

Technology Courses

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



Meet Your New Library Catalog *NEW*

Friday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
RCL - Roseville

Friday, April 17, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

Get to know your new library catalog. Learn search tips, ways to customize your personal account to create and share lists, add unique content to the catalog, and communicate with other library users.

Microsoft Excel Basics

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

March 11: Part 1
March 12: Part 2

In part 1, work with spreadsheets and learn to create formulas. In part 2, learn about working with multiple worksheets, formulas and charting basics. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Microsoft Word Basics

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

March 9: Part 1
March 10: Part 2

In part 1, learn how to enter and edit text, apply formatting and save files. In part 2, learn about page layout. Class covers margins, page breaks, AutoCorrect, AutoFormat, page numbers, headers, footers, lists, tabs and tables. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

Protect Your Privacy: Staying Safe Online

Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

April 28: Part 1
April 29: Part 2

Part 1 will offer an overview of online security basics, anonymous browsing and better passwords.

Part 2 will discuss malvertising and safe searching, using ad blockers, setting up a secure home wireless network and more.

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

Smartphone Basics

Monday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Mobile devices have become an essential part of our lives, but also targets of hackers and thieves. Join us to learn basic security settings and how to configure them. Topics include PINs and password managers, apps and backups, WiFi and VPNs, remote wipe, encryption and smartphone scams. *Presented by Twin Cities Media Alliance and funded by MELSA.*

Travel on the Web

Wednesday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.
RCL - Roseville

Where do you want to go? Where do you want to stay? Find out how the internet can expand your horizons for travel and even save you money.

Using the Cloud

Friday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.
RCL - Roseville

Wednesday, April 22, 1:30 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake

This class is an introduction to storing documents and other files on the internet, popularly known as the "cloud." Join us to explore Google Drive in detail as well as different cloud storage options. 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.

Tech Workshops

Tech in Focus

iPhone Photos
Thursday, March 12, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - Roseville

Thursday, April 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - Maplewood

This class will cover the basics of taking pictures with your iPhone, how to organize them, and how to back photos up so you don't lose them. Bring your own iPhone if possible.

Password Management

Monday, April 6, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - Maplewood

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.

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 iPad or iPhone updated to a minimum of iOS 10.

April 4, 18: iPad and iPhone Foundations

Learn the basics of your iPad or iPhone. 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.

April 11, 25: 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 FaceTime communication. All apps come pre-installed on your iPad or iPhone. No need to download anything ahead of time.

Maker Adult events are appropriate for ages 15 and older. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit www.rclreads.org.

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, and photo and video editing software.

Digitalization equipment is only available during Open Maker at Roseville. Join us to convert your photos, slides, negatives, cassette tapes, 8mm and VHS tapes to digital files.



Silhouette Studio

Thursday, March 5, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Friday, April 3, 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.

Creating a Successful Etsy Shop

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

Join us for a series of workshops to help makers like you establish an online business to sell products to a wider market and earn extra income. Rebecca Grothe, of the successful Etsy shop "relaine," will teach best practices for Etsy.com. Come meet other makers, share your ideas and ask questions. Participants must have at least one handmade craft item or vintage item ready to sell. Registration required. Space is limited to 20 participants. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

March 5: Introduce Your Shop

What can you sell? In this workshop, you will learn about Etsy fees, track your business expenses, package and ship your item, and price your item for profit.

March 12: Opening Your Shop

In this workshop, you will develop a cohesive brand that inspires trust in buyers. Get to know your target market and make them excited about your products with a creative "About" section and clear policies.

April 9: Stocking Your Shop

You will learn about Etsy's search engine optimization (SEO) such as keywords and tagging to help buyers find your items on Etsy. You will write a listing description that encourages potential customers to click "Buy Now."

April 16: Photography

A great listing description is important, but what buyers really need to see are fantastic photos. In this workshop, you will use your phone camera and a free app to create listing photos for your shop. Please bring an item to photograph.

April 30: Marketing, Promotion and Customer Service

Now that your shop is open for business, how do you attract buyers and keep them coming back? Learn how to use Etsy's promoted listings and other marketing techniques.

Maker Adult events are appropriate for ages 15 and older. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit www.rclreads.org.



Exploring Virtual Reality

Tuesday, March 17, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Friday, April 24, 10 - 11:30 a.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.



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.

March 12: Virtual Relaxation

Curious about virtual reality? Use the Library's Oculus Go headsets to experience guided meditation, relaxation videos, or interact with a virtual tranquil environment.

March 26: Photo and Video Conversion

Come learn about the library's digitization equipment, available during Open Maker at the library in Roseville, that can convert physical photos, slides, negatives, cassette tapes, 8mm and Super 8 film and VHS tapes. Bring a flash drive to store your files and up to 12 items to digitize.

April 16: Print and Cut Designs with the Silhouette Cameo

Find out how to use the Print and Cut feature in Silhouette Studio! You'll learn how to create a design in Silhouette Studio, then cut that design with the Silhouette Cameo.

April 30: Design Your Own Moveable 3D Print

Learn basic Computer-Aided Design (CAD) techniques using Tinkercad.com by using a flexi hinge to create a movable 3D print.

The Art of Film Editing

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

Join Beth Peloff, a videomaker and teacher who works in documentary and animation, to learn the art of film editing. Over the course of three sessions, we will use Corel VideoStudio Pro to learn how to edit interviews, photos and pre-existing videos to create a compelling story. Registration required. Space is limited to 12 participants. *This series is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

April 7: Introduction to Film Editing: Interviews

Tell a story by editing together interviews or a scripted talk. This class will give you what you need to get started editing with Corel VideoStudio Pro.

April 14: Adding Photos, Video Clips and Audio

Learn how to add movement to your photos and use them along with video clips to add visual interest to your talking head interviews. Add and edit music to enhance your video.

April 21: Final Touches: Titles, Transitions and Effects

Take your video to the next level by adding an opening title, an identifying title for your interviewees and rolling final credits. Learn how to add interest to your video with transitions and video effects.

3D Printing and Design

Wednesday, March 25, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview

Thursday, April 23, 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

Devin Warner, Roseville
651-724-6065 | devin.warner@ramseycounty.us

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

Homework Help

Mondays, 3 - 5 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

No Homework Help March 9.

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

Therapy Dog

Huxley

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

RCL - Roseville

Arthur

Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m.

March 5; April 16

RCL - Shoreview

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.

Read It Down

Saturdays

March 7; April 4

All Ramsey County libraries

Appropriate for ages 17 & younger.

Got library 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.

March 7; April 4

RCL - Roseville

Saturdays, 1 - 4 p.m.

March 14; April 18

RCL - Shoreview

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



Library After Dark

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

March 13; April 10

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.*



Teen Lit Con

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Henry Sibley High School

1897 Delaware Avenue, Mendota Heights

Join teens across the metro area to celebrate teen literature, promote reading and writing, and to create a community of readers. In addition to game prizes and event giveaways, there will be publisher freebies distributed in a variety of venues. For more information, visit teenlitcon.org.

Teen Lit Con is brought to you by your metro public libraries, with funding from a Legacy Amendment Grant, Sibley High School and other amazing partners.

Youth Jobs Assistance

Youth Open Career Lab

Mondays, 2 - 4 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Open to all youth ages 14 to 24 to



drop in for job search assistance and career planning including upcoming job search related workshops in the area. Get more information and referral to employment and training programs offered by Ramsey County and partner providers. In addition, get personalized help with:

- Developing Resumes.
- Applying to job listings.
- Interviewing tips.
- Networking.
- Setting up LinkedIn and more.

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Teen Job Seeker Essentials

Saturday April 11, 2 - 4 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Saturday April 18, 2 - 4 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Saturday April 25, 2 - 4 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

Are you a teen and looking for summer employment? Join us at the library to learn about job applications, writing resumes and interviews. It is a great way to get a feel for what jobs are available to you as a teen, and prepare for the next steps in getting a job.

We're hiring for summer!



Ramsey County Parks & Recreation is looking to hire lifeguards, golf grounds crew, waterpark

admissions and park maintenance staff this summer. We provide flexible scheduling, a fun outdoor work environment and so much more.

Interested? Visit ramseycounty.us/parkjobs for more information.

Teen Tech Camps

Monday & Tuesday, 1 -5 p.m.

March 9, 10

RCL - Maplewood

Wednesday & Thursday, 1 -5 p.m.

March 11, 12

RCL - Roseville

Monday & Tuesday, 1 -5 p.m.

March 16, 17

RCL - Shoreview

Join other teens in the community!

This two-day camp brings you hands-on experience with technology, such as 3D printing and design. Registration is required; plan to attend both days. Limited to 12 participants.

Folkarts of India

Thursday, March 12, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Take a whirlwind tour of India with artist Shakun Maheshwari. You will explore the customs and traditions of Indian culture, look at clothing, and learn words and phrases in Hindi. Then you will create a drawing/painting using traditional Indian designs. *This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Native American Beading

Tuesday, March 17, 3 - 5 p.m.

RCL - Roseville



Julie Boada of the Fond du Lac nation introduces the art of beading. Learn how patterns and colors can reflect tribal and family affiliations.

Then create your own bead work. *This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



Suminagashi: The Ancient Art of Paper Marbling

Wednesday, March 18, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

The word "suminagashi" means floating ink in Japanese. Grind your own ink using an ink stone and create beautiful decorated paper by floating ink on water. Learn a bunch of ideas on how to use your beautifully decorated papers. *This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Maker Teen

Mondays, 4 - 6 p.m.

March 9; April 13

RCL - Mounds View

Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

No Maker Teen March 10.

Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

March 24; April 28

RCL - White Bear Lake

Wednesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

No Maker Teen March 11.

Thursdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

No Maker Teen April 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

No Game Night March 17.

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

Teen Gaming

Open Daily

RCL - Maplewood

RCL - Roseville

RCL - White Bear Lake

No Teen Gaming April 2, 12.

Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

No Teen Gaming March 17.

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.

Teen Gaming Plus

Thursdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

RCL - Maplewood

No Teen Gaming March 12; April 2.

Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.

March 3; April 7

RCL - White Bear Lake

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

Gaming Party

Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m.

March 14; April 11

RCL - Maplewood

Friday, March 20, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

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.

Family Storytime

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

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

RCL - Shoreview

No Storytime March 2.

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

RCL - Roseville

No Storytime March 2.

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Mounds View

RCL - North St. Paul

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

No Storytime April 2.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - New Brighton

RCL - White Bear Lake

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

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.

Mondays, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

RCL - White Bear Lake

No Storytime March 2.

Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

RCL - Roseville

Thursdays, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - New Brighton

RCL - Shoreview

No Storytime April 2.

Fridays, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Special Storytimes

Preschool Storytime STEAM

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Appropriate for ages 3 - 5.

March 12: Sounds

March 26: Weather

April 9: Eggs

April 23: Worms

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

Irish Dance Storytime Featuring Eilís Dance

Thursday, March 12, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

Join us as we welcome local dancers who will tell stories through the art of Irish dance and music! *This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Snow Party Storytime

Thursday, March 19, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

We are taking our storytime out into the winter wonderland of the reading garden! Dress for outdoor snow play, as we share stories of winter, complete a scavenger hunt and create our own snow sculptures! Weather dependent.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

March 21; April 18

RCL - Mounds View

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

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



Hula With Kanani

Keiki & Me

Monday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Appropriate for ages 3 - 5.

Baby & Me

Wednesday, March 25, 9:45 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Monday, March 30, 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1, 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages newborn - 2 years.

Dance to Hawaiian music with your child! For those with babies, you can wear your baby, your baby can dance or sleep to the beautiful Hawaiian music. Children ages two and older can take part in learning and practicing their hula steps and hand motions. We'll sing some songs in Hawaiian too! *This series is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Dance Together

Monday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

Appropriate for newborn - 5 years with adult.

Discover the joys of movement through games, stories and songs with your child, while exploring different ways of being physically expressive and practicing large and fine motor skills. Registration required. Limited to 15 child/adult pairs. *Presented by Young Dance. This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Storytime Guest Stars

Miss Nina

Monday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

Join special guest Miss Nina for sing-along, move-along and read-along fun! *This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Stories Sing

Monday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Maplewood

Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - North St. Paul

Friday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - New Brighton

Saturday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for families.



Watch as a professional opera singer gives a new perspective on reading, as the Minnesota Opera presents an innovative

program bridging traditional storytelling and music. In Stories Sing, a teaching artist will use songs and tools from the stage to enhance, inspire and help children engage in reading. As a book comes to life, children and families will have a chance to sing along during this interactive hour through the power of opera. *This series is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Earth Day

Monday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

Celebrate Earth Day and learn about recycling with Ramsey County Environmental Health.

Homework Help

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

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for all ages.

Need help with your homework? Students of all ages are welcome to stop by for assistance with completing assignments. A tutor will be on hand to help keep you on track.



Read It Down

Saturdays

March 7; April 4

All Ramsey County libraries

Appropriate for ages 17 & younger.

Got library 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.

Kind Kids Club

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

March 6; April 10

RCL - Roseville

Appropriate for ages 7 & older.

Join our Kindness Club! We will work on projects for local non-profit organizations to bring smiles to our community members.



Toddler Obstacle Course

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

March 11, 18, 25

RCL - Roseville

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

March 30; April 6

RCL - White Bear Lake

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.

Chess Club

Saturday, March 7, 1 - 3 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake

Sundays, 1 - 3 p.m.

March 22; April 19

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.*

Game Day

Fridays, 2 - 3 p.m.
March 20; April 10
RCL - Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 7 - 12.

Come play board games with your friends at the library! Play one you already know or learn something new. We will have *Catan* set out and ready to go, but there will be many games to choose from.

Sensory Friendly Play Group

Saturdays, 9 - 10 a.m.
March 28; April 25
RCL - Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 5 - 12.

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 twelve families.

KidSight Vision Screening

Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview
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 Shoreview for more information.

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!



Spring Bunny Drawing

Saturday, April 4, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 6 - 12.

Join us as we celebrate spring with a fun multi-media art lesson! Learn to draw a bunny portrait using simple shapes and lines; add texture and details. Cut and glue the bunny to a beautiful floral background you create with crayon, marker and water. Registration is required. *Presented by the White Bear Center for the Arts. This event is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Earth Day Birthday Celebration

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.
RCL - White Bear Lake
Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

Earth Day is turning 50 years old! Minnesota Department of Natural Resource naturalist Linda Radimecky will join us to celebrate Earth Day's birthday with learning, stories, crafts and cake!

Baby Shark Party

Friday, April 17, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - Roseville
Appropriate for ages 2 - 6.

Dance! Craft! Play! Doo doo doo, doo doo doo-doo! Drop by the library for this toothy celebration of all things baby shark-related.

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 Mercy

Tuesdays, 4:15 p.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April 7, 14, 21, 28
RCL - White Bear Lake

Read to Abbie

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April 7, 14, 21, 28
RCL - Roseville

Read to Arthur

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
March 9, 23
April 6, 20
RCL - Shoreview

Read to Duke

Saturdays, 10 a.m.
March 14, 28
April 11, 25
RCL - Roseville

Read to Georgia

Mondays, 6 p.m.
March 23, 30
April 6, 13, 20, 27
RCL - Maplewood

Read to Brody

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
RCL - Shoreview

Maker Kids

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

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

Friday, March 13, 2 - 3 p.m.
RCL - Mounds View
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.*

Creative Pastels

Join us for a series of events where you will learn to create colorful illustrations using oil pastels. Registration required. Space limited to 25 participants. *This series is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Art for Two

Saturday, March 7, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
RCL - Roseville
Appropriate for ages 7 & older with an adult.

Pairs consisting of one adult and one child will create an oil pastel scene in tandem to take home.

Spring Frogs

Thursday, March 12, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

Wednesday, March 18, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
RCL - Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 7 - 12.

Create colorful frogs croaking and hopping around a spring woodland.

Spring Blossoms

Thursday, March 19, 2 - 4 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 7 - 12.

Pairs (two children or child and adult pairing) will create spring blossoms with Ming vases.

Draw Fantasy Characters with Scott Rolfs

Saturday, March 7, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
RCL - North St. Paul

Friday, March 13, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
RCL - Roseville

Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
RCL - Shoreview
Appropriate for ages 7 - 12.



Do you love to draw? Would you like to create your own fantasy characters? Join us for an afternoon of artistic creativity with local drawing coach

Scott Rolfs as he takes you on a journey of character building fun! Registration required. *This series is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Saturday Maker Kids

Saturdays, 3 - 4 p.m.
RCL - New Brighton
Appropriate for ages 7 - 11.

March 7: Doodle Art with Hexbugs

March 14: Pi Day Party

March 21: Coffee Filter Chromatography Art

March 28: LEGO® Crash Landing

April 4: Make Your Own Marionette Puppet

April 11: K'Nex Build-A-Thon

April 18: Keep Your Dinosaur Dry

April 25: Weave a Wall Hanging



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.



Dazzling Suncatchers

Tuesday, March 10, 10 - 11 a.m.
RCL - Roseville

Saturday, April 25, 2 - 3 p.m.
RCL - North St. Paul
Appropriate for ages 3 & older.

Spring is coming! Create a dazzling glass suncatcher to hang in your window and brighten even a gloomy winter day. Registration required.

Origami

Wednesday, March 11, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
RCL - Maplewood

Friday, April 3, 2 - 3 p.m.
RCL - Mounds View
Appropriate for ages 7 - 12.



Learn the basics of origami. Leave with creations of your own. Limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tin Foil Relief

Thursday, March 12, 2 - 3 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

Appropriate for ages 7 - 12.

Drop in and join us to make a piece of artwork using tin foil, yarn and sharpie markers.

Create-a-Critter

Friday, March 13, 1 - 3 p.m.

RCL - New Brighton

Appropriate for ages 7 & older.

Either follow a pattern or create your own design to make a bead animal keychain.



LEGO® Builders Club

Thursday, March 19, 2 - 7 p.m.

RCL - Mounds View

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.

Chemists in the Library

Saturday, March 28, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

Chemistry students, teachers and professionals bring the fun and wonder of chemistry to the library. They help kids with a variety of easy-to-do, hands-on chemistry activities. Families welcome!



All Ages Table Top Gaming Club with Bill Nara

Saturday, March 14, 1 - 3 p.m.

RCL - North St. Paul

Appropriate for ages 6 & older.

Learn fun new table top games with Bill Nara from the Chess & Strategy Game Association. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

You Move Me

Thursday, March 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RCL - New Brighton

Appropriate for all ages.

Use movement like spinning, rolling and pulling to create art.

Do You Want to Build a Snowman?: Family Geocaching Class

Saturday, March 21, 1:30 - 4 p.m.

RCL - Shoreview

Tuesday, March 10, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

RCL - White Bear Lake



First, learn all about geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt. Next, locate a few hidden caches around the library

and collect your snowperson building materials.

Families are invited to stay and build snow people around the library using the items from the caches. An alternative indoor building activity will be provided if there is no snow. Space is limited. Registration required.



Beans in a Bag

Friday, April 3, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RCL - New Brighton

Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

Learn about different ways to grow a garden and start your own beans to take home and sprout.



Friends Gala 2020 Signature Sponsor



We are excited to announce Northeast Bank as the first ever Friends 2020 Signature Sponsor! This is a new sponsorship opportunity, and Northeast Bank is donating \$10,000 to support Reading Friends and Ramsey County Library programs throughout the year. Northeast Bank funding will enhance and expand both the Friends and Ramsey County

Library's outreach to low income and underserved communities.

Northeast Bank is a premier, independent, community bank committed to providing quality products and exceptional service. Founded in 1947, its mission is to build strong communities, one relationship at a time. As such, Northeast Bank has a long and well-established history of working with the community – from working with local school children to helping grow businesses and supporting community organizations. Its philosophy of putting people first – and trusting that profitability will follow – has been proven true for more than half a century. As its clients have prospered, so has Northeast Bank and, in turn, the community it serves.



Friends Annual Hats Off to the Library Gala: Welcome to the Roaring Twenties!



A thousand thanks to all of the attendees, volunteers and donors who helped make the 2020 Hats Off to the Library Gala a roaring

success! We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our 2020 Gala sponsors:

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Friends Adopt New Strategic Plan For 2020-2022

The Friends Board of Directors adopted a strategic plan that includes a new vision – To have a bigger and bolder impact with Ramsey County Library into the future – and four strategic priorities:

- Go to the next level of friend-raising and fundraising.
- Create powerful messages about the Library and Friends impact.
- Engage the general community in new and fun ways to build a stronger/larger library community.
- Bring to life one or more big ideas that were jointly envisioned by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries and Ramsey County Library.

One key component of the new plan is an increase in the Friends upfront grant commitment from \$70,000 to \$130,000. While the Friends have provided more than \$130,000 by the end of the year for the past five years, it is our hope that making this commitment at the beginning of the year will assist Ramsey County Library in their planning and priority setting process.

Friends Book It 5K Ending After 10-Year Run

After much deliberation on how best to fulfill the mission of advocating on behalf of Ramsey County Library (RCL), the Friends Board of Directors has concluded that it is time to retire the Book It 5K event, in order to focus more time and energy on building financial and community support for the Ramsey County Library Summer Learning Program.

The 5K has had a wonderful 10-year “run,” thanks to the RCL staff and dozens of volunteers who made this event possible—planning the event, securing in-kind donations, setting up the course and display tables, registering participants, serving as course marshals, riding the lead bike, welcoming runners at the finish line, looking out for stragglers and helping us launch the “Library Lap” fun run for kids.

We will be planning a 5K volunteer appreciation celebration that will take place later this year and will also invite past 5K volunteers to come out and support the Summer Learning Program kickoff event in June. More information to follow in the coming months!

Kindergarten Party

More than 1,300 library card applications were processed through this effort and 239 cards were handed out at the event on Saturday, January 25. Award-winning author and illustrator LeUyen Pham gave three presentations to young readers about how she creates her stories and pictures.

Congratulations to all of the children’s librarians for setting kindergarteners on a path of lifelong learning and exploration through this heartwarming and inspiring event.

Thank you!

Thank you, Mounds Park Academy for being a Kindergarten Card Celebration Gold Sponsor!



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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