**Meet Your Library Board**

The Ramsey County Library Board is responsible for governing the suburban library system. The Board ensures that the libraries are responsive to the needs of the community, guarantees financial resources to accomplish the strategic plan and sets library policy.

The seven appointed trustees are Sylvia Neblett, chair; Gwen Willems, vice chair; Debra Berry, secretary; and Claire Chang, Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, Sida Ly-Xiong and Steve Woods. Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire is the county board liaison.

The Library Board meets the third Wednesday of each month. Virtual meetings are open to the public and start at 6:30 p.m.. Learn more: www.rclreads.org/management.

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**Computers by Appointment**

Ramsey County Library is offering computer access by appointment at the libraries in Maplewood, Roseville and Shoreview. Appointments are for computer use only and will be taken for the present day or the next day.

To make a two-hour appointment, call:
- Maplewood - 651-724-6068
- Roseville - 651-724-6001
- Shoreview - 651-724-2309

Available times are:
- Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Sunday: 2 p.m.

For more details, visit rclreads.org/computers-by-appointment.

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**Curbside Pickup**

Curbside pickup of holds is available at the libraries in Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake. Please call ahead to schedule a pickup. For more information: rclreads.org/curbside-pickup.

A three-week checkout period with the possibility of two renewals has have resumed. All book returns are open and items will be checked in after 72 hours. For more details on our modified services, visit rclreads.org.
Virtual Programming

Virtual programming is offered remotely using Zoom communication software. Register online at rclreads.org or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.

The Endless Civil War
Tuesdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
July 14, 21
Part I: Historical Memories: How the South Won the Civil War 1877-1945
Part II: Historical Memories: When will the War End for African-Americans? 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. In the wake of the tragic death of George Floyd, many would contend that the Civil War continues to this day. Join renowned scholar of the Abolitionist Movement, Professor Emeritus Jim Stewart of Macalester, for a discussion about the ongoing legacy of our nation’s most divisive conflict and how it continues to affect our lives.

Recommended reading for both sessions is Challenging the Boundaries of Slavery by David Brion Davis.

This series is co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota with financial support from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
July 15: Spotting Problem Plants
August 19: Herb Gardening

In July, we will learn to identify and manage common invasive plants found in Minnesota yards and natural areas, and find out about new invaders on the horizon.

In August, we will get to know some of the herbs commonly used in cooking and learn how to harness those flavors year-round.

Shoreview Poetry Circle
Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.
July 14; August 11

Join us at the Shoreview Poetry Circle to read and discuss beloved poems. Selected poems will be email a week in advance of the meeting, but you are welcome to join without reading the poems beforehand.

Recent Archaeology Findings In Ramsey County
Thursday, July 23, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Archaeologist Jeremy Nienow will discuss some of the findings from recent archaeological digs at sites throughout Ramsey County. A project of the Metro County Historical Society Collaborative, a group of historical societies from throughout the Metro area including the Ramsey County Historical Society, the Maplewood Area Historical Society and others, this series of digs included Gibbs Farm and areas along Fish Creek.

Nienow will discuss some of the results and talk about how archaeology of this type can help shed light on Native Americans and early historic settlements. He will be joined by Bob Jensen of the Maplewood Area Historical Society.

This program is presented by the Ramsey County Historical Society.

Arts Roseville Featured Artist:
Joe Kral
Saturday, July 11, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Discuss the art of local artist, Joe Kral, an American artist based in Minneapolis. He grew up in a small town in southern Minnesota and was raised on skateboarding, BMX, heavy metal and art. He creates mixed media paintings focusing on people, typography, color, shape and art. The paintings are made by hand on wood panels using vintage printed ephemera from books, magazines, maps and postcards. He is currently the Lead Designer at 3M.

Dan Newton and Elizabeth Rowan
Saturday, August 8, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Daddy Squeeze and Elizabeth play a fun mix of lively tunes on accordion, percussion and vocals. You’ll hear European and American Folk, Country, Cajun, Jug Band Blues, Fats Domino, Hank Williams, The Beatles and more.

Dan “Daddy Squeeze” Newton has been entertaining since 1980, and is known for his work with the Cafe Accordion Orchestra and A Prairie Home Companion.

Elizabeth Rowan accompanies Dan on Washboard, Zydeco rub-board, the Cajun triangle and guiro (a Latin percussion instrument). She has studied Cajun, Creole and Latin percussion.

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

History Book Club
Wednesdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

July 15: Living for Change by Grace Lee Boggs
August 19: When They Blew the Levee: Race, Politics, and Community in Pinhook, Missouri by David Todd Lawrence


This program is co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of MN with financial support from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.
**White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:**

**Washington Avenue: Then and Now**  
Monday, July 27, 6 - 8 p.m.
Take a virtual stroll along Washington Avenue, originally known as Railroad Avenue, to see images of the past and how the buildings look today. We will share stories of the businesses and proprietors who were located along this important stretch of White Bear’s business district.

**White Bear’s Notorious Gangsters**  
Monday, August 24, 6 - 8 p.m.
The White Bear area was a haven for the 1920s and ‘30s era gangsters who wanted to get away from it all. Join us to learn some gangster lingo while you hear the tales of infamous visitors such as Ma Barker, Alvin “Creepy” Karpis and Baby Face Nelson.  
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**Sidewalk Talk Listening Session**  
Thursday, July 30, 7 - 8 p.m.  
Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
August 15, 29
Join us to learn how to become a Sidewalk Talk volunteer listener. Sidewalk Talk (sidewalk-talk.org) is a worldwide volunteer organization that offers space for people to have conversations with no judgment, no ‘fixing’. Research shows that being heard - really listened to with compassion and without judgment - reduces stress levels, calms anxiety, strengthens our ability to trust ourselves, and increases our capacity for meaningful connection.

**Decision Time at the Supreme Court**  
Tuesday, August 4, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Summer is traditionally the time that the Supreme Court hands down its most important decisions. This year the stakes were exceptionally high, with issues on the docket that ranged from gay rights to contraception vs. religious freedom to the President’s income tax returns. Join legal scholar Timothy Johnson as he reviews the recently concluded session and assesses its consequences for our future.

Johnson is the Morse Alumni Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Law at the University of Minnesota, and a nationally recognized expert on U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments and decision making.

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**One Book | One Minnesota: A Good Time for the Truth**  
Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.  
July 28; August 25
Join the statewide book club for a discussion of A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota, edited by Sun Yung Shin. Please read the second half of the book for this discussion (Erdrich, Kim, Sanchez-Chavarria, Yang, Jenkins, Karimi, Lee, Grant, and Wilson).

**White Bear Mystery Book Club**  
British Empire Mysteries  
Wednesday, August 5, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Every month members read any book on the same theme and discuss their selections with each other.

**AM Radio Memories**  
Wednesday, August 5, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
Join performer and musical historian Joey Leone for a virtual concert of hit songs and stories of the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s. Joey has played with the musical greats, and he’ll share his memories, as well as some fine old songs of the era. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

**Talking About Race Learning Circle**  
Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
August 6, 20
We will use the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture’s Talking About Race portal to create community conversation about racism, racial identity and the way these forces shape every aspect of society, from the economy and politics to the broader American culture. *Presented in partnership with Do Good Roseville.*

**A Reading and Conversation with Author Carolyn Holbrook**  
Wednesday, August 19, 7 - 8 p.m.
Join us for a conversation with Author Carolyn Holbrook about her writing and creative process. She will be reading from her new book, *Tell Me Your Names and I Will Testify.*

Holbrook is a writer, educator and longtime advocate for the healing power of the arts. She is founder and director of More Than a Single Story, and executive editor of the Saint Paul Almanac. She is the author of *Earth Angels*, and is co-author with Arleta Little of Minnesota civil rights icon, Dr. Josie R. Johnson’s memoir, *Hope In the Struggle*. Her personal essays have been published widely, most recently in *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota and Blues Vision: African American Writing from Minnesota.*

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

**The Connemara Irish in Saint Paul**  
With Jane Kennedy  
Thursday, August 27  
*rclreads.org*
When 24 Irish families left Connemara in the Old Country in 1880, they knew little about their final destination in the upper Midwest. They arrived with few possessions and their hope for a better life. Join Jane Kennedy for a pre-recorded program about the Irish immigrant experience in Saint Paul. You’ll learn about their hardships, determination and their hopes. *Presented by the Ramsey County Historical Society as part of their History Revealed Series.*
Virtual Programming

Virtual Kids Events

Kids virtual programming can be viewed on Facebook Live at facebook.com/rclreads/live_videos or on rclreads.org/kids.

Virtual Storytimes

Family Storytime
Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.

Storytime Guest Stars
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Appropriate for ages 6 - 23 months.

Join us Wednesdays for some of your favorite storytime guest stars, such as local authors/illustrators, Learning Tree Yoga or Keiki & Me Hula with Kumu Kanani.

Read. Make. Do. Kits with Creative Pastels
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Appropriate for ages 5 & older.

Starting July 1, go to the online calendar on rclreads.org and register for a Read. Make. Do. kit, while supplies last. Then join us Wednesday evenings for a live follow along with Karan Tan of Creative Pastels.

First Pages Fridays
Fridays, 12 p.m.
Live premieres beginning Friday, July 10.

Join us on Fridays to hear the first chapter of a new book read to you by one of our librarians.

Summer Performers
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
Appropriate for all ages.

July 13: Siama Congo
July 20: Shiffelly Puppets
July 27: Lalo’s Lunchbox
August 3: Climb Theater
August 10: Bakken Museum
August 17, 24, 31: Music Together in the Valley

Join us on Facebook Live for special performances from your favorite local artists, performers and authors.

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

Virtual Teens Events

Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. Check rclreads.org for the most up-to-date event information. Teen virtual events are funded with money from the Friends of Ramsey County Libraries.

Dungeons and Dragons Online
Sundays, 12 - 3 p.m.

Teens will be able to participate in creative and imaginative adventures and quests in an online version of our popular Dungeons and Dragons program.

Virtual Teen Book Clubs
For grades 6 & 7.
Mondays, 2 p.m.
July 13, 20, 27

For grades 8 - 12.
Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
July 14, 21, 28

For grades 6 - 12.
Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
July 15, 22, 29

Book clubs conducted over Zoom. Participants can pick up books via curbside pickup or request it to be delivered by mail.

Online Board Gaming Afternoon for Teens
Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.
July 14 - August 11

Teens will be able to participate in fun and engaging board games in a digital setting. The websites Boardgame Arena and Tabletopia allow free access to select board games.

Virtual MakerTeen
Thursdays, 3 - 5 p.m.
July 16 - August 13

Register for MakerTeen kits online at rclreads.org/teens, and pickup via curbside. Then join us weekly on Zoom to hang out, create together and share your creations.

Online Video Game Night
Thursdays, 5 - 7 p.m.

Join us for a fun night of interactive video games from the comfort of your home.

Virtual Technology Events

Computer and Tech Help Appointments by Phone
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m.

Do you have a basic computer or technology question? Help is available over the phone by appointment. Call 651-724-6001 (press #2) to schedule your half-hour telephone appointment.

For questions relating to downloading e-books, e-audiobooks, or other library e-resources, call the library during open hours and speak with a reference librarian for immediate help.

Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings
Wednesday, July 8, 1 - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, August 11, 7 - 8 p.m.

Learn the basic features of using Zoom Meetings. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

Meet Your New Library Catalog!
Tuesday, July 14, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday, July 27, 6 - 7 p.m.

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

Spotting Fake News
Monday, July 20, 6 - 7 p.m.

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

Password Management
Wednesday, August 5, 1 - 2 p.m.

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!
Renew Your Friends Membership Today!

In early June, members whose membership was set to expire on June 30, 2020, received a renewal envelope. Thank you to the over 300 members who have already renewed their support for the Friends. We plan to send out a second reminder in early August. Help save paper and postage by renewing today with the envelope you received in June, with the membership form on the back of this newsletter or online www.rclfriends.org. Your membership to support the Library and its services is more important than ever.

Thank You to 2019-2020 Reading Friends Volunteers

While the Reading Friends Literacy Program was cut short this year due to COVID-19, many kind volunteers participated from September 2019 through early March 2020 at our Community Partners with Youth (CPY) partner site in New Brighton. Reading Friends generously donated their time and tutoring skills one-on-one with K-5 children to reinforce literacy skills and help build self-esteem and the love of reading. The lives of many children were enriched this year because of our dedicated and generous Reading Friends. We’d like to express our sincere and deep thanks to Aleli Balagtas, Lyn Cariveau, Susan Evans, Marcie Jefferys, Brad Larson, Jo Ann Morse, Mary Santi, Sophia Vigil, and Beth Warren.

Friends Used Book Store Operations

The Friends used bookstore operations continue to mirror the “closed to the public” guidance of the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health department regarding COVID-19. As a result, our annual September book sale will be cancelled this year and we need to continue with our “No Donations Accepted” policy until further notice.

Right now, we are engaged in idea-sharing with Friends groups across the country to find new and safe ways to receive donations and to sell books. Watch our website, social media channels and e-news for announcements about online and curbside book buying options.

Friends staff members are available by email as we continue to work remotely. Please contact us at friends@rclfriends.org with any questions, concerns or ideas.

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. Legacy Circle gifts to the Friends help to sustain vital financial support for Ramsey County Library now and into the future. If you have already included a bequest for the Friends in your estate plan, please let us know. We will welcome you to the Legacy Circle and tell you about all the fun that comes with it! Or contact Cyndi Cook at 651-486-2213 to learn more about including the Friends in your will to make a lasting difference in your community.

Thank Yous

It takes a village to keep kids reading over the summer!

Many thanks to everyone who helped raise over $8,000 for the Summer Learning Program through the spring GiveAtHomeMN campaign.

We are also deeply grateful to our 2020 Signature Sponsor, Northeast Bank, and the Roseville Area Community Foundation for supporting the Summer Learning Program.
Maplewood (MP) 651-724-6003
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
2280 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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☐ I would like information about volunteering.
☐ I would like information about other forms of giving.

Mail to: Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries
4560 North Victoria Street
Shoreview, MN 55126

For more information, please call 651-486-2213.

The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your membership is tax deductible to the full extent provided by IRS regulations.