

# Explore

Ramsey County Library News & Events

## **The Downloadable Collection Move to Libby**

On Tuesday, February 23, the Ramsey County Library's downloadable collection has moved over to Libby by OverDrive (OverDrive for Kindle users) as your one-stop shop for e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines.

With the acquisition of RBDigital by OverDrive, the Library took the opportunity to reconsider which online/mobile platform would give our patrons access to the most shared content and provide the best user experience. OverDrive was the best option due to the following key benefits:

- **Shared collection:** Discover, request and borrow e-books and e-audiobooks from other Twin Cities metro libraries accessible to all in a shared collection. You'll have access to more content than ever before.
- **All-in-one app:** Instead of needing to check multiple apps, find all the e-books and e-audiobooks RCL owns in one app.
- **Kindle compatibility:** Many Kindle users have been frustrated by their inability to borrow e-books from RCL in the past. With OverDrive, Kindle users can join everyone else in borrowing e-books from RCL.

cloudLibrary services has been discontinued. Current holds were not saved or transferred. To get your holds list, go to [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org) and log into your account.

Go download the Libby app (OverDrive app for Kindle users), available on iOS and Android. Simply search for and select "Ramsey County Library." Please note, Ramsey County Library is a member of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA). You will find Ramsey County Library listed under MELSA: Twin Cities Metro eLibrary when using Libby. Then, log in using your Ramsey County Library card number and user PIN.

For step-by-step instructions on getting started with Libby/OverDrive, visit [bit.ly/2LOaKTB](http://bit.ly/2LOaKTB). You can call 651-724-6001 to talk to a librarian. For more information, [rclreads.org/overdrive-libby](http://rclreads.org/overdrive-libby).

## **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 an eighth consecutive year - one of three in Minnesota for 2020.

This year Library Journal added a new rating measure: successful retrievals of electronic information (e-retrievals) or the measuring usage of online content, such as databases. Other measures used to rate libraries includes 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!

## **AARP Tax Return Assistance By Appointment Now Available**

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**RCL - Maplewood**

Now through April 14, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will provide tax preparation help to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. Appointments are required. Please call 651-689-3449 to make an appointment. Bring your Social Security card or Taxpayer ID card to your appointment as well as a copy of last year's tax return. Please wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people. Learn more about AARP tax preparation at [bit.ly/36VEmGq](http://bit.ly/36VEmGq).



## Call for Submissions

### ***This Was 2020: Minnesotans Write About the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mr. George P. Floyd's Death, Electoral Politics, and Other Flashpoints***

Ramsey County Library wants to publish your writing about 2020! From the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown and reorganization of life as we know it to protests surrounding Mr. George P. Floyd's death and the presidential elections, 2020 was a historic year in many ways. We invite you to reflect on your experiences about the year in essays, creative nonfiction, short stories or poetry.

We are interested in hearing about how you weathered the year. Tell us what you learned about our communities, how you connected with loved ones during isolation and what creative rearrangements of your daily lives looked like. Tell us stories that reimagine the year and its events. Capture the essence of living through a pandemic in poetry.

**Eligibility:** Any Minnesota resident\*. Writers under the age of 18 will need a parental/guardian approval for publication. Only unpublished work will be accepted. No simultaneous submissions to other publications.

**Submission Deadline:** April 15, 2021

#### Guidelines:

- One submission per applicant.
- Prose submissions: 5,000 word maximum.
- Poetry submissions: up to three separate poems (no more than 10 pages total).
- Submissions not primarily in English are welcome, but must be accompanied by an English translation.
- Email your submission as a Microsoft Word or PDF attachment to [RCLWrites@ramseycounty.us](mailto:RCLWrites@ramseycounty.us).
  - Document should include titles for the essays, stories or poems.
  - Document should not include your name.
  - Include full name and titles of the essays, stories or poems in the body of the email message.

**Timeline:** Submissions will be evaluated by a submission panel in April/May 2021. Submitters will be notified via email if their work is accepted or not for publication. Writers of accepted works will receive a \$50 payment and two print copies of the book. The book will be published online, as an e-book, and as a print book.

Questions? Email [RCLWrites@ramseycounty.us](mailto:RCLWrites@ramseycounty.us).

*This program is funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

*\*Ramsey County employees may submit work for consideration, but will not be eligible for payment.*



## Book Clubs

### **White Bear Mystery Book Club**

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

**March 3: Historicals or Local Authors**

**April 7: An Author New To Me**

Every month, members read any book on the same theme and discuss their selections with each other.

### **History Book Club**

Wednesdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

**March 17: *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin**

**April 21: *The Yellow House* by Sarah M. Broom**

The History Book Club will meet on the third Wednesday of the month with Clarence White of the Eastside Freedom Library. Join him for conversations about thought-provoking history titles.

*This program is co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota.*

### **Maplewood Eclectic Book Club**

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

**March 17: *Brave Girl, Quiet Girl* by Hyde**

**April 21: Bring a Favorite Poem to Share**

# Virtual Programming: Art & Literature

Virtual programming is offered remotely using Zoom communication software. Registration is required at [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org) or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.

## Take-Home Art Kits for Adults

Adult Take-Home Art Kits provide adult patrons with an at-home creative experience away from screens and technology. Supplies and instructions are included in each take-home kit. Register today: [bit.ly/Take-HomeArtKits](http://bit.ly/Take-HomeArtKits)

*Take-Home Art kits are funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## Acrylic Painting with Creative Pastels

Monday, March 1, 6 - 8 p.m.



Unleash your creativity by joining artist Karen Tan to create a “spring flowers” painting. In this class you will learn the basics of painting with acrylic on canvas and how to paint loose and

with beautiful brush strokes with this versatile medium. No painting experience necessary, all levels are welcome. Enjoy making art with others in the comfort of your own home through Zoom. All supplies will be provided through pickup at participant’s library location of choice. Appropriate for all adult ages. Registration required, space is limited. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## Short Story Chats

Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.  
March 2; April 6

Short on time but miss book clubs? Join us to talk about short stories—quick reads that pack a punch!

## Author Talk: Jana Larson

Thursday, March 4, 7 - 8 p.m.

Join us as Jana Larson shares her experiences researching and writing *Reel Bay: A Cinematic Essay*, a genre-blending book that is equal parts memoir, mystery, reclaimed screenplay and travelogue. In the book, Larson asks what happened to Takako Konishi, the Japanese woman found dead outside Detroit Lakes, Minnesota in 2001. Konishi’s death has spawned an urban legend about her search for the money in the movie *Fargo*, capturing the attention of the media and filmmakers. Although her death was ultimately ruled a suicide, speculation remains about what drove her to kill herself so far from home. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## Shoreview Poetry Circle

Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.  
March 9; April 13

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

## Easy Thai Cooking with Rice Noodles

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 13: Pad See Ew

April 17: Thai Spring Rolls.



Join us for a series of cooking classes with local Thai cook Mattana Intakong. Classes will focus on the Thai staple ingredient - rice noodles. Each session will feature a different recipe and staples can be

requested in advance to be picked up at the library location of the participant’s choice (fresh ingredients will need to be obtained by each participant). Registration required. Classes will be conducted via Zoom. *This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

## Club Book Presents

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

## Imbolo Mbue

Tuesday, March 16, 7 - 8 p.m.

Cameroonian-American novelist Imbolo Mbue burst onto the literary scene in 2016 with her debut novel *Behold the Dreamers*. Semi-autobiographical in nature, the book tracks a young Cameroonian couple as they struggle to re-establish themselves in New York City in spite of racial barriers and the economic upheaval of the Great Recession. Mbue’s anticipated follow-up, *How Beautiful We Were*, a heart-wrenching story about the collision of a small African village and an American oil company, hits shelves on March 9. In a starred review, Kirkus Reviews raves that Mbue’s masterwork “uses an ecological nightmare to frame a vivid and stirring picture of human beings asserting their value to the world – whether that world cares about them or not.”

## Robert Kolker

Thursday, March 25, 7 - 8 p.m.

Robert Kolker is an established and esteemed investigative reporter. Long known in journalism circles for his exposés in New York Magazine and Bloomberg News, Kolker became one of the nation’s most read nonfiction writers (almost overnight) after the April 2020 publication of *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*. Now a #1 New York Times bestseller, *Hidden Valley Road* centers around the 12-child Galvin family in post-WWII Colorado. Considered a paragon of domestic prosperity and bliss by friends and neighbors, the Galvins harbored dark secrets. Hereditary schizophrenia – diagnosed in six family members – eventually came to light as the culprit, but only after the Galvins’ story had confounded medical science for years. Also in 2020, Netflix released the feature film *Lost Girls* based on Kolker’s first literary foray, a 2013 book of the same name which tracks the murder spree and clues trail of an as-yet-unidentified serial killer.

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## Latinx Art in Minnesota with Carolina Ortiz and Luis Fitch

Tuesday, March 30, 7 - 8 p.m.

Art Plus Publics is an occasional series that spotlights the power of art to create, sustain, and transform communities and democracy. In this program, two local artists discuss their recent projects and have a conversation about how art empowers their communities.

Carolina Ortiz's *Mírame* | LOOK.AT.ME project assembles a group of artists who create masks from recycled materials to tell the stories of undocumented migrants. Ortiz is a community activist and DACA recipient currently studying at Normandale Community College.

Luis Fitch explores cross-cultural issues in multiple mediums such as papel picado, silkscreen, and mixed-media painting on recycled corrugated boxes. Fitch is an artist, designer and founder of UNO Branding, a multicultural strategic communication agency.

*Co-sponsored by Communities Organizing Latinx Power and Action. This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## Arts Roseville Featured Artist: Reuben Kitto Stately

Saturday, April 10, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Reuben Kitto Stately (stage name "Kitto") is a 21 year old recording artist from Minneapolis and a college student currently attending Augsburg University. He comes from both Santee Dakota & Red Lake Ojibwe Nations.

Stately has been writing and recording for nine years. His goal with his music is to keep it honest with his listeners. His music harmonizes the happy and sad times, and both good and bad experiences. "I believe when I rap about what I've been through, I validate other indigenous youth who relate to my experience. I believe this makes them not feel so alone in our collective need for healing. This is my gift and it's not only healing myself but others as well." *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



## More Than a Single Story: Financial Trauma in Communities of Color

Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Arts activist Tess Montgomery will explore the intersections between financial independence and historical trauma on people of color and how it affects them in their daily lives as parents, as children of parents who have struggled financially, and as workers and artists today during the pandemic. Panelist includes: Suleiman Adan, Anthony Ceballos, May Lee-Yang, Sagirah Shahid and Jna Shelomith.

More Than a Single Story is a series of panel discussions/public conversations where writers of color discuss issues of importance to them in their own voices and in their own words. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## History Events

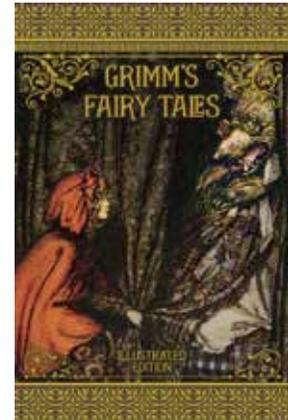
### Tuesday with a Scholar Series

Tuesdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join scholars from area colleges and elsewhere as they share their specialized knowledge and enthusiasm. It's like hearing your favorite college professors again, without worrying about writing papers or taking finals!

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### March 2: Where Fairy Tales Meet History



Fairy tales are the key to our unconscious and the mirror of our history. Join distinguished scholar of the genre, Jack Zipes, for an investigation of the intersection of fairy tale and fact in the context of

twentieth century political history. You'll never feel the same about the "innocent" fables of childhood again.

Jack Zipes is a professor emeritus of German, comparative literature, and cultural studies at the University of Minnesota.

### March 9: Minnesota 1918: The Previous Plague

The COVID epidemic has struck Minnesota with terrible force. It's a once-in-a-hundred-years-event, but how does it compare with the Great Flu Pandemic of almost a century ago? Join Star-Tribune columnist, Curt Brown, author of *Minnesota 1918* for a look at what's changed—and what has not—in Minnesota's response to plague times.

Curt Brown's tales about Minnesota's history appear each Sunday in the Star Tribune. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

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## Tuesday with a Scholar Series Continued

### March 16: The Irish Question & Modern History

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 presented an obstacle to the resolution of the Brexit situation. Join Andrew Latham as he explores the Irish Question from the Great Potato Famine of the 1840s to the present.

Andrew Latham is a professor at Macalester, where he specializes in the study of international relations and political thought.

### March 23: Russia and the US: Old and New Enemies

What does the new Biden administration in Washington mean for one of our nation's oldest and most contentious relationships? From the days of Seward's Folly in the 1860s to the much-scrutinized relations between Vladimir Putin and former President Trump, Russia has always presented both a mystery and a challenge to the United States. Join veteran Russia-watcher Todd Lefko for an assessment of the current situation between the two countries.

Todd Lefko is President of the International Business Development Company. He has business and academic ties with Russia going back 30 years.

### March 30: The Strategies of White Supremacists

White supremacist or separatist groups have become much more sophisticated at crafting their message to appeal to other groups and individuals. And social media makes it much easier to spread these messages. Join Professor Lisa Waldner as she discusses the techniques and the record of these groups in Minnesota and around the nation.

Lisa K. Waldner is Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Sociology at St. Thomas University.



### April 6: The Supreme Court and the Theater of Judicial Politics

Confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justices Barrett and Kavanaugh gave Minnesotans a front row seat in the political theater of judicial confirmation. It is hard to believe, but true, that the Senate did not hold public confirmation hearings for judicial nominees until 1916 when Louis Brandeis was nominated to the Supreme Court. Please join legal scholar Teresa S. Collett as she explores the evolution (or perhaps devolution) of this important political process.

Teresa Collett is a professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where she serves as director of the school's Prolife Center.

### April 13: The Demographics of Democracy

The election of 2020 will continue to fascinate observers because of its political paradoxes and unexpected outcomes. For one thing, in a contest marked by open appeals to race and white nationalism, why did more Latinos and fewer white men vote for Donald Trump in 2020 than in 2016? Join Prof. Michael Minta, an expert on the demographic characteristics of American voters, for a deep dive into the shape of the 2020 vote--and what it means for our national political future.

Michael D. Minta is an associate professor in Political Science at the University of Minnesota and a leading expert in the study of the political representation of African American, Latino, and female interests in the United States.

### April 20: The Booth Girls



Half a century ago when Minnesota girls "got in trouble," they often found themselves banished from daily life, awaiting the outcome of their pregnancies at the Salvation

Army's Booth Memorial Hospital in St. Paul. Kim Heikkila's research into the history of this home for unwed mothers was prompted in part by the discovery of painful secrets in her own family's past.

Independent scholar Kim Heikkila is the author of the recently published *Booth Girls: Pregnancy, Adoption and the Secrets We Kept*. This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

### April 27: Paul Wellstone: Minnesota Populist

Thirty years ago, Paul Wellstone reinvented the idea of prairie populism when he was elected to the US Senate from Minnesota. What impact did Wellstone's political career have on Minnesota and the nation? Join long-time Wellstone associate and friend, Jeff Blodgett, for a retrospective look at Wellstone, his political times and his legacy for our own era.

Jeff Blodgett has been a major political strategist for the Minnesota DFL for many years; he ran all three of Paul Wellstone's U.S. Senate races. This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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## **The President Series: Campaigns and Crises with J.B. Andersen**

Wednesdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

**March 24: Campaign Promises: Broken and Unfulfilled**

**March 31: Third Parties and the Rise of the Secret Ballot**

**April 7: The Dark Secrets of Disabled Presidents**

**April 14: The Stain that Haunts Us: Racism and the Presidency**

As Americans, we hope that our leaders are wise, honest and responsive to the public will; but, as history shows, that is not always the case. J.B. Andersen returns with a look at some of the lesser-trod byways and shadowed corners in the history of the American Presidency.

Andersen is the creator of "The Presidents Series," one of the most popular history series ever offered in the Twin Cities.

*This series is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

## **Ramsey County Historical Society Presents History Revealed:**

### **Redefining Citizenship: The Fight for the Right to Vote in Minnesota and the Midwest**

Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Examining how women won the right to vote in Minnesota and the Midwest reveals how Midwesterners changed their conceptions of citizenship in the early twentieth century. Join Professor Sara Egge for a look at the complex interactions of World War I politics and the women's suffrage movement.

Sara Egge is the Claude D. Pottinger Professor of History at Centre College in Kentucky. She received her PhD from Iowa State University. She is the author of the award-winning book *Woman Suffrage and Citizenship in the Midwest, 1870-1920*.

### **Clara Anderson: A Woman's Fight to Save Her Job**

Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m.

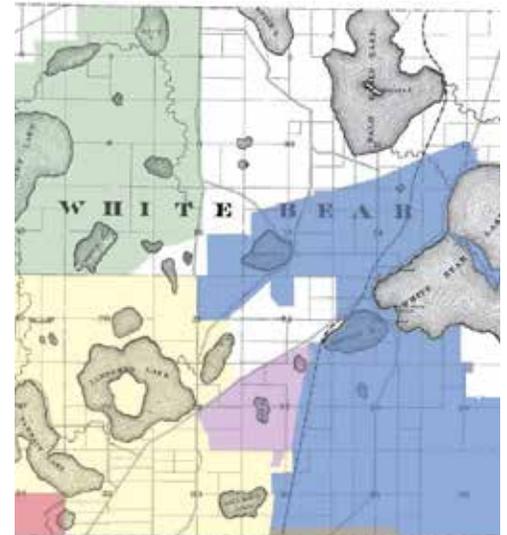


Photo courtesy of Monte Anderson.

"Bartenders Wanted: Women Need Not Apply." In the early 1940s, Clara Anderson worked as a bartender at a local hotel until the Saint Paul City Council enacted an ordinance barring women from working behind the bar once men returned from World War II. Rather than lose her job to a man, Anderson went to court. Learn more about her

fight against discrimination as Judge John Guthmann brings a little-known chapter of area history to light.

Guthmann is on the Ramsey County Historical Society Board of Directors and also a member of Minnesota District Judges Foundation Board of Directors.



## **White Bear Lake Area Historical Society Presents:**

### **Now That I Found It, How Do I Organize It?**

Monday, March 22, 6 p.m.

You found it once, but did you capture it and if so can you find it again? This is a problem common to all genealogists. In this session Tom Rice will show various methods of organizing physical files and software tools to help put order into captured websites, digital photos, scanned documents, and other genealogical information.

### **White Bear Township: The Battle for Independence**

Monday, April 26, 6 p.m.

Over the past century and a half, the original 36 square mile White Bear Township gave birth to the cities of Gem Lake, North Oaks, Vadnais Heights and White Bear Lake. Join us to hear how the story unfolded through a series of hot legal disputes and emotional exchanges.

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

# Virtual Programming: Community & Well-being

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## **Raising Allies Parenting Class**

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
March 2, 9

It is important for youth of all ages to learn to navigate differences, and build skills in allyship and advocacy. Ashley Oolman of Allied Folk will teach you how to parent inclusively, and explore how to increase representation, engage in challenging conversations and foster cultural competency at home.

## **Learn About Foster Care**

Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The foster care system provides a refuge for more than 10,000 children at any given time in Minnesota. Over 700 of whom are waiting to be adopted. Common myths can make the prospect of fostering/adopting more intimidating than it should be. A panel of social workers, adoptive parents and adoptees will share their experiences and information about foster care and adoption in Minnesota.

## **Community Conversations on Race**

Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Having conversations about race provides participants with the opportunity to learn about a topic, enhanced by the personal experiences and perceptions of the group. This discussion series will base the conversations on a video or article related to the topic, followed by small group discussions. *Presented by Do Good Roseville and City of Shoreview/Shoreview Human Rights Commission.*

### **March 11: How Race Is Lived in America**

In this session, we will discuss *How Race Is Lived in America*, a New York Times award-winning series of short documentaries based on conversations with people of different races regarding their lived racial experiences.

### **April 8: The Binary Code of Racism and How It is Learned**

In this session, we will discuss how our racial history and biases are passed on to new generations and are reflected in our behavior.



## **Redlining and Racial Covenants**

Tuesday, March 23, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Kirsten Delegard of Mapping Prejudice will speak on discrimination in real estate through racial covenants and redlining. *Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters-Roseville Area.*

## **Racism in Real Estate**

Thursday, April 1, 6 - 8 p.m.

This class, created by the Mapping Prejudice project and presented by RETHOS: Places Reimagined, explores structural racism and the racial wealth gap as it applies to housing. We'll consider the role of the real estate industry in the history of racial housing discrimination and the consequences of these policies on housing equity today. *Presented in partnership with Do Good Roseville and City of Shoreview/Shoreview Human Rights Commission.*

## **Time is Running Out: How our Cities are Addressing Urgent Environmental Issues**

Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Join us for a forum with mayors from Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood and Roseville. Hear about actions taken by the mayors to address climate change and implement their 2040 Comprehensive Plans. There will be time for questions from the audience. *Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters-Roseville Area.*

## **Environment and Sustainability Events**

### **Seed Talks**

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

#### **March 9: How to Start Seeds**

When is the best time to start pepper seeds? Should I start my lettuce seeds inside or can I plant them outside in the spring? What other seeds should I start inside this spring so I get an early harvest? These questions and more will be answered at this Seed Talk!

#### **April 13: How to Grow Tomatoes**

Two Ramsey County Master Gardeners and horticulturalist Pam Frink will give us the scoop on growing tomatoes. Find out when to transplant and harden off your tomato plants to ensure a healthy harvest and other tricks to growing great tomatoes.

### **Ramsey County Master Gardeners Presents**

Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### **March 11: Advanced Vegetable Gardening**

This class is designed for gardeners who have experience growing vegetables. Learn some of the advanced techniques to take your vegetable garden to the next level by improving your growing conditions, extending the growing season and more.

#### **April 8: Introduction to Vegetable Gardening**

This class teaches the basics of growing your first vegetable garden. Come and learn what you need to know about where to plant your vegetables, which plants to choose, and how to care for your garden all season long.

#### **Trees: Choose Wisely and Plant Properly**

Tuesday, April 13, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Which tree should you choose? How big will it get? What is the best way to plant it? Learn what the latest research shows should guarantee a leafy success from Crow Wing County Master Gardeners. *Presented in partnership with the Ramsey County Master Gardners.*

# Virtual Programming: Technology Courses

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## Jobs & Small Business

### Online Jobs and Small Business Resources on the Digital Library

Ramsey County Library has several online resources to help with your job search or to help your small business grow. All resources are accessible with your library card.

To access any of these resources:

- Go to [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org).
- Log in to your account.
- Click on Digital Library tab and scroll to All Subjects.

If you need a library card, a Library account providing instant access to electronic resources may be obtained by calling 651-724-6001.

### For Jobseekers:

#### • Cell-Ed

Learn English, job skills and more for free on your own time. With Cell-Ed, your cell-phone becomes your teacher.

#### • Job & Career Accelerator

Gain access to career exploration tools, a resume and cover letter builder, job search, and other materials related to career and job readiness. This resource is part of the Learning Express Library.

#### • JobNow

A real-time online job coaching resource for your resume and job interviewing skills.

### For Small Businesses:

#### • Business Source Premier

Research scholarly journals and trade publications across all business-related subject areas.

#### • Data Axle Reference Solutions

Previously known as ReferenceUSA, this is a great place to research companies and find demographic data on potential customers.

## Technology Events

### Computer and Tech Help Appointments by Phone

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 5 - 7 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.

### Password Management

Wednesday, March 3, 6 - 7 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!

### Introduction to Windows 10

Monday, March 15, 1 - 2 p.m.

This class introduces the key features in the Windows 10 operating system. Learn the basic apps on your desktop and learn tips and tricks about the Edge browser.

### Assess Your Basic Computer Skills

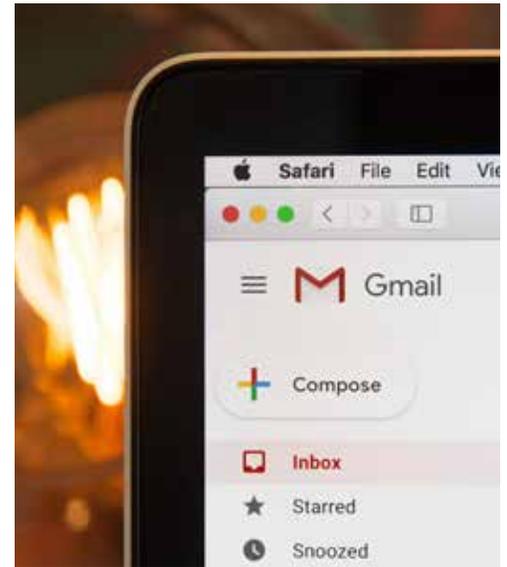
Monday, March 22, 1 - 2 p.m.

Are you unsure about your computer skills? Join us in using the Northstar Assessment tools! These assessments are an easy way to identify what you know and pinpoint what you need to learn.

### Meet Your New Library Catalog!

Tuesday, March 23, 10 - 11 a.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.



### Genealogy on the Web

Wednesday, March 24, 2 - 3 p.m.

This class introduces Ancestry Library Edition, a starting point for searching online for genealogy information.

### Introduction to Email

Tuesday, March 30, 6 - 7 p.m.

New to email? This class will cover the basics including creating an email account, how to send emails, and email etiquette.

### Using Your Email

Tuesday, April 6, 6 - 7 p.m.

Want to learn more about your email? In this class we'll learn about email attachments, spam email, and how to avoid phishing emails. We'll also look at how to start organizing emails to fit your individual needs best.

### Learn the Basics of Zoom Meetings

Wednesday, April 14, 2 - 3 p.m.

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

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## Protect Your Privacy: Staying Safe Online

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

### April 19: Part 1

This class will offer an overview of online security basics, anonymous browsing, maintaining devices, reading URLs, better passwords and avoiding phishing. Discover the tools and techniques you need to protect your online information.

### April 20: Part 2

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

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

## The (Free) Online Classroom

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

A great promise of the online world is access to knowledge. As top universities like MIT and Harvard offer popular courses online at no cost and websites like Codecademy, Khan Academy and Coursera have built solid reputations, education online is more dynamic than ever before. Some platforms offer the opportunity to earn certificates of completion and there are even ways to translate your learning to college credit.

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

## Spotting Fake News

Thursday, April 22, 1 - 2 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.

Kids virtual programming can be viewed on Facebook Live at [facebook.com/rclreads/live\\_videos](https://facebook.com/rclreads/live_videos) or on [rclreads.org/kids](http://rclreads.org/kids), unless otherwise noted.

## Virtual Storytimes

Family Storytime

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

*Appropriate for ages 2 - 5.*

Storytime Snacks

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

*Appropriate for ages 6 - 23 months.*

## Virtual Family Chess Night

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Zoom Online and Lichess

Do you want to learn how to play chess and connect with other chess players? Kids and caregivers are invited to practice their chess skills online. Hosted by Bill Nara and the Chess and Strategy Game Association. Players under 16 years old need parental/guardian consent to use Lichess, a free online chess server.

## Ally Adventure Storytimes With Ashley Oolman of Allied Folk

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 3, 10, 17, 24

Join Ashley Oolman of Allied Folk for a special storytime to learn to navigate differences, and build skills in allyship and advocacy. There are daily opportunities for kids to appreciate diversity and support their peers in a compassionate and empathetic way. Come to experience equity and inclusion concepts through storytelling and visual representation. Together we will activate the hearts and minds of youth, securing a sense of belonging one kid at a time. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

## Baba the Storyteller

Friday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.

Presented in English

Wednesday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.

Presented in Spanish

Join us for a truly engaging, immersive cultural experience of musical storytelling with Baba the Storyteller. Through Baba's tale-telling, viewers of this virtual program will be tickled by the antics of cunning rabbits, ethically challenged hyenas and a variety of other enchanting characters. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*



## Lalo's Lunchbox Storytime

Monday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.

Facebook Live

Join Lalo and his friends on Facebook Live as they explore healthy foods and the importance of doing good things for others. This interactive program allows children and families to virtually interact with the performers and choose/vote on the direction the show goes. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## Learning Tree Yoga

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

March 15; April 19

Join us for a special storytime with Learning Tree Yoga. *This event is funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.*

# Virtual Programming: Teens

Virtual programming is subject to changes and cancellation. For the most up-to-date program information or to register for an event, visit [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org).



## **Ukelele Storytime with Rose**

**Monday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for musically diverse storytime with Rose and her ukulele. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## **Read. Make. Do. Kits**

Register for Read. Make. Do. (RMD) kits through the Library's online events calendar. These projects-in-a-bag are meant to provide children with engaging, literacy based activities to be completed at home. For more kits, visit [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org).

Feature RMD kits:

**Poetry in a Bag\***

**Make a Corn Husk Doll with Gibbs Farm\***

**Silly Millies Bookworm Pen\***

**May the 4th Be With You**

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Online registration is required for all teen virtual programming. Check [rclreads.org](http://rclreads.org) for the most up-to-date event information. *Teen virtual events are funded with money from the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries, unless otherwise noted.*

## **Dungeons and Dragons Online**

**Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Join us for an epic adventure quest! No previous Dungeons and Dragons experience needed.

## **Virtual Study Hall for Teens**

**Mondays, 3 - 5 p.m.**

Do you have basic homework questions? Do you just want a virtual hangout spot to socialize while you do homework? Come join us for a weekly, 2-hour study hall space open to kids and teens grades 5 - 12.

## **A History of Black American Music**

**Monday, March 22, 3 - 5 p.m.**



Come take a dive into the deep, and rich history of Black music in America with local musician and DJ, Sci-Fi. This class will take an in-depth look at the history and development of Black music in the

United States in relation to the history of the US itself. *This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

## **Virtual MakerTeen**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3 - 5 p.m.**

MakerTeen is all about being creative, making new things, and using high-tech and low-tech tools to change your world. Join us on Zoom for a weekly hang out. We will chat, make together and share creations. *Presented in partnership with Ramsey County 4-H.*

## **Virtual Graphic Novel Book Club for Teens**

**Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m.**

Fans of comics, manga and graphic novels, rejoice! Join us on Zoom to talk about great graphic novels. Participants get free copies of each book.

## **Virtual Board/Video Gaming Afternoon for Teens**

**Thursdays, 5 - 7 p.m.**

**Zoom Online**

Weekly virtual board game or video game hang out using Zoom, Tabletopia and Twitch. Come game with us!

## **Weekly Teen Contests**

**Tuesdays**

**[rclreads.org/teens](http://rclreads.org/teens)**

Be a weekly winner of a \$10 gift card! Every Tuesday, come to the teen page and try some trivia, take a picture, write a book review or any of the other weekly fun things we have in store.

## **Job Searching 4 Young Adults**

**Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.**

**March 6: Finding a Job: Job Search and Networking**

**March 13: Applying to Jobs: Resume, Cover Letter and Email Etiquette**

**March 20: Securing a Job: Interviewing, Social Media and Career Resources**

Are you a high school or college student who needs help with the job search process? Join Americorps member Aileen Dwyer to learn the skills and resources you need to find, apply and secure a job!

## **Household Economics and Science for Young Adults**

**Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.**

**April 3: Cooking and Food Safety**

**April 10: Refurbish, Reuse, Recycle**

**April 17: Natural Life Hacks: Cleaning and Organizing while Being Earth-conscious**

Are you a high school or college student who feels like they're paying too much for household necessities? Are you wanting to learn the basics of how to take care of your home and yourself, including cooking, cleaning, and refurbishing basic home items? Join AmeriCorps member Devon Matti to learn these skills and more.

## Drop & Go Donations Now Available

The Friends are now accepting Drop & Go Donations at Maplewood, Roseville and Shoreview!

Patron donations are essential to the success of our new Virtual Used Bookstore. We are now able to accept gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles and games at the Maplewood, Roseville and Shoreview locations only. There are labeled bins near or in the used bookstores to drop off your donations. Please note, at the time of print we are fully operational for taking donations. Please check our website at [rclfriends.org](http://rclfriends.org) for any potential COVID-19 related limitations prior to bringing in your donations.

Please note and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Masks required to enter the library. Practice social distancing during drop-off.
- Donations can be made anytime during regular library hours.
- Volunteer and storage capacity require that we limit donations to two grocery bags or similarly sized boxes per donor, per day.
- Leaving donations with librarians is not permitted. Library staff are not currently authorized to receive donations.
- Secure game and puzzle boxes, lids and pieces to keep intact.
- For a complete list of what we can and cannot accept for donations visit: [rclfriends.org/buy-books/donate-books](http://rclfriends.org/buy-books/donate-books).

## Support the Ramsey County Library Summer Learning Program on Library Giving Day

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

The Friends are joining library advocates around the country on Library Giving Day to celebrate our public libraries and raise funds for library materials, programs and services. This one-day online fundraising event takes place on April 7, 2021, and we need your help to raise \$38,000 for the Summer Learning Program.

The Summer Learning Program at Ramsey County Library is free, fun and easy to access. Activities are expansive (science, reading, arts, gaming, nature) and tailored to meet the needs of different age groups. Children and teens who participate earn great incentives such as free books and tickets for fun activities! The Summer Learning Program is a key resource in helping families prevent the dreaded “summer slide” that affects the education of so many children and teens. With your generous support, we can ensure that all children and teens in our communities have access to these vital summer learning opportunities.

Join us in supporting the Summer Learning Program through Library Giving Day! We encourage patrons, Friends members, and library lovers to make a gift anytime now through April 7, 2021 by visiting us at [www.rclfriends.org](http://www.rclfriends.org).



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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! 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.

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