# RAMSEY COUNTY Library

# Online Library Technology Classes in April

## Protect Your Privacy: Staying Safe Online, Part I

**Monday, April 19   6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.**

From email to social media and e-commerce, modern life leaves digital footprints everywhere we go. How can you ensure that your internet browsing, purchases, email, and other online activity is safe and secure? 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. Presented by Twin Cities Media Alliance and funded by MELSA.

***This is an online class offered remotely using Zoom communication software.*** Register online or by calling 651-724-6001 (press #2). You must provide a valid email address to participate.

## Protect Your Privacy: Staying Safe Online, Part II

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

This class follows Part I by discussing malvertising and safe searching, using ad blockers, setting up a secure home wireless network, using standard vs administrative accounts, encryption and VPNs. Learn to better protect your digital life. Presented by Twin Cities Media Alliance and funded by MELSA.

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## The (Free) Online Classroom

**Wednesday, April 21   6:30 p.m. -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. What does it mean to learn in the virtual world? Where do you begin? Is this just for fun, or are there more tangible benefits? 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. Bring your own laptop or device if possible. Presented by Twin Cities Media Alliance and funded by MELSA

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## Spotting Fake News
**Thursday, April 22   1:00 p.m. -2:00 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.

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# Technology Help

## Computer and Tech Help Appointments by Phone

**Tuesdays and 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.