



FRIENDS *of the*
Plymouth Library
HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

Check It Out

Book Sale on Saturday Nov. 16



Volunteers prepare for the September 14 sale, which would turn out to be FOPL's biggest and most successful sale this year (so far).

Another big Plymouth Library book sale is coming on November 16! The Friends of the Plymouth Library will be selling hundreds and hundreds of adult and kid's books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs.

Books range in price from 50¢ to just \$2. From 2–3 PM, you can fill entire bags with books for \$5 per bag! Proceeds benefit the Plymouth Library and Friends programs and events.

Sale Hours:

- 9–10 AM - Exclusive early access for Friends members (join at the door for just \$10 for an annual membership)
- 10 AM–3 PM - Open to the general public
- 2–3 PM - Fill entire shopping bags with books for just \$5 per bag!

Cash or check only, please. We do not yet have a solution for accepting credit cards or digital payments.

Sale takes place at the Plymouth Library, located at 15700 36th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446.

Interested in volunteering for the sale or donating books? Flip to page 2 →

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Prologue

Book Sale Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to...

- Move books from storage to the library on Thursday, November 14
- Help run the sale on Saturday, November 16

Please visit the link below to view the online sign-up sheet: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EA8A623A4F58-52298838-november>

Donations Accepted

We gladly accept gently used adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles. We will be accepting donations in the meeting room at the Plymouth Library on Friday, Nov. 15, from 9 AM until 3 PM. We also accept donations on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM to noon.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, video tapes, or audio tapes. Please read your shelves and bring us some goodies! Thank you for your contributions.

Plymouth Library is #1 in HCL System for Checkouts

Fun Fact: Plymouth's highest visitor day in September was the 14th – our book sale day – with a whopping 2,216 visitors counted that day. We are proud that our book sales contribute to bringing patrons to the library.

Plymouth Library Total Visitors		Plymouth Library Total Checkouts		Plymouth Library Library Card Sign-ups	
Aug '24	24,379	Aug '24	44,494	Aug '24	334
Sep '24	22,303	Sep '24	37,796	Sep '24	271
Oct '24	21,844	Oct '24	37,931	Oct '24	261



Thank you, Members!

This coupon entitles the Member to one FREE book* at the November 2024 book sale.

**Coupon counts towards books only. Maximum value \$2. Must present coupon to cashier at checkout.*

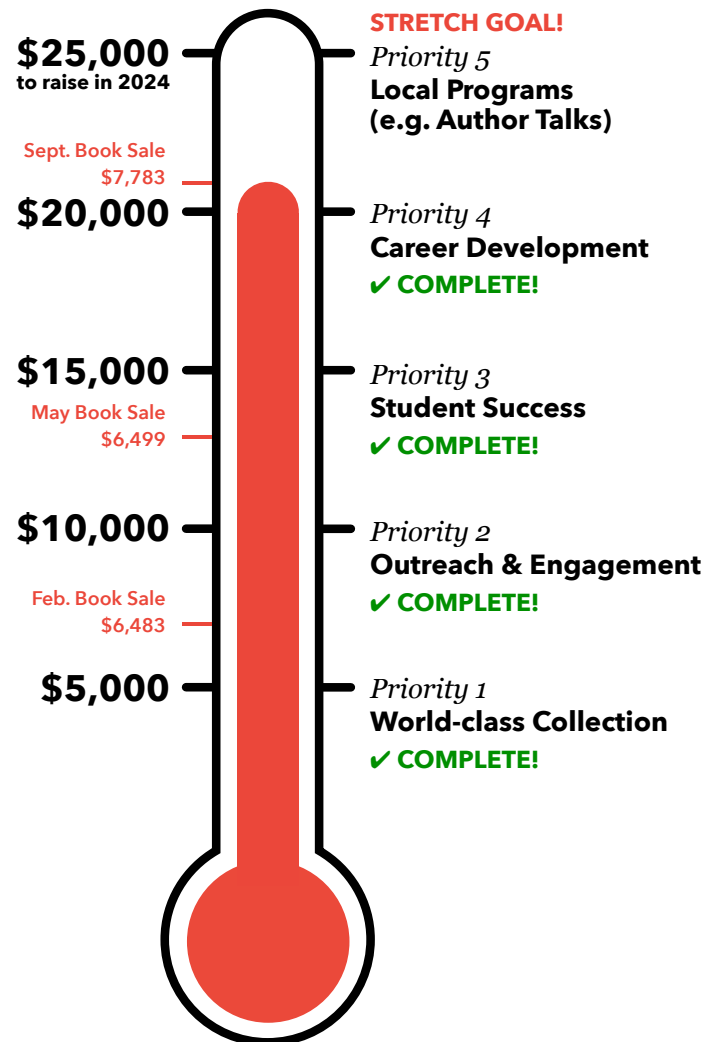
Additional Fundraising Goal Added for 2024

Thanks to our dedicated members and volunteers, our three book sales in 2024 so far have been a spectacular success, raising a collective \$20,765! This amount meets and exceeds our original 2024 fundraising goal of \$20,000 in support of the Hennepin County Library and its four fundraising priorities established by the Friends of HCL at the beginning of the year.

With one more book sale scheduled this year, the Board of the Friends of the Plymouth Library voted to add an additional \$5,000 stretch goal for our 2024 fundraising. This additional fundraising priority benefits the library's local programming, including author talks.

Given our \$20,765 raised so far and the \$5,000 stretch goal, that leaves just \$4,235 left to raise at our coming November 16 book sale. We are thrilled to host this final sale of the year and look forward to another huge success thanks to all of you.

—Josh Velasquez, FOPL President



Give to the Max and Help Unlock a \$30,000 Grant for HCL

Hennepin County Library has been offered a grant of \$30,000 for Give to the Max, but there's a catch: **we need 1,000 donors by midnight on Thursday, November 21 to unlock it.**

Give ASAP at www.supporthclib.org

Celebrating Friends of Libraries Week in Plymouth and Across Minnesota

Friends of Libraries Week was October 20–26 this year, marking its 19th year as an annual celebration coordinated through United for Libraries, the library Friends and trustees arm of the American Library Association.

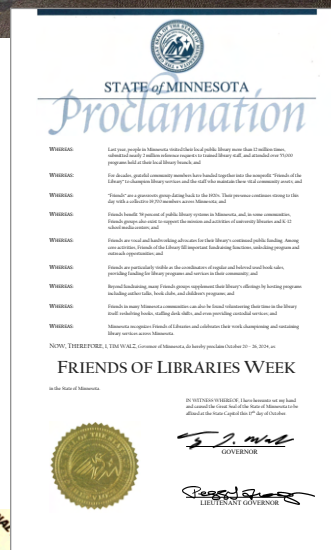
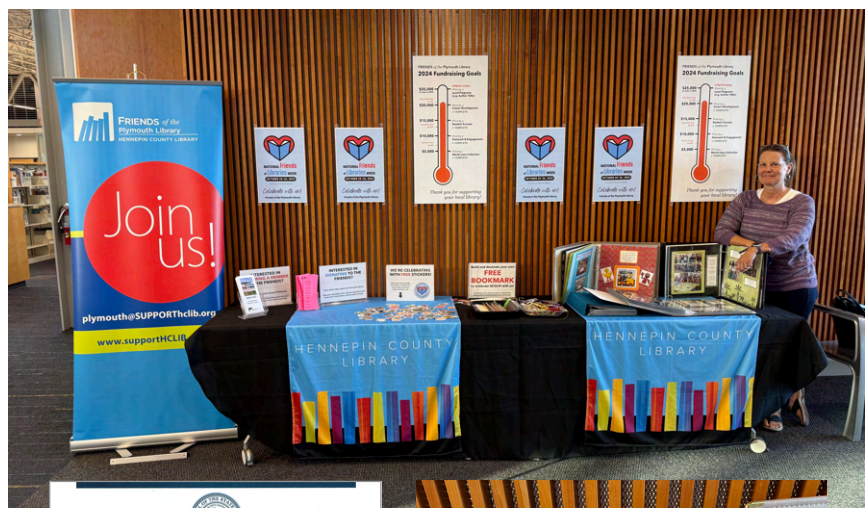
For the 2024 celebration in Minnesota, the Minnesota Association of Library Friends (MALF) petitioned the Office of Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan to officially recognize Friends of the Library and other library volunteers in Minnesota during the month of October. The petition was successful and the Governor's Office officially designated October 20–26, 2024 as Friends of Libraries Week in Minnesota.

Closer to home, the Friends of the Plymouth Library partnered with the Library to host a display in the lobby that looked back at the 29 years that the Plymouth Friends have supported the library. FOPL Vice President Carrie Almaer spearheaded the effort to install the display, which included several scrapbooks documenting Friends history, a make-your-own-bookmark station, and custom celebratory stickers.

By celebrating Friends of Libraries Week, we celebrate all of our amazing members and volunteers who make our work possible, and we look forward to doing it again next year.

View the full Friends of Libraries Week Proclamation at bit.ly/MN-FOL-Proclamation

Photos by Josh Velasquez

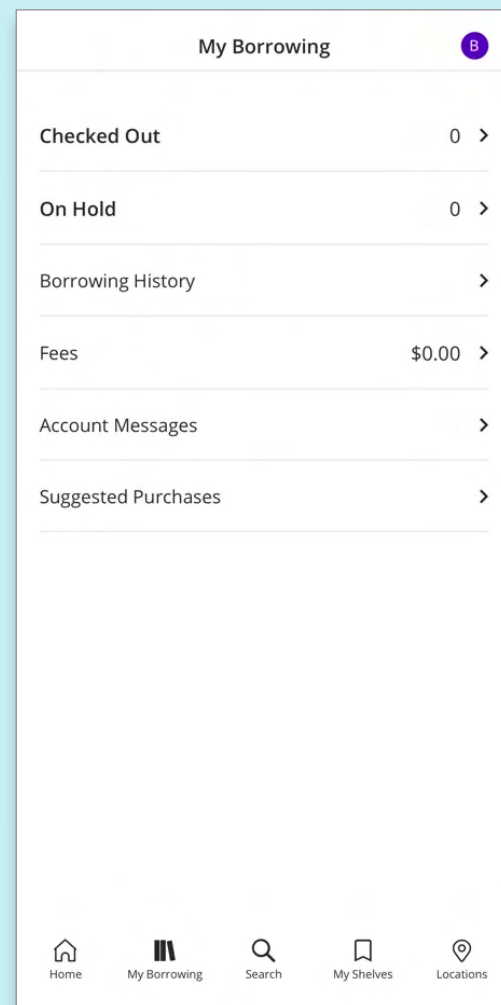
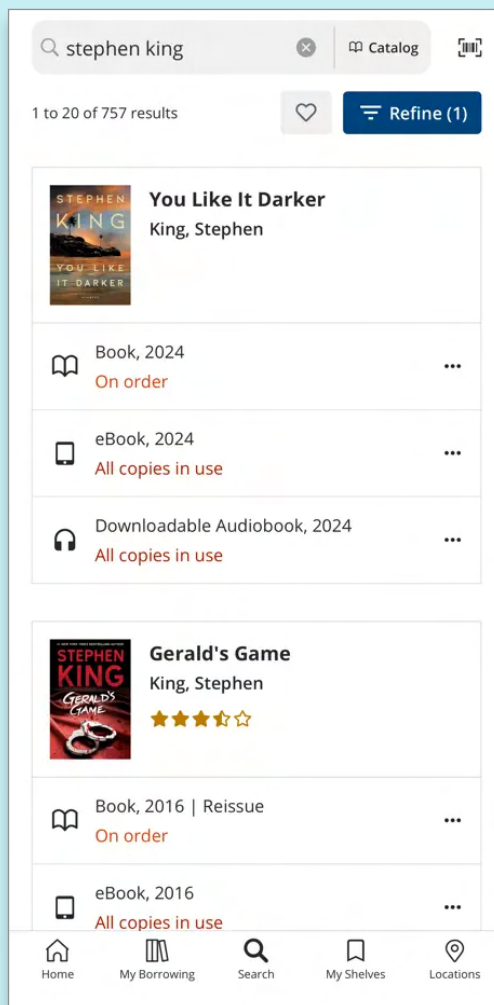
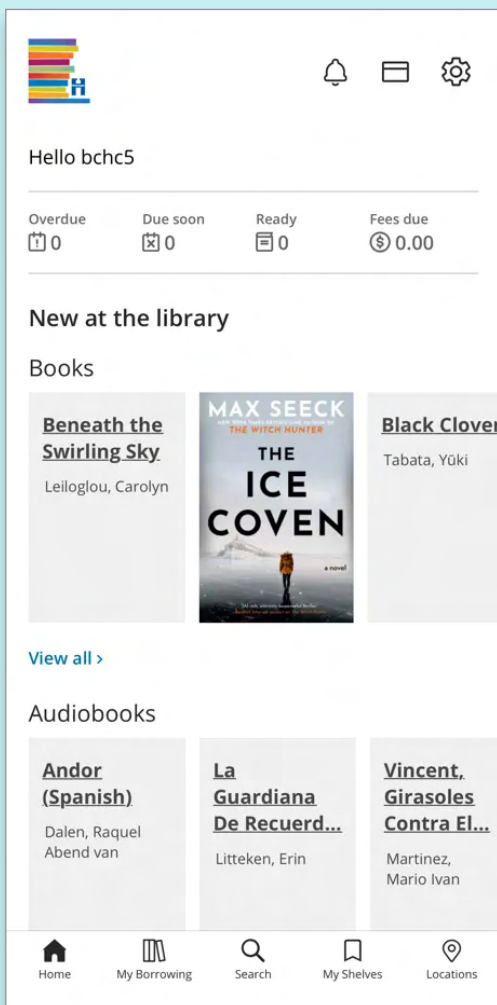


New HCL Mobile App Available to Download

Explore the library wherever you are with the new Hennepin County Library mobile app. Designed with you in mind, this app brings the best of HCL right to your fingertips. Log in with your library card and PIN to have your digital card handy at all times, and add additional library cards for others in your household. Browse new titles, see what's on your 'For Later' shelf, stay updated on upcoming events, and enjoy the same great search features you know and love from our online catalog—all in a beautifully accessible, easy-to-use experience. Download the Hennepin County Library app today and experience your library in a whole new way!

Apple App Store: bit.ly/HCL-App-Store

Google Play: bit.ly/HCL-Google-Play



Your Behind-the-Scenes Look at Hennepin County Library's Collection Services

An excerpt from the program for a recent Pen Pals event, reprinted with permission from the Friends of the Hennepin County Library. Learn more about Pen Pals at <https://www.supporthclib.org/pen-pals>.



When Ellen Buskirk accepted a job as an interim employee at Minneapolis Public Library back in 1999, her plan was to stay until she found a long-term career.

She quickly realized that library work was just the thing she was searching for.

What hooked her? “It was a complex place to work, with lots of questions to be answered, but it wasn’t about selling anything. It was about providing for the community.”

After trying out roles at numerous locations and departments, Ellen landed in Collection Management Services as a Senior Librarian.

Meet Your Professional Book Shoppers

Your library is home to 3.36 million physical items such as books and DVDs. The collection also includes more than 450,000 downloadable items, including eBooks and audiobooks.

So, how are all these materials chosen? How do they make it into the collection? How are items replaced or updated throughout the years? These are the jobs of the Collection Management team.

Ellen is responsible for selecting adult nonfiction books in both print and downloadable formats and managing the adult reference collections.

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She researches new releases, combs through reviews, and analyzes user data, all of which inform her purchasing decisions.

Hennepin County Readers are Curious About Everything!

As Ellen works closely with adult nonfiction each day, she can tell you that the most popular categories are cookbooks, self-help materials, crafting, current events, educational resources, and travel books. However, the variety of materials sought out by Hennepin County readers extends far beyond these genres!

“I witness every day that the Hennepin County community is curious about everything. Our patrons are reading and asking for materials on all topics from knitting to test taking, from the latest hit movie to health and legal information.”

Enhanced by the gifts made by library friends, Ellen says the library’s goal is to provide patrons access to the publishing industry. “Our hope is that we don’t have to tell people *what* to read because we can provide access to *all kinds of materials*.”

41 Micro Collections

Ellen visits each library location to speak with building staff and experience the collection firsthand. Local librarians share about the highlights from the neighborhood their library serves and the unique interests and needs their patrons have.

“The staff suggestions are so important to us because they are surrounded by the collection all the time,” shares Ellen. These local staff members get asked for help finding a certain book and notice trends among reference questions.

While you can place a hold on any book and have it delivered to any library location, many prefer to browse what is already available in the building.

This means that each library, however big or small, must have a robust collection, full of materials on a wide variety of topics and for every age. It’s quite the balancing act!

Your Voice Guides the Way

If you’ve ever felt overwhelmed at a bookstore, you may be wondering how Ellen does it. Faced with endless options, how do librarians determine which books to buy? In short, they look to you!

“I read book reviews, literary award lists, and best-of lists. I pay attention to social media, and educational and cultural trends. But the real data I use to inform purchasing comes from our library patrons. What are patrons checking out? How is a specific author or subject doing in the catalog? What are patrons asking for more of? I try to let our patrons lead the way.”

On top of this, Hennepin County Library receives on average 1,500 suggestions for purchase every month from readers like you. Each day, the team coordinates, evaluates, and responds to these requests, curating a collection perfect for... us!

A Book Is a Hopeful Thing

Once books are selected and purchased by the Collections Team, they are sorted, catalogued, and prepared to be shipped to their library location. As Ellen walks through rows of carts filled with new books—waiting to venture to their new home—there’s a sense of anticipation, of possibility.

Every one of these books will have perhaps *hundreds* of readers, each in search of different answers, each at a different moment in their lives. “Opening a book is a hopeful thing,” she says.

With the care and generosity of library friends, we will contribute more than \$300,000 to our world-class collection this year, expanding access to books, music, and e-resources. Just think of how many readers will embark on a new journey!

Want to help us reach a record-breaking \$2.4M in funding support to the Hennepin County Library? Make your gift at supportHCLIB.org

Plymouth Library

Adult Events

Python Crash Course

Saturday, November 9, 10 AM–12 PM

People of all computer skill levels are invited to this introduction of the Python programming language. You will learn the building blocks of Python and how to efficiently and ethically incorporate artificial intelligence into coding practices. Published Python textbook author Paul Kaefer will lead this two-hour crash course. Bringing your own laptop is required and instructions to download Python will be provided in advance. This in-person crash course is for adults but high schoolers are welcome.

Registration is required: hclib.org/events.

Registration closes Nov 2.

History Discussion Club

Second Wednesday of the month, 2–3 PM

Each session we will dive into a fascinating historical topic, event or era. We all read a history packet comprised of news articles, database journal excerpts and book snippets before the discussion. There will be some physical packets available at Plymouth Library by the service desk. You won't need to read everything but come ready to have a conversation. Every month we will alternate meeting at the [Plymouth Library](#) or at the [Old Town Hall \(OTH\)](#).

Collaborator: Plymouth History Center.

Register: hclib.org/events

Topics: Nov. 13: AIM in Minnesota (@ OTH)

Dec. 11: Polar Explorers (@ Library)

Career Counseling and Job Search Assistance

Thursdays, November 14, December 12 & 19, 1:30–4 PM

Drop in and meet with an employment counselor from **CareerForce** for career counseling and job search assistance. Résumé critique, job interview coaching, and effective job search strategies offered.

Puzzle Exchange

Sunday, November 24, 1–2 PM

Need a new puzzle? Bring a used jigsaw puzzle (please make sure all pieces are included) and swap it for someone else's! Puzzles can be from 100 to over 1,000 pieces. *Sponsor: Friends of HCL*

Genealogy Discussion Club

Third Wednesday of the month, 2–3 PM

Join the Genealogy Discussion Group to talk about all things genealogy! Each month we will talk about our research challenges and triumphs while sharing tips and tricks. You are welcome to bring your laptop but that is not required. This program will be cohosted by staff of the Plymouth Library and the Plymouth History Center and every month we will alternate meeting at [Plymouth Library](#) or at the [Old Town Hall](#).

Collaborator: Plymouth History Center.

Locations: Nov. 20: [Plymouth Library](#)

Dec. 18: [Old Town Hall](#)

Try Ukulele

Thursday, November 21, 4:30–5:30 PM & 6:30–7:30 PM

For adults, but high schoolers are welcome. Brighten up the day with the sunny sounds of the ukulele! This single-session program is a hands-on introduction to the ukulele and how to play it. Attendees will learn about the instrument and how to play their first few chords. Led by Hennepin County Library staff. Ukuleles provided. No musical background needed.

Register for one session: hclib.org/events

Advanced Python Workshop

Saturday, November 23, 10 AM–12 PM

Sunday, December 8, 1–3 PM

Python textbook author Paul Kaefer will lead this two-hour workshop in growing your Python coding knowledge. This workshop is for people who have either attended a Python Crash Course or are already familiar with the following coding concepts: loops, logic errors, and variables. There will be instruction on how to incorporate artificial intelligence into coding while doing so ethically. Bringing your own laptop is required and instructions to download Python will be provided in advance. This in-person crash course is for adults but high schoolers are welcome.

Registration is required: hclib.org/events

Registration closes one week before event.

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Even More Plymouth Library Adult Events

Author Talk: Lee Svitak Dean and Rick Nelson

Thursday, December 5, 6:30–7:30 PM

Award-winning food writers Lee Svitak Dean and Rick Nelson will present their new book: *The Ultimate Minnesota Cookie Book: 100 Best Recipes from the Star Tribune's Holiday Cookie Contest*. This volume, a follow-up to their 2018 *The Great Minnesota Cookie Book*, offers the winning recipes from the first two decades of the Star Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest. Includes time for Q&A. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Register: hclib.org/events



Lee Svitak Dean wrote about food for four decades for the *Star Tribune*, twenty-six of those years as editor of the Taste section, where she guided its food coverage to multiple James Beard Awards, an Emmy, and national recognition as "Best Food Section."



Rick Nelson was the *Star Tribune's* restaurant critic and food writer for twenty-four years. He is a James Beard Award winner, and his writing has been included in four editions of the annual Best Food Writing anthology.

CareerForce Presentation

Thursday, December 19, 1:30–3:00 PM

Do you know how to effectively network to assist in your job search? What does networking look like today? This presentation will provide opportunities and helpful tips on how to leverage interpersonal relationships to enhance your career. *Collaborator: CareerForce*

For complete programming information:

www.hclib.org/events

Plymouth Library Language Clubs

More info about language clubs: hclib.org/events

- **English Conversation Circle**
Mondays, 9:30–10:30 AM (through December 9)
- **French Club**
Mondays, 1–2 PM (through December 16)
- **Spanish Club**
Thursdays, 1–2:30 PM (through December 12)

Bring Your Own Book - Book Club

@ [Luce Line Brewing Company](https://www.lucelinebrewing.com)

First Tuesday of the month, 6–7 PM

Join us at the Luce Line Brewing Company for a casual, commitment-free book club and discuss what books you are reading with the group. You may hear about books you'd like to read and ones you may not have considered before. Purchase of refreshments is not required to participate.

Collaborator: Luce Line Brewing Company

Medicare Counseling

First Wednesday of the month, 9 AM–1 PM

Come get help with Medicare. Registration required at

<https://trellisconnects.org/get-help/medicare/>

Choose to make an in-person appointment, select Plymouth Library and a date/time.

Plymouth Library Chess Club

Thursdays, 4:30–6 PM (weekly through December 12)

Drop-in. Open to all ages and abilities, but children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Knitting Club

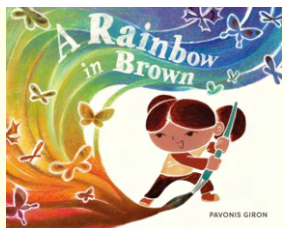
Fridays, Nov. 8 & 22, Dec. 6 & 20, 2–4 PM

For all skill levels. Make new friends while creating your own handmade masterpieces. Learn how to knit or practice new techniques. Bring your own needles and yarn.

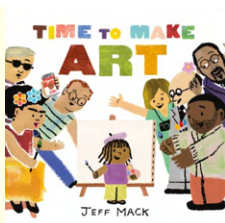
Register: hclib.org/events

Awesome Books for Kids & Teens

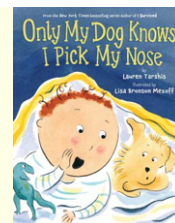
Picture Books



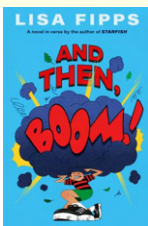
A Rainbow in Brown by Pavonis Giron (preK-gr2)



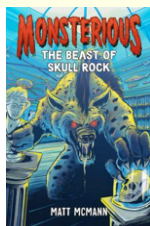
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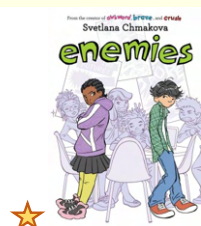
Only My Dog Knows I Pick My Nose by Lauren Tarshis (preK-K)



* @ And Then, Boom! by Lisa Fibbs (gr5+)



Beast of Skull Rock by Matt McMann (gr3-7)



★ Enemies by Svetlana Chmakova (gr5+)



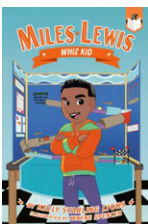
The Horrible Bag of Terrible Things by Robert Renzetti (gr3-7)



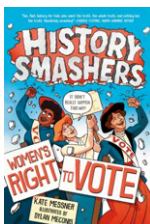
* Newbie Fairy by Kate Korsh (gr2-4)



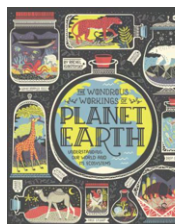
★ Play it Cool by Bob McMahon (grK-3)



Whiz Kid by Kelly Lyons (gr2-5)



* @ Women's Right to Vote JK1898 .M47 (gr3-7)



Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth QH541.14 .I36 (gr4-6)



★ * First Test by Tamora Pierce (gr6+)



@ * Two Sides to Every Murder by Danielle Valentine (gr9+)



@ * Where the Dark Stands Still by A.B. Poranek (gr8+)

Teen Reads

Titles on this list were compiled for students in grades k-6 by Hennepin County librarians, Aug 2024

*= eBooks available @ = downloadable audio available ★ = graphic novel

Grade recommendations are from School Library Journal and Amazon and should be used as a guide, not as a rule.

Plymouth Library Youth Events

PreK Playtime

Thursday, **Dec. 12**, 10–11 AM

Toddlers, PreKs and a favorite adult.

Drop in to play, learn and move together at the library! No registration required.

PreK Friday

Friday, **Dec. 6**, 10–10:30 AM

Toddlers, PreKs and a favorite adult.

Drop by the library for a different fun activity every month! No registration required.

Baby Playtime

Mondays, 10 AM

Dec. 9, 16, and 23

Not listed in the Catalog Calendar. No registration required. For children from birth to 30 months and their caregivers. Talk, read, and play together. Come for the chatter, stay for the fun.

Baby Storytime

Mondays, 10 AM

Nov. 18–25, Dec. 9–16

For children from birth to 24 months and their caregivers. Talk, sing, read, write and play together. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement in a format especially designed for babies. No registration required.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, 10–10:45 AM

Oct. 24–Nov. 14

For children of all ages and their caregivers. Talk, sing, read, write and play together. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required.

Story Yoga

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

Oct. 30–Nov. 13

PreK–grade 2 and their favorite grownup(s). Experience yoga through stories and songs, and discover new ways to move and play together. Register online.

Game On!

Sunday, Dec. 1, 1–3:30 PM

Kids, Teens, Adults, Families

Bring a friend and enjoy your favorite card game, board game, xBox Kinect, Switch and more. Play an old favorite or learn a new one.

Teen Anime Club

Saturdays, 3 PM, for teens in grades 6–12.

Nov. 9, Dec. 7

Come watch anime, talk manga, eat snacks, and connect with other teens who share your interests!

Teen Anime New Year

Monday, **Dec. 30**, 6 PM

Grades 6–12. Celebrate the new year with friends from ALL THE FANDOMS! Play games, participate in a cosplay showcase, and more. Fun (and door prizes) for everyone!

Winter Break Escape Room and Adventure Room

Thursday, **Dec. 26**, 1–2:30 PM and

Friday, **Dec. 27**, 1 PM and 3 PM

Bluey and the Beach Beach Party – k/1 grade and Something is Up at the Toy Factory – 2–5th grade.

Details coming soon.

Register online starting Dec. 1 and ending Dec. 23.

For complete programming information:

www.hclib.org/events

Epilogue

Board Meetings

All members are welcome at Board meetings, which are held at the Plymouth Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6–8 PM unless otherwise announced.

Recurring Donation Days

Donations of gently used adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles are accepted the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM to noon in the meeting room at the Plymouth Library. Donations are also accepted the Friday before each book sale, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Growing Our Endowment

In 2022, the Friends of Plymouth Library established an endowment fund to support the Hennepin County Library collection well into the future. When we have extra funds, we contribute them to the endowment. Did you know you can contribute, too? There are three options that are commonly used by individuals to help grow an endowment:

1. Making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD)
2. Including the fund in an estate plan
3. Making a legacy gift

Please consider these when making your charitable giving decisions this year. For questions, please contact us at plymouth@supporthclib.org or write us at: Friends of the Plymouth Library, P.O. Box 46232, Plymouth, MN 55446.

Plymouth Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 AM–8 PM
 Friday–Saturday 9 AM–5 PM
 Sunday 12 PM–5 PM

Library Closed: Nov. 11 and 28; Dec. 24 and 25; Closing at 5 PM on Dec. 31

Who are we?

The Friends of the Plymouth Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to support the Plymouth Library by providing resources, promoting programs and services, and strengthening community. FOPL volunteers also assist library staff with many activities throughout the year. Membership is open to all.

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