



FRIENDS *of the*  
Plymouth Library  
HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

# Check It Out

## Book Sale This Saturday Sept. 14



*The calm before the storm as the 9 AM members-only crowd waits for the book sale to open on May 11. Annual memberships can be purchased at the door starting at just \$10.*

Another big Plymouth Library book sale is coming on September 14! 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!

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

Interested in volunteering for the sale or donating gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles? More details on 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, September 12
- Help run the sale on Saturday, September 14

Please visit the link below to view the online sign up sheet: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EA8A623A4F58-50382104-september>



## 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, Sept. 13, 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.

## Thank you, Members!

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

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

## Plymouth Library Stats Now Include Visitors

Visitors to the library buildings is an important metric for HCL, so the library is now recording and reporting these figures. Fun fact: Plymouth's highest visitor day in May was May 11 – our book sale day!

Plymouth Library Total Visitors		Plymouth Library Total Checkouts		Plymouth Library Library Card Sign-ups	
May '24	21,397	May '24	36,148	May '24	188
June '24	25,066	June '24	47,410	June '24	299
July '24	26,772	July '24	47,257	July '24	339

# 2024 Year-to-date Financial Highlights

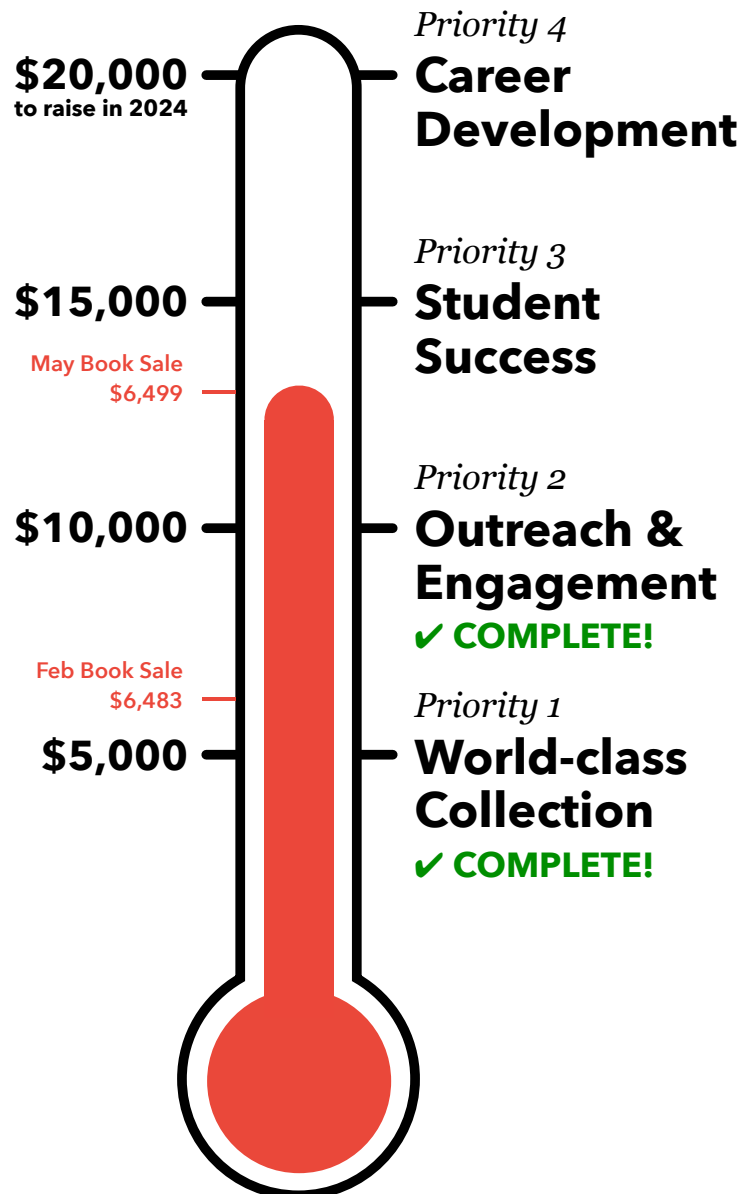
In the first seven months of 2024, we received income of slightly more than \$17,500. The largest income source was two book sales held in February and May. These book sales were the most successful in the past 12 years, resulting total proceeds of just under \$13,000. Donations received from the Ready Reads carts of used books in the library lobby brought in another \$2,700.

We sent grants of \$10,000 to the Friends of Hennepin County Library to be used for the collection and for the outreach and engagement initiative.

The Friends of the Plymouth Library \$25,000 endowment fund that was set up in November 2022 now has a value of \$29,241. This endowment is designated for the collection. The first appropriation will occur in the first quarter of 2026.

—Bernadeen Brutlag, Treasurer

## 2024 Fundraising Goals





# Parking Lot Rain Garden Restoration Complete

Our current Plymouth Library opened in 2010 with two important environmental features: a rain garden and a green roof. While the rain garden seemed to do well, it was uprooted last year as part of the parking lot rehab project.

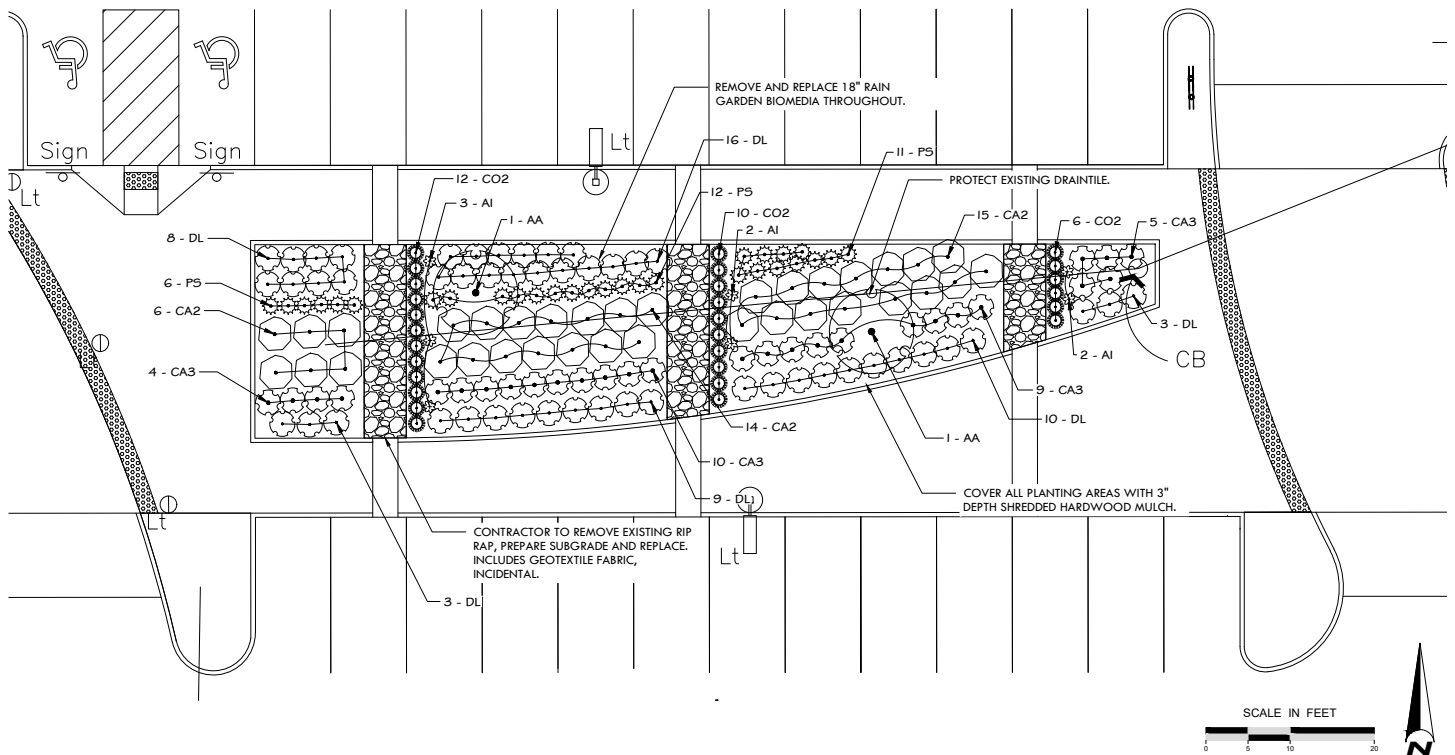
Happily, this summer has seen the rain garden reestablished and now includes shrubs and native vegetation to attract pollinators. The library's other planted areas are also currently being refreshed.

It's encouraging to see our public building embracing these environmental steps, helping to beautify our surroundings.

—Margaret Bird,  
Board Member



# Rain Garden Landscaping Layout



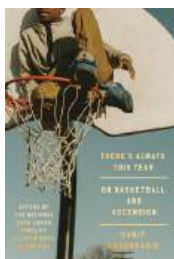
## PLANT SCHEDULE

GRASSES	CODE	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	SIZE	CONTAINER	QTY
	CO2	Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Overdam' / Overdam Feather Reed Grass	1 gal.	Cont	28
	PS	Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah' / Shenandoah Switch Grass	1 gal.	Cont	29
LARGE SHRUBS	CODE	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	SIZE	CONTAINER	QTY
	AA	Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Sunset' / Autumn Sunset Apple Serviceberry	25 gal.	Pot	2
MEDIUM SHRUBS	CODE	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	SIZE	CONTAINER	QTY
	CA3	Ceanothus americanus / New Jersey Tea	#2	Cont	28
	CA2	Cornus sericea 'Alleman's Compact' / Dwarf Red Twig Dogwood	#3	Cont	35
	DL	Diervilla lonicera / Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle	#2	Cont	49
PERENNIALS	CODE	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	SIZE	CONTAINER	QTY
	AI	Asclepias incarnata / Swamp Milkweed	1 gal.	Cont	7

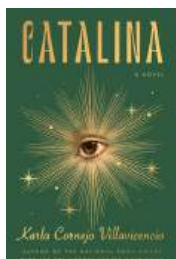




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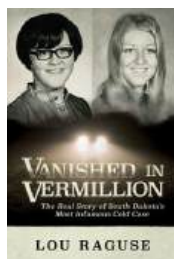


MINNEAPOLIS CENTRAL LIBRARY  
Monday, Sept. 9, 6-8 pm  
Hanif Abdurraqib  
Free registration required:  
[bit.ly/Hanif\\_9-9-24](https://bit.ly/Hanif_9-9-24)



ONLINE EVENT:  
[facebook.com/clubbook/live](https://facebook.com/clubbook/live)  
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7-8 pm  
Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

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PLYMOUTH LIBRARY  
Thursday, Oct. 3, 6-7:30 pm  
Lou Raguse

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MINNEAPOLIS CENTRAL LIBRARY  
Thursday, Oct. 17, 6-8 pm  
Katherine Fennelly

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WESTONKA LIBRARY  
Saturday, Oct. 26, 2-3:30 pm  
Patrice Johnson

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SOUTHDALE LIBRARY  
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6-7 pm  
Paula Hawkins



HOSMER LIBRARY  
Saturday, Nov. 16, 1 pm  
EAST LAKE LIBRARY  
Saturday, Nov. 23, 1 pm  
Shannon Gibney

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LEARN MORE ABOUT AUTHORS AT THE LIBRARY

[bit.ly/HCL-AuthorTalks](https://bit.ly/HCL-AuthorTalks)

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# Plymouth Library

## Adult Events

### 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 online: [hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

- Sept. 11: History of Football in MN (@ OTH)
- Oct. 9: Mill City: Minneapolis (@ Library)
- Nov. 13: AIM in Minnesota (@ OTH)

### Python Crash Course

Sunday, September 15, 1-3 PM & Saturday, November 9, 10 AM–12 PM (choose one date)

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](https://hclib.org/events).

Registration closes 7 days before event.

### Fashion in the Time of Jane Austen\*

Thursday, September 19, 6:30–7:30 PM

Candice Hern – bestselling author, Regency fashion scholar, speaker, and collector – will present about the types of clothing worn during the time of Jane Austen and popular TV show *Bridgerton*. Using fashion prints from her collection and images from ladies' magazines of the period, Candice will explore fashions for various occasions and the general evolution of style during the extended Regency (c1795-1820). Register online: [hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

### Writing for Social Media\*

Saturdays, Sept. 21–Oct. 5 & Sunday, Oct. 13, 2–3:30 PM

This is a 4-part series from The Loft Literary Center. To learn more about each session and register online, visit:

[hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

- Sept. 21: Social Media Strategy
- Sept. 28: Social Media Voice
- Oct. 5: Short-Form Content 101
- Oct. 13 (Sun.): Writers and Social Media Video

### Photographing Your Artwork\*

Sunday, September 22, 2–4 PM

Whether you're posting on Instagram or applying for a grant, it's important to have high-quality photographs of your artwork. Learn how to effectively document your 2D or 3D artwork, including using only a smartphone, buying or renting camera equipment, setting up lighting in your home or studio, and other tricks and tips for getting great photos of your artwork. Collaborator: Springboard for the Arts. Register online: [hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

### Author Talk: Lou Raguse\*

Thursday, October 3, 6–7:30 PM

Author and award-winning reporter for KARE 11 News, Lou Raguse will discuss writing, researching, and the facts of the case behind his 2023 true crime book *Vanished in Vermillion: The Real Story of South Dakota's Most Infamous Cold Case*. Includes time for Q&A. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Registration is required:

[hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

### Graphic Design With Canva for Beginners

Sunday, October 6, 1–2 PM

In this course you will learn the basic principles of graphic design using Canva. This will include an introduction to the principles of graphic design, how to get started on Canva, best practices to make your designs accessible and engaging, hands-on practice, and time for feedback and questions. This course is best for beginners. This in-person program is for adults but high schoolers are welcome. You must bring in your own laptop or tablet for the program. Registration is required: [hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

# Even More Plymouth Library Adult Events

## Advanced Python Workshop

Saturday, October 12, 10 AM–12 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](https://hclib.org/events)

Registration closes October 5 at 12:00am

## Visible Mending Sampler\*

Saturday, October 19, 1–2:30 PM

Extend the life of your favorite worn-out, scuffed, or stained clothing pieces by mastering mending techniques that will keep your wearables out of the landfill and in your closet. It doesn't hurt that they're decorative, too! Materials provided. *Collaborator: Textile Center.*

Registration required: [hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

## Try Ukulele

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

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. For adults, but high schoolers welcome. Registration is required: [hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

## 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 the Hennepin County Library.*

## Plymouth Library Language Clubs

More info about language clubs: [hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events)

- **French Club:** Mondays, 1–2 PM (weekly beginning September 9)
- **Spanish Club:** Thursdays, 1–2:30 PM (weekly beginning September 5. No meeting Thursday, Nov. 28 – Library is closed)
- **English Conversation Circle:** Mondays, 9:30-10:30am (weekly beginning Nov. 4; no meeting Monday, Nov. 11 – Library is closed)

## Bring Your Own Book - Book Club

@ Luce Line Brewing Co.

First Tuesday of the month beginning Sept. 3, 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.

*Collab: Luce Line Brewing*

## Career Counseling and Job Search Assistance

Second and Fourth Thursdays of month, 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.

## Knitting Club

Fridays, Sept. 13 & 27; Oct. 11 & 25, Nov. 8 & 22, 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](https://hclib.org/events)

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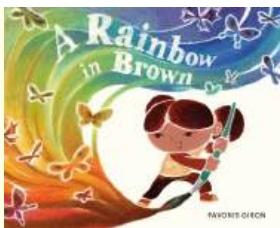
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# Awesome Books for Kids & Teens

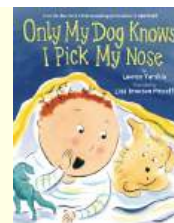
Picture Books



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



Time to Make Art easy N7440 .M3 (preK-gr3)



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

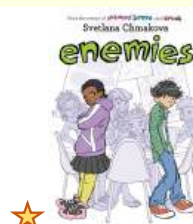
Kid Reads



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



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



★ Enemies by Svetlana Chmakova (gr5+)



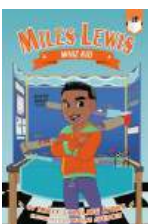
The Horrible Bag of Terrible Things by Robert Renzetti (gr3-7)



\* 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 .J36 (gr4-6)

Teen Reads



★ \* 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+)

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

Thursdays, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and 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

Fridays, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and 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 Storytime

Mondays, 10am, No registration required  
Sept. 9–Oct. 14, Oct. 28–Nov. 4, 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.

## Family Storytime

Thursdays, 10–10:45 AM, No registration required  
Sept. 19–Oct. 10, 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.

## Story Yoga

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Register online.  
Sept. 25–Oct. 9 and 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.

## Read with an Animal

Sunday, Oct. 27, 1:30–3 PM  
For kids in grades 1-3. Cuddle up with a certified therapy animal and practice reading aloud. Sign up when you arrive for a 15-minute slot. *Collaborator: North Star Therapy Animals (NSTA)*. No pre-registration required.

## Teen Anime Club

Saturdays, 3:00 PM, for teens in grades 6–12.  
Sept. 7, Oct. 12, Nov. 9  
Come watch anime, talk manga, eat snacks, and connect with other teens who share your interests!

## Crocheted Scrunchies and Bracelets\*

Friday, Oct. 18, 2–3:30 PM, Registration required.  
Grades 6–12. Crochet your way to cute and colorful accessories! You'll learn to create a slip knot and single crochet layers of yarn around an elastic hair tie to create a hair scrunchie or bracelet. Materials provided. *Collaborator: Textile Center*.

## Crafting with Plarn!\*

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2–3:30 PM, Registration required.  
Grades 6–12. Breathe new life into plastic bags by learning to fuse them into useable, waterproof “fabric” for stitching and also create “plarn” (plastic yarn!), then use these recycled materials to create a useable stitched pouch! Materials provided. *Collaborator: Textile Center*.

*\*These programs are funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

For complete programming information:

[www.hclib.org/events](http://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.

## 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](mailto: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: Sept. 2, Nov. 11, Nov. 28**

## 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.

### Board Members

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