



YOU ARE HELPING BREAK DOWN BARRIERS TO LIBRARY SERVICE

Historically, library service began when a patron walked through the doors of their neighborhood library. While this approach worked for some, it didn't meet the library's mission of serving everyone.

In response, Hennepin County Library launched Community Embedded Library Service

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ABOVE: A grass dancer from Native Pride Dancers leads a Round Dance in front of the Franklin Avenue Library. (Photo by HCL)



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SUMMER

(LEARNING) IS AROUND THE CORNER

You're Helping Kids Learn and Grow All Summer Long



Every summer, Hennepin County Library welcomes thousands of youth from across the county to its various Summer Learning programs. Our Library is critical in keeping kids engaged and learning during the summer months – all thanks to your generous support!

As a Friends member, we want to share a sneak peek at the incredible things happening during Summer Learning and the impact your gift makes.

Nearly
1,000
free programs
will be offered in
Summer 2019

Last year,
more than
15,000
students
participated in Summer
Learning programs!

Did you know...

While Summer Learning focuses on literacy and reading, it also provides programs for kids to explore art, science, math, technology, dance ... you name it!

Here's just a few of the Summer Learning events your support helps make possible:



Somali hand-weaving



Double-dutch jump roping



Theater workshops



Building robots



Using GPS to find geocaches

And so much more!

“The extra books we purchase for prizes and book clubs remove the barrier that some kids have in borrowing library books and builds buzz about reading. With Friends support, we are able to keep kids busy, happy, engaged, and ready to return to school in the fall.”

HCL SUMMER LEARNING STAFF MEMBER

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN EVENING WITH **DESSA!**

Join us for an Intimate Performance from
Minnesota's Brightest Star

Thursday, June 13 – 5:30pm

Minneapolis' own singer,
poet, and songwriting
powerhouse—Dessa—will join
Library supporters for a special
fundraising event.

Enjoy an indoor and outdoor
experience (weather permitting)
at the private residence of Tom
and Mary Racciatti—a beautiful
home with a panoramic view

of downtown Minneapolis, the
Guthrie Theater, and the Stone
Arch Bridge. The evening will
include appetizers, cocktails, and
an intimate performance
by Dessa.



Tickets: \$150 / \$250 VIP

To learn more or purchase
tickets call **612-543-8104** or
visit **supportHCLIB.org**

This very special event
benefits Hennepin County
Library programs like MnSpin,
the Library's streaming service
featuring local musicians.

MNSPIN:

BRINGING LOCAL MUSIC TO YOUR FINGERTIPS



**Your support raises
the game for
Minnesota musicians**



Over the last few years, Hennepin
County Librarians had seen
the impact of streaming music
services and noticed that finding
local musicians' recordings had
become more difficult. With the
support of Friends like you, HCL
launched MnSpin - the latest
streaming and downloading
platform that showcases Minne-
sota artists - in 2017.

Now in its second year, MnSpin

currently features more than 120
albums representing Minnesota's
incredible range of musical talent,
from hiphop, jazz, and underground
rock, to mariachi, reggae, country,
and more!

**Artists gain exposure and
build a broader audience**

Anyone, anywhere can stream
MnSpin music, and library
patrons can download the music
to carry with them wherever they
go. "It's a great way to get exposure
and listen to music digitally. For
a long time there were tapes and

CDs; this is a streaming service,"
says MnSpin artist, Tufawon
(Rafael Gonzalez).

**Stay tuned! Next round of
music on the horizon**

Recently, HCL closed its third
round of submissions with a
record 395 artists submitting
work to MnSpin. The review
process is currently underway and
the next collection of music will
be launched later this year. Tune
in to MnSpin music and hear the
impact of your support by visiting
supportHCLIB.org.

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ABOVE: HCL staff Karina Kelton and Mary Dubbs at Dia de los Muertos observances at Oxboro Library. (Photo by HCL)

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(CELS) in 2018 as an initiative to break down barriers to library access.

This innovative, new program pairs local librarians with local liaisons to extend programs and resources into two underserved areas: the Native American community near Franklin Library in Minneapolis, and the Latinx community near Oxboro Library in Bloomington.

Thanks to donor support, Friends of the Hennepin County Library is excited to fund CELS again this year to help continue its incredible impact.

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Celebrating Community Innovation at Hennepin County Library

BUILDING NEW BRIDGES WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Franklin Library serves one of the largest Native American communities in the United States and the most tribally diverse populations in the region. In a survey,

Native Americans identified several opportunities for our Library to strengthen ties to the community, including: access to indigenous literature and authors; Ojibwe and Dakota language preservation; indigenous food and community health; and cultural connectivity through art and music programming.

CELS has worked proactively to create banners in Dakota and

Ojibwe to demonstrate that the Native American community is welcome in all 41 Hennepin County Library locations! CELS is also working to increase Franklin Library's holdings by Native American authors and artists, especially resources in tribal languages.

“The intentional and genuine inclusion of our Indigenous



ABOVE: An “All are welcome here” banner in Ojibwe in front of the Franklin Library. (Photo by HCL)

communities in Hennepin County Library has been an important way to bridge the gap,” Allison Waukau, HCL Community Liaison, said. “So many of the books we read – the media we consume – don’t include the first peoples of this country. That’s why it’s so vital for CELS to continue its work of including everyone.”

WELCOMING OUR LATINX NEIGHBORS NEAR OXBORO LIBRARY

Despite an exponential population increase since 1970, the Latinx and immigrant communities in Bloomington have had little to no strong tie to the Library. Thanks to the work of CELS, that is now changing.

After hiring local liaisons, recruiting volunteer ambassadors, and conducting extensive outreach within the community, the CELS team found that the Latinx and immigrant communities in Bloomington experienced significant barriers to Library access. Many said libraries are intimidating because most staff do not speak Spanish and the vast majority of materials were for English speaking patrons. Additionally, immigrants associate libraries with other government institutions they view as threatening.

“Now, there is so much excitement and so much interest about the library. It’s absolutely incredible!”

KARINA KELTON, OXBORO LIBRARY STAFF

To help overcome these barriers, the CELS team created a weekly play group for parents and caregivers to help build skills in early literacy, began facilitating weekly craft and English language learning programs for adults, and launched Spanish language digital literacy classes.

CELS team members also learned adult Latinx community members wanted their children to experience more traditional celebrations like Dia de los Muertos. Many parents with children born in the U.S. are excited to share aspects of their culture for the first time. “This is what it was like at Grandma’s house,” one patron said.

Building on the momentum from last year, new programs, events, and workshops created in partnership with the Latinx community are already underway in 2019.

“There is a shift in the way people are thinking about the library. Before, it was a place they didn’t see themselves...a place that had never been for them...a place that didn’t offer programs, events, resources, books that were for them...a place they didn’t feel welcome,” Karina Kelton, Oxboro Library staffer said, “Now, there is so much excitement and so

much interest about the library. It’s absolutely incredible!”

RESPONDING TO THE NEED

Thanks to your donations, CELS can respond to the needs of the community – as defined by the community – to reduce disparities and increase access to one of its greatest assets for lifelong learning.

To learn more about how your donation improves library services for all, visit supportHCLIB.org or call us at **612-543-8104**.

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Susan Orlean

Thursday, October 10, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 11, 2019, 11 a.m.

Susan Orlean is the bestselling author of *The Orchid Thief* and *Rin Tin Tin* and has been a staff writer at *The New Yorker* for more than twenty years. Orlean's newest book, *The Library Book*, was named one of *The New York Times*' 100 Notable Books of 2018 and *The Washington Post*'s Best Books of 2018.



Ann Patchett

Thursday, October 24, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 25, 2019, 11 a.m.

Photo by Heidi Ross

Ann Patchett is the author of the celebrated novels, *Bel Canto*, *Run*, *State of Wonder*, and *Commonwealth*. She was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by *TIME*. Her latest novel, *The Dutch House*, releases in September 2019.



Esi Edugyan

Monday, December 9, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 11 a.m.

Esi Edugyan reimagines classic literary genres through the eyes of black characters. Her novel *Half-Blood Blues* (2011) received the Giller Prize, Canada's most prestigious literary award. Edugyan's most recent novel, *Washington Black* (2018), was named one of the top ten books of the year by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Entertainment Weekly* and *TIME*.



Reza Aslan

Thursday, February 13, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, February 14, 2020, 11 a.m.

Reza Aslan is an internationally renowned writer and scholar of religions. His books include the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*. His latest book, *God: A Human History*—another *New York Times* bestseller—investigates how humans have historically understood the divine.



Tommy Orange

Thursday, April 30, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1, 2020, 11 a.m.

Photo by Elena Seiber

Tommy Orange is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling novel *There There*, a relentlessly paced story about a side of America few of us have ever seen: the lives of urban Native Americans. It received the PEN/Hemingway award and was named one of the top ten books of the year by *The New York Times* and others.

LIBRARIES = STRONG COMMUNITIES

2019 National Library Week Highlights



Kyle

"Any place that has books already feels halfway like home. Being in the library and surrounded by books that are accessible to everybody and in a place that's accessible to everybody feels really good and healthy for society."



Saksi & Frances

"This library just helps everything! Anything you need to know: you come to the library!"



Jackie

"This Library really helps and impacts the community that it serves. Thank you so much!"



Carneisha

"I just love the vibe and the aura you get from being somewhere with so much knowledge packed into one place."

2019 Library Fund Campaign

Thank you to the more than 500 Friends members who contributed an additional gift to our 2019 Library Campaign! Your inspiring generosity is already making a difference by strengthening HCL resources like:

- Homework Help
- Senior Outreach
- Programs for Families Facing Incarceration
- Teen Tech Squad
- Special Collections ... and MORE!



YES!

I am investing in our Library with my additional gift to the 2019 Library Campaign!

Levels:

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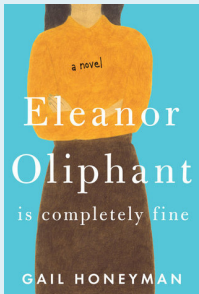
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FRIENDS SUMMER READING LIST

Looking for your next book? Here are a few recommendations, personally selected by your friends at Friends of HCL! Visit HCLIB.org to reserve these recommendations today!

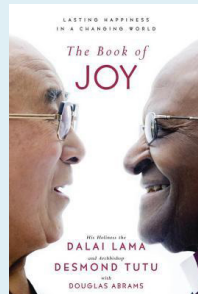
KRISTI recommends:



Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine | Gail Honeyman

Soon to be a major motion picture produced by Reese Witherspoon, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* is the smart, warm, and uplifting story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey.

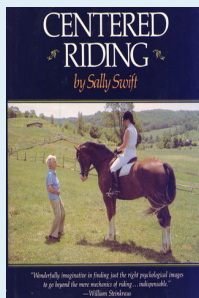
ADAM recommends:



The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World | Dalai Lama XIV, Desmond Tutu

Both the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu have been tested by great personal and national adversity. Now that they are both in their eighties, they especially want to spread the core message that to have joy yourself, you must bring joy to others.

LINDA recommends:



Centered Riding | Sally Swift

Widely known for her innovative teaching philosophy stressing body awareness, the value of “soft eyes,” proper breathing, centering, and balance, Sally Swift has been a pioneering riding instructor for half a century.

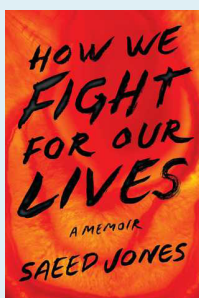
COURTNEY recommends:



Becoming | Michelle Obama

In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years in the White House.

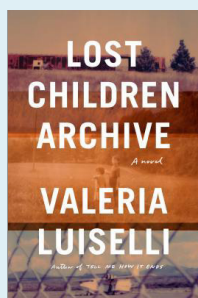
ALFRED recommends:



How We Fight For Our Lives | Saeed Jones

Haunted and haunting, Jones’s memoir tells the story of a young, black, gay man from the South as he fights to carve out a place for himself, within his family, within his country, and within his own hopes, desires, and fears.

ROB recommends:



Lost Children Archive | Valeria Luiselli

An emotionally resonant, fiercely imaginative new novel about a family whose road trip across America collides with the immigration crisis at the southwestern border—*Lost Children Archive* is a story of how we document our experiences, and how we remember things that matter to us most.

Leave Your Library Legacy

The Gratia Legacy Circle honors individuals who leave a legacy for our Library through a bequest in a will or other planned gift to Friends of the Hennepin County Library. Common planned gifts include bequests in a will, designation of an organization as a beneficiary of a retirement asset, IRA, or life insurance, or establishment of a charitable remainder trust.

For more information about leaving a legacy for our Library or to notify us of plans already in place, please contact **Phil Edwards**, Donor Relations Officer, at **612-543-8114** or pedwards@hclib.org.