



# Opening Library Doors When Others Close

**YOU'RE HELPING  
PATRONS  
EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS  
BUILD COMMUNITY  
AND HOPE**

**At** 8am on Sunday mornings, as homeless shelters across the city close, Minneapolis Central Library opens its doors.

Most public spaces do not open until noon on Sundays, leaving those exiting shelters with nowhere to go. Born out of this need, increasingly pressing as the weather grows colder, the idea of opening the library atrium early was brought to the library by its Advisory Board on Homelessness.

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HIBERNATION IS FOR ANIMALS

# Three Ways to Explore Your Library this Winter

**1** Join us at an event

## Let's Talk about Race

**Dec. 5 | Jan. 2 | Feb. 6**

Linden Hills Library

Join our monthly discussion group on race in our society. This group is volunteer-facilitated and focuses on learning and growing. Please bring along your recommendations for future meetings. All are welcome!

## Anishinaabe Bead Arts for Adults

**Dec. 7 - Feb. 15**

Northeast, Southdale, Brookdale, Osseo & Franklin Library

Julie Kastigar Boada of the Fond du Lac people will introduce the art of Anishinaabe beading. Learn how patterns and colors can reflect tribal and family affiliations, and create your own beaded work of art. Materials provided. Collaborator: ArtStart. Funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. **Registration required.**

## Vegan Recipe Club

**Dec. 17 | Jan. 21 | Feb. 18**

East Lake Library

If you are curious about vegan cooking, this club is for you! Each month, participants make three recipes from popular cookbooks prior to meeting, then share their reflections with the group. Recipes and cookbooks are available for pickup at East Lake Library in the month prior to the next session. Novice to expert cooks are welcome, as are interested non-cooks.

## Noon Year's Eve Celebration

**Dec. 31**

East Lake, Excelsior, Minneapolis Central, Northeast & Southdale Library

Join other families, kids, and preschoolers for a noon-time party! Celebrate the beginning of a new year with a variety of family-friendly activities. See events at each location for more details.

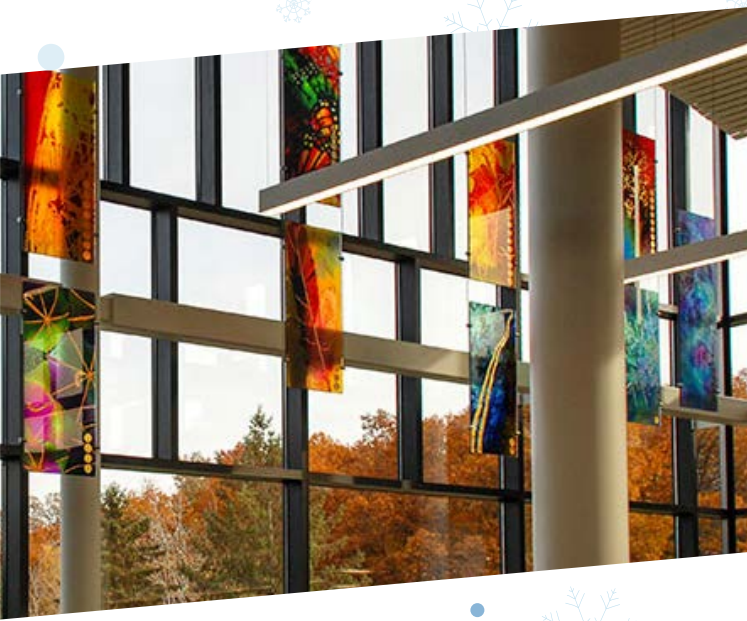
## Yoga for Beginners

**Jan. 2 - Feb. 25**

Brooklyn Park Library

Need to de-stress? Interested in meditation? Learn about yoga (a Sanskrit word meaning "yoke" or "union") from an experienced yoga instructor. Yoga helps activate and reconnect mind and body, which can relieve tension and stress. Bring a yoga mat if you have one; however, a mat is not required to attend. All ages and physical conditions are welcome.





### 3 Browse Summer Library's **Gary N. Sudduth African American History and Culture Collection**

This unique collection is a rich resource designed to support the interests of African Americans and all people interested in learning about African American history and culture. The collection numbers more than 5,000 items and includes fiction, nonfiction and audiobooks for children, teens, and adults. Items are available for check out.

### 2 Take yourself on a **Stop, Look, Art** tour at the library

See highlights such as **Wind and Water Chime** by Donald Celender (1968, 2013) at Nokomis, **Compelling the Soul to Look Upward** by Bebe Keith (2018) at Ridgedale (pictured above), and **The Camden Community – Neighborhoods that Built a City** by Michael Sweere (2017) at Webber Park Library.

Learn more about public art at your library at [hclib.org/art](http://hclib.org/art).

### Did you know...

Hennepin County Library has spaces for children and families to play and learn together.

Check out **remodeled play spaces** at recently-renovated libraries such as Ridgedale Library, Oxboro Library, and Hosmer Library, with additional spaces reopening at Arvonne Fraser Library and Eden Prairie Library in 2020.

All are welcome here.

- Community
- Outreach
- Services



# Thank you!

We are overwhelmed by the generosity you have shown our library! Thanks to the support of more than 1,000 Library Superheroes, we surpassed our Give to the Max Day goal and unlocked an additional **\$25,000** for our library.

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NOV. 14, 2019



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## The library's atrium becomes a place of rest and refuge

Ordinarily a bustling thoroughfare, Sunday mornings in the library's atrium are quiet: the high ceiling stretches four floors above, while below, library patrons rest their eyes, play chess, read the paper, catch up, and nurse hot cups of coffee. On Sundays, the atrium becomes a place of rest and refuge where new connections are built and everyone is welcomed without judgement.

That's what Alexis, a Hennepin County Library intern, believes is the most vital aspect of these Sunday mornings: the connections. She sees patrons, many of them present every Sunday, growing more comfortable with the library and with the library's staff. In turn, she feels herself growing more embedded within the work community. "It makes you feel like you're more than just a librarian in a library," she says, "You're a

part of the community you serve, and you're trying to make that community better for what it is."

**“Everybody likes a good cup of coffee in the morning.”**

Alexis sees this program as an embodiment of the library's mission to serve everyone. "You can come

and bring your whole self,” she says. “We don’t care who you are or what you are. You don’t have to fit in a certain box for this space. It’s just a space you can come to no matter what. Plus,” she adds, “we provide free coffee, and everybody likes a good cup of coffee in the morning.”



Michael, a library patron formerly from Michigan, has lived in Minnesota now for eight years. From what he’s seen, this kind of programming—the open atrium, the free movie screenings, gaming groups, craft club—is nonexistent in other places. Michael loves the movie screenings and is excited this morning to head upstairs to catch the showing of Samuel Jackson’s newest movie, *Shaft*.

But for him, these Sunday gatherings present more than just a warm place to rest or the chance to see a new movie; they create hope for a second start, a second chance. Michael recently secured a job as a maintenance mechanic at a local hospital and wants other patrons who come to open Sundays to keep trying. “There is a lot out there for us,” he says, “and places for us, places like this.”

Since the inception of Sunday morning open hours in April 2018, attendance has grown from 50 to nearly 300 people each week. Quickly outpacing the library’s own capacity, this rapid growth presented an opportunity for the library to hire patrons experiencing homelessness to help alongside staff

each week. This dramatic increase in attendance speaks to the larger housing crisis and to the library’s determination to best serve its community, to step up when needs arise, and to open its doors when others close.

## “You can come and bring your whole self.”

But the library would not have been able to bring this vital programming to life without the help of our Friends members. Thanks to you, Friends of HCL is contributing nearly \$30,000 in 2019 to open the library’s doors on Sunday mornings and funding other programming throughout the week, giving patrons like Michael a place for community, stability, and hope. This generosity has had a profound and tangible impact on those who need support the most, bringing us one step closer to a library—and to a world—where everyone belongs.

## “Please don’t close this.”

As Michael heads up the escalator to enjoy the movie, he turns back with one request. “Don’t close this,” he says. “Please don’t close this.”

**YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**

Find more impact stories at [supportHCLIB.org/stories-impact](https://supportHCLIB.org/stories-impact).

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# Made with Love

## EXPLORING HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY'S WORLD-CLASS COOKBOOK COLLECTION

Regardless of the occasion, cuisine, or cook's experience, our library's 13,000+ cookbooks offer a bounty of options, ready to inspire your next gathering around a heartwarming meal. While it's perfectly fine to indulge yourself reading recipe after recipe and delighting in beautiful food photography, a cookbook experience isn't complete without breaking out the pots and pans.

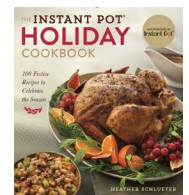
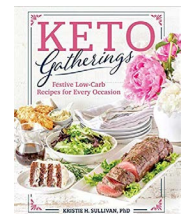
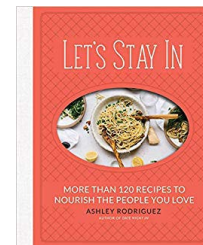
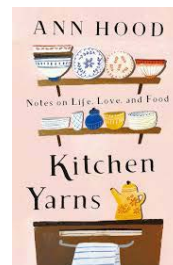
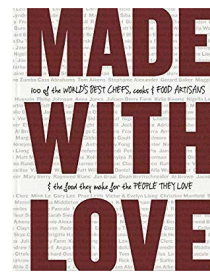
Preparing and sharing food is one of the simplest ways to show love for others. This winter, create a sense of community around the table, where stories can be shared as easily as passing the salt or hot sauce.

**“The food can be simple, but it's the people around you that create the memory, not just the food itself.”**

~Matt Wilkinson, *Made with Love*

### Here's a short cookbook selection to whet your appetite:

- *Made with Love: 100 of the World's Best Chefs, Cooks & Food Artisans & the Food They Make for the People They Love* by Helen Greenwood (Editor) (2019)
- *Kitchen Yarns: Notes on Life, Love, and Food* by Ann Hood (2019)
- *The Shared Table: Vegetarian and Vegan Feasts to Cook for Your Crowd* by Clare Scrine (2019)
- *Sweet Home Café Cookbook: A Celebration of African American Cooking* by Albert Lukas and Jessica B. Harris, (2018)
- *Let Me Feed You: Everyday Recipes Offering the Comfort of Home* by Rosie Daykin (2019)
- *Happy Vegan Christmas: Plant-based Recipes for Festive Scandinavian Feasts* by Karoline Jönsson (2019)
- *Let's Stay In: More than 120 Recipes to Nourish the People You Love* by Ashley Rodriguez (2019)
- *Keto Gatherings: Festive Low-Carb Recipes for Every Occasion* by Kristie H. Sullivan, PhD. (2019)
- *The Instant Pot® Holiday Cookbook: 100 Festive Recipes to Celebrate the Season* by Heather Schlueter (2018)



# More ways to support your library

## STOCKS AND APPRECIATED ASSETS

You can make a gift of long-term appreciated securities—publicly traded stocks, bonds, and mutual fund shares—to Friends of the Hennepin County Library while avoiding capital gains tax. You will receive credit and an immediate income tax deduction for the fair market value of your donation (average high and low prices on the day of the transfer.)

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If you are 70½ years or older, you can make a tax-free distribution from your traditional or Roth IRA to Friends of HCL without incurring federal income tax. Distributions can total up to \$100,000 annually. Contact your financial adviser with questions.

## PLANNED GIVING

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.

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## MORE INFORMATION

We appreciate advance notice of your gift to ensure proper stewardship. To notify Friends of HCL or ask a question, please contact **Phil Edwards**, Donor Relations Officer, at **612-543-8114** or **pedwards@hclib.org**.

## 2019 YEAR-END CAMPAIGN

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- **Homework Help**
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- **Programs for families facing incarceration**
- **Teen Tech Squad**
- **Collections ... and MORE!**



# FOR ALL. FOREVER.



Leave a legacy for your library—and honor your values—by making a planned gift to Friends of the Hennepin County Library. The power of your gift will expand across time and will have an incredible influence on lives all across our community, far beyond your lifetime.

“ Our country and our community have always benefitted from institutions like the Library that bring us together to learn, question, discuss, and grow.

Please join me and all of the members of the Gratia Legacy Circle who have added the Friends in their estate plans.”

– Aimee Guidera, Gratia Legacy Circle Member

**Join Aimee and leave your library legacy today.**



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