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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF HENNEPIN COUNTY

## Library Use Rises as Collections Cuts Loom

“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.” — Lady Bird Johnson

Nearly 70 percent of Hennepin County residents have a library card and have used it within the past three years. With the 12th largest public library collection in the country and 5th largest circulation rate, the Hennepin County Library’s collection is in frequent and high demand. Many patrons have noted the increased usage as wait times for books have become longer. Last year, 16.6 million items were borrowed — that’s 14.9 books and other items per County resident!

Hennepin County Library’s collection is carefully selected to respond to the community’s unique requests, reading preferences, and learning needs. The Library is constantly updating its collection by buying new books, replacing heavily circulated items, renewing subscriptions annually, and purchasing books in multiple formats (such as large print, audio, and foreign language). Containing more than 5 million items, the collection serves as a major resource for the entire State. Highlights include more than 3.5 million books, the largest children’s collection in the upper Midwest, 150,000 sheets of music, literature in more than 40 languages, the 2nd largest cookbook collection in the U.S., and a significant electronic collection including e-

journals, periodicals, databases, and eBooks viewable online at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org).

The backbone of any library is its collection. Fortunately, in 2010 the Library was able to maintain funding levels for its collection relying on reserves and increasing public and private support. However, initial budget estimates project that the Library will need to reduce its collection’s budget by \$650,000 next year and perhaps more in the coming years. A cut of this size will be a serious blow to the Library’s collection, and will directly affect patrons’ access to materials. Sustained cuts and increasing usage will quickly undermine the quality of the collection and the relevance of our Library system.

The Library Foundation is committed to maintaining our strong support of the Library’s collection in light of the projected budget reductions. **Working with our donors, members and the independent Library Friends groups, the Library Foundation has already raised more than \$100,000 for collections this year and is aiming to raise an additional \$100,000 by the end of the year.** Although this is an ambitious goal there is no substitute for maintaining the level of excellence of our Library’s collection and we hold it as our top priority.

### You Can Help

Show your support of the Library and your love of books by making a gift for collections today or by increasing your membership gift when you renew this year. Gifts for the collection can be made online at [www.supporthclib.org](http://www.supporthclib.org) or by phone at **952-847-8106**.



## Dear Library Supporter,

The last two years have been a busy and solidifying period for the Library Foundation of Hennepin County. In 2008, the Foundation merged with The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library to form one, united organization. Settling into our new “skin” took some time and work, but the Foundation has emerged stronger and more vital than ever.

Last fall, in response to the many organizational changes, the Foundation Board launched a strategic planning effort. The eight-month planning process involved the Foundation Board, and Library and Foundation staff, with input from members and Friends groups. Approved at the May 25th Board meeting, the strategic plan outlines a new mission and vision for 2010 - 2013. The plan will guide the overall course of the Foundation, with annual reviews and updates supplementing the comprehensive three year direction.

**It is my honor to share with you our new mission: to enrich the resources and enhance the potential of the Hennepin County Library.**

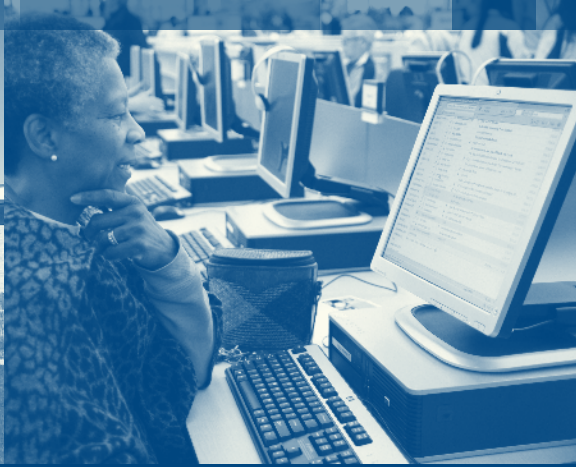
With a vision of becoming the foremost library support organization in the nation and advancing the Hennepin County Library as a premier library system, the Foundation’s major goals include:

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- Increasing financial support for the Hennepin County Library
  - Raising community awareness of the Library Foundation
  - Developing a collaborative relationship with local Friends organizations
  - Building organizational capabilities to achieve our vision
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A copy of the complete plan (outlining vision, values, activities, and goals) can be found online at [www.supporthclib.org](http://www.supporthclib.org). If you have comments or questions regarding the plan or the Foundation, please feel free to contact me directly at 952-847-8105 or [swilson@hclib.org](mailto:swilson@hclib.org).

Warm regards,

**Stu Wilson**, Executive Director



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### **New Maple Grove Library Opens**

**MAY 22.** The new Maple Grove Library opened on May 22 to a crowd of enthusiastic booklovers. The new 40,000-square-foot library is double the size of the old library and has a collection of 114,000 books, CDs, DVDs, and other items. Amenities include a drive-up book drop, a summer entrance with a “reading porch,” and a parking ramp with more than 350 spaces. Customers checked out more than 25,000 items during the new library’s first full week of operation.

### **Artists Selected for Plymouth One Percent for Art Initiative**

**JUNE 3.** Plymouth Library Public Art Selection Committee interviewed finalists to develop art for two locations at the new Plymouth Library. Phil Daniel was selected to design a glass art installation for the three windows on the west side of the building. Joan Solomon was selected to develop an art installation, involving textile panels, on the east wall.

### **Planning for Excelsior and Brooklyn Park Library Progresses**

**JUNE 29.** At the board meeting, the Hennepin County Commissioners authorized negotiation of purchase agreements for the construction of new libraries in Brooklyn Park and Excelsior. Once the purchase agreements are signed and contracts are awarded, the community engagement processes will begin.

### **Central Library Piano Room Reservations Available**

**JULY 11.** Customers can now make an online reservation to use the third floor piano room at the Minneapolis Central Library at [hclib.org](http://hclib.org). The room contains a seven-foot grand piano — a gift from Emil Oberhoffer, the founder and first director of the Minneapolis Symphony. The piano room is open the same hours as the Library.

### **Downloadable eBooks Now Available at the Library**

**JULY 19.** Customers can now check out and download eBooks in the EPUB format through the Library’s website at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org). An eBook is a digital or electronic version of a paper book. Instead of being printed

onto paper and bound into books, the text is formatted into a digital file, which can be read with a special eBook reader, computer or other electronic device. Hennepin County Library is the first public library in the Twin Cities metro area to offer this format. eBooks offer existing library customers a new format, but also are a means for Hennepin County Library to reach out to people who otherwise may not use the Library. This pilot program offers approximately 700 titles available for download.

### **Library Seeks Homework Hub Volunteers**

**JULY 25.** The Library is seeking tutor volunteers for the Homework Hub program. Volunteers are needed to work with youth after school on literacy and homework related projects in a variety of subjects. Volunteers must have some experience with school age children and commit to working between two and six hours a week at a Homework Hub location: Augsburg Park, Brookdale, Minneapolis Central, East Lake, Franklin, Hopkins, Hosmer, North Regional and Sumner. Interested community members can fill out an application at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org), under the “Support Your Library” tab.



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ABOUT THE FRIENDS



Hennepin County Library's independent Friends of the Library groups are vital partners in library support. They help by recruiting volunteers, Friends groups help their local library through fundraising, fundraising, sponsoring programs, and acting as ambassadors in the communities where their library is teaching lives everyday. Used book sales are an important source of revenue for Friends groups. You can make a difference for your library by getting involved and becoming a member. Click here to find a Friends group near you.

The Hennepin County Library, Library Education, and each Friends group are partners under the shared mission to strengthen library services and resources. Groups are currently found at all suburban libraries. Facilitating the start of new Friends groups in all Minneapolis, suburbs and supporting existing groups are top priorities for the Library Foundation.

To learn more about existing Friends groups and starting new groups, contact the Library Foundation at 952-847-8109 or [librarysupport@hclib.org](mailto:librarysupport@hclib.org).



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**LSTA Makes Grants Totaling \$100,000 for Underserved Populations**

**MAY 30.** The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) provides federal funds administered by the State Library Services/Minnesota Department of Education. The Foundation helped secure two LSTA grants for the Hennepin County Library, totaling just over \$100,000. The first grant will underwrite the Library's outreach initiatives to immigrant populations ranging from employment and housing resources to bi-lingual storytimes and conversation circles. The second grant will help extend access to the Library's collection, job assistance, and literary programs to incarcerated men, women, and youth at Hennepin County Correctional facilities.

**New Friends Website Pages and Communication Tools**

**JUNE 5.** To support Friends groups throughout the County, the Foundation is providing new and improved communication tools for the individual groups. As a first step, each Friends group now has a dedicated webpage on the Foundation's website. In addition, all Friends groups have

updated membership brochures and group e-mail addresses. Visit [www.supporthclib.org/friends.html](http://www.supporthclib.org/friends.html) to check it out.

**2009 Annual Report Available Online**

**JUNE 20.** Thanks to nearly 5,000 members, donors, and volunteers, the Library Foundation is playing a critical role in the Hennepin County Library's mission to nourish minds, transform lives, and build community together. Last year, the Foundation provided more than \$2 million in support to the Library and offered many other services and programs on the Library's behalf. Our 2009 Annual Report details the Foundation's contributions to one of our county's most important institutions. The report and our IRS 990 Forms are now available online at [www.supporthclib.org](http://www.supporthclib.org).

**Minnesota State Arts Board Awards Grant to Expand Childish Films**

**JUNE 25.** Minnesota State Arts Board awarded a \$23,425 grant to the Foundation to expand the successful Childish Films series. Childish Films, a program of children's cinema and arts activities for ages 3 and up, will

continue its popular Central Library program the third Saturday of the month this fall and offer additional programming at Southdale, Brookdale, and Ridgedale libraries throughout the 2010-2011 season.

**The Formation of Friends Groups in Minneapolis Begins**

**JULY 20.** Facilitating the start of new Friends groups in all Minneapolis libraries and supporting existing Friends are priorities for the Library Foundation. Friends groups at the Sumner, Webber Park, East Lake, and Linden Hills libraries are now underway. With the goal of forming a Friends group to support each library in the system by the end of 2011, the Foundation will be setting meetings throughout this year and next at libraries in Minneapolis. Friends groups help their local library through volunteering, fundraising, sponsoring programs, and acting as ambassadors in the community. The new groups in Minneapolis will be offering a coordinated membership program with the Foundation. Contact Adam Olson at the Foundation (952-847-8109 or [ajolson@hclib.org](mailto:ajolson@hclib.org)), if you are interested in getting involved in a Friends group.

# Book Sales to Support the Library

Many library Friends groups host book sales to raise funds for their local library. Each sale features hundreds of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Most books are priced at \$1 or less.

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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### Osseo Library\*

Osseo Community Center, 415 Central Ave.  
12 PM - 4 PM

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

### Augsburg Park Library

7100 Nicollet Ave., Richfield  
10 AM - 2 PM

### Linden Hills Library\*

Pershing Park, 3523 48th St. W., Minneapolis  
11 AM - 3 PM

### Excelsior Library

343 Third Street, Excelsior  
8 AM - 3 PM

### Osseo Library\*

Osseo Community Center, 415 Central Ave.  
9 AM - 4 PM

Free face painting: 10 AM - 12 PM

### Saint Anthony Library

2941 Pentagon Dr. N.E., Saint Anthony  
9 AM - 1 PM

### Wayzata Library\*

Wayzata Community Room, 600 Rice St.  
9 AM - 4 PM

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

### Wayzata Library\*

Wayzata Community Room, 600 Rice St.  
9 AM - 4 PM

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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

### Penn Lake Library

8800 Penn Ave. S., Bloomington  
Members preview sale: 2 PM - 3:30 PM

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

### Minnnetonka Library

17524 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka  
9 AM - 3 PM

### Penn Lake Library

8800 Penn Ave. S., Bloomington  
10 AM - 3 PM

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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

### Rogers Library

21300 John Milless Dr., Rogers  
9 AM - 2 PM

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

### Rogers Library

21300 John Milless Dr., Rogers  
9 AM - 2 PM; Bag sale: 1 PM - 2 PM

### Oxboro Library

8801 Portland Ave. S., Bloomington  
10 AM - 4 PM

### Brooklyn Park Library

8600 Zane Ave. N., Brooklyn Park  
10 AM - 2 PM

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

### Oxboro Library

8801 Portland Ave. S., Bloomington  
12 PM - 4 PM

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

### Champlin Library

12154 Ensign Ave. N., Champlin  
9 AM - 3 PM

### Maple Grove Library

8001 Main St. N., Maple Grove  
10 AM - 4 PM

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

### Sumner Library

611 Van White Memorial Blvd., Minneapolis  
10 AM - 4 PM

### Rockford Road Library

6401 42nd Ave. N., Crystal  
10 AM - 2 PM

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

### Rockford Road Library

6401 42nd Ave. N., Crystal  
Bag sale: 12 PM - 2 PM

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

### Plymouth Library

15700 36th Ave. N., Plymouth  
10 AM - 3 PM

### Westonka Library

2079 Commerce Blvd., Mound  
10 AM - 7 PM

### Rigedale Library

12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka  
10 AM - 4 PM

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

### Westonka Library

2079 Commerce Blvd., Mound  
12 PM - 4 PM

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## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

### Westonka Library

2079 Commerce Blvd., Mound  
Bag sale: 10 AM - 7 PM

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

### Golden Valley Library

830 Winnetka Ave. N., Golden Valley  
Members preview sale: 12 PM - 5 PM

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

### Golden Valley Library

830 Winnetka Ave. N., Golden Valley  
10 AM - 4 PM

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

### Golden Valley Library

830 Winnetka Ave. N., Golden Valley  
Bag Sale: 12 PM - 3 PM

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

### Brooklyn Park Library

8600 Zane Ave. N., Brooklyn Park  
10 AM - 4 PM

## Can't make it to a sale?

Check out one of our bookstores for bargains.

### Central Library Bookstore:

(operated by the Foundation)  
300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

### Rigedale Library Bookstore:

(operated by the Library)  
12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka

Visit [www.supportdclib.org](http://www.supportdclib.org) for hours.



# Programs & Events

All programs are free and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information visit: [www.supporthclib.org](http://www.supporthclib.org) or call **952-847-8107**.

## Talk of the Stacks

An author series exploring contemporary literature and culture.

Presenting sponsor: The Private Client Reserve at  U.S. Bank. Program sponsor: National Endowment for the Arts. Additional support: *Secrets of the City, Marquette Hotel, and Magers and Quinn Booksellers.*

### Heather McElhatton

McElhatton's wildly successful do-over novel, *Pretty Little Mistakes*, has been translated into multiple languages and optioned by NBC to be made into a television series. Now back with another "choose your own adventure" book, *Million Little Mistakes*, McElhatton asks the question: If you won \$22 million in the lottery, what would you do with the money? In celebration of the launch of this highly-anticipated sequel, storyteller Kevin Kling will introduce the program and music will accompany the reading.

**Thurs., Sept. 9, 7 PM**

Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall



Heather McElhatton

Antonya Nelson

### Antonya Nelson

Nelson is the award-winning author of nine books of fiction, including *Nothing Right, Talking in Bed, Nobody's Girl*, and *Living to Tell*. Nelson's work has appeared in the *New Yorker, Esquire, The Best American Short Stories*, and elsewhere. *Bound*, her first novel in over a decade, tells the story of tangled lives riveted by the reemergence of the Wichita real-world serial killer.

**Thurs., Sept. 30, 7 PM**

Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall

### Joseph O'Neill

O'Neill was born in Ireland, raised in Holland, has a law degree from Cambridge University, and now lives in New York. A regular contributor to *The Atlantic Monthly*, he is the author of *This Is the Life, The Breezes*, and *Netherland*, which received the 2009 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. This international author will present a new edition of *Blood-Dark Track*, a memoir about his journey to know his grandfathers: one an IRA soldier, the other an alleged Axis spy from Turkey, both imprisoned in WWII.

**Mon., Oct. 18, 7 PM**

Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall

Joseph O'Neill

Ian Frazier



### Ian Frazier

Writer and humorist Ian Frazier is the critically-acclaimed author of *Great Plains*, *On the Rez*, and *Dating Your Mom*, among other works. His latest book, *Travels in Siberia*, is the culmination of ten years of research and travel to the mythical region of Siberia – exploring the geography, the people, the history, the weather, the bugs, and the unexpected.

**Tues., Oct. 26, 7 PM**

Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall

### Club Book

A new series bringing acclaimed authors to library communities across the metropolitan area. Visit [www.clubbook.org](http://www.clubbook.org) for a full listing of events at libraries throughout the Twin Cities area.

*This project, a program of Metropolitan Library Services Agency and coordinated by Library Foundation of Hennepin County, was funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Media sponsor: Minnesota Public Radio. Creative partner: A/B Geist. Additional support: Around Town Agency, Magers and Quinn Booksellers, and Renaissance - The Depot Hotel Minneapolis.*



Terry McMillan

Nancy Pearl

Faith Sullivan

### Terry McMillan

The author of several *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Waiting to Exhale*, *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, and *A Day Late and a Dollar Short*, McMillan has had immeasurable impact on African-American literature. Her books have sold millions throughout the world and been made into successful movies. Her newest release, *Getting to Happy*, revisits the four protagonists of *Waiting to Exhale* fifteen years later, each at her own midlife crossroads, but still full of the same spirit and sass.

**Sat., Sept. 18, 2 PM**

Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy., Brooklyn Center

### Nancy Pearl

Pearl is the best-selling author of *Book Lust*, creator of the internationally recognized program, "If All of Seattle Read the Same Book," model for the world-famous "Librarian Action Figure," and a regular commentator about books on *National Public Radio's Morning Edition*. Her newest work is *Book Lust to Go: Recommended Reading for Travelers, Vagabonds, and Dreamers*.

**Thurs., Sept. 23, 7 PM**

Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave. S., Edina

### Faith Sullivan

Sullivan is the author of four novels set in the fictional town of Harvester, Minnesota: *The Cape Ann*, *The Empress of One*, *What a Woman Must Do*, and *Gardenias*. A finalist for several Minnesota Book Awards, she won the Milkweed National Fiction Prize and the Midwest Booksellers' Choice Award.

**Tues., Oct. 12, 7 PM**

Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka

## Childish Films

A program of children's cinema and arts for ages 3 and up.

*This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional Support: Whole Foods Market, Jagged Edge, Weston Woods, Friends of the Southdale Library, and Minnesota Parent.*

### Rock and Read!

Enjoy a program of seven short films inspired by favorite picture books and produced by Weston Woods.

☛ **Sat., Sept. 18, 10:30 AM**

Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall

**The extras:** Enjoy a pre-show concert of original rock songs adapted from books performed by the local band Clementown and a multi-media performance by Kate Lynch and Chris Beaty.

☛ **Sat., Sept. 25, 2:30 PM**

Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave. South, Edina

**The extras:** Make a pop-up book of your own with the staff of Minnesota Center for Book Arts.

### Halloween Toons for Tots

Watch vintage cartoons with skeletons, spiders, ghosts and (slightly spooky) monsters. Come in costume!

☛ **Sat., Oct. 16, 10:30 AM**

Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall

**The extras:** Make your own Halloween craft to take home and take part in a parade around the auditorium before the films.

☛ **Sat., Oct. 30, 2:30 PM**

Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave. S., Edina

**The extras:** Decorate cookies with the culinary director from Whole Foods Market and take home your holiday treat.



# PEN PALS



**Pen Pals is an author lecture series that raises funds to support the work of the Library Foundation of Hennepin County**

Pen Pals events are held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts (1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins). Tickets are \$40 and up. Member, group, and season subscriber discounts are available. Subscriptions are on sale now and individual tickets go on sale August 11.

**Ann Patchett**

Mar. 10, 2011 – 7:30 PM

Mar. 11, 2011 - 11 AM



**Lorna Landvik**

Oct. 7, 2010 – 7:30 PM

Oct. 8, 2010 - 11 AM



**Dave Eggers**

May 12, 2011 - 7:30 PM

May 13, 2011 - 11 AM



**Bill Bryson**

Nov. 4, 2010 – 7:30 PM

Nov. 5, 2010 - 11 AM



**Mark Doty**

Mar. 31, 2011 - 7:30 PM

Apr. 1, 2011 - 11 AM



**PEN PALS TICKETS: [WWW.SUPPORTHCLIB.ORG](http://WWW.SUPPORTHCLIB.ORG) OR 952-979-1111**

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