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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF HENNEPIN COUNTY

Libraries are for People – People are for Libraries

by Stu Wilson, Foundation Executive Director

During this past holiday season, new electronic reading devices, such as the Nook or Kindle, were common gift items. It was a year in which a significant part of the population turned to books in this new format. These new devices have caused many to wonder about the future of libraries, and their historic role as repositories for books. To me, the rise of the eBook spells a wave of new library use rather than a decline.

Libraries are places for people to make connections. Books as a new, mass produced technology, allowed for the creation of the first free public libraries in the mid-nineteenth century. As subsequent technologies took hold – telegraphs, telephones, radios, TVs, computers – people used them, as with books, simply to connect to more and more people in increasingly diverse ways. Today, with more need to connect with one another, we are flocking to libraries.

This trend is very evident at the Hennepin County Library. The numbers are in, and 2010 saw 5.5 million people walk through the Library's doors, more than 17 million items checked out, and over 20 million hits to the website. Use of the Library's social media connections, such as Bookspace.org, Facebook, and Twitter, all saw significant increases, and the Library expanded its collection to include 5,000

free downloadable eBooks. There are other impressive statistics, but the fact is the Library is busier than ever connecting people to other people and resources.

The Library is so valued as a people connector that, in return, people give back to the Library in the most generous ways. We see this in action every day at the Library Foundation. Over 5,000 individuals and organizations contributed financially to the Foundation in 2010, enabling us to provide over a million dollars in combined direct and indirect support to our Library system. We were privileged to be working with our Friends groups at local libraries adding yet another important layer of avid Library supporters. Additionally, volunteers contributed approximately 93,000 hours of service to the Library. This network of supporters provides increasingly needed assistance to the Library. But it goes beyond support or passion for books. It is about ensuring that all residents can easily access learning materials and connect to others through the incredible resources at the Library. As we create more and more ways to connect to one another, the Library will only increase in value and use.

To all of our members, supporters, Friends and volunteers, thank you for making a difference. The format of books and materials at the Library is of little consequence. More importantly, through



your generosity to the Library, you have made a difference in many lives. People helping libraries – libraries helping people: that's the essence of the Foundation's work. Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor.

In times of change, it is the learners who will inherit the earth, while the learned will find themselves beautifully equipped for a world that no longer exists. Libraries are for learners." – author Al Rogers





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In this issue of our newsletter, we are pleased to enclose the Foundation's newest brochure, formally establishing our planned giving society as the Gratia Circle. The Circle is named for Gratia Countryman, one of the outstanding Minneapolis library directors who led our system from 1904 to 1936, and is credited with the launching the Hennepin County system. Gratia pioneered many services that we appreciate most about our Library today including dedicated children's areas, welcoming reading spaces, accessible collections, and friendly staff. The Circle's name also is fitting recognition for our generous members in that it references the Latin phrase, *ex gratia*, which translates as "to do something voluntarily, out of kindness or grace."



Private donors – from Andrew Carnegie to the 5,000 members of the Library Foundation of Hennepin County – have helped our libraries achieve a high level of excellence. Planned gifts, in particular, create a lasting tribute to your interest in the Library's mission while guaranteeing the Library's ability to offer excellent collections, programs, and services to future generations.

If you have any questions about the Gratia Circle or your commitment to the Library Foundation, please contact **Stu Wilson** at **952-847-8105** or **swilson@hclib.org**.

Introducing the Gratia Circle, Leaving a Legacy to the Library

Deborah Jindra, Gratia Circle Member



My mother walked me to the Columbia Heights library, which was in an old house at the time, when I was about 4 years old and unhappy about moving into a new neighborhood. The librarian had red hair like I did and was so nice to me that I was instantly smitten. She eventually steered me to *Anne of Green Gables* and *Trixie Belden* books. I was an avid reader and eventually got my Master of Library and Information Science because of that early experience. My mother was very active in the community and started the Columbia Heights Friends of the Library. For many years she organized a bridge tournament and catered a luncheon to raise money for the Friends. I don't play cards and I certainly could not cater lunch for 60 people so I am doing what I can by leaving a portion of my estate to the Library Foundation of Hennepin County.

I served on the Minneapolis Friends of the Library Board and worked to get the referendum passed in 2000, securing critical funding for the Minneapolis Central Library. I also was chair of the Minneapolis Arts Commission while the 1 percent for art pieces were chosen for the Central Library. Great books and great art together is my idea of heaven. Libraries are so important to our democracy and to promoting civil discourse. I find it so inspiring that the early movers and shakers in Minneapolis had the foresight to create this wonderful library system.

I currently work as a technical writer but use my library skills for research and for maintaining a website. The Library is my go-to place for book group selections and to participate in intelligent programs and stimulating conversation. I really think that as long as our libraries are strong and well funded, our country will have a solid intellectual foundation. There really is no excuse for ignorance in a country that offers its citizens an entire world of ideas just for using their library cards.

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 \$2 or less. Make sure to visit www.supportthclib.org for more details and directions before attending.

Monday, February 7

St. Anthony Library (12 PM - 7 PM)
2941 Pentagon Dr. N.E.

Saturday, February 12

Rockford Road Library (10 AM - 2 PM)
6401 42nd Ave. N., Crystal

Sunday, February 13

Rockford Road Library
(Bag sale: 12 PM - 2 PM)
6401 42nd Ave. N., Crystal

Saturday, February 19

Ridgedale Library (10 AM - 4 PM)
12601 Ridgedale Dr. Minnetonka

Friday, February 25

Hopkins Library
(Members only: 1 PM - 4 PM)
22 11th Ave. N., Hopkins

Saturday, February 26

Hopkins Library (10 AM - 4 PM)
22 11th Ave. N., Hopkins

Saturday, March 5

Maple Grove Library (10 AM - 2 PM)
8001 Main Street N, Maple Grove

Saturday, March 12

Augsburg Park Library (10 AM - 2 PM)
7100 Nicollet Avenue, Richfield

Friday, April 8

Golden Valley Library
(Members only: 12 PM - 5 PM)
830 Winnetka Ave. N.

Long Lake Library (9 AM - 6 PM)*
Orono Discovery Center, 5050
Independence St., Maple Plain

Saturday, April 9

Excelsior Library (8 AM - 3 PM)*
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church,
301 County Road 19, Excelsior

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

Long Lake Library (9 AM - 2 PM)*

Orono Discovery Center, 5050
Independence St., Maple Plain

Westonka Library (10 AM - 4 PM)

2079 Commerce Blvd., Mound

Sunday, April 10

Golden Valley Library
(Bag sale: 12 PM - 3 PM)
830 Winnetka Ave. N.

Westonka Library (12 PM - 4 PM)

2079 Commerce Blvd., Mound

Monday, April 11

Westonka Library
(Bag sale: 10 AM - 7 PM)
2079 Commerce Blvd., Mound

Saturday, April 16

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

Sunday, April 17

Wayzata Library
(Bag sale: noon - 4 PM)*
Wayzata Community Room,
600 Rice St.

Friday, April 29

Rogers Library (9 AM - 2 PM)
21300 John Millers Dr.

Saturday, April 30

Edina Library (10 AM - 5 PM)
5280 Grandview Square

Sumner Library (10 AM - 4 PM)
611 Van White Mem. Blvd.,
Minneapolis

Rogers Library (9 AM - 2 PM)
21300 John Millers Dr.

Monday, May 2

Edina Library (Bag sale: 10 AM - 7 PM)
5280 Grandview Square

*Sale is held at a location outside of the Library.

Central Library Spring Clearance Sale

Held at the Minneapolis Central Library (300 Nicollet Mall), the Library Foundation will host a 3-week spring clearance sale.

March 17 - March 25: 50 % off used books

March 26 - April 1: \$.25 per book

April 2 - April 9: All books you can fit in a grocery bag for \$2

Hours: 11 AM - 2 PM (Mondays), 10 AM - 5 PM (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays),
10 AM - 7:00 PM (Thursdays), 10 AM - 4:30 PM (Saturdays).



IN THE NEWS ... IN THE NEWS

Board Elects New Members and Officers

The Library Foundation is pleased to announce its newly elected 2011 board members and officers. The 37-member board of directors determines the strategic direction and goals of the organization and provides prudent management of fiscal assets. The following individuals were elected as new board members:

- **Marilyn Cathcart**, Former State Legislative Reference Librarian and retired University of St. Catherine Faculty
- **Biz Colburn**, Retired Director of Transportation Planning
- **Tom Gabriel**, CEO and Creative Director of Gabriel deGroot Bendt
- **John Gibbs**, Vice President of State Government and Regulatory Affairs, Comcast
- **Irene Kilpatrick**, Retired Principal, Minneapolis Public Schools
- **Arlita Little**, Executive Director, The Givens Foundation for African American Literature
- **Kristi Pearson**, Director of Development, AchieveMpls
- **Maura Steblay**, Financial Advisor, Minneapolis Financial Group
- **Ardis Wexler**, Retired Program Manager, Jewish Family and Children's Services

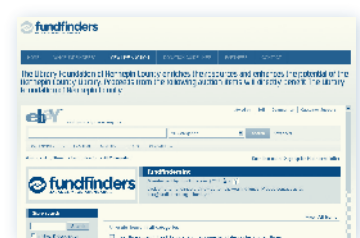
The following individuals were elected as board officers:

- **President: Daniel H. Spiller**, Senior Vice President of Corporate Treasury, U.S. Bancorp
- **Vice President: Lynn Carlson Schell**, President and Managing Principal, Shelter Corp.
- **Treasurer: Margaret Wunderlich**, CFO and Vice President of Operations at Lerner Publishing Group
- **Secretary: Sue Busch Nehring**, Director of Corporate Public Relations, Best Buy

For a complete list of the 2011 Board of Directors, visit supportthclib.org or call 952-847-8107.

Select Used Books Now Offered Online

The Library Foundation's Book Store, in partnership with Fundfinders online auction services, is selling select and collectible books on Ebay! Visit supportthclib.org and click on bookstore for more information and a link to the site.





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Best Buy Grant Supports Digital Media Storytelling Project

Best Buy recently awarded the Library Foundation a \$20,000 grant to fund an innovative Digital Media Storytelling (DMS) project for youth. This pilot project focuses specifically on young people who face barriers to success brought on by poverty, limited English language skills, and restricted access to technology such as computers, digital cameras and the internet.

The DMS program will launch in the Brooklyn Park/Brooklyn Center and South Minneapolis/Richfield neighborhoods with a focus on engaging Asian and Latino youth. Funds will employ teens who will work with library staff and partners to design a series of workshops and mentor their peers on oral storytelling and digital technology tools. A gallery of online stories showcasing the rich cultural and ethnic heritage of participating youth will culminate the project.

The Best Buy Children's Foundation has been an integral partner in Hennepin County Library's youth

programs and technology innovations over the past seven years.

Library Friends Exceed Goal for Library Collections

Hennepin County Library's collection is carefully selected to respond to the community's unique requests, reading preferences and learning needs. However, demand for books and other materials is outpacing the budget and private support is essential to assuring the continued quality of the Library's collections. Each year the Library Friends and Foundation collaborate on a fundraising drive to benefit HCL's system-wide programs or collections. This year, Friends groups at our community libraries donated over \$52,000 for books and other materials. Gifts from the following Friends groups helped us to exceed the original goal of \$40,000: Augsburg Park, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Eden Prairie, Edina, Excelsior, Golden Valley, Maple Grove, Minnetonka, Osseo, Oxboro, Plymouth, Ridgedale, Rockford Road, Southdale, Washburn, Wayzata, Westonka.

Give to the Max Day a Success!

The Library Foundation raised more than \$66,500 on Give to the Max Day on November 16, 2010. Thank you to the 320 donors who donated nearly \$41,500, nearly double the amount needed for us to secure our \$25,000 in matching funds. Your support also propelled us into the top 15 on GiveMN's "leader board" out of the more than 3,400 participating nonprofits statewide.

2011 Library Building Projects

Capital improvements for our library facilities are happening throughout the system. Northeast and Nokomis libraries will celebrate grand openings on April 2 and April 30 respectively. The Walker Library is in the schematic and design phase and planning for the Brooklyn Park and Excelsior libraries have begun with community meetings. Visit hclib.org for more information.

Paula Poundstone Benefit for the Library

You know the hilarious Paula Poundstone from NPR's 'Wait

wait don't tell me', but did you know she is also a national spokesperson for library friends and foundations? Poundstone will be performing at the Guthrie Theater at 7:30 PM on Monday, February 28. Hennepin County Library friends will be on hand to sell Poundstone's books and other merchandise. A portion of proceeds benefits the Hennepin County Library collection. For tickets, visit www.guthrietheater.org



Programs & Events

All programs are **free** and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served.

For more information visit: www.supportthelib.org or call **952-847-8107**.

Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall

Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy., Brooklyn Center

Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka

Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave., Edina

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.*

T.C. Boyle

Fri., Feb. 25, 7 PM

Minneapolis Central Library

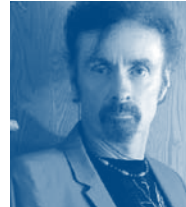
Visionary novelist T. Coraghessan Boyle is the author of more than twenty books, including *After the Plague*, *World's End*, and *Road to Welville*, which was made into a movie starring John Cusack and Anthony Hopkins. His newest work, *When the Killing's Done*, portrays a showdown between two factions of environmentalists, each utterly convinced of their beliefs in preserving the natural world.

Jasper Fforde

Wed., Mar. 16, 7 PM

Minneapolis Central Library

Jasper Fforde is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Thursday Next* series, the *Nursery Crimes* series, and the *Shades of Grey* series. Noted for their literary allusions, wordplay and tight plots, his books are a mixture of fantasy, crime thriller, and humor. Set in an alternate England circa 1985, *One of Our Thursdays is Missing* is an exuberant return to the fantastical "BookWorld" and the beloved heroine Thursday Next.



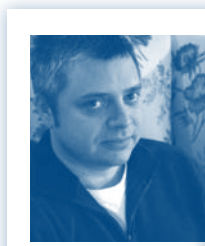
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Joyce Carol Oates

Wed., Mar. 30, 7 PM

Minneapolis Central Library

Joyce Carol Oates is a recipient of the National Book Award and the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in Short Fiction. She has written over 30 collections of short stories, eight volumes of poetry, innumerable essays and plays, and 56 novels, including the national bestsellers *We Were the Mulvaney's*, *Falls*, and *Blonde*. *A Widow's Story* is a poignant, intimate memoir about the unexpected death of her husband of 46 years and its wrenching, surprising aftermath.

Club Book

A series bringing acclaimed authors to library communities across the metropolitan area. Visit www.clubbook.org for a full listing of events at libraries throughout the Twin Cities area.

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Paul Harding

Wed., Feb. 16, 7 PM, Southdale Library

Musician and author Paul Harding's debut novel, *Tinkers*, won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the PEN/Robert Bingham Fellowship for Writers. *Tinkers* has been recognized as one of the best debut fiction books of 2009 on the lists of *The New Yorker*, National Public Radio, *Publishers Weekly*, *Star Tribune* and elsewhere. Harding has taught at the University of Iowa and Harvard.

Walter Mosley

Tues., April 12, 7 PM, Brookdale Library

Walter Mosley is the author of 34 critically acclaimed books which have been translated into more than 20 languages. He is the author of the *New York Times* best-sellers *Known to Evil* and *The Long Fall*, the now classic mystery series featuring Easy Rawlins. His newest book, *When the Thrill Is Gone*, is his third mystery book featuring the iconic, charismatic Leonid McGill.

Childish Films

A program of children's cinema and art.

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, and Minnesota Parent.

NOTE: All ages welcome at all films. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Twisted Fairy Tales (Ages 3+)

Watch as traditional fairy tales get turned upside down and inside out.

☛ **Sat., Feb. 19, 10:30 AM**, Minneapolis Central Library

The extras: Participate in a Children's Theatre Company "Neighborhood Bridges" storytelling before the films.

☛ **Sat., Mar. 12, 11 AM**, Ridgedale Library

The extras: Make your own fairytale book before the films.

Movie Madness (Ages 3+)

Expand your attention span and enjoy a feature-length animated film, *The Point*, narrated by Ringo Starr.

☛ **Sat., Mar 19, 10:30 AM**, Minneapolis Central Library

The extras: Submit a child's drawing based on one of this month's films to the Childish Films online art show.

☛ **Tues., Apr. 12, 10:30 AM**, Brookdale Library

The extras: Submit a child's drawing based on one of this month's films to the Childish Films online art show.



Childish Films Shorts Fest! (Ages 3+)

Artistic, imaginative, award-winning short films for kids picked fresh from the film festival circuit.

☛ **Sat., Apr. 16, 10:30 AM**, Minneapolis Central Library

The extras: Local filmmaker/dance choreographer Tammara Melloy and cast demo dances from her film *Oh, Wow!*.

☛ **Tues., May 10, 10:30 AM**, Brookdale Library

The extras: Learn about the art of book-making with the Minnesota Center for Book Arts staff.

Feature Film Revival! (All ages)

Childish Films presents a revival of feature-length films for kids and grown-ups to enjoy together on the big screen, with many shows lined up for local schools' Spring Break.

@ Minneapolis Central Library:

• **Whale Rider** (Ages 10+), 101 min.

Sat., Mar. 19, 2 PM

• **My Neighbor Totoro** (Ages 5+), 86 min.

Tues., Mar. 22, 11 AM

• **The Secret of Roan Inish** (Ages 5+), 103 min.

Tues., Mar. 22, 2 PM

• **The Gnome Mobile** (Ages 5+) 84 min.

Thurs., Mar. 24, 11 AM

• **5000 Fingers of Dr. T** (Ages 5+) 89 min.

Thurs., Mar. 24, 2 PM

@ Southdale Library:

• **The Iron Giant** (Ages 6+), 86 min.

Sat., Mar. 24, 11 AM

• **The Secret of Moonacre** (Ages 8+), 103 min.

Sat., Mar. 26, 2 PM

• **Willy Wonka & the**

Chocolate Factory (Age 6+) 100 min.,

Mon., Mar. 28, 11 AM

• **Azur and Azmar** (Ages 8+), 99 min.

Mon., Mar. 28, 2 PM

Libraries of Minnesota

In celebration of National Library Week. Co-presented by Metropolitan Library Services Agency and Minnesota Historical Society Press.

Thur., Apr. 21, 7 PM, Minneapolis Central Library



Come celebrate the state's beloved libraries. *Libraries of Minnesota* features stunning photographs by the popular Doug Ohman and library stories

by seven of Minnesota's best known writers of books for children and young adults. Doug will share images from the book and contributing authors Pete Hautman, David LaRochelle, Will Weaver, Marsha Wilson Chall, and Kao Kalia Yang will tell stories about their childhood libraries.

An Evening of Rhyme, Swine, and Wine

In celebration of National Poetry Month.

Tues., Apr. 26, 7 PM, Minneapolis Central Library

Local poetry legend Jim Lenfestey has edited a new collection of poems on the subject of pigs. This porcine-anthology, *Low Down and Coming On: A Feast of Delicious and Dangerous Poems about Pigs*, features the work of 105 poets from around the world and throughout time, including works by Margaret Atwood, William Blake, Pablo Neruda, Sylvia Plath, and dozens of local authors.

The idea behind the collection came from Minnesota author Bill Holm before he died in 2009. In the introduction dedicated to Holm, Jim roots through the history of pig poetry since Homer, uncovering many tasty surprises. Join Jim and contributing poets Jim Heynen, Jill Breckenridge, and Katherine Grant for an evening of rhyme swine, and wine. A wine toast will kick-off the program and a book signing reception will follow.

Pen Pals Tickets Still Available

Programs are held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts (HCA), 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Tickets are \$40 for balcony and \$50 for main floor. Members of the Foundation get a \$5 discount on all ticket purchases.

Ticket Package Discounts

Buy multiple tickets to one or more of the lectures and save money! Purchase multiple tickets to the same lecture or one ticket to each lecture of your choice. This way you can save by bringing a group of friends or picking which lectures are most appealing to you. To save use the following codes:

PICK 3: \$120 (for 3 tickets of your choice on Main Floor, a \$150 value)

PICK 4: \$160 (for 4 tickets of your choice on Main Floor, a \$200 value)

To purchase tickets, visit the HCA box office in person, call the box office directly at 952-979-1111, or visit www.supporthclib.org.

PEN PALS



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

Ann Patchett

Mar. 10, 2011 – 7:30 PM

Mar. 11, 2011 - 11 AM

Mark Doty

Mar. 31, 2011 - 7:30 PM

Apr. 1, 2011 - 11 AM

Dave Eggers

May 12, 2011 - 7:30 PM

May 13, 2011 - 11 AM



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