Community of Friends

Opportunity Fund Update

Thank you to the more than 300 Friends members who have made a special contribution to our 2016 Opportunity Fund! Your added generosity is making already a difference:

- In the innovative Teen Tech Center, offering budding fashion designer Amina access to sewing machines and fabrics unavailable at home.
- Through essential At Home services, allowing Charlotte and thousands of seniors across the region to keep the joy of reading in their lives.
- And that’s just the beginning!

So please, take part in this special campaign with a special donation above and beyond your annual membership to the 2016 Opportunity Fund.

Thanks for supporting MORE opportunity at our Library this summer!

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Life Lessons through Jumping Rope

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Pen Pals Tickets

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Support the Library and encounter famous authors

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Thursday evening lecture!
Meet the author face to face after the

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Friends of the HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

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Please stay on the lookout for this exciting event, and come celebrate our unique library with us.

Save the Date for an Anniversaty Party!

Join us on Saturday, November 5th for a celebration of our beautiful downtown Minneapolis location!
YOU Support Reading, Learning, and Growing... All Summer Long!
With your help, young patrons read and learn MORE

These unique book clubs represent our intentional efforts to reach patrons who may be most in need of learning support during summer months.” – Bernie Farrell, Coordinating Librarian, Youth Programs and Services

Pen Pals Celebrates 20 Years of Extraordinary Author Lectures
Tickets on sale August 9th for a milestone season!

Friends of the Hennepin County Library is pleased to announce the 20th anniversary season of Pen Pals, the award-winning and longest running literary series in the Twin Cities. The 20th Anniversary Pen Pals season offers a range of literary personalities including two Pulitzer Prize winners, a two-term U.S. Poet Laureate, author of a bestselling thriller series, and a special musical season finale with a National Book Award winner.

“We’re looking forward to next year’s Pen Pals season,” says Abby Nesbitt who is a Pen Pals subscriber along with her mother and daughter. “We’ve been coming for three years as a family, and it’s really become our single favorite family tradition.”

20 Years of Bright Literary Talents
Since 1997, Pen Pals audience members have had the chance to hear 92 brilliant author lectures including Doris Kearns Goodwin (twice!), Yann Martel, Ray Bradbury, Khlade Hosseini, Bill Bryson, and Judy Blume.

I have been a Pen Pals subscriber since the beginning,” Margaret Telfer says, “and that was back in the days before every bookstore was filled with author readings.” She says what makes Pen Pals stand out is the thought-provoking, candid style of the series.

“Pen Pals is my favorite way to connect with famous writers and hear their perspective on life,” says Helen, a Pen Pals subscriber for 15 years. “It’s a great way to get inspired to read more new books.”

Friends of HCLIB members may use promo code FRIENDS2017 for an additional discount of $5 per ticket or $10 per subscription.

Information about Pen Pals and a complete list of the 2017 season’s speakers is available on the Pen Pals blog at https://penpalsMN.org.

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