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Friends of HCL Announces Talk of the Stacks 2017 Lineup

Five free events featuring today’s brightest literary talents. Presented by The Minneapolis Foundation and sponsored by Star Tribune.

Friends of the Hennepin County Library is thrilled to announce its 2017 season of Talk of the Stacks, an award-winning author series featuring an eclectic mix of today’s most compelling literary voices.

Presented by The Minneapolis Foundation and sponsored by Star Tribune, Talk of the Stacks is held at Hennepin County Library - Minneapolis Central (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401) in Pohlad Hall. The program is free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served. Doors open at 6:15pm, and programs begin at 7pm. Book sales and signings follow presentations.

Talk of the Stacks 2017 Lineup

- **Andrew McCarthy, Wednesday, April 12** – Andrew McCarthy is an award-winning travel writer, author, director and actor. He has appeared in dozens of films including the 80s cult classics *Pretty in Pink* and *St. Elmo’s Fire*. An acclaimed TV director, he has directed *Orange is the New Black*, *The Blacklist*, and *Grace and Frankie* among others. Mr. McCarthy will be discussing life in front of and behind the camera, along with his debut, coming-of-age novel, *Just Fly Away*.


- **Larry Olmsted, Thursday, October 5**: Larry Olmsted, author of the New York Times bestseller *Real Food/Fake Food*, will discuss the big question he spent four years traveling the world trying to answer: What are you really eating?

- **The Story of Minneapolis Music, Thursday, November 2**: Star Tribune music reporter, Chris Riembroschneider, will discuss his new book *First Avenue: Minnesota’s Mainroom*. He’ll be joined in conversation with Daniel Corrigan and Danny Sigelman, co-creators of *Heyday: 35 Years of Music in Minneapolis* to examine the ever growing and evolving Minneapolis music scene.
ABOUT 2017 TALK OF THE STACKS LINEUP:

Andrew McCarthy — Hollywood actor, director, and writer on his newest gig—novelist
Wednesday, April 12, 7pm, Pohlad Hall, Minneapolis Central Library
Andrew McCarthy has appeared in dozens of films including Pretty in Pink and St. Elmo’s Fire. He’s directed popular television shows including Orange is the New Black, The Blacklist, and Grace and Frankie among others. In addition, McCarthy is an award-winning travel writer and an editor-at-large at National Geographic Traveler. His travel memoir, The Longest Way Home, was a New York Times bestseller. His debut novel, Just Fly Away, tells the story of one girl’s discovery of family secrets, first love, and finding one’s way in the world.

Lisa Ko — Author of The Leavers examines immigration, borders, and belonging
Tuesday, June 13, 7pm, Pohlad Hall, Minneapolis Central Library
Lisa Ko is the author of The Leavers, the winner of the 2016 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction. A vivid and moving examination of borders and belonging, The Leavers is the story of how one boy comes into his own when everything he’s loved has been taken away—and how one woman learns to live with the mistakes of her past.

Steve Sack — Pulitzer Prize-winning Star Tribune Editorial cartoonist launches new book
Thursday, August 17, 7pm, Pohlad Hall, Minneapolis Central Library
Steve Sack has been the Star Tribune’s editorial cartoonist since 1981 and was awarded the 2013 Pulitzer Prize in Editorial Cartooning. Sack is known for his diverse collection of cartoons, original style, and clever ideas that drive home his unmistakable point of view.

Larry Olmsted — Answering the question “What are you really eating?”
Thursday, October 5, 7pm, Pohlad Hall, Minneapolis Central Library
Larry Olmsted is an award-winning journalist and author. His book Real Food, Fake Food: Why You Don’t Know What You’re Eating & What You Can Do About It brings readers into the world of the unregulated food industry, revealing the shocking deception that extends from high-end foods to everyday staples.

Chris Riemenschneider — The Story of Minneapolis Music with Daniel Corrigan & Danny Sigelman
Thursday, November 2, 7pm, Pohlad Hall, Minneapolis Central Library
Chris Riemenschneider, music reporter for the Star Tribune, will celebrate the launch of his new book First Avenue: Minnesota’s Mainroom, the story of one of the longest running clubs in American rock 'n' roll—and most recognizable venue in Minnesota. He’ll be joined in conversation with Daniel Corrigan and Danny Sigelman, co-creators of Heyday: 35 Years of Music in Minneapolis to examine the ever growing and evolving Minneapolis music scene.

ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY:
Friends of the Hennepin County Library is the fundraising partner of Hennepin County Library and builds awareness, appreciation and support for our world-class library. Together, we envision a library that ensures every person has the opportunity and resources to read, engage, graduate, work, and learn. Friends of HCL will contribute more than $1 million to key library initiatives in 2017.