



## NEWS

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### **Friends of HCL Announces Spring 2018 Talk of the Stacks Lineup**

Three free events featuring today's most vibrant literary voices.

Presented by U.S. Bank and sponsored by Star Tribune.

Friends of the Hennepin County Library is thrilled to announce its Spring 2018 season of Talk of the Stacks, an award-winning author series featuring an eclectic mix of today's most compelling literary voices. Talks of the Stacks engages authors and speakers focused on relevant social, economic, and global topics, creating a gathering place where all are welcome.

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

#### **Spring 2018 Talk of the Stacks Lineup**

- **Alicia Eler (*The Selfie Generation*) & Stephanie Glaros (*Humans of Minneapolis*) in Conversation with Stephanie Curtis (Minnesota Public Radio), Tuesday, February 27** – This dynamic trio of local newsmakers will explore identity through the lens of digital media, in a discussion about authentic storytelling and building a personal brand. Alicia Eler is the visual art critic/reporter at the Minneapolis Star Tribune and author of *The Selfie Generation: How Our Self Images Are Changing Our Notions of Privacy, Property, Sex, Consent, and Culture*. Stephanie Glaros is a teaching artist, author, and speaker, best known for her blog and book, *Humans of Minneapolis*. Stephanie Curtis is the Senior Producer for Minnesota Public Radio's *The Thread*, and co-host of the *The Cube Critics*, a weekly film review podcast.
- **Alex Wagner, Tuesday, April 24** – In her nonfiction narrative debut, *Futureface: A Family Mystery, an Epic Quest, and the Secret to Belonging*, Alex Wagner, anchor and correspondent for CBS News and a contributing editor at *The Atlantic*, takes a journey into her own ancestry and discovers the ways race and immigration constantly redefine the American experience.
- **Tracy K. Smith, Wednesday, May 16** – U.S. Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize Winner Tracy K. Smith deftly dissects the nature of citizenship in a time when the American past and present continuously collide, as she discusses her latest collection of poems, *Wade in the Water* (Graywolf Press, April 2018).

## ABOUT THE SPRING 2018 TALK OF THE STACKS LINEUP:

**Alicia Eler (*The Selfie Generation*) and Stephanie Glaros (*Humans of Minneapolis*) in conversation with Stephanie Curtis (Minnesota Public Radio)**

**Tuesday, February 27, 7pm, Pohlad Hall, Hennepin County Library — Minneapolis Central**

Alicia Eler is the visual art critic/reporter at the Minneapolis Star Tribune and is the author of *The Selfie Generation: How Our Self Images Are Changing Our Notions of Privacy, Property, Sex, Consent, and Culture*. Her cultural criticism and reporting are published in the Guardian, GLAMOUR, Harper's Bazaar, New York Magazine, CNN, LA Weekly, Chicago Tribune, and the Chicago Sun-Times, among others.

Stephanie Glaros is a teaching artist, author, and speaker. She has created community engagement projects for the City of Minneapolis, Metro Meals on Wheels, the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, and Friends of the Hennepin County Library, but is best known for her blog and book, *Humans of Minneapolis*. Stephanie Curtis is the Senior Producer for Minnesota Public Radio's *The Thread*. She is also the co-host of the *The Cube Critics*, a weekly film review podcast.

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**Alex Wagner — CBS News correspondent and author of *Futureface* explores race and immigration**

**Tuesday, April 24, 7pm, Pohlad Hall, Hennepin County Library — Minneapolis Central**

Alex Wagner is an anchor and correspondent for CBS News and a contributing editor at *The Atlantic*. She was formerly the host of MSNBC's Emmy-nominated *NOW with Alex Wagner*. As the daughter of a Burmese mother and a white American father, Wagner grew up thinking of herself as a "futureface" — an avatar of a mixed-race future when all races would merge into a brown singularity. Drawn into the wild world of ancestry, she embarks upon a quest around the world—and into her own DNA—to answer the ultimate questions of who she really is and where she belongs. Her new book is titled *Futureface: A Family Mystery, an Epic Quest, and the Secret to Belonging*.

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**Tracy K. Smith — U.S. Poet Laureate & Pulitzer Prize Winner discusses new book *Wade in the Water***  
**Wednesday, May 16, 7pm, Pohlad Hall, Hennepin County Library — Minneapolis Central**

In 2017, Tracy K. Smith was appointed the 22nd United States Poet Laureate. She is the author of three previous poetry collections, including *Life on Mars*, winner of the 2012 Pulitzer Prize, and a memoir, *Ordinary Light*, which was a finalist for the National Book Award. She is the recipient of the Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers Award and a Whiting Writers Award, and was a finalist for the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work. Smith is member of the Creative Writing Faculty at Princeton University. Her collection of poems, *Wade in the Water*, will be published by local publisher Graywolf Press in April.

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## 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 \$1.1 million to key library initiatives in 2018.