“Queen of Northern Gothic” to Speak at Plymouth Library Nov. 6

"If Sarah Waters and Stephen King had a love child, it would be Wendy Webb!"
—M. J. Rose, NY Times bestselling author

Novelist Wendy Webb, whose mysteries are about long-buried family secrets, set in big old haunted houses on the Great Lakes, will speak at the Plymouth Library on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. In addition to talking about her newest novel, "Daughters of the Lake," the "Queen of Northern Gothic" will tell ghost stories, talk about her writing, and invite questions from the audience. Webb, who grew up in St. Louis Park, and is currently the editor-in-chief of Duluth Superior Magazine, a lifestyle monthly based in Duluth, Minnesota, is also the author of "The Tale of Halcyon Crane," "The Fate of Mercy Alban," "The Vanishing" and "The End of Temperance Dare." Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsor: Friends of the Plymouth Library. Register for this program at www.hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/

Fischer Receives Standout Library Friend Award from MALF

Friends member Cathy Fischer was recently honored by the Minnesota Association of Library Friends with recognition as a “Standout Library Friend.” She was nominated by the Plymouth Friends for not only assisting in the incarnation of the Plymouth Friends group from scratch when the library opened in 1995, but also for her commitment and dedication to the group after she retired in 2005. The Friends have benefited from her service as a member of the Bylaws committee, book sale co-chair for six book sales per year, garden tour co-chair for the past four years, historian, and current newsletter editor. Friends President Charlie Knuth, shown here presenting a certificate of achievement to Fischer, said that he “can think of no one who deserves this award more.” Fischer and other Standup Friends from around the state were also recognized on Friends Day at the recent Minnesota Library Association Conference in St. Cloud.

Long-time Friend and Volunteer Joe Horvath to Retire

If you’ve attended any of the Friends book sales in the last 10 years, you will have noticed the A-Frame book sale signs on the boulevards and streets near the library. The sturdy wooden advertisements were manufactured by long-time Friend of the Library Joe Horvath. Joe and his wife Ruth, along with their daughter Jerilyn, have been faithful and hard-working Friends since the first Plymouth Library opened in 1995. As Joe has turned 90 years old, he has decided it’s time to retire from setting up the signs for every book sale and provide someone else with the opportunity! The Friends send Joe a huge thank you for his years of dedicated service to the organization and the library and wish him well in the future.

Joe will be setting out the signs one last time, for the Nov. 10 book sale, and will be happy to train a new volunteer to the job on that Saturday. The time commitment is minimal - about a half hour beginning at 8:45 on the day of the sale, and another half hour again at 4:00, when the sale ends. This could easily be a family project involving parents and older children. Contact the Friends at plymouth@supporthclib.org if you are interested.

September Book Sale Proceeds

The Friends held another successful book sale in September. Proceeds totaled $3,873, which will be used to support the programs of the Plymouth Library. Join us for our November book sale (details on last page), and also for our five book sales in 2019, which will be held on Jan. 12, March 9, June 8, Sept. 14, and Nov. 9.

Libraries are sacred time machines where knowledge flows and magic is eternal.

-Mari Barnes
Who Are We?

The Friends of the Plymouth Library (FPL) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to support the Plymouth Library by providing resources, promoting programs and services, and strengthening community. FPL volunteers also assist library staff with many activities throughout the year. Membership is open to all.

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All members are welcome at Board Meetings, which are held at the Plymouth Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
For more information:
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Veterans Day Event

A Year in Vietnam with the Red Cross

In honor of Veterans Day, former Hennepin County Library librarian Jan Feye-Stukas will share her story about serving for a year during the Vietnam War in the Red Cross Supplemental Recreation Activities Overseas (SRAO). The SRAO was primarily staffed by college-educated women ages 21-25, whose job was to set up and staff recreation centers in far-flung military posts. They served coffee and donuts, which earned them the nickname “Donut Dollies.” From 1965 through 1972, nearly 630 women served in Vietnam through the program. Ms. Feye-Stukas will speak on Thursday, November 15, 2018 (6:30PM – 7:30PM). Register for this program by calling the library at 612-543-5825 or online at www.hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/

Friends Board Actions at Annual Meeting

At the Friends Annual meeting on Oct. 4, the Board voted to donate a total of $8000 to the Friends of the Hennepin County Library local giving campaign. The funds will be divided proportionally among three initiatives: Collection, Reaching Out to Our Neighbors, and Advancing Equity Across the County. The Board also approved funding for a table-top student globe, refreshments for the Family Movie Screening of Coco in January, a fresh winter theme for the Family Play space, an adult writing workshop, and various library supplies. The annual Board election was held, and the current President, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected. LuAnn Svendsen was elected to the vacant Vice-President position. New chairs are needed for Book Sales, Communications, and Volunteer Coordinator. [Note: training will be provided for these positions. The tasks of the Communications Chair and the Volunteer Coordinator can mostly be done at home in your pjs.]

Contact the Friends at plymouth@supporthclib.org if you are interested and want more information about the positions.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING GOOD TO READ?
At the conclusion of every Friends Board meeting, members share what they are currently reading, and everyone leaves with a suggestion for at least one new book they might want to read. Here are some titles from the October meeting:

The Last Hours by Minette Walters
Love and Ruin by Paula McLain
Future Home of the Living God by Louise Erdrich
In the Blood by Steve Robinson
The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny
Five Presidents by Clint Hill
The Deep Dark Descending by Allen Eskens
My hometown: I was born in Madison, Minnesota but settled in Buffalo, Minnesota–my Father’s hometown–by the time I was in second grade.
Current place of residence: I currently live in Maple Grove, MN about 5 miles from Plymouth Library.
Family/pets: I live with my husband Robert and our grown daughter Erin. I also have a son named Steven who is married to Courtney and they have Eloise and Henry. (5yr. and 3 mo.) We have a long hair Chihuahua named Azzie and a cat we think is at least part Maine coon cat, named Chloe.

When I started working for the Hennepin County Library: I started at HCL as a sub in 1991 while I was also subbing at MPL. MPL was giving me more hours so I concentrated my efforts there and eventually got a permanent position with MPL. I became permanently HCL upon the merger in 2008.

A description of my job: My job title is Patron Experience Supervisor though my job class was grandfathered in as Senior Librarian. I supervise half of the employees at Plymouth Library; some of them are Circulation staff and some of them are Information staff. It has recently come about that I am responsible for the Youth Service Librarians and my co-supervisor is responsible for the Adult Service Librarians. I feel an overarching responsibility for Plymouth Library: how the collection is maintained, how staff are trained and how they treat patrons, as the conduit from building issues to the Property Services people who do that work. I act as an intermediary between employees and administration for communication of policy, procedures and employment concerns etc. and as an advocate of the employees who report to me – or even those who work at Plymouth who don't report to me. I work on scheduling, performance appraisals, approve timesheets and expense reports as well as approve programming publicity requests. I also, sometimes, work the public desk in a Librarian capacity and am working on improving my circulation skills for the public desk.

My favorite part of my job: I really like people so working with the public makes me happy and working with our intelligent, passionate staff makes me happy. I like solving problems and I do that in the course of my work. You should ask me what I like least! It’s dealing with things like stopped up toilets or diaper accidents!

Favorite reading (genres): I read mostly light- weight romances or suspense/mysteries though I have read sci fi, westerns and straight fiction. My husband reads only non-fiction and thinks it peculiar that I usually choose biographies or memoirs if I read non-fiction. I read and see a lot of “news” so I have a tendency to steer clear of heavy topics in my leisure reading.

A book I could read over and over again: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen and/or Courting Miss Hattie by Pamela Morsi.

The book that had the most impact on my life: An Old-Fashioned Girl by Louisa May Alcott maybe? Christy by Catherine Marshall was one of the first books I read that I thought was a “grown-up” book and thought I was pretty cool to be reading it – I might have been 6th grade.

Hobbies: I like to read. Photography. Writing. My grandchildren Eloise and Henry. I’ve recently purchased some canvases, acrylic paints and brushes to give painting a try.

My favorite season (and why): I have always loved the crisp air and bright colors of fall. This year I particularly noticed summer when everything was lush and green.

I'm really good at: I think I’m a good supervisor. I think I am a really good grandmother and – maybe – mother. I take some terrific photographs but I'm not sure that is because I'm really good at it or because I take so many photographs that the law of averages would mean some of them would have to be really good.

If you could have dinner with someone from history who would it be? I would like to dine at the home of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln when they were both present. (Sneaky answer!) Family lore has it that my mother’s family was - in some way - connected to Mary Todd Lincoln. MTL is always portrayed as so highly strung and emotional. I would like to see for myself. Growing up we were sympathetic to MTL – because - if the spouse of a public figure ever had reason to feel stressed – it would be MTL and the time in our history leading up to and through the civil war.

My dream job (if money was not a factor and I had the skills): I would be a writer or a painter or a creative something or other.

One thing you might not know about me: I like just about every kind of music.

Other things I want you to know about me: I’m an advocate of kindness. I’ve become more so as I’ve grown older. I think that most people, at their core, want the same things. After food, shelter, clothing and purpose, I think we want to be heard and validated within our circle and then the wider world. We want to matter in some way, to be appreciated by others and for who we really are. If you approach every personal encounter as if you know that and care about the person: approach and respond with kindness, you find that it removes barriers, is often reciprocated and, sometimes, allows for little jewels of connectedness with the other person. It’s very satisfying to be a practitioner and advocate of kindness.
BOOK SALE HOURS
Friday, NOV. 9
Donations accepted 9am—4pm
Saturday, NOV. 10
Friends Preview Sale 9am—10am
Open to the Public 10am—4pm
$5 BAG SALE 3pm—4pm

Clip out the coupon at right and bring it to the sale to get a free book. All proceeds support your Plymouth Library!
Note: we no longer accept donations of videocassettes and audiocassettes.

USED BOOK SALE
The next Friends of the Plymouth Library Fabulous Used Book Sale will be on Saturday, NOV. 10. Hundreds of gently-used adult and children’s fiction and nonfiction books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles will be for sale, most priced at $2 or less, and $5 per bag during the Bag Sale. Friends of the Library members may shop an hour earlier than the general public. Bring your friends; they can join at the door for $10.

BOOK SALE DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY, NOV. 2, FROM 10:30-NOON AT THE LIBRARY.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS!!
This coupon entitles the member to one free book* at the NOVEMBER 2018 book sale. *Coupon counts towards books only.

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