Friends Board Members Go to Jail!

On February 10, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, members of the Friends Board were given a tour of the Plymouth Police Department. The tour was scheduled as part of preparation for events that will be part of the Plymouth READS literary celebration. The Board was welcomed by Public Relations Officer Jim Long, who explained the various functions and areas of the Department. Officer Long began by outlining the four divisions in the department and explaining the role of each one. Although members of the K-9 unit were not present, Officer Long’s description of each dog was sufficient to showcase their individual personalities. Board members were shown the “Sally Port” (a very large garage where officers who have taken someone into custody enter the jail area), and the area where prisoners are booked and fingerprinted. Officer Long explained that fingerprinting is no longer done with real ink; instead, prisoners place their fingers on a computer screen for scanning. Next came a peek inside the three jail cells, where prisoners are usually held no longer than four hours before being released or transported to the Hennepin County Jail. The tour concluded with a walk through the garage where the police vehicles, including the vehicle used by SWAT Team, are housed, and a look at the evidence lockers.

What If? Critical Incident Management

On March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, learn more about the reliability of eye witness accounts and social media during crime investigations and how the Plymouth Police Department would react to an event similar to the bombing in Marathon.

Presented by Plymouth Deputy Chief Erik Fadden.

A Plymouth READS Event.

Plymouth READS Kicks Off in March

In addition to the Police Department Event listed above, Plymouth READS will include the following events to spark conversation around the book selection, Brian Freeman’s Marathon.

March 23, 10:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Library. “It’s All About Running”, featuring Christopher Lundstrom, Head Coach of Team USA-MN, who will talk about distance running, marathons, and Olympics. There will be time for Q & A.

March 26, 7:00 pm. at the Plymouth Library. Sisters in Crime, Ripped from the Headlines. A lively presentation featuring 5 authors from the Twin Cities Sisters in Crime group.

April 6, 1:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. Book Discussion about Marathon.

April 11, 6:30 p.m. at Plymouth Creek Center. Meet author Brian Freeman, who will speak, answer questions, and sign books, which will be available for purchase.

Friends Still Looking for Sign Volunteer

One of the best methods of advertising the Friends book sales is the erection of tent signs at four intersections near the library. With the recent retirement of the volunteer who has done this job for many years, the Friends are looking for one or more volunteers to take over this job. The task is simple: pick up the signs at 8:45 on the morning of the book sale, put them up at the designated intersections, return at 4 pm, take the signs down, and return them to the library. If you can’t commit to both shifts, we’d be happy to have you take either the morning or the afternoon shift. This would be a great family volunteer job. Please contact the Friends at plymouth@supporthclib.org if you are interested. Training will be happily provided.

Reading gives us somewhere to go when we have to stay where we are.

-Mason Cooley
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.

Board Members

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Teen Representatives: Mitch Ballollam, Lizzie Hill, Elena Pittman
Directors: Shannon Banks, Margaret Bird, Claudia Hunter, Janet Munson, Leslie Ostrem, Krista Thompson, Barb Viker
Library Liaison: Joanna Redman

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. April meeting will be on April 4.

For more information:
Visit www.supporthclib.org
E-mail us at plymouth@supporthclib.org

GO GREEN!

Help the Friends save on postage and printing and get your newsletter in color! Send your email address to plymouth@supporthclib.org and request that future newsletters and notices be delivered electronically. We never share your address!

Down Memory Lane

What were the Friends doing ten years ago? The Plymouth Library was closed and the new building was slowly taking shape. Membership was reported as 102 households (there are currently 405 household members). Assets in the treasury were $34,792.38. The murals painted by local artist Marc Johnson that had been in the children’s area in the former library building had been donated to Birchview and Kimberly Lane Schools and the Board was making plans to visit their new locations. And plans were shaping up to have a booth at the Plymouth Yard and Garden show in April.

Save the Dates!

Want to plan your social calendar around the dates of the Friends book sales? Sales in 2019 will be on: June 8, September 14, and November 9. Mark the dates so you can either be a book sale volunteer or you can shop 'til you drop at the sale itself! Book sale proceeds from the January sale were $3,324.35.

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 titles from the January and February meetings:

Suitors and Sabotage (teen historical romance) by Cindy Anstey
The Nazi and the Psychiatrist (historical non-fiction) by Jack El-Hai
Fortress America (the coming surveillance state) by Elaine Tyler May
Factfulness (Ten Reasons We’re Wrong About the World) by Hans Rosling
Sleep No More (6 murderous tales) by P. D. James
The Library Book (love letter to libraries) by Susan Orlean
Sing, Unburied, Sing (Southern odyssey) by Jesmyn Ward
Beartown (tragedy in a hockey town) by Fredrik Bakman
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane (life of a Chinese mother and daughter) by Lisa See
The Ice Swimmer (Nordic Noir) by Kjell Ola Dahl
My Heart (children’s book) by Corinna Luyken
The Shadows We Hide (Minneapolis murder investigation) by Allen Eskens
Nine Perfect Strangers (intrigue at health resort) by Liane Moriarty
The Handmaid’s Tale (dystopian classic) by Margaret Atwood
Hope Never Dies (Obama/Biden fanfiction) by Andrew Shaffer
Wrongful Deaths (medical suspense) by Tom Combs
A regular article featuring a member of the Friends Board of Directors or Plymouth Library staff

My hometown: Huntsville, TX (70 miles north of Houston) and Conroe, TX (40 miles north of Houston)
Current place of residence: New Hope, MN
Family: Son - Rodney Andre and wife, Juanita / Grandsons – Amiri Isaiah, Andre Vance / Granddaughter – Maya Mary
Favorite reading (genres): Mysteries
A book I could read over and over again: BIBLE
Job/hobbies: Librarian/reading
My favorite season (and why): Spring -- L'hiver a passé!
I'm really good at: Grandparenting! I MAKE those guys call me “Grandjoy.”
I dislike: rudeness
Did you ever work at an on campus job? What was it?: I worked at Macalester College in St Paul as an acquisitions Librarian shortly after arriving in Minnesota. I was given reciprocity funds and chose to take a golf class. Arnold Palmer never invited me to play with him, nor did Tiger. Oh well…
I like the Plymouth Library because: Staff and patrons are great!
My dream job (if money was not a factor and I had the skills): Attorney for FBI
One thing you might not guess about me: I can drive to Texas almost nonstop. Well, sometimes I stop at the Wichita Inn if I am traveling south alone.

Recent Friends’ Board Actions
At the February meeting the Friends Board approved spending $4365 on the Plymouth Library’s Summer Learning Program. The program, which is mostly aimed at elementary age children and teenagers, will include an incentive reading program, eleven book clubs where each participant will receive a book, two make-and-take craft workshops, a family movie, a performance by the Plymouth Storytime Players, four teen-created programs for teens, eleven weekly teen volunteer work sessions to create and prepare for the Preschool Playdate, and a new summer theme for the Family Play Space. The Board also approved $200 for a Loft Literary Writing Program (in the event that it is not funded by a Legacy Grant), and $900 for adult author programs, including a talk by William Green, author of Children of Lincoln: White Paternalism and the Limits of Black Opportunity in Minnesota, 1860-1876.

Teen Librarian Joanna Redman presents a Thank You quilt to the Board from teen summer program participants
BOOK SALE HOURS
Donations accepted 9am—4pm
Friday, MARCH 8

Saturday, MARCH 9
Friends Preview Sale 9am—10am
Open to the Public 10am—4 pm
$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, MARCH 9. 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, MARCH 2, FROM 10:30-NOON AT THE LIBRARY.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS!!
This coupon entitles the member to one free book at the MARCH 2019 book sale.

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