CHECK IT OUT!

Marcie Rendon Author Talk
Rescheduled For September 3rd

Marcie R. Rendon, who was scheduled to speak at the Plymouth Library in June but whose program was cancelled, will give her talk on Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m. Marcie, who is an enrolled member of the White Earth Anishinaabe Nation, will discuss her crime novel "Girl Gone Missing," the highly anticipated sequel to "Murder on the Red River." Ojibwe woman Cash Blackbear is a pool playing, truck driving college student living in the Red River Valley of Fargo-Moorhead. She is pulled into the deepening mystery of blond, white girls gone missing, and also has to cope with a brother she didn’t know she had who turns up to live with her. Sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth Library. Register at https://hcil.lib.bibliocommons.com/events/5d442654138b13900a31e7e

Teen Volunteer Describes Senior Year Capstone Project at Plymouth Library
Graduating Senior Alex Pollock Gets an Education in Being a Librarian

One of the most frequently asked questions I get going into college is what I want to do after I graduate. Most high school seniors have no clue, but I had the chance to find out before I even started college. Seniors at my high school had the opportunity to participate in a Capstone Project, which is an off campus experience at the end of the year where seniors are allowed to do a job shadow or internship, a service project, or an independent project instead of the last two weeks of regular classes. I saw this as an opportunity to figure out what I wanted to do after college, and thus began my time as a Youth Services Librarian at the Plymouth Library.

I have been a volunteer at the Ridgedale Library for several years and found that I really enjoy the work, plus all of the people I have met. Going into the next chapter of my life, I knew I wanted to get a job I would like so much it almost wouldn’t seem like work. The library has always been a positive and safe space for me, and seeing how much I love the work I do as a volunteer, I thought it might be a good career for me after college. While I wouldn’t mind working in any part of the library, I’ve enjoyed working with the kids and teens when I volunteer so I chose to shadow a Youth Services Librarian.

The timing for my experience was really great because the Librarian I worked with had many different events during those two weeks, relating both to kids and teens, so I saw a lot of variety. For the teens, I attended the Teen Advisory Group, helped lead Teen Volunteer Orientation, helped plan teen programming and created several displays to use during the summer. The Teen Advisory Group and the volunteer orientation were especially interesting to me because they were different from how we handle volunteering at Ridgedale and they inspired me to get to know my fellow volunteers better and make more suggestions for events I assist with, such as Fandom Club. It was cool to see that the Youth Services Librarians have made a space for the teens’ voices to be heard and that they act upon feedback. Creating displays was also interesting because there is a lot more to creating them than I previously thought. In addition to choosing books that would seem cool, I also had to make sure we had a sufficient number of copies in the system for checkout. Working with the teen side of things was a good extension of the work I already do as a volunteer as it gave me more insight into the events and work I do.

With the younger kids, the primary experience I had was doing book talks at the elementary schools. Youth Services Librarians, from both Ridgedale and Plymouth, went to several elementary schools to talk about books and summer reading to the kids, thus encouraging them to come to the library and read. Book talks were a lot more complicated than I previously thought. The librarians have to choose appropriate books to talk about for each age group, make smooth transitions between different subjects, watch each other and somehow pepper in some nonfiction. At the end of the week, I prepared four book talks on my own books, to present to the librarians, which was a good way for me to demonstrate what I learned.

I loved the elementary book talks because it was really rewarding to see the kids’ excitement whenever they saw books they wanted to read, and one of the highlights of Capstone was getting to talk to one of these kids when she actually came into the library. (Capstone Project cont. on page 2)
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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Capstone Project cont.

While my mentor and I were at the desk, one of the kids from the schools came up to us to talk about all that she was going to read and how excited she was to check out one of the books we had talked about. It allowed me to see the immediate positive impact upon the youth, and it definitely felt like I was making more of a difference in the community doing my job shadow than I would have just sitting in school for the last two weeks.

My biggest takeaway is being a librarian is one hundred percent a job I would apply for in the future. It was immensely fun and I loved making a positive impact on the community. This was also really helpful to do before I go to college, because it makes the task of choosing a major and career path easier than it was before. I think this experience also cleared up some misconceptions. Previously, I was under the impression that all librarians had to do shelving and desk time in addition to their specific responsibilities. I was not aware that there were differences between librarians and what they do. Support Staff are actually the people who do a lot of shelving and desk time while Librarians create programming and run events. I also thought librarians had a set schedule of where they had to be and what they had to do. While they do have specific times to be on desk and at meetings or events, they can choose what to prioritize during the rest of their day. There are not set times to answer emails or write programming, just as long as all of it gets done before the deadlines. I really enjoyed this experience because it gave me an idea of what I want to do when I graduate and I got to view the library more in depth than I had before.

(Alex is a 2019 graduate of Minnetonka High School)

Plymouth Garden Tour an Outstanding Success

On one of the hotter days of the year, well over 150 people toured five gorgeous gardens in Plymouth. Garden owners Arthur Sneen, Heidi Heiland, Matt Dunn, Gary and Bonnie Goldish, and Timothy and Susan Woolard graciously shared their gardens and their gardening expertise with the garden “tourists”. Friends members welcomed people at each garden and handed out bottles of water and information. Thanks to everyone who participated, the Friends netted over $1600, which will be used to support programs and resources at the Plymouth Library.
A regular article featuring a member of the Friends Board of Directors or Plymouth Library staff

My hometown: Coon Rapids, MN
Current place of residence: St Louis Park, MN
Family/pets: Two younger sisters and two older step brothers. (So I’m the oldest and yet the middle child). My dad and step mom also have had four dogs.
Favorite reading (genres): Fiction.
A book I could read over and over again: Holes. I read that book over a dozen times one summer and was disappointed by the movie as well as the sequel to the book, Small Steps.
Job/hobbies: As my mentor/friend says, I’m a workaholic. But before he diagnosed me with that, I was an avid traveler and have lived coast to coast.
My favorite season (and why): Summer. I always loved summer vacation.
I’m really good at: Being a people person. Apparently, I’m funny.
I dislike: Onions
If you had a year off with pay, what would you do?: With all of this free time, I would spend time developing new skills and displaying those skills on a platform, spend more time networking and pursue more modeling projects. I’d still have time to have great adventures with friends of mine AND sleep in.
I like the Plymouth Library because: The Plymouth Library offers a vast amount of resources, a welcoming environment to all patrons, and a staff that is knowledgeable in many fields. Although this seems to be the standard of the libraries that I have been to in Minnesota, this isn’t quite the standard of libraries that I’ve been to outside of the state.
My dream job (if money was not a factor and I had the skills): My dream job although unrealistic, ambiguous and selfish, would be to do whatever I wanted when I wanted. I’d be happy to go more into detail upon your request.
One thing you might not guess about me: Despite being a people person…I am an IFSP (Introversion, Sensing, Feeling, Perception) on the Myers Briggs Scale.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Friends book sales are so successful because of the dedication of our volunteers. Right now we REALLY need a physically strong person to take boxes of books once every other week from the Plymouth Library to the Friends storage unit on Hwy. 55 just east of 494. This would make a good father/son experience! Please contact the Friends through our web site if you are interested.  plymouth@supporthclib.org

A Plymouth Library staff member recently said this about the Friends: “Tell the Friends how extremely grateful we are for their constant help and support with SO many things here at the library. We would not be as efficient and successful without them!!”
BOOK SALE HOURS
Donations accepted 9am—4pm
Friday, SEPTEMBER 13

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 14
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, SEPTEMBER 14. 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.

FINAL BOOK SALE OF 2019 WILL BE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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