CHECK IT OUT!

Plymouth Residents Enjoy Plymouth READS 2019 Literary Events

Thanks to the funding and hard work provided primarily by the Friends, Plymouth READS 2019 was a rousing success!

**Marathon** by Brian Freeman proved to be a popular selection, with copies being in high demand. Plymouth library staff also noted a marked increase in inquiries and lending of his many other books.

We thank the Plymouth Public Safety Dept. and Deputy Chief Erik Fadden for the informative and well attended presentation that kicked off Plymouth READS. And, we thank the Innocence Project of Minnesota for the thought provoking library foyer display which drew a good bit of attention this spring. All the events had great attendance, despite various weather challenges. The mystery writers panel drew an over capacity crowd!

The unseasonable snow and ice storms prevented much of our anticipated crowd from attending our main event-Brian Freeman's talk on April 11th. The Freemans stayed in a Plymouth motel for two nights when they heard the talk could not be rescheduled! And, more than sixty brave souls attended.

That night, Freeman was still jubilant over winning the Minnesota Book Award the previous weekend. The following week, we learned he had even more reason to celebrate when he announced that he had been chosen to continue the Robert Ludlum “Jason Bourne” series. (Will he get to meet Matt Damon?)

Plymouth READS continues to select great books, bringing interesting events and award winning authors to Plymouth. Mark your calendars for Plymouth READS Literary Night at Primavera on Thursday, April 16, 2020!

Front row: Brian Lutterman, Jessie Chandler, Lorrie Holmgren, Midge Bubany. Rear: Tom Combs, Timya Owen

Both the running event and the book discussion drew new people to the library and reintroduced folks to the joy of reading.

Author Brian Freeman and Plymouth READS Chair LuAnn Svendsen
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.

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Fifth Gorgeous Gardens of Plymouth
Tour Takes Shape for July

Plans are moving ahead for the 5th Gorgeous Gardens of Plymouth Tour sponsored by the Friends on Sunday, July 14th, 11 am to 3 pm. Once again, Matt Dunn has agreed to open his amazing garden for the tour, with at least three new sections this year. In addition, there were will be four other gardens in Plymouth that will be open for touring, including Heidi Heiland’s garden. Heiland is the owner of Heidi’s GrowHaus & Lifestyle Gardens in Corcoran. Tickets are $10 in advance, $15 the day of the tour, and will be available for purchase at Bachman’s in Plymouth (10050 6th Ave. N.) in early June. The first Gorgeous Gardens tour was held in June 2014, and featured eight gardens all over the city. Comments from attendees at that first tour convinced the tour planners that eight was too many gardens to visit in four hours, so the number was reduced in the ensuing years. In June a special edition of the Friends newsletter will be published with more details.

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 May meeting:

Spill Zone by Scott Westerfeld
Dandy by Ame Dyckman
Less by Andrew Sean Greer
Careless Love by Peter Robinson
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See
Run Away by Harlan Coben
Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom
The Alice Network by Kate Quinn
Vicious Circle by C.J. Box
The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
The Seasons of My Mother by Marcia Gay Harden
Everybody’s Fool by Richard Russo
Talisman by Georgette Heyer
Wolf Pack by C.J. Box
Magic Strings of Frankie Presto by Mitch Albom

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A regular article featuring a member of the Friends Board of Directors or Plymouth Library staff

My hometown: Proctor, MN
Current place of residence: Southwest corner of Plymouth
Family/pets: Daughter Julie, and son-in-law in Champlin, MN. Son Bill, wife and two grandchildren in Collingswood, NJ. Had "Morris the Cat" when the kids were growing up.
When I joined the Friends: I think that it was in 2012 or 2013. I helped at book sales and one of the Friends asked if I would be interested in joining. The library was important to my family.
Things I do and have done for the Friends: Book sales, packing books, put up sale signs, mailed postcards, helped with the Garden Tour.
Favorite Friends activity: Book sales - talking to patrons.
Favorite reading (genres): Scandinavian noir lately. Historical nonfiction, especially by Erik Larson.
A book I could read over and over again: Currently doing Bible study - it’s a lot to read over!
Hobbies: Reading, sewing, volunteering.
My favorite season (and why): Summer, because of lake cabin activities.
I’m really good at: Volunteering. Kept me busy after my husband’s death in 2012.
If you could have dinner with someone from history who would it be: Florence Nightingale
My dream job (if money was not a factor and I had the skills): Book editing.
One thing you might not guess about me: I’m a retired public health nurse.
Other things I want you to know about me: I’m trying to downsize, I’m 80 years old!

Recent Friends’ Board Actions

Board president Charlie Knuth and Board member Krista Thompson have been working on a revision to the organization’s Bylaws and will have a document ready to present to the membership at the October annual meeting. The treasury currently has $48,054, and the membership chair reported that we have 419 household members. The Board approved expenditures of no more than $600 for the annual Teen Art Contest, up to $310 for bags for outreach events, $1200 for the Fire Department Truck or Treat event in the fall, and up to $600 for adult programs, including a Sisters in Crime author panel on October 15. Sandy Hoglund officially became a Board member. Book donation first Saturdays have drawn increasing numbers of books and a call will go out on Signup Genius for additional volunteers to help out. The next Board meeting is on June 13; all members are welcome.
BOOK SALE HOURS
Donations accepted 9am—4pm
Friday, JUNE 7
Saturday, JUNE 8
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, JUNE 8. 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, JUNE 1, FROM 10:30-NOON AT THE LIBRARY.

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

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