"You don’t have to buy anything, believe anything, or belong to anything to be welcomed at the library."

– Lois Langer Thompson, Hennepin County Library Director
Dear Friends,

Every day, our Library is making a powerful and lasting difference.

In recognition of your vital support, we are delighted to share Friends of the Hennepin County Library’s 2015 Annual Report, highlighting the important difference that Friends members are making possible.

It’s a difference that begins with 41 buildings brought fully to life by dedicated people, transformative programs and essential services. These spaces are community hubs where people young, old, and any age in-between, can come to learn more, dream big, and open doors to the future.

Visit any one of our bustling neighborhood libraries, and you will clearly see how these vibrant spaces come alive with Friends-funded resources to brighten days, strengthen communities, and improve lives.

From powerful youth programs like Homework Help and Summer Learning... to innovative “pop up” libraries in the Cedar Riverside community... to At Home outreach to seniors and homebound individuals... your support helps our Library make the wonders of learning and discovery more accessible to all.

Thank you for extending the promise of our Library into every corner of our county and beyond.

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Leadership

Pride in our Library...

16.2 million
items borrowed...

13.3 items
per resident!

1.8 million
downloads of books,
movies, and music

840,000
library card holders

9,500
inspiring programs engaged
204,000
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...inspires our mission

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**SUPPORT AND REVENUE**

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**EXPENSES**

| Program Services                                | 1,390,628               | -                      | 1,390,628 |
| General and Administrative                       | 156,435                 | -                      | 156,435   |
| Fundraising                                      | 404,493                 | -                      | 404,493   |
| **Total Expenses**                               | 1,951,556               | -                      | 1,951,556 |

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

|                          | (105,532)               | 81,757                | 1,650     |

**Net Assets – Beginning of the Year**

| 1,476,463               | 209,235                | 548,199               | 2,233,897 |

**NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR**

| $1,370,931              | $290,992               | $549,849              | $2,211,772 |

*A Note: Based on our 2014–2016 strategic plan to significantly increase annual giving to Hennepin County Library, the board approved using reserves of $125,000 for 2015 operations. The final change of Net Assets ($22,125) was significantly less than budgeted. Contributing factors include total expenses at 97% of budget and total income at 108% of budget.*

A full audit conducted by CliftonLarsonAllen is available on our website at www.supportHCLIB.org. Contact Linda Merritt, Finance Director, at 612-543-8103 or lmerritt@hclib.org to request a paper copy of the audit.

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Your Powerful Impact

Building & Preserving Our Treasured Collection

TWO WAYS YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
• Your donations help buy more books and other popular resources, decreasing wait times, increasing circulation, and diversifying titles.
• Funding from Friends like you helps preserve our history by digitizing and maintaining thousands of items per year, ensuring the longevity and accessibility of our collection.

WHY IT MATTERS
"I've seen the power of a single book to show someone their own identity. I interact with kids who come in trying to figure out who they are and discover a world of books they don't have access to at home. Librarians help people discover new possibilities. And that changes the world.”
— Lois Langer Thompson, Hennepin County Library Director

Empowering Teens Through STEM-based Learning

TWO WAYS YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
• Powered by your donations, Hennepin County Library provides powerful resources including the Best Buy Teen Tech Center, a buzzing, vibrant place of discovery for young people like the Hanafi siblings (below) to gain robotics, computer programming, graphic design, and other skills.
• Through funding from Friends like you, Hennepin County Library hires and trains 28 Teen Tech Squad leaders to plan and deliver project-based STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) workshops to more than 600 fellow teens and other youth.

WHY IT MATTERS
Digital literacy skills are critical for teens to succeed in school, apply for jobs, research colleges, and build career skills. Yet thousands of youth in Hennepin County do not have home Internet connections, computers, or tablets.
In neighborhoods with few after-school resources, Teen Tech Squad engages teens with opportunities to experiment with high-tech tools, exposes them to STEM fields they may never have considered, and inspires them to build invaluable technical and leadership skills.
Through Teen Tech Squad and the Best Buy Teen Tech Center, the Library is providing access to the latest technology and ongoing trainings in seven of Hennepin County’s most culturally diverse and economically challenged communities.

Helping Tackle the Achievement Gap

TWO WAYS YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
• Gifts like yours fund Homework Help, a drop-in after-school tutoring program that offers youth in 12 neighborhoods a free and welcoming after-school space to work with adult volunteers to master academic concepts and complete homework assignments.
• Friends help power Súper Kinder, a summer kindergarten-readiness program for Latino children ages 4-5 that uses fun, interactive lessons to build children’s early literacy skills and help caregivers create learning-rich environments at home.

WHY IT MATTERS
In a survey of more than 200 students, over 80% reported that their grades have risen since they began attending Homework Help. Similarly, after completing Súper Kinder, 80% of parents said they were helping their child learn by connecting daily activities to key knowledge areas for kindergarten-readiness (compared to 20% before).

Reaching Out and Engaging Seniors

TWO WAYS YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
• Your gifts deliver enriching resources and programming that help ensure every member of our community – regardless of age or ability – has the opportunity to read, engage, and learn.
• Gifts like yours enhance the quality of life for more than 900 homebound individuals and the residents at 70+ assisted living facilities by providing high-quality social engagement and community-building activities.

WHY IT MATTERS
"I no longer drive, so going to the library meant calling for a cab or taking a bus... So when the library started coming to me, I thought what a treat.”
— Nora Johnson, resident at one of 70+ senior residences that receive resources and programming from our Library
Tax-deductible gifts received between January 1 and December 31, 2015

$10,000+ (Champions)
- Mary and Ernie Dorn
- Kendrick B. Melrose
- John and Theresa Gibbs
- Nancy Geiger
- Sheldon and Terry Fleck
- Richard and Beverly Fink Family Foundation
- Sally and Peter Anson
- Charlotte and Charles Abrahamson

$5,000-$9,999 (Pillars)
- Patricia Ploetz
- Kristi and Scott Pearson
- Mike Kesti and Jennifer May
- Susan and Philip Jones
- The Harold and Joan Johnson Charitable Fund
- David and Cynthia Abrams
- Julie Allinson and Paul Erickson
- Vincent and Susan Barton
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- Kathleen and Allen Lenzmeier
- William A. and Gloria Levin
- Patricia A. Lewis
- Steve and Tristen Lindemann
- Winnie and Keith Lindstam

$1,000 to $2,499 (Patrons)
- Miriam and Erwin Kelen
- Mary Pat Ladner and Peter Stevens
- Kai and Carolyn Sakstrup
- Miriam Sanders
- Sandra and David Sherman
- Maxine Wallin
- Greg and Ellen Weyandt
- M. Patricia Wuest

$1,000-$2,499 (Patrons)
- Anonymous
- David and Cynthia Abrams
- Julie Allinson and Paul Erickson
- Alex and Debra Arbit
- Vincent and Susan Barton
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The Minerva Leadership Circle recognizes those who support our Library at an exceptional level, $1,000 or more annually. Named in honor of the Roman goddess of wisdom and protector of libraries, Minerva members ensure Hennepin County Library remains a pillar of our community.

This statue of Minerva has welcomed patrons to Minneapolis Central Library since it opened in 1889.

Individual Donors

Friends of the Hennepin County Library is also grateful to the 7,147 donors who made tax-deductible gifts of up to $1,000 in 2015.

Individual Donors

$2,500-$4,999 (Leaders)
- Louis Forliri
- Susan M. Roberts
- Robert Rohlf
- Hanan J. Rosenstein and Richard Alberta
- Dale and Kay Schwie
- Donna and Glenn Scudder
- Nancy Slaughter
- Cynthia Steinke
- Myrna Rose Strand
- Mary Lou Sullivan
- Bryan W. Swartz
- Margaret Telfer and Ed McCanaghay
- Jeff and Lois Thompson

Gratia Legacy Circle Members

Anonymous
- M. Patricia Wuest
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- Maxine Wallin
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- The Estate of Yukiko (Becky) Yagyu
- Margaret Zvernov

The Gratia Legacy Circle honors individuals who have made a bequest in a will or other planned gift to Friends of HCL. It is named for Gratia Countryman, one of the most important leaders in the history of public library service in Hennepin County.

Gratia Countryman
- Library Director, 1904-1936

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Honorariums & Memorials

Stalwart champion of our Library, Mary Doty, passed away in March of 2015. Mary was a true public servant and devoted Friend of our Library. She served for 18 years on the Minneapolis Public Library Board and during that time also served on the boards of the Metropolitan Library Services Agency (MELSA), and on the Urban Libraries Council. She fought hard for education, particularly for literacy and women’s education, and taught English in Cloquet, MN, and in Minneapolis Public Schools. Because of the devotion she inspired in others, and because of her generosity of spirit, our community donated over $15,000 in her memory to support our Library.

Tribute and memorial gifts in support of Hennepin County Library are among the most enduring and meaningful ways to honor or remember a loved one. In 2015, 334 generous individuals made tribute and memorial gifts in support of the Library. For a full acknowledgment of these gifts, visit supportHCLIB.org/tribute-2015

Connecting Friends with Great Stories & Storytellers

In our fast-paced culture, we’re proud to continue to provide our Friends with the opportunity to learn, ask questions, and hear unique perspectives by connecting with great stories and storytellers.

Prolific, award-winning authors spoke to sold-out Pen Pals audiences and packed Talk of the Stacks audiences this year. Take a look back at some of the highlights.

“I so loved going to the public library and still do. I found my first favorite book there, Madeline, and I never stopped reading. Where would we be without libraries?”
- Judy Blume, Pen Pals speaker (right with Library Director Lois Langer Thompson)
PEN PALS
20 YEARS

Anna Quindlen
Thurs, Sept. 22, 7:30 PM
Fri, Sept. 23, 11 AM

Billy Collins
Thurs, Oct. 13, 7:30 PM
Fri, Oct. 14, 11 AM

Lee Child
Thurs, Feb. 16, 7:30 PM
Fri, Feb. 17, 11 AM

Elizabeth Strout
Thurs, March 30, 7:30 PM
Fri, March 31, 11 AM

James McBride
and The Good Lord Bird Band
Thurs, May 11, 7:30 PM
Fri, May 12, 11 AM

All lectures take place at Hopkins Center for the Arts.

2016-17 SPONSORS:

Top 5 Ways to Connect with Friends!

1. Have an extraordinary literary experience with us at a Talk of the Stacks or Pen Pals event! Dates and details at supportHCLIB.org.

2. Follow Friends of the Hennepin County Library on Facebook and Twitter (@hclfriends) for exclusive updates and offers.

3. Sign up for our e-newsletter to stay up-to-date on author events, book sales, and library news. Subscribe at supportHCLIB.org.

4. Join your local library Friends chapter to learn more about volunteer opportunities and other ways to support your neighborhood library!

5. Exchange business cards with us! We’re always looking for organizational partners and sponsors who want to align with our mission. Email friends@hclib.org to set up a meeting.

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