Dates To Remember
For additional event listings, check online at www.hclib.org/events.

Great Decisions
Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.
April 21 – The Future of Europe
April 28 – Trade and Politics
May 12 – Conflict in the South China Sea
May 19 – Saudi Arabia in Transition

Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon
April 22 – Yet Another Kind of Fusion
May 27 – The Ginny Hansen Poetry Event

Read With an Animal
Saturdays, April 22 and May 20, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

A History of Russian Visual Art
Tuesday, April 25, 2-3:30 p.m.

Baby Storytime
Wednesday, April 26, 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Family Storytime
Wednesday, April 26, 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Saturday, May 13, 10:30-11 a.m.

20-Minute Resume Assistance
Wednesdays, April 26, and May 24, 1-3 p.m.

New Yorker Discussion Group
Thursday, April 27-May 25, 2-3:30 p.m.

Dia de los Niños: Baile y Cuento/Children’s Day: Dance and Stories
Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-noon

Friends Book Sale
Thursday, May 4, 5-7 p.m. HCL Friends only
Friday, May 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Monday, May 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free books!

Health Insurance Counseling for Seniors
Wednesday, May 10, 12-2 p.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.

Washburn Book Club
Wednesday, May 10, 7-9 p.m.

Washburn, Inc.
Tuesday, April 25, 2-3:30 p.m.

Washburn Library Meeting
Tuesday, May 16 and June 20, 6:30 p.m.

LED Monitor Receives A Thumbs-Up
Last year, with funds provided by the Friends of Washburn Library, an 80” LED monitor was installed in the community room. It’s been a big hit with audiences.

The monitor has been used for programs sponsored by Washburn, such as Great Decisions, the Museum of Russian Art, and the Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum. Outside groups using the community room may also use it on request.

Most people use the monitor for PowerPoint and video clips to aid lectures. But Washburn Friends president Lesli Randall, who organized the valentine making party, did a neat technical trick: she took photos of people making the valentine and then displayed them on the screen during the event. That was a great success.

Temporary Closure of Washburn Library
Washburn Library will be closing for six to eight weeks in the fall while a new roof is being installed. Exact dates are unknown, but we can confirm there will be no programs at the library from September through November. Regular programming will resume in December once the roofing job is complete.

In the meantime, be sure to check out programs at other Hennepin County libraries.
Meet Jody Soldin

It’s just about a year since Jody Soldin became Washburn Library’s first “Patron Experience Supervisor.” It’s a relatively new job title, developed to focus on the needs of library patrons and their communities.

Although the position is new, Jody is not new to Hennepin County. In fact, she has worked for the county for more than 32 years. At first she worked at Hennepin County Medical Center, and then transferred to the library system (HCL) in the mid-90s, working primarily at suburban libraries—Southdale, Golden Valley, Summer, and Edina. In October 2013 she was named Circulation Services Supervisor at Edina and Washburn libraries, and then took on her present position at Washburn in May 2016. Jody loves working for HCL and, as she puts it, “I consider it a privilege to serve this community.”

In her free time, Jody enjoys traveling, hiking/walking, swimming, reading, baking, and cooking. “I love to try new recipes and enjoy getting cookbooks from the library or online,” Jody says. “I love to make up my own recipes; however, the trick is remembering what I did when my family asks for it later.” Her family consists of her husband Kazim, three grown children, and two grandchildren, Anthony and Jade. “It has been pure joy for me to be “Grandma J.,” she says. “It’s been fun to explore the Twin Cities and all it has to offer as a grandma. I must say my life has gone so far with working full-time and taking care of my family but I feel very blessed.”

Wonderful Washburn Displays

Displays are a kind of calendar. They are timely milestones of history and current events. In the past year we have seen displays honoring Black History Month, Bob Dylan (Minnesota’s most recent Nobel Prize recipient), Jewish authors, and books about books.

Displays offer handy access to materials for students, educators, and lifelong learners who are studying the topic of the month. They pique interest and curiosity. And sometimes they are set up just to amuse and delight.

In the past, only librarians created displays. It was former head librarian Ann Melrose who opened the field to any staff member who was interested. That unleashed a flurry of creative exchange and collaboration that has inspired some pretty unique displays such as one for Elvis Presley’s 70th birthday, a “Song of the Day” series, and an “Arts and Humanities Month” display in the Rotunda that featured artwork created by Washburn patrons.

Our patrons (almost always) enjoy what we put up, and it really adds to our job fulfillment when we get positive reviews. So even though the ordering, setting up, and maintenance means extra work, it’s always worth it.

SUSPENDING YOUR ONLINE HOLD

Say you’re going to be out of town and you are #1 on the reserve list for a very popular book. What if the book becomes available while you’re away and you lose your place in line?

There’s a way to prevent that: you can suspend your reservation using the Pause feature associated with your online account. First, browse to the Online Hold section of your account.

You’ll see a list of all the books you currently have on hold along with the number of copies the library has and your position on the list of reserves. If you are near the top of the list and don’t think you’ll be ready to pick up your item when it’s your turn, just click on Pause.

Then you can select the item(s) you would like to reactivate your reserve.

The beauty of this system is that you don’t lose your place. Other people further down on the list can check out the item, but when you resume your hold, you have not lost your place—in fact you might even have moved up to number 1.

“Some books, so little time” may still be true for you, but with the Pause button, at least you are in control.

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laughing waters

“...it has been pure joy for me to be ‘Grandma J.’” - Jody Soldin

-Laughing Water, created by artist Virginia Bradley

Check it out and see if you don’t agree.