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$25 for new books
$60 for Homework Help tutoring
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Give back to the Library while also giving someone special a truly meaningful gift. Your contribution will help ensure that the Library can continue offering free access to books and other much-needed resources.

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Thank you for supporting the Library and helping everyone who needs us.

New Library Music Service Launches

60 Albums from Minnesota Artists - Free to the Public - Thanks to YOU!

It’s like iTunes, but free! The only thing you need to access the music of local artists on MnSpin, Hennepin County Library’s new online streaming and download platform, is your library card.

Minnesota has been a player in the international music scene since the Andrews Sisters stole music lovers’ hearts in the 1940s. From Atmosphere to Spider John Koerner, Bob Dylan to Prince, Cantus to Semisonic, Cloud Cult to Trampled by Turtles, the Minnesota Orchestra, Bob Vee, the Replacements, Marie Jette, The Stokes, Robert Robinson, Otel City, and so many others have made their mark on the world, but they also had their start in Minnesota. As of this December, Hennepin County Library has launched 60 albums from Minnesota musicians on MnSpin.

Thanks to your generosity, Minnesota musicians can connect with new audiences through MnSpin, and music lovers can enjoy their favorite local musicians, and even discover new artists, just by logging onto www.hclib.org/arts-culture. Anyone with a library card can stream from the platform, and Hennepin County Library cardholders can download songs for free.

“Minnesota is such an incubator for musical artists. MnSpin is an opportunity for the music community to have its music heard and for all music lovers to have access to the rich talents of local musicians.” – Lois Langer Thompson, Hennepin County Library Director

www.hclib.org/arts-culture

Tami’s Story

I’m here every day. I’ve been homeless since mid-August last year. I come to the fourth floor, go back by the fireplace to the comfy chairs, get whatever books I want and start reading. I have friends who come here too, so sometimes we’ll sit and read together. If you don’t have money, you can’t just go sit anywhere in this city. But at the library you can, and there’s no judgment passed on you.

There are a lot of homeless people who are mentally ill. I’m bipolar. Mental illness doesn’t often allow you to make much money, and this town is way overpriced. A few years back, I could get an apartment for $600, but not anymore. They won’t even look at you.

When I take my medication I’m pretty good, but when I get off, I get very manic. I’ve pretty much got it where I want it, but it’s taken a long time to find it in terms of the right medicine and the right living situation, which isn’t ideal yet, but it will be.

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To deal with this problem, I really have to be around something stable. I’m getting into a program called Shelter Plus Care that will help me get a voucher for shelter.

I also get an AMMHS worker to help me get to my appointments, and then I have a case manager who oversees it all. Given my situation, these are things that I probably should have been connected with a long time ago, but wasn’t and that’s ok. I didn’t make the right effort. But now I have and the people who have helped me have gone way above and beyond what they need to do for their jobs.

Very few mentally ill people are dangerous. We’re more scared of you than you are of us.

Because of your support, patrons like Tami can enjoy a welcoming Library space where inclusion and opportunity are accessible to all. We are so grateful to patrons like Tami for sharing their stories, and to YOU, for supporting the humans of our Library.

Support means everyone has a home at the Library

Our Library is a treasured resource and safe haven for many.
I didn’t go to college...but I resourced my education, especially the language, from the library.

I’m really thankful for all the people here...we make feel like I am welcome and I really appreciate it.

This is a good place for young people to come.

I come to the library three a few times a week. I own a small company.

I come to the library about twice a week. It’s a great way for me to take advantage of the resources here.

I was in the same boat. I worked in the airline business for twenty years. One day I had a new boss, and they decided to go in a different direction. So I decided, ‘Maybe it’s time for me to start my own company’.

This is a good place for young people to come. They can actually stay out of trouble here. They can have fun, be positive, and get away from all the negativity. Music is the perfect thing for me. I don’t want to be sitting in jail or something like that. I’d rather do good with my life.

This is a testament to the value of great libraries in our neighborhoods and communities!

Your generosity makes a world of difference to...