

FRIENDS *of the*
HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

Member Newsletter ♦ Summer 2015

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newsletter
possible.
Thank You!



Friends like *You* Inspire Summer Reading Possibilities

Summer is a time of freedom and possibility, and you help create possibilities through your support of our Library. The possibility of more informed citizens... of being more connected to each other... of learning something new and fascinating... and of helping promote a more knowledgeable, information-driven community. Possibilities matter. That's one reason why our Library matters. You, our donors, matter most because you create more possibilities for yourself and our community!

Learning, reading, and inspiration never take a vacation

Your support provides countless opportunities for summer reading to all 860,000 people with a Hennepin County Library card. And when we say countless, we mean it! Summer reading extends far beyond the simple pleasure of checking out a book to read at the lake. Want to pack light on your summer vacation? Download free eBooks on the Library's website. Need help exploring recipes for fresh Farmers Market produce? The Library offers the second largest collection of cookbooks in the nation. Want to liven up a long road trip? Check out or download an audiobook. Thanks to you, our Libraries are full of resources for enriching summer experiences. Your support for the Library is creating yearlong and lifelong learning during these critical summer months. Thank you!

Thanks to the 360 donors
who have contributed
so far to our
2015 *More*
Books!
Campaign.



You're helping
the Library get
the right books
into the right
hands more
quickly!

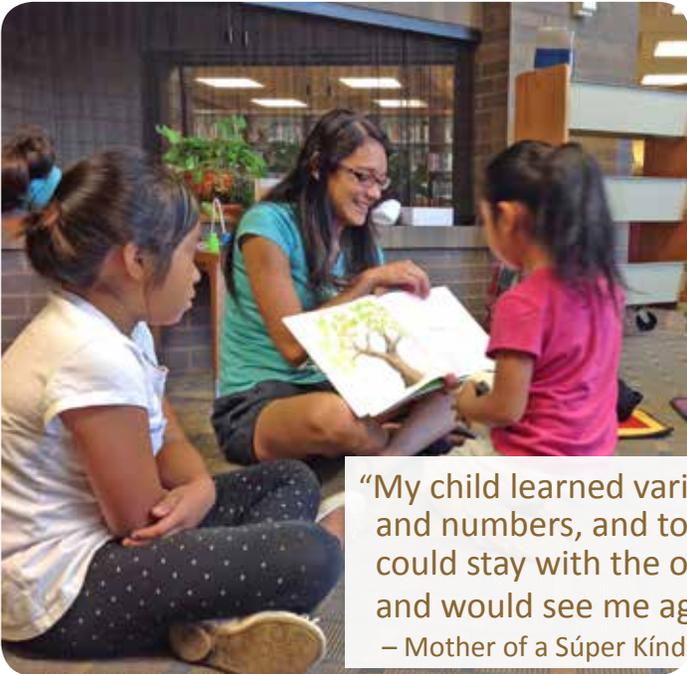
Together, we are on our way
to adding more than 6,000
books to the collection this
year!



Súper Kinder kids learning to measure,
part of a kindergarten readiness program
funded by you! Read more inside...



Lives You've Touched



“My child learned various colors and numbers, and to trust that she could stay with the other children and would see me again later.”

– Mother of a Súper Kínder participant

Súper Kínder

You're giving a brighter future to Latino families preparing children for kindergarten

You are helping narrow the opportunity gap in our community from the earliest possible age. A report by the Minneapolis Foundation discovered that while 72% of all children in Minneapolis were ready for school, **only 36% of Spanish-speaking children were prepared.** When librarian Amy McNally saw an opportunity to expand a Library program that helps close that gap, funds from Friends made it possible.

Súper Kínder is a 5-week school readiness program for Latino children ages 4-5 and their caregivers. It is offered over the summer in Spanish by Library staff, a parent educator, and bilingual teen teaching assistants.

Not only does the program prepare the kids for kindergarten, it also **introduces families to all the Library's resources that can help kids succeed through their school years and beyond.** Marcela Sanchez, Spanish Liaison and teacher for the program, says “Staff continue to see Súper Kínder families attending other programs, or just visiting and checking out books, even years after they completed the program. Many of the Súper Kínder families become regular library users.”

Thanks to extra funding from “super” donors like you, Súper Kínder will be offered



at three Hennepin County libraries this summer: Augsburg Park, Franklin, and Northeast.

Poet-of-the-Month Group

You're helping a family and community heal through poetry

Using the Library's large poetry collection, a community group meets to discuss a different poet and share poems inspired by that poet. The Poet-of-the-Month group meets one Monday evening each month at the Golden Valley Library. Kate VanSickle says it was her daughter who made the Poet-of-the-Month group a family tradition that will continue through the summer.

“Poetry Night is a special outing for our family. It is such a special thing to be surrounded by kind, open people from the community who accept our family just as it is. No matter how many wiggles the kids have, the group is happy to have us there. The poetry group has been a healing and happy place for us.”

Donors like you contribute to the Library's collection... including poetry. Thank you!

Take the Library on Vacation

Library Resources can help you dive deep into summer experiences

We Minnesotans love getting the most out of every drop of summer. The Library is an ever-ready companion to any adventure (or relaxation) you have planned. Hennepin County Library Director, Lois Langer Thompson, helped us hand-pick some summer reading recommendations of all types, just for you, the Library's closest Friends!

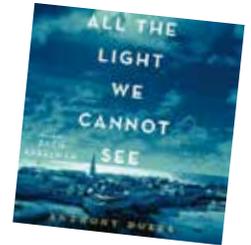
New Summer Books & eBooks

- *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume
- *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal



Audiobooks with Great Narration

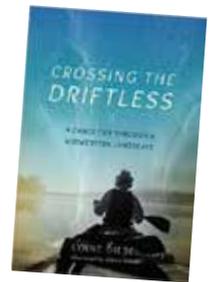
- *Yes, Please* by Amy Poehler
- *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr



Lois says she's particularly excited about this new novel, which will be released this summer, about a young star chef who finds solace and salvation in the flavors of her native Minnesota.

Local Authors You'll Love

- *A Brief History of Seven Killings* by Marlon James
- *Crossing the Driftless: A Canoe Trip through a Midwestern Landscape* by Lynne Diebel



Find more great reads at local book sales!
Visit supporthclib.org/book-sales for an up-to-date list of sales, hours, and locations.

The Library is a Book Club's Best Friend

Take your Book Club to new levels with resources from your library

Did you know that you can check out an entire Book Club Kit from the Library? It's true! Each kit contains 8-10 copies of a single title, a set of discussion questions, and tips for running a successful book club. Keep the whole kit for up to six weeks. To see a list of kits and reserve one, visit www.hclib.org and click "Books and Reading"... or ask a librarian.

Design your Book Club's reading list around the Pen Pals line-up... Then meet the authors!
Subscribe to the 2015-16 Pen Pals season



Library Friend Peg Meier invited her book club on a tour of Minneapolis Central Library. Members from her book club regularly check out their featured book from local libraries across Hennepin County!

together, and you'll have five great authors to read and lectures to attend. Best of all, the proceeds of your Pen Pals subscription support and enrich Hennepin County Library collections and programs! See the flap for Pen Pals author, subscription, and sponsorship information.



You're Spreading Generosity

Why Penelope Plans to Give

As a member of the Gratia Legacy Circle, she is an irreplaceable Friend

The Gratia Circle honors individuals who have made a bequest in a will or other planned gift to the Friends of the Hennepin County Library. Anyone can make a planned gift! Contrary to popular belief, you do not need to be wealthy to leave a meaningful legacy. Even a small amount can have a big impact over time.

Penelope Johnson, member of the Gratia Circle, says "For me, our Libraries have been



a continuing source of entertainment and sanctuary. A Library can take the human soul on a journey to enlighten and heal itself, ultimately benefiting oneself and others."

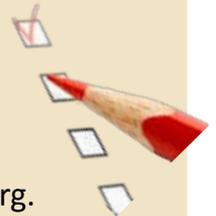
Who is Gratia?

Gratia Countryman became the nation's first female head librarian at Minneapolis Public Library in 1904. At that time, there were 13,000 borrowers. When she retired at age 70, Minneapolis libraries boasted 186,000 patrons. Needless to say, she left an amazing legacy.



Share Your Thoughts

Your feedback is so important to us! Watch for our annual survey in your email inbox this month. To request a paper survey, contact Jeremy: 612-543-8108 or jbergerson@hclib.org.



The Library's on their Registry

Pat and Steph are asking guests to donate in lieu of wedding gifts!

This summer, Library Friends Pat and Steph will tie the knot. Their shared passion for literacy and library programs inspired them to add an option to donate to the Library to their wedding registry! Watch for an update in the next Friends of HCL newsletter.



My summertime gift. Your gift will support *lifelong* learning during these critical summer months.

- \$25 \$60 \$120 \$240
- \$600 \$1,000 \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Give by mail: Use coupon or enclosed envelope
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Give by phone: 612-543-8108

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2015-16 Pen Pals Speakers

Join the Pen Pals Community

When you attend Pen Pals lectures this season, you'll be in the company of inspiring and award-winning authors (including two Pulitzer Prize winners), but you'll also be part of a community of passionate readers and Library donors. **Ticket options are on the other side of this flap!**

Judy Blume in conversation with Nancy Pearl

Thurs, Sept. 24, 7:30 PM
Fri, Sept. 25, 11 AM

A bestselling author of cherished and groundbreaking young adult novels in conversation with a trendsetting librarian so popular she's been made into an action figure.



Marlon James

Thurs, Oct. 29, 7:30 PM
Fri, Oct. 30, 11 AM

Local master of fiction and two-time Minnesota Book Award winner and National Book Award nominee. His most recent novel is *A Brief History of Seven Killings*.



Jon Meacham

Thurs March 10, 7:30 PM
Fri, March 11, 11 AM

Pulitzer Prize winning presidential biographer and renowned journalist. His latest book is a biography of George Herbert Walker Bush.



Terry Tempest Williams

Thursday, April 21, 7:30 PM
Friday, April 22, 11 AM

Speaking on Earth Day, activist and author of an environmental literature classic, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*.



Anthony Doerr

Thursday, May 5, 7:30 PM
Friday, May 6, 11 AM

Winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for his fiction masterpiece *All the Light We Cannot See*.



Pen Pals Tickets

Pen Pals Ticket Options

Support the Library and encounter famous authors

Be a Subscriber

Get access to priority seating and attend all 5 lectures as a subscriber. Subscribers save up to 20%, and Friends of HCL members receive an additional \$10 discount per subscription.

Daytime or Evening Season Subscriber (Save 20%):

Level 1 - \$200 Level 2 - \$160

Order by phone at 612-543-8112 or use the mail-order form found at supporthclib.org.

Buy Individual Tickets

Tickets to the individual author lectures will be available starting August 10.

Daytime or Evening Reserved Seating:

Level 1 - \$50 Level 2 - \$40

Be the first to know when individual tickets are available in August! Follow Friends of HCL on Facebook and Twitter.

Add on an Evening Wine Reception

Meet the author face to face after the Thursday evening lecture!

Tickets - \$25 each or \$100 (20% savings) when you buy tickets to all 5 receptions



Pen Pals Sponsorship Options

Heighten your Pen Pals experience and support the Library

Our generous sponsors help bring today's brightest literary stars to the stage and also enable Friends of HCL to provide critically-needed funds to support our premier Library system.

Pen Pals Sponsorships - \$1,000 - \$10,000

Benefits include:

- A pair of lecture and reception tickets to all 5 lectures
- Program and website recognition
- 1 book of your choice at each author event
- Other benefits depending on level

Customized book club, group, and corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available!

Become a Pen Pals sponsor and increase your Library support. Contact our Executive Director, Kristi Pearson, at 612-543-8105 or kpearson@hclib.org for more information.



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