Popular Fall Events Coming to Minneapolis Central Library

The Entrepreneur Expo is Hennepin County Library’s small business event. This event is for anyone who owns a business, especially micro-entrepreneurs and new business owners who are women, people of color and immigrants. The Expo will take place on Wednesday, October 10th at Minneapolis Central Library.

The Entrepreneur Expo was made possible by the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library, who provided generous financial and volunteer support. Over 200 microentrepreneurs are expected to attend.

In the morning Shawntera Hardy, Commissioner, Minnesota Dept of Employment and Economic Development and editor of Fearless Commerce magazine kicks off the event. Panel discussions follow which introduce successful local entrepreneurs and people and organizations who helped their small business grow.

In the afternoon there will be hands-on social media and networking workshops. Sarah White/Fotos for Barcelona will take free professional headshots for you to use in digital marketing. Visit with 35+ nonprofits and government agency exhibitors.

Free event, free professional photographer, free lunch

Register for this event at hclib.org/ or read the full news release here: https://tinyurl.com/EntrepreneurExpoReg

Family History Fair

This year’s Family History Fair will be held on Saturday, October 27th at Minneapolis Central Library from 9:00 – 3:15. This is the 9th year of this successful event. The Family History Fair features a mix of speakers on various genealogy topics including professional genealogists and librarians.

Register online at hclib.org or https://tinyurl.com/y96732e2

Elizabeth Gommoll, professional genealogist will give the keynote presentation on “Where They Once Stood, Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor’s Place of Origin”. Other topics include 3 sessions on using DNA for genealogy, beginning genealogy, using various library databases, and more. There will be a tour of Minneapolis Central’s genealogy resources. In addition to the information sessions, participants will be able to connect with over thirty genealogical interest group specialists, including Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Minnesota Genealogical Society, Hennepin History Museum, Norwegian-American Genealogy Association, Romanian Genealogy Society and more. Friends of MCL has been a sponsor of this event each year. Staff and attendees very much appreciate the financial and volunteer support!
Shake Rattle Read at the Children’s Library

“Shake Rattle Read” began as a Hennepin County Library seed grant at Minneapolis Central Library in 2017 and continued with support from the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library in 2018. The unique program invites local musicians to sing a few songs and read stories to kids and their grown-ups during Storytime in the Children’s Library.

It’s a low-key affair on select Saturday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 pm. After 30 minutes of Storytime, patrons participate in hands-on music activities, impromptu dance parties, and social time for families. Our successful 2017/2018 calendar featured local favorites Adam Levy, John Munson, Siama and Dallas, Chris Koza, Lazerbeak, Katy Vernon, Lucy Michelle and most recently, Rap artist P.O.S.

Coming this Fall: Shake Rattle Read is excited to host local Hip hop artist MaLLY on October 13th. – Hallie Bowman

Celebrating 125 Years as a Federal Depository Library

Monday September 17th the Minneapolis Central Library held a celebration marking the 125th anniversary of participation as a Federal Depository Library. In 1893, President Grover Cleveland’s administration made the 5-year-old Minneapolis Public Library a federal depository. At that time, Gratia Countryman was Assistant Director.

When the library moved to its current location in 1964, the documents collection wasn’t included in the planning so it was placed in a work room with a portion stored in underground floors. Helen Garnaas, new department director, had able assistance by Zella Shannon (see LINK article from 1/2017 by Arvonne Fraser). Since that time the library has received and housed all materials created by the U.S. Government Publishing Office, including the Federal Register.

Hennepin County Library Director Lois Langer Thompson welcomed attendees to the event and remarks by Laurie Beyer Hall, Superintendent of Documents at the U.S. Government Publishing Office were read. There was also a panel discussion moderated by Helen Burke titled, “We the People: Using Government Information in Every Day Life”. Many examples of government documents available at the library were on display for browsing.

More information on the collection can be found at the second-floor information desk or go to hclib.org website and find “online resources” under the Browse tab. Locate “Show all categories” in upper right of screen and select “Government and Politics” from the drop-down list. Three useful search resources are: “Catalogue of US Government Publications”, “govinfo”, and “Proquest Congressional”. Also, you may use a keyword on the Search function on the website (such as Civil Rights); then filter the results by looking for drop-down list under Content and select “government documents” which will narrow your search. Free access to more than a million official publications from the U.S. government is also available online at www.govinfo.gov.

Volunteers Needed

The Board of the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library (MCL) has openings for new board members. Meetings are monthly at MCL, at 5:30 pm. A description of the general expectations may be found on the library website under “Support the library”.

Volunteers for Friends-sponsored events held at MCL are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering at future events, please let us know by contacting Friends of the MCL at minneapoliscentral@supporthclib.org. We will contact you as needed.

The LINK newsletter is looking for a volunteer photographer to attend Friends-sponsored events and take pictures which can be used in the newsletter. Please contact us at the above link.
Remembering Arvonne Fraser

Women’s Rights Advocate and MCL Supporter

Arvonne Fraser, 92, former Friends of Minneapolis Central Library board member, passed away on August 8th. Arvonne was an activist, feminist, author, wife, mother and grandmother. She had an incredibly full life with innumerable accomplishments. She served in the administration of President Jimmy Carter as the director of the Office of Women in Development, founded a Center on Women at the Humphrey Institute and ran campaigns for her husband Donald M. Fraser, former US Congressman and Minneapolis mayor. She traveled the world as the US representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Arvonne encouraged purposeful actions while keeping a feisty sense of humor. She recounts her eventful life in the memoir, She’s No Lady (2007). At her August 30th memorial, Garrison Keillor revealed that two occasional features of his radio show were modeled after her: Our Lady of Perpetual Responsibility church and the nun Sister Arvonne.

Arvonne was a lifelong advocate and supporter of the library. For years she served as the president of the Board of the original Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library. The new Friends of MCL (a Hennepin County Library) was formed in 2012 and in early 2014 we welcomed Arvonne to our Board. With her background, experience and knowledge she was an invaluable addition. As a problem solver and organizer extraordinaire, she offered suggestions and assistance with fund raising and updating bylaws as well as volunteering at library events. She was honored along with David Doty as a major supporter at the Minneapolis Central Library’s 10th Anniversary event. Arvonne served on our Board for three and a half years as a valuable member who became a friend and mentor. We were truly privileged and honored to have been able to work with her on our Board.

- Carol Jordan

New Coordinator Positions

In a continuing effort to meet its mission, the Friends of MCL Board has developed Coordinator Positions for its non-officer members. These positions will continue to be modified as board membership expands and changes in order to maximize the experience and expertise of incoming members.

- **Social Media Coordinator** will expand the board’s media efforts;
- **Community Liaison Coordinator** will promote visibility and opportunity for community interaction;
- **Volunteer Coordinator** will recruit and thank volunteers;
- **Donor Recognition Coordinator** will thank donors and members. These positions are designed to accomplish the business of the Board as it supports Minneapolis Central Library with financial help, volunteer resources, and promotion of programs, services and community. We will continue to give you updates on the functions of the Board Members. - Carol Siegel

Get on Board!

We are seeking enthusiastic library supporters who are willing to add their experience, knowledge and skills to the Friends of Minneapolis Central Library (MCL) Board of Directors.

Friends of MCL support the Library and its programs through volunteerism, forging connections with our neighbors, increasing awareness of the Library’s contributions to our community and advocating for the community within the Library. In addition, the Friends Board underwrites library programs through mini-grants funded out of membership donations.

The time commitment is manageable – attend a majority of the monthly board meetings and serve on one committee or project. The monetary commitment is manageable – make an annual membership gift in the amount of your choosing to the Friends of Hennepin County Library/Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library.

The reward is great – knowing you are contributing to the vibrancy of the Minneapolis Central Library, hearing the testimonials of enthusiastic patrons and enjoying the camaraderie of being part of a group making a difference in the lives of many people.

To get on board, simply let us know of your interest by emailing [minneapoliscentral@supporthclib.org](mailto:minneapoliscentral@supporthclib.org) and one of our current board members will be happy to meet with you, provide more information and answer your questions.

- Susan Bibus

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**ECHO!!! OPEN MIC**

Every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, a group of young adults gathers in the Commons Room in the atrium to perform at a Library program sponsored by Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library. Echo gives folks space to work on their chosen form of artistic expression. Everyone who participates has five minutes to perform without mics. A lot of the young artists do rap and spoken word pieces that they’ve written, but performances include singing, freestyle, drag lip-syncs, harmonica, and original instrumental hip-hop beats.

The focus is to be open and welcoming to all performers and to give people a chance to perform art for a receptive audience and get critical response and feedback to improve their work. The group averages about 25 attendees, with many attendees performing throughout the night.
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Friends Fun at the Farmer’s Market

Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library had a booth at the Mill City Farmer’s Market for the 2nd time this summer on Saturday, August 4th. Lots of market visitors stopped by to browse the library books and magazines on healthy eating and cooking and also to spin the prize wheel and take home a free book. We gave away 208 books to adults and children. Librarians were available to assist with new library cards and answer questions.