

Join us for TALK of the STACKS!

Talk of the Stacks is an award-winning author series. All events are free and open to the public at Hennepin County Library

- Minneapolis Central. Doors open at 6:15pm. Seating is first come, first served.

Steve Sack: August 17, 2017 – 7pm
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Star Tribune Editorial Cartoonist Launches New Book

Larry Olmsted: October 5, 2017 – 7pm
Award-Winning Journalist and Health Expert Answers the Question, “What are You Really Eating?”

Chris Riemenschneider: Nov. 2, 2017 – 7pm
The Story of Minneapolis Music in Conversation with Daniel Corrigan and Danny Sigelman



Join the Gratia Legacy Circle

Make a Lasting Impact for our Library

With a planned gift to Friends of the Hennepin County Library, you can help our Library foster opportunities to learn, grow, adapt, enjoy, exercise our freedoms, and enhance our quality of life—and protect those same opportunities for generations that follow.

Please contact Adam Breininger at 612-543-8106 or abreininger@hclib.org to discuss leaving a legacy for our Library.

Vital Local History is Now Accessible to the Public Thanks to You

Preservation and Digitization Effort Unprecedented in Size and Scope

Q&A with Ted Hathaway, Manager of James K. Hosmer Special Collections

How would you describe this project?

The project focuses on processing a large collection of 60,000 local newspaper photographs from 1915 to 1950. The goals of the project are to greatly improve public access and use of the photographs, and to ensure their long term preservation. Eventually, all photos will be publicly accessible via the Library's recently launched digital collections platform.

Some are already available at:

hclib.org/browse/digital-collections

What is the most interesting photograph you've come across so far?

Wow - there are many! Among my favorites are photos depicting liquor agents busting illegal stills, or people living in huts during the post-war housing shortage.



Why are these images so valuable to our community?

The photographs are originally from the Star Tribune and were used in all of the city's major papers: The Journal, the Tribune, the Times, and the Star. They cover the people and events of a significant portion of the area's history. From historians and authors to genealogists and researchers, many people will benefit from these images.



How has this project affected your understanding of local history?

Negatively, it's an important reminder of how deeply-rooted racism has been throughout our history. When we encounter a photo of an African-American, they are frequently depicted as a criminal. Also, how narrowly defined women's lives were and how few economic opportunities they had. On the positive, they serve as a window into how people entertained themselves and how much has changed since then.

Would this project be possible without Friends support?

This is a 6-7 year project and the bulk of the work is being performed by Friends-funded employees. Without Friends funding, its completion could never be imagined. This major collection has become a focal point for our digitization efforts thanks to Friends' funding.



Member Newsletter ♦ Summer 2017

Thank YOU – Library Donors

Empower Aisha to Pay it Forward!

Aisha's story in her own words at Hennepin County Library — Sumner:

“ We grew up in the apartments right across the street. Ever since I can remember, my mom would take us here. We would read as many books as we could because my parents really valued education. My mother didn't get to finish high school because the civil war in Somalia broke out. My dad did a little bit of college, but then he didn't finish because he was trying to support us.

They saw the library as a place where you could change your life because there are all these resources. This is where my mom filled out her taxes. She was also part of a learning circle where people got to share their stories. There was a guy named Mohammed who used to read Somali stories to us for story time.

In tenth grade, I wasn't the best writer, and the teacher knew it. But then I came here and met with one of the Homework Help tutors and said, 'I have a paper due next week. I really want to get a good grade on it.' They sat and brainstormed ideas with me. When I typed up the paper, they helped me make it really concise and clear. I turned it in, and the teacher replied, 'This is one of the best papers I've ever read.'

“They saw the library as a place where you could change your life...” - Aisha

By the time I was a junior, I was better at math and English, so I decided I could help out as a Homework Help tutor for students who were struggling with the same things I'd struggled with. It was a way of giving back and saying, 'This is what I have benefitted from.'

I'm just so appreciative to this day, because if I didn't come to Homework Help, I don't think I would have learned the study habits that I needed. They made it okay for me to ask for help. Those are things I took with me when I went to college.”

Aisha with her mentor librarian, Natalie, at Sumner Library.



2017 Library Fund Campaign

Thank you to the more than 300 Friends members who have contributed to our 2017 Library Campaign. **Your added generosity is already making a difference by providing more resources for critical programs like:**

- Homework Help
- Senior Outreach
- Programs for Families Facing Incarceration
- Teen Tech Squad
- Special Collections... and MORE!

Please take part in this important campaign with a special donation on top of your annual membership gift to the 2017 Library Fund.

Thanks for supporting MORE opportunity at our Library this summer!

☒ **YES! I want to invest in our Library with my additional gift to the 2017 Library Campaign!**

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This spring, Friends of the Hennepin County worked with Stephanie Glaros, founder of Humans of Minneapolis, to capture some of the incredible, real-life stories that exist within the walls of our Library. The full gallery of 13 Humans of Hennepin County Library profiles can be found at supportHCLIB.org.

Thank you for supporting programs like Homework Help so more transformational stories, like Aisha's, are possible at our Library!

Summer Learning Opportunities Grow with Your Support

Free Programs Inspire and Educate Children in 41 Neighborhoods

Each year when school comes to a close, many families look to the Library as an essential resource for fun, educational programs that are free and open to all. Powered by your support, Hennepin County Library is expanding these popular programs that encourage kids to read and learn during the critical summer months. In total, an astounding 858 summer learning events are taking place in our 41 library locations. Thanks to you, thousands of youth will be inspired to read, learn, and grow at their Library this summer!

You are helping children and teens...

... explore the natural world through camping, chemistry, botany and zoology.



Science and Nature

Library Lab for Kids: Herb Gardens / Science of Magic / Raptors of Minnesota

... foster a love of reading in weekly discussion groups around topics such as favorite books, poetry, and writing.



Reading and Writing

Guys Read Jr. Book Club / My First Book Club / Stories in French

... build a broad range of physical, social and cognitive skills while connecting with other gaming fans.



Games and Play

Try Juggling! / Comedy Improv / Chess Club

... learn a new technical skill to empower themselves as learners, inventors and artists.



Computers and Technology

Art Design Lab / Create Your Own Video Games / 3D Design Lab

... be inspired to try something new and foster their creativity.



Arts and Crafts

LEGO® Lab / Indian Folk Arts: Mehendi Hand Painting / Special Effects Makeup Workshop

Connect with Your Library this Summer

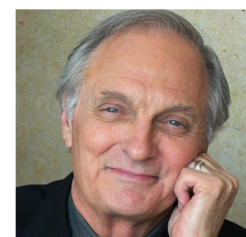
Programs Abound for Curious Adults

The Library also offers hundreds of exciting programs for adults over the summer months. From genealogy and book clubs to meditation and master gardening ... there's something for every taste and interest! Visit your local library location or HCLIB.org for more information.

Join us for our 2017-2018 Season of Pen Pals!



The highly acclaimed and longest-running literary series in the Twin Cities returns for its 21st season. Proceeds benefit Hennepin County Library.



Alan Alda

Emmy Award Winning Actor, Author and Director

Tuesday, September 26 – 7:30pm / Wednesday, September 27 – 11am

Alan Alda has earned international recognition as an author, director and actor and is inductee of the Television Hall of Fame. In his new book, *If I Understood You, Would I Have This Look on My Face?*, Alda shares powerful lessons from the science of communication. ****Each purchased ticket includes a copy of Mr. Alda's latest book!**



Jennifer Egan

Pulitzer Prize Winning Author of *A Visit From the Goon Squad*

Thursday, October 26 – 7:30pm / Friday, October 27 – 11am

Jennifer Egan is an acclaimed novelist, short story writer, and journalist. Her novel, *A Visit From the Goon Squad*, was awarded the 2011 Pulitzer Prize. Her much-anticipated new novel, *Manhattan Beach* (October 2017), has been called "pitch perfect" by the New York Times Book Review.



Dan Rather

Peabody Award Winning Journalist and Longtime CBS Evening News Anchor

Thursday, November 30 – 7:30pm / Friday, December 1 – 11am

Dan Rather has earned his place as one of the world's best-known journalists as the Anchor and Managing Editor of the CBS Evening News for 24 years. With more than 2 million Facebook followers, he is currently one of the most followed personalities on social media. ****Each purchased ticket includes a copy of Mr. Rather's latest book!**



Colson Whitehead

2017 Pulitzer Prize Winning Author of *The Underground Railroad*

Thursday, February 1 – 7:30pm / Friday, February 2 – 11am

Colson Whitehead is the #1 New York Times Bestselling author of *The Underground Railroad* which won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for fiction. Whitehead's essays and fiction have appeared in The New York Times, The New Yorker, New York Magazine, and Harper's.



Jesmyn Ward

National Book Award Winning Author of *Salvage the Bones*

Thursday, May 3 – 7:30pm / Friday, May 4 – 11am

Jesmyn Ward's novel, *Salvage the Bones*, won the 2011 National Book Award for Fiction. Ward's forthcoming novel, *Sing, Unburied, Sing*, explores the bonds of family as tested by racism and poverty.

Pen Pals Tickets

Pen Pals Ticket Options

Order soon! Many lectures will sell out.

Subscriptions on Sale Now

Attend all 5 lectures as an evening or daytime subscriber. Subscribers save 20%.

Friends of HCL members receive an additional \$10 discount per subscription!

Daytime or Evening Season Subscriber (Save 20%):

Main Floor - \$250 \$200 Rear Main Floor - \$200 \$160

Individual tickets go on sale August 1

Friends-only online sale starts July 28!

Tickets to the individual author lectures now on sale.

Friends of HCL members save \$5 per individual ticket!

Daytime or Evening Reserved Seating:

Main Floor - \$50 Rear Main Floor - \$40

Evening Author Receptions

Meet the author face to face after the evening lecture!

Tickets - \$25 each or \$100

(20% savings) when you buy tickets to all 5 receptions



Order tickets by phone at 612-543-8112 or visit supportHCLIB.org/pen-pals

Pen Pals Sponsorship Options

Heighten your Pen Pals experience and support the Library

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

Pen Pals Sponsorships start at \$1,000 and help bring today's brightest literary stars to the stage while also supporting our premier Library system. They also come with a variety of benefits from reception tickets to complimentary books. Interested? Contact Adam Breining at 612-543-8106 or abreining@hclib.org.

All Pen Pals programs are held at Hopkins Center for the Arts



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