

Join us for  
**Talk of the Stacks**  
with *Tayari Jones*



**July 18, 2018, 7 pm**  
Hennepin County Library  
Minneapolis Central

**Tayari Jones** is the author of the novels *Leaving Atlanta*, *The Untelling*, *Silver Sparrow*, and *An American Marriage* - a 2018 Oprah's Book Club selection.

**This program is FREE and open to the public.**

Seating is first come, first served. Doors open at 6:15 pm More information at [supportHCLIB.org](http://supportHCLIB.org)

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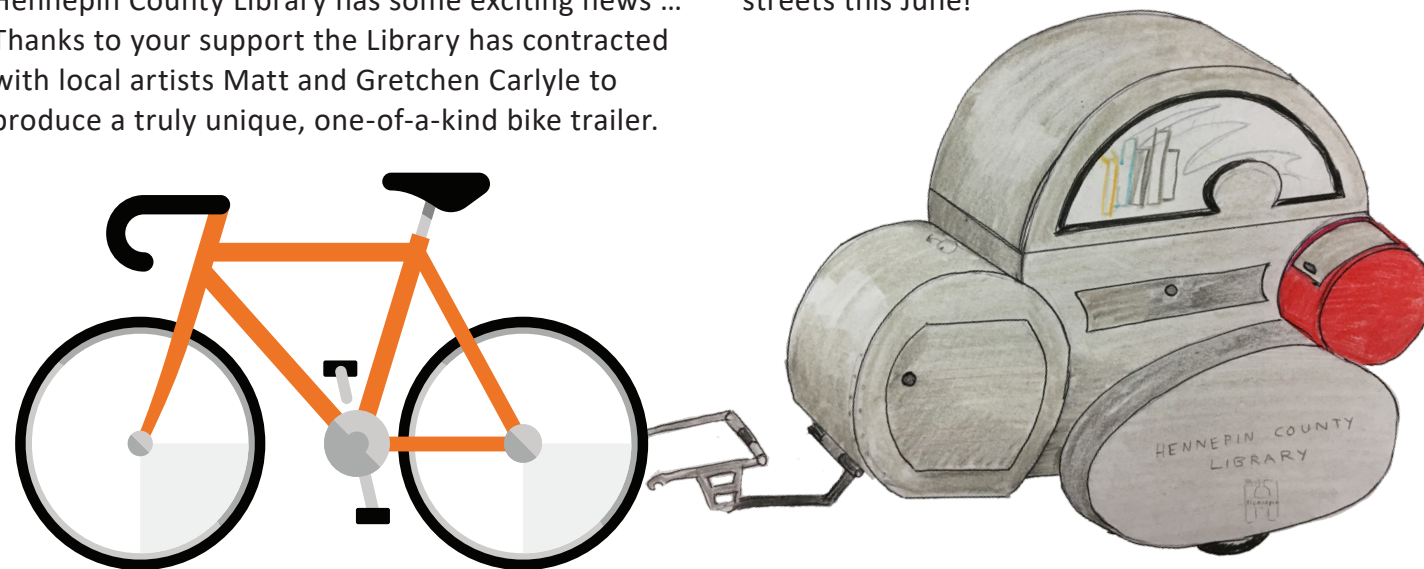
With a planned gift to Friends of the Hennepin County Library, you can help our Library foster opportunities to learn, grow, discover, and enhance our quality of life ... and protect those same opportunities for generations that follow.

Please contact **Adam Breininger** at **612-543-8106** or [abreinger@hclib.org](mailto:abreinger@hclib.org) to discuss leaving a legacy for our Library.

**Summer in Minnesota  
means books and bikes!**

**The Library will hit the road with  
a stylish new bike trailer, thanks  
to YOU**

Hennepin County Library has some exciting news ... Thanks to your support the Library has contracted with local artists Matt and Gretchen Carlyle to produce a truly unique, one-of-a-kind bike trailer.



The Carlyles are stalwarts of the Minneapolis art scene and have created metalworks that span from Can-Can Wonderland to the annual May Day Parade. The trailer they have envisioned carries on their enterprising spirit while providing the amenities needed to effectively provide library service outside of our physical walls. See below for a sneak peek of the design. Hennepin County Library plans to have the finished product on the streets this June!

**2018 Library Fund Campaign**

Thank you to the more than 500 Friends members who have contributed an additional gift to our 2018 Library Campaign. Your incredible generosity is already making a difference by providing more resources like:

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- Teen Tech Squad
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**You empower Minnesota newcomers to break  
through barriers and write their own stories**

**Alicia is grateful for the educational opportunities the  
Library provides her family**

Our 41 Hennepin County Library locations provide so much for so many in our community. We are continuously inspired by the ways in which patrons, like Alicia, experience the Library and use its resources to write, and re-write, the stories of their lives.

*"I didn't go to college or earn a big degree, but I resourced my education, especially the language, from the library."*

When Alicia was new to Minnesota, seeking opportunities to learn English and teach her children to read, she turned to our Library. This is Alicia's story, in her own words:

"We've been in Brooklyn Park nineteen years, and we've been coming to this library for fifteen years. I started coming when I was a new mom. We came every week for story time. My barrier is my language, and story time was my school for learning English. I didn't go to college or earn a big degree, but I resourced my education, especially the language, from the library."

*Alicia's story is one of 13 Humans of Hennepin County Library profiles that can be found at [supportHCLIB.org](http://supportHCLIB.org). Thank you for all that you make possible at our Library.*



Member Newsletter ♦ Spring 2018

**Your support is building a world-class library  
with an abundance of resources**

I was born in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico. You know about the monarch butterfly sanctuary? We have libraries, but it's different. It's mostly for students. You have access to books, but you can't take copies home. Whatever you want to research, you need to write it down. We don't have videos, nothing like that. It's only books and not that many.

**Librarians help foster a deep connection to  
our library and lifelong love of reading**

The kids love Julie, the librarian here who teaches story time. She's been a really good influence on them. She has a gift for making them engage. It's been a big help for me because I don't have to push them to read. They just read. I'm really grateful for the people who work in the library. They always make me feel welcome. I think we're really, really lucky to have them.

My kids want to be volunteers here, too. The oldest one started last summer. He started with cleaning shelves. We love this place. We feel it's a part of us."





Our Library is a celebrated part of our community because of you! This National Library week, our Friends enthusiastically shared their love for our Library

## Thank you for being our Library's greatest champions

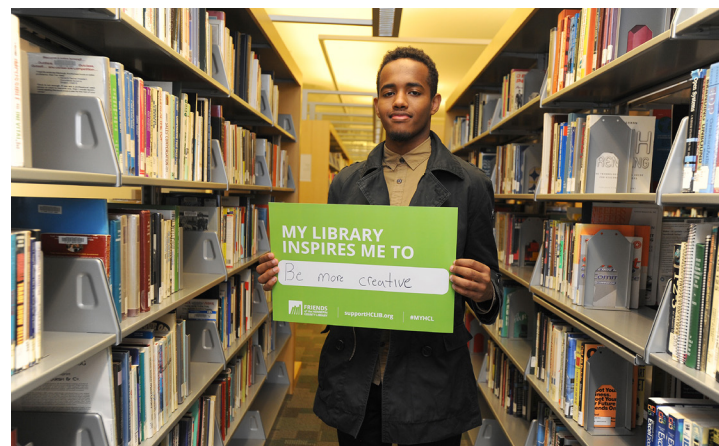
Every April, the American Library Association (ALA) leads National Library week, a celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries. Inspired by ALA's national celebration, we reached out to some of our local library supporters and asked them to tell us why they love our Library; how our

*"We love our Library because it's a place for our family to learn together."*

Library inspires them; and how spending time at our Library makes them feel.

Among all of the responses we received, there was one common thread: unanimous enthusiasm for our Library. Eight-year-old Elsa says, "I feel excited to learn and read when I'm at my Library." Hamza, a Teen Tech Center Squad mentor, says, "My Library inspires me to be more creative," and Abigail and her daughters Lillie and Emma say, "We love our Library because it's a place for our family to learn together."

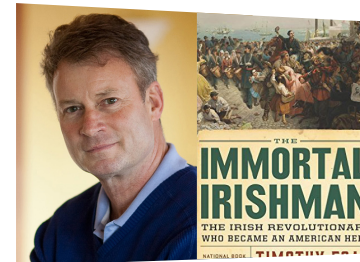
We are so grateful for each and every one of our library supporters for being champions of our Library and empowering it to be a leading force for good in our community. Thank you!



## Join us for our 2018-19 Season of Pen Pals!



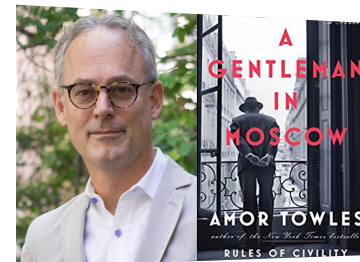
From book club favorites, to New York Times bestsellers, to National Book Award finalists, our 22nd season of Pen Pals will bring an exciting array of today's brightest literary talents to the stage in candid conversation.



### Timothy Egan

September 27, 2018 - 7:30 pm  
September 28, 2018 - 11 am

Timothy Egan is a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter, a popular columnist, and a National Book Award-winning author. His latest book is *The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero*.



### Amor Towles

October 11, 2018 - 7:30 pm  
October 12, 2018 - 11 am

Amor Towles is the author of *A Gentleman in Moscow*, a New York Times bestseller, hailed as one of the best books of 2016 by the Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, San Francisco Chronicle, and NPR.



### Min Jin Lee

October 25, 2018 - 7:30 pm  
October 26, 2018 - 11 am

Min Jin Lee's *Pachinko* (2017) was a finalist for the National Book Award. A New York Times Bestseller, *Pachinko* was a Top 10 Books of the Year for the New York Times, BBC, USA Today, San Francisco Chronicle, New York Public Library, and Chicago Public Library.



### Lauren Groff

February 7, 2019 - 7:30 pm  
February 8, 2019 - 11 am

Lauren Groff is a National Book Award Finalist and New York Times bestselling author of three novels: *The Monsters of Templeton*, *Arcadia*, and *Fates and Furies*, as well as the celebrated short story collection *Delicate Edible Birds*. Her highly anticipated novel, *Florida*, will be released in June.



### Celeste Ng

May 2, 2019 - 7:30 pm  
May 3, 2019 - 11 am

Celeste Ng is the author of *Everything I Never Told You*, a New York Times bestseller, and winner of the 2014 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. Her second novel, *Little Fires Everywhere*, was named a best book of the year by more than 25 publications.

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