



FRIENDS *of the*
Plymouth Library
HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

CHECK IT OUT!

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT



During normal times, the Friends would be excitedly publicizing our "Gorgeous Gardens" fundraiser, which was scheduled to take place in July. These are not normal times, however, and we are regrettably cancelling this year's tour. We hope to see you all touring beautiful gardens in 2021.

PLYMOUTH READS GOING FORWARD

The 2020 Plymouth READS events surrounding Leif Enger's "Virgil Wander" had hardly begun when the stay at home order was issued. We had one incredibly successful event- over 100 kids making paper kites that were displayed in the library foyer. All other scheduled events had to be cancelled. Any of you who visited the library during those open days in early March got to see the gorgeous kite displays from Dave Herzig, aka the Kite Man.

All is not lost. Our main, most important event, the visit from Leif Enger, will happen later this fall or winter. We are hoping to present some of the other cancelled events as well.

From the Plymouth Library Staff:

We are proud to have found a way to connect with our library community during these unprecedented times. The Plymouth Library is currently operating with six staff, who are working hard to gather materials and bring them to the curbside pickup so patrons can continue their access to the library collection while the building is closed.

Starting May 11, delivery service was extended to gather materials from the seven other libraries with curbside service, which will hopefully help get patrons' requests filled as soon as possible.

For now we will remain in this holding pattern, taking calculated steps forwards as appropriate. Additional library staff have been working remotely with Hennepin County Library teams to innovate library services for the near and far future.

On the horizon: four to six other locations offering some type of additional library services once they are safety is guaranteed, the potential of taking returns once it is safe to do so, and welcoming the new director for our library system, Chad Helton, who officially starts August 24, 2020.

Please know we miss you all. We look forward to the day we can see you again.

One of the benefits of staying at home is having more time to read. Below is a list of book recommendations from the Friends Board while we endure these troubled times:

Washington Black by Esi Edugyan

The Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Bear Town by Fredrik Backman

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin

Keep Going: 10 Ways to Stay Creative in Good Times and Bad by Austin Kleon

Dear Bob and Sue: One Couple's Journey Through the National Parks by Matt & Karen Smith

Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II by Vicki Croke

Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

Elinor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore

America for Beginners by Leah Franqui

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

Who Are We?

The Friends of the Plymouth Library (FPL) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to support the Plymouth Library by providing resources, promoting programs and services, and strengthening community. FPL volunteers also assist library staff with many activities throughout the year. Membership is open to all.

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All members are welcome at Board Meetings, which are held at the Plymouth Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Book Sale

For now there are no book sales and there are no book donations being accepted. When book sales return and book donations are being accepted, we will let everyone know well in advance. We miss them too.

More book recommendations:

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

Logical Family by Armistead Maupin

The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity by Katherine Boo

Peace Like a River by Leif Enger

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

Red Notice by Bill Browder

Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

Music: A Subversive History by Ted Gioia

We mourn the lost of our dear Board Member, Janet Munson. We will miss her smiling face, willingness to pitch in where needed, but most of all we will miss her friendship.

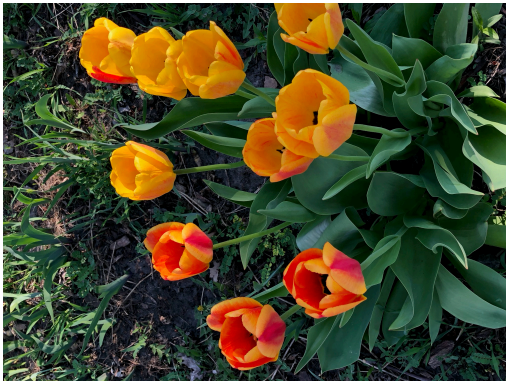
Upcoming Events at the Plymouth Library

Unfortunately there are no events that are planned at this time.

The book sales have been cancelled through the summer with September looking very doubtful as we want to keep everyone safe, workers and shoppers.

The Garden Tours have been cancelled this year.

For now all author talks and in-house library programs are cancelled.



The Garden Tour
will be missed!
Until next year!

FROM:

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TO