



**FRIENDS** *of the*  
**Plymouth Library**  
HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

# CHECK IT OUT!

## THE LIBRARY REOPENS! IT IS GRAB & GO!



Laurie Simenson, Maureen Frank, and Joyce Cobb are masked librarians (left to right).

On August 24th, the Plymouth Library reopened as what is called a Grab & Go library. Here is what that really means: Grab & Go libraries are open at a limited occupancy capacity. You will be allowed to browse the stacks, but masks are required, there will be no seating, and no meeting rooms will be available for use. There will be limited computer use (1 hour maximum). The hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On September 13th, there will be a shift in the hours. The library will be open Sunday - Thursday. Sunday the library will open at Noon and close at 5:00 p.m. Monday the library will open at Noon and close at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday, the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Limited reference (or help) will also be available.

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# Plymouth Library Celebrates 25th Anniversary

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In 1995, the residents of Plymouth, MN, celebrated the grand opening of the first-ever library in the city.

Months prior to the opening of the Plymouth Community Library, the Friends of the Library were organized and by September 17th, the day the library opened, the organization already had 87 paid members.

The Friends' first project was a book sale to raise funds to support the library. It was held on August 5, 1995, at Plymouth Covenant Church and raised \$1,666.10.

On a perfect sunny Sunday, more than 100 people attended the library grand opening. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Studs Terkel was the keynote speaker. He was "overwhelmed and enthused" by the attendance, according to the news reports at the time. More than 130 copies of his books sold during the autograph party afterwards.

More than 2,900 books were checked out that afternoon, and 95 new library cards were issued.

The Friends sponsored numerous programs for both children and adults in the month after the grand opening, and have continued their efforts over the years to support a pillar of the community that is a testament to the values we all share.

HAPPY 25th Birthday/Anniversary, Plymouth Library!!



Photos (Left to Right) #1 Charles Brown, library director. #2 Studs Terkel. #3 Library manager Cathy Fischer and Friends President Nancy Johnson.

### 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.

#### Board Members

President: Cathy Fischer

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Membership: Ellen Griffin

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Nominations: Katherine Jaeger

Directors: Shannon Banks, Margaret Bird,  
Kristin Blomquist, Claudia Hunter, Leslie  
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Library Liaison: Joanna Redman

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. (These will resume, hopefully, in the new year).

For more information:

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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.

#### Book recommendations:

The Glass House by Emily St. John Mandel

Nothing Gold Can Stay by Ron Rash

The Topeka School by Ben Lerner

Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

Riding Rockets by R. Mike Mullane

Category 5 by Philip S. Donlay

Good Time for the Truth (Race in Minnesota) edited by Sun Yung Sin

The Masterpiece by Fiona Davis

Anyone by Charles Soule

The Imortalist by Chloe Benjamin

America for Americans by Erika Lee

Please remember to continue your membership with Friends. The library will fully reopen and your membership dues are most important for the library to run those extremely valuable programs for community.

Another way of helping the library is through your purchases at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). There is no cost to you as Amazon donates a portion of the sale to Friends of the Plymouth Community Library & Mobile Sers Comm Group.  
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