



The success of the garden tour each year is dependent on the work of numerous volunteers, some of whom are pictured here. We also are grateful for the generosity of the host gardeners: Steven and Marta Volbrecht, Brian and Susan Shapiro, Leslee and Jeff Jaeger, Peggy Brakken Thal and Steve Thal, and Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. Our community partners, Lund's & Byerly's, Bachman's Plymouth, and Kaitlin McCoskey at the SunSailor newspaper also contributed greatly. A big thank you to all of them!

The Friends are searching for gorgeous gardens for our next tour. If you would like to nominate your own garden or that of a friend or neighbor, please contact us at [plymouth@supporthclib.org](mailto:plymouth@supporthclib.org).



## **PRINTED NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

Because of the rising prices of stamps and printing, our last newsletter reported that the mailing of physical copies of "Check It Out", the newsletter for the Friends of the Plymouth Library, would end with that issue (June 2022). After further discussion, the Board has decided to continue mailing out the physical copies until the end of this year. Beginning in 2023, the newsletter will only be emailed. This will give extra time for Friends members to contact us with their email addresses. We know, however, that there are some members who either don't have email access or have a difficult time using email. For those members we will make exceptions and continue to mail the newsletter, but you will need to contact us. Please send us your email to us at [plymouth@supporthclib.org](mailto:plymouth@supporthclib.org). If you don't have an email, please send us a note, with your US Post Office mailing address to us at: Friends of the Plymouth Library, PO BOX 46232, Plymouth, MN 55446, and let us know you want us to continue sending the printed newsletter. Email addresses will only be used to send you Friends information - no advertising or selling our email lists, promise. We will also provide a limited number of printed copies in the library. If you have contacted the Friends of the Plymouth Library about continuing your hard copy newsletter, you do not need to do it again.

## **Meet Aaron Albertson - New Supervisor at Plymouth Library**

### **What is your hometown?**

This is a tricky question. I've moved many times in my life. During my time of youth I lived in several places around Ohio, four years in New Jersey, and a few months in New York.

### **What is your current place of residence?**

Minneapolis

### **What is your job/job title at the Plymouth Library?**

Patron Experience Supervisor. Many people just say PES. Others just say supervisor.

### **What hobbies do you have?**

I like to live life in a pretty low-key way. I walk my dog, watch some tv, and drink tea while staring out windows. In the winter I play in a broomball league.

### **What are your favorite genres to read?**

Once my life included both full-time work and parenting. I cut back most of my reading to be whatever my children wanted. My youngest is now 14 and we still read a book together almost every night. She does most of the choosing of what we read, which is a lot of narrative non-fiction mixed in with some light-hearted fantasy and sci-fi.

### **What book has made the most impact on your life?**

*The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman* by Laurence Sterne. It's punk rock, just in a different medium and different time.

### **What are you really good at?**

Listening. Consensus building. Getting mildly impatient during awkward silences.

### **What do most people not know about you that you are willing to share?**

During the 1996 MLB baseball season I worked as a stadium vendor and sold more *Lemon Chills* at River Front Stadium in Cincinnati than anyone else.

### **What do you love about being a librarian?**

Highlighting stories and truths told by people who aren't the most frequently heard or read. Also, advocating and fighting for the rights and issues most closely associated with the field of librarianship, such as reducing and removing barriers to accessing information, the freedom of expression, and the right to privacy.

### **What do you love about working at the Plymouth Library?**

How very helpful, kind, and supportive everyone I have met here has been.

### **Anything else you would like to add?**

A big thank you to the Plymouth Friends for reaching out to me. I am looking forward to working with the people in this group. I am also looking forward to getting to better know people in our community.

## **Meet Courtney Kramer - New Supervisor at Plymouth Library**

**What is your hometown?**

Owatonna, MN

**What is your current place of residence?**

Saint Paul, MN

**What is your job/job title at the Plymouth Library?**

Patron Experience Supervisor

**What hobbies do you have?**

Being outside, traveling, cooking, watching sports

**What are your favorite genres to read?**

I like speculative fiction the most, but I also like books with unreliable narrators and plot twists.

**What book has made the most impact on your life?**

A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn. It gave a completely different perspective of American history than what I was taught growing up and was the first nonfiction book I read by choice as a young adult.

**What is your favorite book?**

I absolutely love The Lord of the Rings trilogy- sorry that's 3 books!

**What was the last great book you have read?**

Bunny by Mona Awad

**What are you really good at?**

I'm pretty good at spelling and remembering people's names.

**What do most people not know about you that you are willing to share?**

I've been to 4 continents and 13 countries (not including the US). My two favorite places I've visited are Italy and New Zealand.

**What do you love about being a librarian?**

As library staff we have the opportunity to help folks learn and access information to improve their lives. Our job is to make the library relevant for community members, and there's so much opportunity to be innovative and creative to provide library services.

**What do you love about working at the Plymouth Library?**

The Plymouth community loves the library! This is a busy place where there's always work to do. The staff is passionate about the work they do and care about helping every patron that walks through the door.

**Anything else you would like to add?**

I'm so excited to be working at Plymouth Library! Thank you for all the support you give to us and Hennepin County Library as a whole.



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 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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## Book Sale

The next book sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for Friends members and 10:00 a.m. for the general public. Our last book sale netted the Friends \$3600. I hope you found good books for the summer.

## Books recommended by the Board:

Becoming Trader Joe by Joe Coulombe

The Hummingbird by Stephen Kiernan

I don't want to get hurt, so I'll max out my defense (volume 3)  
by Yuumikan

The Dressmakers of Auschwitz by Lucy Adlington

Figure Eight by Jeff Nania

The Daughter of Doctor Moreau by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Dream Hunters by Yoshitaka Amano & Neil Gaiman

Blood Hollow by William Kent Krueger

Marrying the Ketchups by Jennifer Close

Death in a Strange Country by Donna Leon

While Justice Sleeps by Stacy Abrams

Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

The Five Dysfunctions of a Team by Patrick Lencioni

The Locked Room by Elly Griffiths

We Never Asked for Wings by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

The Gone World by Tom Sweterlitsch

World of Wonders by Aimee Nezhukumatathil

Let's Pretend This Never Happened by Jenny Lawson

South to America by Imani Perry

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

The Maid by Nita Prose

HAPPY READING!!!!

**Plymouth Library Hours of  
Operation**

The library is open Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m., and Sun. Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Another way of helping the library is through your purchases at smile.amazon.com. Using this access to Amazon sends a donation from Amazon to the charity of your choice, at no cost to you. Search for Friends of the Plymouth Community Library & Mobile Sers Comm Group.

**Bits and Bobs**

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**HyVee**

During the month of September, HyVee has selected the Plymouth Library again to receive \$1.00 for every \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" bag sold during the month.

**THANK YOU, MEMBERS!!**

This coupon entitles the member to one free book\* at the SEPTEMBER, 2022 book sale.

\*Coupon counts towards books only.

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