



Check It Out

Book Sale on Saturday July 12



The calm before the storm as the volunteer cashiers await a rush from the 9 AM members-only crowd at the May 10 book sale. Photo by Kerstin Beyer Lajuzan.

Another big Plymouth Library book sale is coming on July 12!
The Friends of the Plymouth Library will be selling hundreds and hundreds of adult and kid's books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs.

Books range in price from 50¢ to just \$2. From 2–3 PM, you can fill entire bags with books for \$5 per bag! Proceeds benefit the Plymouth Library and Friends programs and events.

New for this sale: We will be accepting Venmo for digital payments! We are happy to provide this new payment method for your convenience, but we do pay a small fee for each transaction, so we still encourage paying with cash or check to ensure 100% of your payment supports the library.

Sale Hours:

- 9–10 AM - Exclusive early access for Friends members (join at the door!)
- 10 AM–3 PM - Open to the general public
- 2–3 PM - Fill entire shopping bags with books for just \$5 per bag!

Sale takes place at the Plymouth Library, located at 15700 36th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446. Interested in volunteering for the sale or donating books? Flip to page 2 →

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Book Sale Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to...

- Transport boxes of books from storage to the book sale room on the morning of **Friday, July 11**
- Receive donated books and help set up the book sale on **Friday, July 11**
- Run the sale and clean up after the sale on **Saturday, July 12**

Please visit this link to view the online sign-up sheet: <http://fopl.link/volunteer-july2025>

Donation Days on July 5 and July 11

We will be accepting donations in the meeting room at the Plymouth Library on:

- **Saturday, July 5, from 10:30 AM–12 PM**
- **Friday, July 11, from 12–3 PM**

(Thank you for respecting these donation hours.)

We gladly accept gently used adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles. Unfortunately, we cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, video tapes, or audio tapes. Please read your shelves and bring us some goodies! Thank you for your contributions.

Plymouth Library Sees Highest Visitor Counts on Book Sale Days!

Plymouth Library Book Sale Day Visits	
Jan 11, 2025	2,131
Mar 15, 2025	1,902
May 10, 2025	1,389

Plymouth Library Monthly Visitors	
Mar '25	25,268
Apr '25	22,241
May '25	22,311

Plymouth Library Checkouts	
Mar '25	43,059
Apr '25	37,054
May '25	35,884

Plymouth Library Library Card Sign-ups	
Mar '25	344
Apr '25	228
May '25	226

Mid-Year 2025 Financial Update



Bernadeen Brutlag,
Treasurer

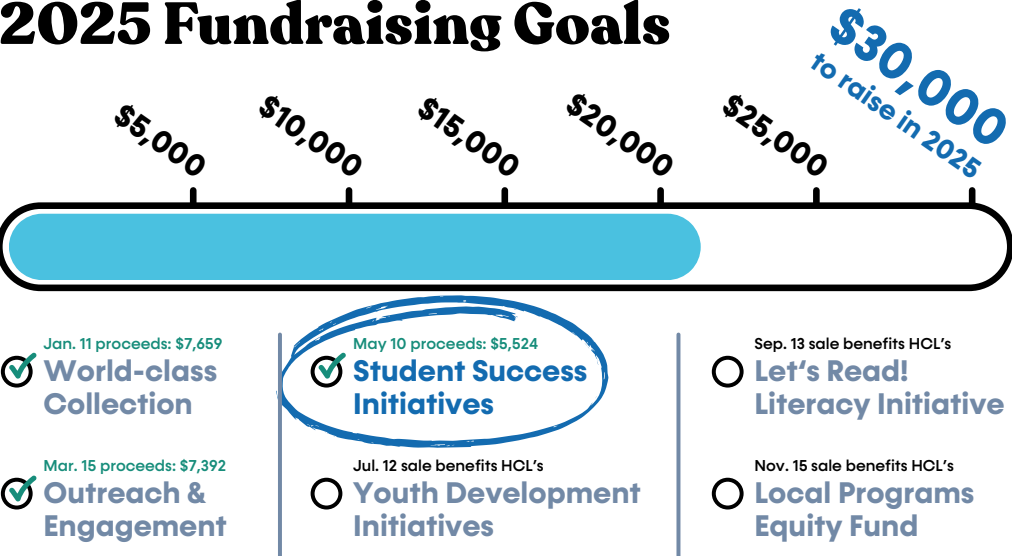
So far in 2025, we’ve had three book sales that brought in a total of \$20,570 (\$7,660 in January, \$7,390 in March, and \$5,520 in May). During these six months, we also received \$3,344 in donations from the Ready Reads carts of used books in the library lobby, and \$1,310 from memberships.

As was noted in our last Newsletter, we have transferred our membership process to the Friends of the Hennepin County Library (FHCL). This change means that the amount reported here for memberships will be our total for the year. Money received for dues is now going directly to FHCL and will continue to be used for the benefit of the Hennepin County Library.

From this year’s income, we’ve sent three grants totaling \$20,400 to the Friends of Hennepin County Library (FHCL). The first was for \$7,000 designated to be used for the World Class Collection, the second was for \$7,400 to support the Outreach and Engagement initiative, and third for \$6,000 supports Student Success, specifically the Let’s Read and Homework Help programs.

The financial support we are able to provide to the FHCL for the benefit of all 41 libraries is made possible by of all the enthusiastic shoppers at our book sales. We have *three* more sales this year. Hope to see you there!

2025 Fundraising Goals



LuAnn Svendsen Receives Recognition from HCL Leadership for 15 Years of Service to Plymouth READS

Scott Duimstra, Director of the Hennepin County Library, joined the Friends of the Plymouth Library Board meeting on June 3 to surprise Plymouth Reads Chair LuAnn Svendsen with a proclamation recognizing her 15 years of service leading Plymouth READS

The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, LuAnn Svendsen has been part of Plymouth Reads for all of its 15 years.

WHEREAS, LuAnn has been the “person in charge” due to her dedication in reading and selecting many books from local author so that the committee can make informed decisions.

WHEREAS, LuAnn has done a phenomenal job in leading committee decisions, compiling notes, and votes so that the committee can select a book each year.

WHEREAS, LuAnn has contacted authors, led the planning committee for local events, and worked to secure locations by partnering with the City of Plymouth.

WHEREAS, LuAnn's dedication to Plymouth goes beyond the Plymouth Reads program and includes her work on the Friends of the Plymouth Library Board and her volunteer work with the Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Hennepin County Library would like to recognize and congratulate LuAnn Svendsen on her dedication and work toward ensuring Plymouth Reads achieves its mission of sparking conversation, finding common ground, and fostering learning and discovery in Plymouth, MN.

Signed: Scott Duimstra
Library Director
Hennepin County Library



LuAnn Svendsen and HCL Director Scott Duimstra



Members of the Plymouth READS Committee (Cathy Fisher, Katherine Jaeger, Megan Kohls, Shannon Banks, LuAnn Svendsen, Carrie Almaer) with Scott Duimstra

Engaging History & Genealogy Programs at the Plymouth Library

History is more than dates and records—it's the foundation of our communities. At Plymouth Library, we invite you to step back in time and uncover the fascinating narratives that have shaped our world through two engaging discussion clubs that bring history and genealogy to life.

Whether your interest lies in historical deep dives or discovering your own ancestry, these programs offer an enriching way to connect with the past. Join us to uncover hidden stories, share knowledge, and be part of a growing community of history and genealogy enthusiasts.

History Discussion Club

Next event: August 13, 2025. [Register >>](#)

Ever wondered what it was like to live through a pivotal historical moment? The [History Discussion Club](#) lets you dive into the details of a different historical topic, event, or era each session. Before the discussion, participants can review a curated history packet filled with news articles, journal excerpts, and book snippets to spark meaningful conversation. Physical packets will be available at Plymouth Library's service desk, but reading every piece is not required—just bring your curiosity!

To enrich the experience, this program alternates monthly between Plymouth Library and the Old Town Hall, fostering a deeper connection with the community's past. In collaboration with the Plymouth History Center, these sessions provide a unique opportunity to engage in thought-provoking discussions and connect with fellow history enthusiasts.

Genealogy Discussion Club

Next event: August 20, 2025. [Register >>](#)

Curious about your roots? The [Genealogy Discussion Club](#) welcomes beginners and experienced researchers alike to discuss their family history journeys. Whether you've encountered challenges in tracing your lineage or had exciting breakthroughs, this club offers a space to share research tips and tricks with others passionate about genealogy.

While laptops are welcome for hands-on exploration, they are not required—just come ready to swap stories and knowledge! Like the History Discussion Club, this program is cohosted by the Plymouth Library and the Plymouth History Center and alternates locations between the library and the Old Town Hall.

Did you know that the library has many resources to help you with genealogy? Visit the [Online Ancestry Resources](#) pages, which includes free access to the Library Edition of Ancestry.com (available only in the library).



Plymouth Library

15700 36th Ave. N., Plymouth | 612.543.5825 | hclib.org

Ukulele Practice Time

Thursdays, July 17 – August 7, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For adults, but high schoolers welcome. Do you already know some ukulele basics but need more time with the instrument to build your skills? Drop in and practice while playing fun songs along with others. Resources for learning new chords, strum patterns, and songs will be available. Bring your own ukulele or use one of ours. Intended for beginner-level players; first-time ukulele players should start with the intro class Try Ukulele. No registration necessary.

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Tabletop Gaming!

Saturday, July 19, 2–3:30 p.m.

All ages. Calling all tabletop gamers! Challenge friends to classics such as Scrabble and Sorry! or explore new favorites from Ticket to Ride and Forbidden Island to Wizard and 5-Minute Dungeon. Play our games or bring your own. No tabletop gaming experience needed. Drop in.

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Plymouth Library Adult Events



15-Minute History: The Plymouth Library Monday, July 28, 2-2:30pm

The Plymouth Library has been in the Plymouth community for 30 years, learn a little about the two buildings, the bookmobile, the services and programs that the library has had over the years. A brief PowerPoint about the history of the Plymouth Library will be shown then people are welcome to share their memories of the library after the presentation. Register for one session: hclib.org/events



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Puzzle Exchange

Sunday, July 27, 1-2pm

Need a new puzzle? Bring a used jigsaw puzzle (please make sure all pieces are included) and swap it for someone else's! Puzzles can be from 100 to over 1,000 pieces. Sponsor: Friends of the HCL.

Monday Night Book Club

Second Monday of the month, 6-7pm

Join our discussion of new and interesting titles. Hosted by Antonio from Plymouth Library. Some lending copies will be available at the Plymouth Library service desk. Registration required: hclib.org/events

Titles:

July 14: *The Country of the Blind* by Andrew Leland

August 11: *The Storm We Made* by Vanessa Chan

(Continued!)

Plymouth Library Adult Events

Bring Your Own Book - Book Club

First Tuesday of the month, 6-7pm

Join us at Plymouth Library for a casual, commitment-free book club and discuss what books you are reading with the group. You may hear about books you'd like to read and ones you may not have considered before. **We will meet at the Plymouth Library from June-August** then return to Luce Line Brewing in September. Collaborator: Luce Line Brewing Company

Wednesday Afternoon Book Club

First Wednesday of the month, 2-3pm

Join our discussion of new and interesting titles. Hosted by Antonio from Plymouth Library. Some lending copies will be available at the Plymouth Library service desk. Drop in.

Titles:

July 2: *Destination Wedding* by Diksha Basu

August 6: *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang

History Discussion Club

Second Wednesday of the month, 2-3pm

Each session we will dive into a fascinating historical topic, event or era. We all read a history packet comprised of news articles, database journal excerpts and book snippets before the discussion. There will be some physical packets available at Plymouth Library by the service desk. You won't need to read everything but come ready to have a conversation. Every month we will alternate meeting at the Plymouth Library (Py) or at the Old Town Hall (OTH). Collaborator: Plymouth History Center. Register: hclib.org/events

Topics:

July: No meeting in July

August 13: Gratia Countryman and the Hennepin County Library (@Py)

Genealogy Discussion Club

Third Wednesday of the month, 2-3pm

Join the Genealogy Discussion Group to talk about all things genealogy! Each month we will talk about our research challenges and triumphs while sharing tips and tricks. You are welcome to bring your laptop but that is not required. This program will be cohosted by staff of the Plymouth Library and the Plymouth History Center and every month we will alternate meeting at Plymouth Library or at the Old Town Hall.

Collaborator: Plymouth History Center.

Location:

July: No meeting in July

August 20: Plymouth Library

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Knitting Club

Fridays, July 18; Aug. 1, 15 & 29; 2-4pm

For all skill levels. Make new friends while creating your own handmade masterpieces. Learn how to knit or practice new techniques. Bring your own needles and yarn. Register: hclib.org/events

Book Sale

Saturday, July 12, 9am-3pm

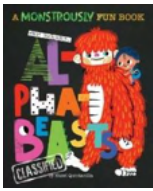
Members only first hour. Bag sale last hour. Proceeds benefit Hennepin County Library

Book Donations for Book Sales

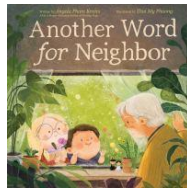
First Saturday of the month, 10:30am-12pm

Friday before book sale (July 11), 12-3pm

Summer Reads for Kids: Picture Books



Alpha-beasts
by Hazel Quintanilla
(k-gr2)



Another Word for
Neighbor by Angela
Pham Krans (pre-gr3)



The Baby Who Stayed
Awake Forever by Sandra
Salisbury (pre-gr2)



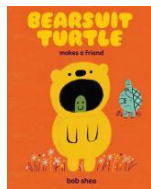
The Bad Idea and
Other Stories by Greg
Pizzoli (pre-gr2)



@ * The Bad Seed
Goes to the Library
by Jory John (k-gr2)



Bat and Sloth Hang
Around by Leslie
Kimmelman (gr1-3)



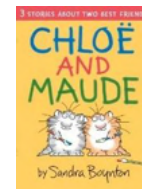
Bearsuit Turtle
Makes a Friend by
Bob Shea (pre-gr3)



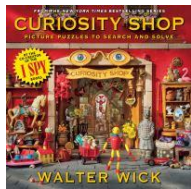
@ Best Reading
Buddies by Jane
O'Connor (k-gr2)



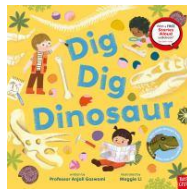
Cece Loves Science
by Kimberly Derting
(k-gr2)



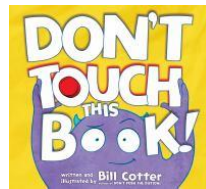
Chloe and Maude
by Sandra Boynton
(k-gr2)



Curiosity Shop
GV1507.P47 W5147
(pre-gr3)



Dig Dig Dinosaur
QE714.5 .G67
(pre-k)



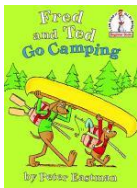
* Don't Touch this
Book by Bill Cotter
(pre-k)



* Fish and Worm
by Sergio Ruzzier
(pre-gr4)



A forest song
PS3558.A36957 F67
(pre-gr3)



* Fred and Ted Go
Camping by Peter
Eastman (pre-gr2)



Game On!
GV182.9 .L4
(k-gr2)



Good golden sun
by Brendan Wenzel
(pre-gr3)



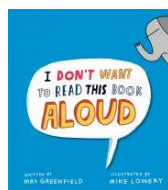
Guess What!?
by Mo Willems
(prek-gr2)



The Highlights Big
Book of Activities for
Little Kids GV1203
.H49 (pre-gr2)



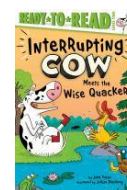
How to Pee Your Pants
by Rachel Wilson
(pre-k)



* I Don't Want to Read
this Book Aloud
by Max Greenfield
(pre-gr3)



If You Find a Fawn
QL763 .G55
(pre-gr1)



Interrupting Cow
by Jane Yolen
(k-gr2)



I Really Want the
Cake by Simon
Philip (pre-k)

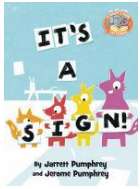
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Summer Reads for Kids: Picture Books (Continued!)



It's a Sign!
by Jarrett Pumphrey
(k-gr3)



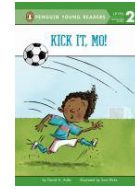
* Jabari Jumps
by Gaia Cornwall
(pre-gr3)



@ Jack Gets
Zapped! By Mac
Barnett (k-gr2)



@ *Just in Case You
Want to Fly by Julie
Fogliano (pre-gr2)



* Kick It, Mo!
by David A. Adler
(pre-gr2)



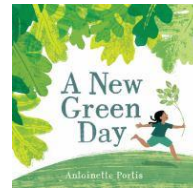
Kit and Kaboodle Go
Camping by Michelle
Portice (k-gr2)



* Let's Be Bees
by Shawn Harris
(pre-gr3)



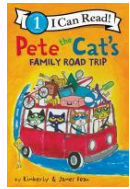
Natsumi's Song of
Summer by Robert Paul
Weston (pre-gr2)



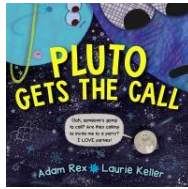
* A new green day
QH48 .P64 (pre-gr2)



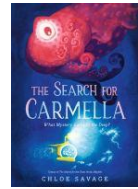
Papilio by Ben
Clanton (pre-gr2)



* Pete the Cat's
Family Road Trip by
Kim Dean (pre-gr3)



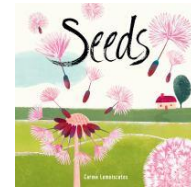
Pluto Gets the Call
by Adam Rex
(k-gr3)



The Search for
Carmella by Chloe
Savage (pre-gr2)



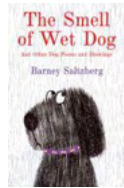
Seeds! QK661.L44
(pre-k)



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QK661.L44 (pre-k)



★ Shark Princess
by Nidhi Chanani
(pre-gr2)



The Smell of Wet Dog
PS3569 A462315
S64 (gr1-4)



Snakes Smell with
Their Tongues!
QL666.O6 F338 (k-gr2)



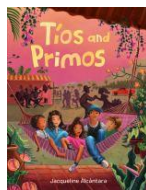
The Squish by
Breanna Carzoo
(pre-gr3)



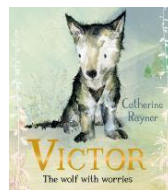
Stalactite &
Stalagmite by Drew
Beckmeyer (pre-gr3)



Stomp, Soar, Dino
Roar by Max Amato
(pre-gr3)



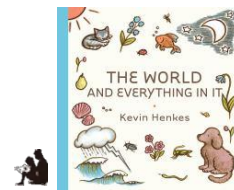
* Tíos and Primos
by Jacqueline
Alcántara (pre-gr3)



Victor : the wolf with
worries by
Catherine Rayner
(pre-gr3)



We Are Definitely
Human by X. Fang
(pre-gr3)



The World and
Everything in It by
Kevin Henkes
(pre-gr3)

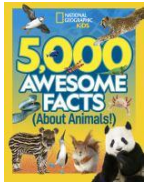
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Summer Reads for K-6: True Books & Graphic Novels



5000 Awesome Facts
(about animals!) QL49
.A179 (gr4-6)



Awesome Edible Kids
Crafts TX652.5 .B53
(p-gr6)



Big Book of Barf
RB150.N38 L67
(gr4-7)



The Big Book of
Mysteries AG244
.A385 (gr3-7)



* Backyard Adventure
GV191.62 .T58
(gr1-5)



★ * Bog Myrtle
by Sid Sharp
(gr2-6)



★ Book of Secrets!
By Bob McMahon
(k-gr3)



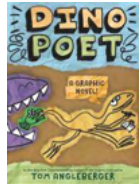
★ * Continental Drifter
by Kathy MacLeod
(gr3-7)



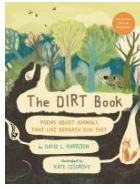
★ @ * Coolest Club
Ever! by Stephen
Shaskan (k-gr3)



Coolest Stuff on Earth
AG244 .R68
(gr1-6)



★ Dino Poet
by Tom Angleberger
(K-gr 3)



The Dirt Book
PS3558.A6657 D57
(gr2-4)



Don't Read this Book
Before Bed! BF1461
.C63745 (gr5-8)



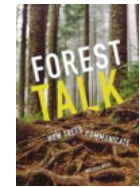
★ * Donut Feed the
Squirrels by Mika
Song (k-gr2)



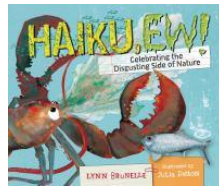
★ * Escape From Mr
Lemoncello's Library
by Chris Grabenstein
(gr3-7)



★ Expedition Backyard
by Rosemary Mosco
(k-gr3)



Forest Talk
QK725 .K63
(gr4-8)



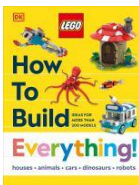
Haiku, Ew!
PS3602.R8464 H35
(gr4-6)



* Hello, Puddle!
QH541.5.F7 S26
(pre-gr3)



Herbal Activities for
Kids TT157 .B785195
(gr2+)



* How to Build
Everything
TS2301.T7 D5754
(gr2-6)



★ * Ink Girls by
Marieke Nijkam
(gr3-7)



★ * Invisible by
Christina Diaz
Gonzalez (gr3-7)



★ Isla to Island by
Alexis Castellanos
(gr5+)



Just Joking Jumbo
PN6166 .J875
(gr3-7)

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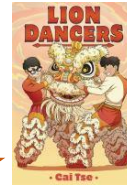
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Katie and the
Cupcake Cure by
Coco Simon (gr3-7)



@ * Killer Underwear
Invasion! PN4784.F27
G74 (gr3-7)



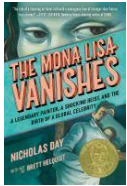
* Lego Amazing But
True TS2301.T7
D683 (gr2-6)



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Lion Dancers
by Cai Tse
(gr 4-6)



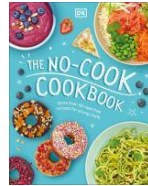
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@ * The Mona Lisa
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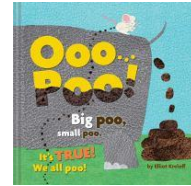
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Lincoln (gr4-6)



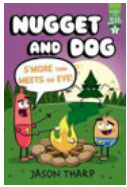
No-cook Cookbook
TX830 .W66
(gr2-4)



On the Space
Station TL797.15
.B766 (gr1-2)



Ooo...Poo!
QL768 .K74
(preK-gr1)



S'more than Meets
the Eye by Jason
Tharp (K-gr3)



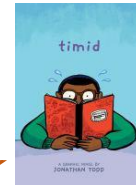
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by Nidhi Chanani
(gr3-7)



That's Fact-tastic!
AG244 .T43
(gr3-7)



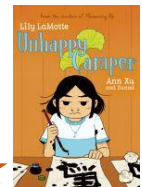
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* Things in the
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Timid
by Jonathan Todd
(gr3-7)



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Took by Mary
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(gr4-8)



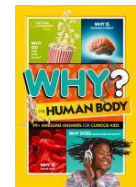
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* Unhappy Camper
by Lily LaMotte
(gr 6+)



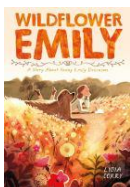
Weird but True!
World 2025 AG244
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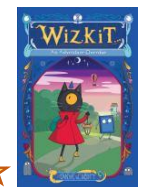
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@ * When Stars are
Scattered by Victoria
Jamieson (gr4-8)



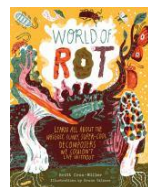
Why? The Human
Body QP37 .T585
(gr3-7)



★
* Wildflower Emily
by Lydia Corry
(gr 3-5)



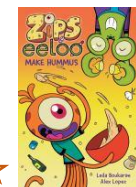
★
* Wizkit
by Tanya J. Scott
(gr4-6)



World of Rot
QH530.5 .C76
(gr4+)



★
Yummy a history of
desserts by Victoria
Elliott (gr 3-7)



★
* Zips & Eeloo Make
Hummus by Leila
Boukarim (gr1-5)

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Summer Reads for K-6: Fiction



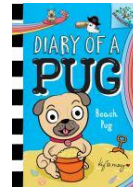
* Ace Takes Flight
by Cory McCarthy
(gr4-6)



The Age of
Enchantment
by Anna James (gr3-7)



Bad Panda
by Swapna Haddow
(gr2-3)



* Beach Pug
by Kyla May
(k-gr2)



@ * Ben Yokoyama and
the Cookie of Doom by
Matthew Swanson (gr 3-7)



Big Bigfoot's Secret
Vacation Choose Your
Own Adventure (gr1-3)



Bumps in the Night
by Amalie Howard
(gr4-7)



@ * The Creature of
the Pines by Adam
Gidwitz (3-7)



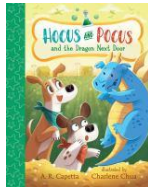
@ * Empty Smiles
by Katherine Arden
(gr5-8)



The Haunted
Mustache by Joe
McGee (gr5+)



* A Hero's Guide to
Summer Vacation by
Pablo Cartaya (gr 3-7)



Hocus and Pocus
and the Dragon Next Door
by AR Capetta (k-gr3)



@ * The Forbidden
Stone by Tony
Abbott (gr5-8)



@ * The Guardian
Test by Christina
Soontornvat (gr3-7)



* Hide and Don't
Seek by Anica
Mrose Rissi (gr4-6)



@ * How to Win a
Slime War by Mae
Respicio (gr3-7)



The Infinite
by Patience Agbabi
(gr4-6)



* Into the Cave of
Thieves by Ralph
Lazar (gr2-5)



@ It's the End of the
World and I'm in my
Bathing Suit by Justin
A Reynolds (gr3-7)



@ * Just Keep Walking,
by Erin Soderberg
Downing (gr 4-7)



@ * Kareem Between
by Shifa Saltagi Safadi
(gr5+)



@ * Karthik Delivers
by Sheela Chari
(gr 5-9)



@ * Kingdom Over
the Sea by Zohra
Nabi (gr3-7)



@ Klawde
by Johnny Marciano
(gr5+)



Kondo and Kezumi
Visit Giant Island
by David Goodner
(gr1-3)

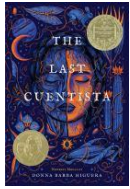
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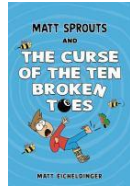
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Summer Reads for K-6: Fiction (Continued!)



The Last Cuentista
by Donna Barba
Higuera (gr5+)



@ * Matt Sprouts and
the Ten Broken Toes
by Matt Eicheldinger
(gr2-8)



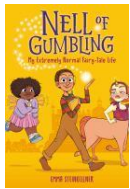
Medusa by
Katherine Marsh
(gr3-6)



@ Mindy Kim and the
Yummy Seaweed
Business by Lyla Lee
(gr1-3)



* Monsters in the
Mist by Juliana
Brandt (gr5+)



My Extremely Normal
Fairy-tale Life by
Emma Steinkellner
(gr4+)



* Mystery in Rocky
Mountain National
Park by Aaron
Johnson (gr3-6)



@ * Mystery of the
All-seeing Eye by
Max Mason (gr3-7)



New Powers Every
24 Hours by Mary
Winn Heider (gr3-7)



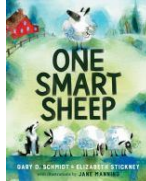
@ * No Place for
Monsters by Kory
Merritt (gr4-6)



@ * Odd Gods
by David Slavin
(gr4-6)



@ * Oliver's Great
Big Universe by
Jorge Cham (gr3-7)



@ * One Smart
Sheep by Gary
Schmidt (gr 2-5)



@ * Onyeka and the
Academy of the Sun
by Tola Okogwu
(gr3-7)



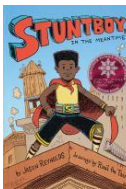
@ * Seashell Key
by Lourdes Heuer
(k-gr3)



*Sofia Acosta Makes
a Scene by Emma
Otheguy (gr3-7)



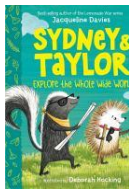
* Strangeworlds
Travel Agency by LD
Lapinski (gr3-7)



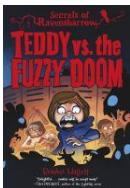
@ * Stuntboy, in the
Meantime by Jason
Reynolds (gr2-6)



* The Swag is in the
Socks by Kelly
Baptist (gr 3-7)



* Sydney and Taylor
Explore the Whole Wide
World by Jacqueline
Davies (gr1-4)



Teddy Vs. the Fuzzy
Doom by Braden
Hallett (3-6)



@ Theo Tan and the
Fox Spirit by Jesse
Sutanto (gr 3-7)



* Vacation
by Ame Dyckman
(gr2-3)



* Warrior Girl by
Carmen Tafolla
(gr5+)



@ * Winston Chu vs
the whimsies by
Stacey Lee (gr3-7)

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Summer Reads for Teens



@ * Akata Witch
by Nnedi Okorafor
(gr6+)



@ * All the Noise
at Once
by DeAndrea Davis
(gr8+)



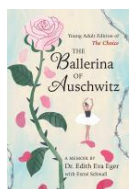
@ * Alone Out Here
by Riley Redgate
(gr9+)



@ * As Easy as Falling
off the Face of the
Earth by Lynne Rae
Perkins (gr6-8)



@ * Aurora Rising by
Amie Kaufman and
Jay Kristoff (gr7+)



@ * The Ballerina
of Auschwitz
BF109.E37 A3 (gr8+)



@ * Banned Together
Z711.4 .B266
(gr7+)



@ * Be Dazzled
by Ryan La Sala
(gr9+)



★ * Bloom
by Kevin Panetta
(gr9+)



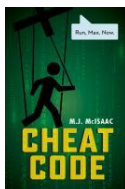
★ Bocchi the Rock! v1
by Aki Hamazi
(gr7+)



@ * Boys With Sharp
Teeth by Jenni Howell
(gr9+)



* Caught in a Bad
Fauxmance by Elle
Gonzalez Rose (gr7+)



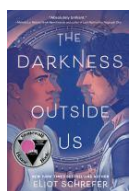
Cheat Code
by MJ McIsaac
(gr6+)



* A Complicated Love
Story Set in Space
by Shaun David
Hutchinson (gr9+)



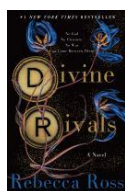
* Creative Crafts
for Teens
TT160 .P4655
(gr7+)



@ * The Darkness
Outside Us by Eliot
Schrefer (gr9+)



* A Deathly
Compendium of
Poisonous Plants
QK100.A1 H569 (gr7+)



@ * Divine Rivals
by Rebecca Ross
(gr9+)



@ * Everything We
Never Had
by Randy Ribay
(gr9+)



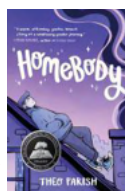
@ * A Fragile
Enchantment
by Allison Saft
(gr7+)



@ * The Hedgewitch
of Foxhall
by Anna Bright
(gr9+)



@ * Heiress Takes All
by Emily Wibberley
(gr9+)



★ @ * Homebody
by Theo Parish
(gr7+)



The Home Edit
for Teens
TX309 .S546
(gr6+)



How to Draw Manga
NC1764.5.J3
Y36 (gr7+)

Awesome Books for Kids & Teens

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Summer Reads for Teens (Continued!)



How to Tell a True Story by Tricia Springstubb (gr5-8)



Hunger's Bite by Taylor Robin (gr7+)



An Illustrated History of Urban Legends GR78 .B63 (gr9+)



I Run to Make My Heart Beat by Rachel Khan (gr9+)



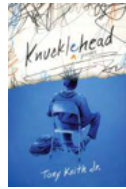
@ * The Kindred by Alechia Dow (gr8+)



@ * Kingdom of the Wicked by Kerri Maniscalco (gr8+)



* Kirby's Lessons for Falling (in Love) by Laura Gao (8+)



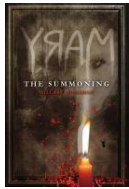
* Knucklehead PS3611.E3693 K68 (gr9+)



Lady Sunflower PS3619.H834 L33 (gr10+)



@ * Lions Legacy by Lev AC Rosen (gr7+)



Mary: the Summoning by Hillary Monahan (gr7-10)



The Notorious Virtues by Alwyn Hamilton (gr7+)



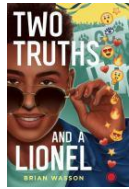
Raised by Ghosts by Briana Loewinsohn (gr7+)



* Strange Bedfellows by Ariel Slamet Ries (gr10+)



@ * The Taking of Jake Livingston by Ryan Douglass (gr7+)



* Two Truths and a Lionel by Brian Wasson (gr8+)



@ * Victories Greater than Death by Charlie Jane Anders (gr9+)



Voyage de Gourmet by Paul Tobin (gr7+)



* We Are Villains by Kacen Callender (gr9+)



@ * When the Bones Sing by Ginny Myers Sain (gr8+)



@ * When the Sky Fell on Splendor by Emily Henry (gr6+)



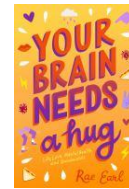
* Witch Hat Atelier by Kamome Shirahama (gr6+)



@ * The Woman All Spies Fear Z103.4.U6 G74 (gr8+)



@ * You Don't Have a Shot by Racquel Marie (gr10+)



Your Brain Needs a Hug RA790 .E27 (gr9+)

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Awesome Events for Kids & Teens

Baby Storytime

Mondays, **July 14-August 18**, 10am

No registration required. For children from birth to 24 months and their caregivers. Talk, sing, read, write and play together. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement in a format especially designed for babies.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, **July 10-31**, 10-10:45am

No registration required. For children of all ages and their caregivers. Talk, sing, read, write and play together. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

PreK Fridays!

Fridays, **June 13-Aug 15**, 10-10:30am

For toddlers and PreKs and their favorite grownups. Drop by the patio for a different fun activity every week! **No registration required.**

Camp Create

Wed, **July 23**, 2-3pm

K-grade 6 and their families. Bring your sense of wonder and experiment with STEM activities, create art out of unexpected materials, and more. A different activity every time. All materials provided. **No registration required.**

Preschool Playdate: theme TBD

Tuesday, **Aug 5**, 2:30pm

For Kids and their families. A fun afternoon for the whole family! Come enjoy fun games and other adventures! **No registration required.**

Summer Book Buddies!

Mondays, **June 30 – Aug 11**, 2:30-3:30pm

Drop in anytime and practice your reading with one of our teen volunteers!

No registration required.

Preschool and Elementary

Kids' Escape Rooms

Wed, **July 16**, 1:00pm and 3:00pm

Fri, **August 22**, 1:00pm and 3:00pm

For those who have finished 2 - 5 grades Challenge yourself and your co-escapies to solve the puzzles and escape the Room before the clock runs down.

Registration required

LEGO Lab

Tues **July 22**, 11am-12pm

Calling all future engineers and architects! We've got the bricks, but we need you to bring your imagination. No experience necessary. We'll also have DUPLOS®, so all ages are welcome. **No registration required.**



Read with an Animal

Tuesday, **July 15**, 11am-12:30pm

For kids entering grades 1-3. Cuddle up with a certified therapy animal and practice reading aloud. Sign up when you arrive for a 15-minute slot. Collaborator: North Star Therapy Animals (NSTA). **No pre-registration required.**

For complete programming information:

www.hclib.org/events

Awesome Events for Kids & Teens

(Continued!)

All Ages

Tabletop Gaming

Sat, July 19, 2-3:30pm

Bring a friend and enjoy your favorite card game, board game, Switch and more. Play an old favorite or learn a new one. No registration required

Game On!

Thurs, July 3, 2-4pm

Bring a friend and enjoy your favorite card game, board game, Switch and more. Play an old favorite or learn a new one. No registration required

Snake, Rattle, and Roll

Mon, July 7, 1-1:45pm

Learn about the reptiles and amphibians that call Minnesota and Wisconsin home. The audience will get to watch a salamander eat, debunk turtle myths, touch snakes, and more! **Young children should attend with an adult.**

DIY Book Club Kits for Kids and Teens

Host your own book club with friends and family this summer! We'll provide the questions and activities to get your club started—pick up packets for grades K-2, grades 3-5, or Teen at the library main desk. Different titles will be available for each grade level each month, June-August, while supplies last!

Story Strolls

Experience stories in a whole new way in the great outdoors! Watch the patio for a new story stroll each month, June – August!

Read Write Draw

All summer in the library

For kids entering grades K-5!

Drop off a review of books you're reading (forms can be found in the library!) to enter our weekly drawing. Get a free book the first time you enter, keep entering all summer for a chance to win again!

Best Book Ever

All summer in the library

For teens entering grades 6-12!

Drop off a review of books you're reading (forms can be found in the library) to enter our weekly drawing. Get a free book the first time you enter, keep entering all summer for a chance to win again!

TEEN

Teen Anime Club

Fri, July 25, and Thurs, Aug 28,

3-4:30pm for teens entering grades 6-12.

Come watch anime, talk manga, eat snacks, and connect with other teens who share your interests! **No registration required.**

Teen Labs

For teens entering grades 6-12.

Run by teens FOR teens. All supplies provided.

Registration required.

Wed July 9, Make Your Own Ice Cream! 1-2:30pm

Make homemade ice cream while watching a teen-selected movie!

Thurs, July 17, Shrinky Dinks 1-2:30pm

make necklaces and/or keychains from shrinking plastic. Create your own design or trace from designs provided.

Wed, Aug 6, Cookie Decorating 1-2:30pm

Decorate some cookies then nom away while watching a teen-selected movie!

Fri, Aug 8, Mario Kart Tournament! 1-3pm

Go head-to-head in a race for the finish. A fun afternoon of racing and games!

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Did You Know?

Use your library card to reserve free or discounted tickets to a wide range of arts experiences

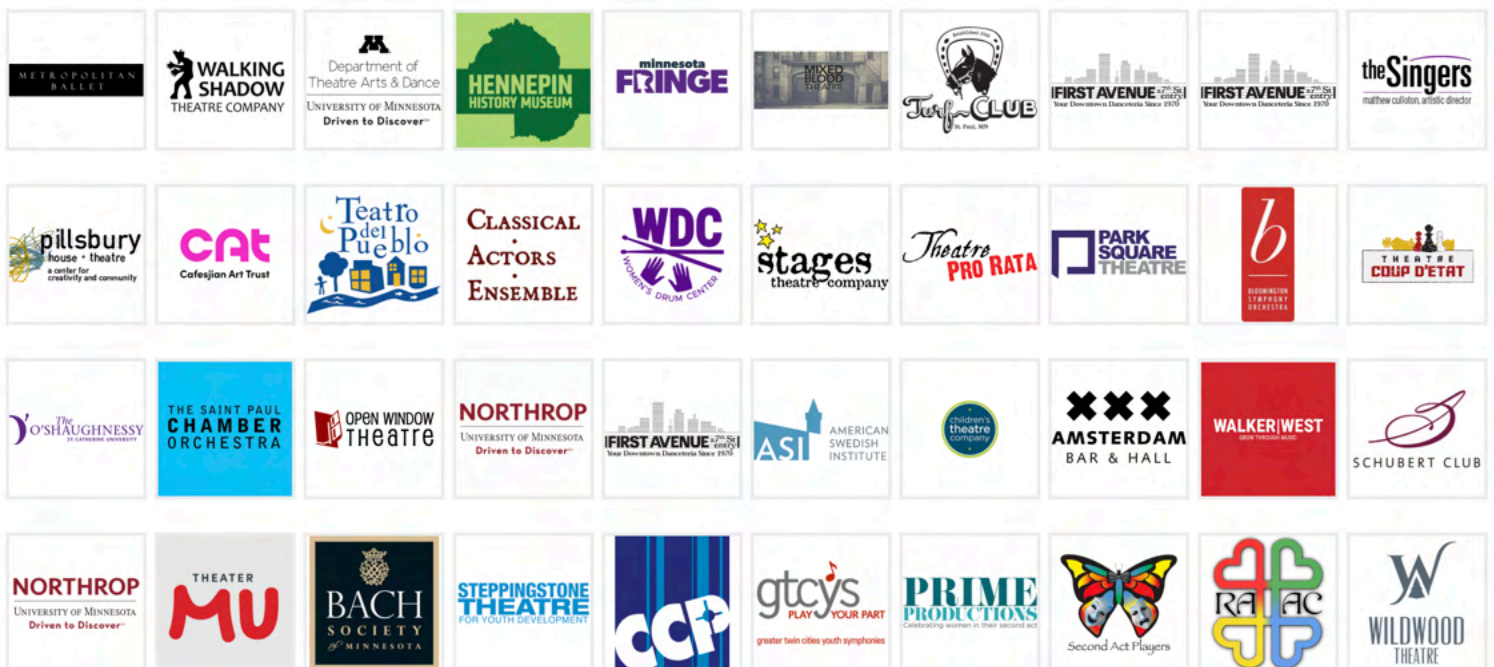
The same way you enlarge your world through attending programs at your library and checking out a wide range of resources, you can broaden your cultural experiences beyond the library's walls through smARTpass, an arts access website offering free and discount admissions to a variety of Twin Cities cultural destinations.

How it works:



Visit <https://smartpass.melsa.org/> then log in with your library card and pin

The smARTpass arts partners have generously agreed to offer a substantial number of free admissions - they are NOT reimbursed for these. Without their willingness to provide free admissions, smARTpass would not exist!



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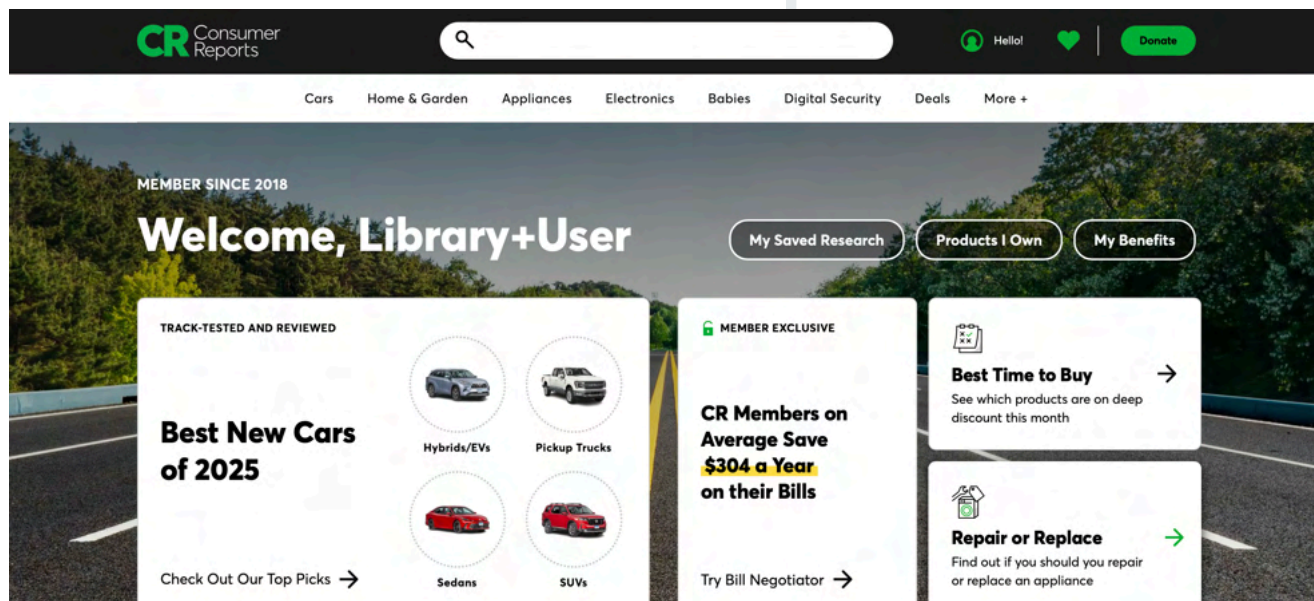
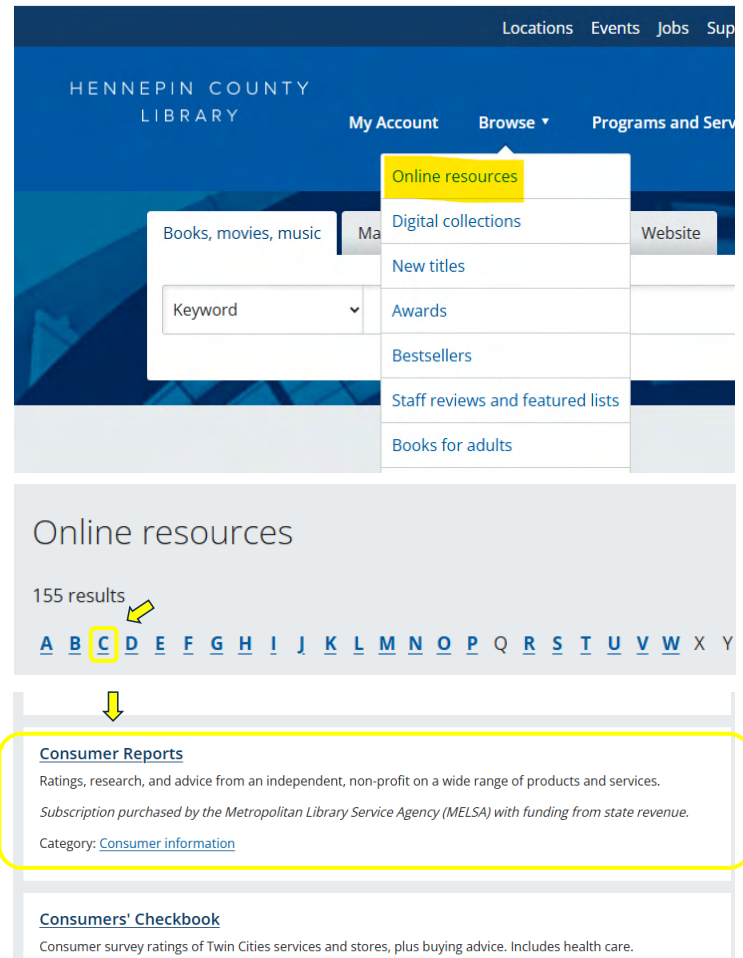
Hennepin County Library patrons now have free access to the content available on ConsumerReports.org!

The ConsumerReports.org database has been added to the Online Resources collection, in addition to the previously available articles from the print version of the magazine.

The subscription is paid by the [Metropolitan Library Service Agency \(MELSA\)](#) with funding from state revenue.

Four easy steps to access this free resource:

1. Go to hclib.org and click on "Browse" then "Online resources"
2. Click the letter "C" to navigate the alphabetical list of online resources
3. Scroll down to Consumer Reports and click the link
4. Log in with your library card number and pin

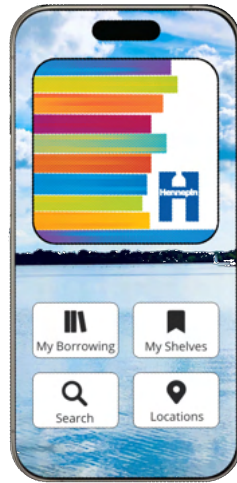


Did You Know?

Download the new HCL App

Explore the library wherever you are with the new Hennepin County Library mobile app.

- Display your barcode
- Manage multiple accounts
- Discover library events



Available for Apple and Android devices



<http://fopl.link/hcl-appstore>



<http://fopl.link/hcl-googleplay>

At Home Service

A free service for any Hennepin County resident unable to visit the library due to illness, disability or visual impairment.

Call 612-543-8850 or apply online at www.hclib.org/outreach

Ask Us Service

Your library. Here for you.

- **Call:** 612-543-KNOW (5669)
- **Chat or email:** www.hclib.org/askus
- **Text:** 612-400-7722

Get a free library card

All Hennepin County residents are encouraged to get their own individual library cards!

Visit one of the 41 Hennepin County libraries — or get a card online, instantly. Scan to sign up for your free library card or visit www.hclib.org/card



Free things to do with your library card

- Borrow from a collection of more than **4 million items**.
- Watch **movies and TV shows** on your mobile device.
- Stream or download **music** from Minnesota artists on MNspin.
- Learn over 70 **languages** online.
- Listen to 100,000+ **audiobooks for adults, teens, and children**.
- Print up to \$5 of **free printing** each week.
- Connect to **Wi-Fi** in welcoming library spaces.
- Study with online or in-person **homework help** tutors.
- Reserve a **meeting room** for yourself or a group.

Accurate as of February 2025. Available services subject to change at any time.

Member Updates

How to Become a Member

The Friends of the Plymouth Library has officially transitioned to a joint membership program with Friends of the Hennepin County Library, which comes with changes to our membership dues.

Going forward, your gift of any amount that's meaningful to you gets you membership for a year from the date of your gift.

We suggest an annual donation of \$25 or more. If you can give any amount on a recurring basis, that makes an even bigger impact as it gives us some predictability in our fundraising.

To our current and renewing members: thank you!

To our prospective members: we hope you'll join us today! Scan the QR code or visit the website on the right side of this page to join, or visit us at our next book sale to join at the door.



Thank you, Members!

This coupon entitles the Member to one FREE book* at the July 2025 book sale.

**Coupon counts towards books only.*

Maximum value \$2. Must present coupon to cashier at checkout.

Enjoy the Perks of Being Friends

All members receive these special benefits:

Discounts at Local Bookstores and Library Friends Events

- Fuel your literary love with a 10% discount at [select area bookstores](#).
- See your favorite authors live with discounts to [Pen Pals](#) and more.

Special Invites

Have fun with your friends by attending member-only events and members-only preview hours at local library book sales, including Plymouth!

This Plymouth Friends Newsletter

Includes this coupon for a free book at our next sale on July 12! Look for these coupons in every Friends of the Plymouth Library newsletter, sent exclusively to our members before each sale.

The Friends of HCL Newsletter

Receive the latest library and Friends news in the fun and informative [Friends of the Hennepin County Library newsletter](#) along with one-of-a-kind bookmarks!

Ready to join or renew?

Give now at

supporthclib.org/join-plymouth



IMPORTANT: Be sure to select Plymouth as your favorite library when you fill out the form to register as a Plymouth member

Epilogue

Board Meetings

All members are welcome at Board meetings, which are held at the Plymouth Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6–8 PM unless otherwise announced.

Recurring Donation Days

Donations of gently used adult and children’s books, DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles are accepted the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM to noon in the meeting room at the Plymouth Library. Donations are also accepted the Friday before each book sale, from 9 AM to 3 PM, with one exception: *on July 11, donations will only be accepted from 12 PM to 3 PM.*

Growing Our Endowment

In 2022, the Friends of Plymouth Library established an endowment fund to support the Hennepin County Library collection well into the future. When we have extra funds, we contribute them to the endowment. Did you know you can contribute, too? There are three options that are commonly used by individuals to help grow an endowment:

- 1. Making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD)
- 2. Including the fund in an estate plan
- 3. Making a legacy gift

Please consider these when making your charitable giving decisions this year. For questions, please contact us at plymouth@supporthclib.org or write us at: Friends of the Plymouth Library, P.O. Box 46232, Plymouth, MN 55446.

Plymouth Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday 9 AM–5 PM
Sunday 12 PM–5 PM

Upcoming library closures: Friday, July 4; Monday, September 1

Who are we?

The Friends of the Plymouth Library 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. FOPL volunteers also assist library staff with many activities throughout the year. Membership is open to all.

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