



Check It Out

Book Sale on Saturday Mar. 15



Eager 9 AM shoppers browse the selection during the members-only hour of our January 11 sale. Thank you, members!

Another big Plymouth Library book sale is coming on March 15! 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.

Sale Hours:

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

Cash or check only, please. We do not yet have a solution for accepting credit cards or digital payments.

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...

- Move books from storage to the library on **Thursday, March 13**
- Receive donated books and help set up the book sale on **Friday, March 14**
- Help run the sale on **Saturday, March 15**


Please visit this link to view the online sign-up sheet: <http://fopl.link/volunteer-march2025>

Donation Day on March 14

We will be accepting donations in the meeting room at the Plymouth Library on Friday, March 14, from 9 AM–3 PM. 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 ended 2024 with a bang	Plymouth Library Visitors in 2024	Plymouth Library Checkouts in 2024	Plymouth Library Pages Printed in 2024
	178,442	492,060	285,006

January 2025 was a strong month for the Plymouth Library	Plymouth Library Book Sale Day Visits		Plymouth Library Total Checkouts		Plymouth Library Library Card Sign-ups	
	Sep 14, 2024	2,216	Nov '24	37,730	Nov '24	212
	Nov 16, 2024	2,086	Dec '24	33,382	Dec '24	190
	Jan 11, 2025	2,131	Jan '25	40,108	Jan '25	242

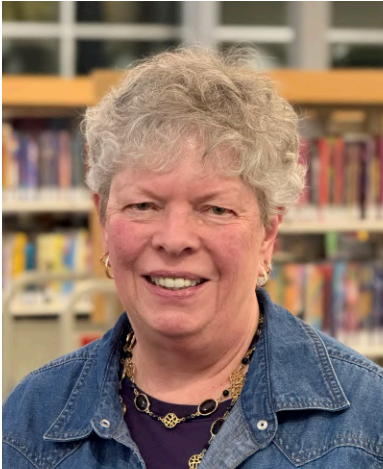


Thank you, Members!

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

*Coupon counts towards books only. Maximum value \$2. Must present coupon to cashier at checkout.

2025 Year-to-date Financial Highlights



Bernadeen Brutlag,
Treasurer

We've started 2025 strong with our three income streams:

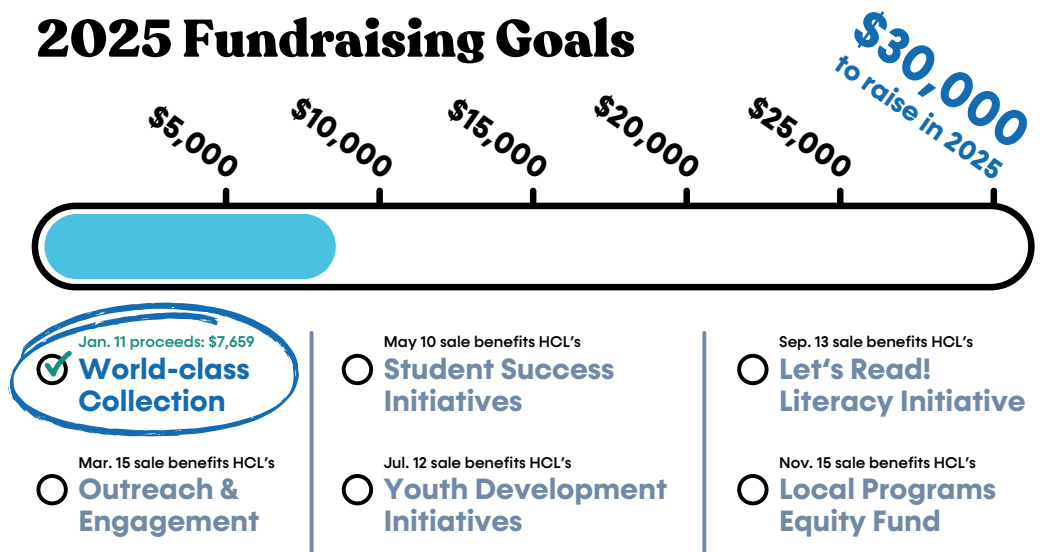
- Our January book sale brought in \$7,659. This sale is in our top three most successful book sales and was our largest January sale on record.
- Donations received from the Ready Reads carts of used books in the library lobby brought in \$1,200 in just two months.
- Memberships accounted for another \$775.

From our income, we've sent a grant to the Friends of Hennepin County Library (FHCL) in the amount of \$7,000 designated to be used for the collection, which benefits all 41 libraries. The graphic below describes how the remaining book sales will benefit the Library.

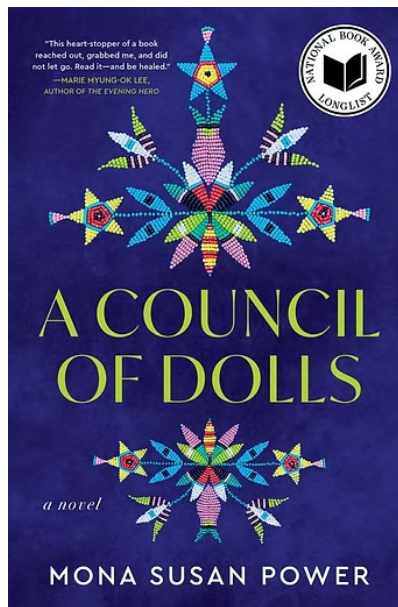
At the end of 2024, the Friends of the Plymouth Library received a generous \$5,000 donation from one individual. That donation has been sent as a grant to the FHCL designated to be used for local programs at the Plymouth Library.

The Friends of the Plymouth Library \$25,000 endowment fund that was set up in November 2022 has a value of \$30,461 at the end of 2024. This endowment is designated for the collection. The first appropriation will occur in the first quarter of 2026.

2025 Fundraising Goals



Plymouth READS



Plymouth READS: Author Mona Susan Power

Thursday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.
Plymouth Community Center

Join us on April 10 at the Plymouth Community Center for a conversation with Mona Susan Power, author of the 2025 Plymouth READS selection. The critically acclaimed “A Council of Dolls” is a “multilayered novel encompass[ing] three generations of Dakota women, delivering a family saga filled with pain and trauma while highlighting their resilience and enduring love.” Includes time for Q&A. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Drop in – no registration necessary.

In its 15th year, Plymouth READS seeks to spark conversation, build community, and foster learning and discovery in Plymouth by rallying readers around a single book. Copies of the book are available at Plymouth Library.

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Plymouth READS

Mona Susan Power

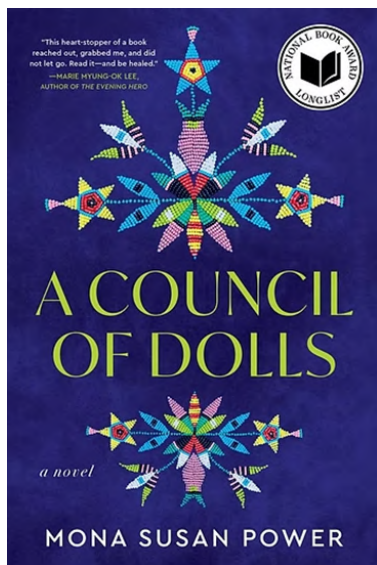


author photo by Ted Hall

Mona Susan Power is the author of four books of fiction, including *A Council of Dolls* (winner of the Minnesota Book Award, longlisted for the National Book Award), *The Grass Dancer*, *Roofwalker*, and *Sacred Wilderness*. She's a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School, and the Iowa Writers' Workshop. She is also the recipient of several grants in support of her writing.

Mona is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (Ihąŋkǎŋwaŋna Dakhóta), born and raised in Chicago. She currently lives in Minnesota.

A Council of Dolls



"This multilayered novel encompasses three generations of Dakota women, delivering a family saga filled with pain and trauma while highlighting their resilience and enduring love. Power, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, writes with deep compassion for her complicated characters, especially the strong daughters of flawed mothers—a lineage of women whose magical childhood dolls hold their secrets and help them survive."

-*People* magazine. "Book of the Week." August 28, 2023, Vol. 100 Issue 9, p31.

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Plymouth READS



15 Years of Plymouth READS!

Now is your chance to catch up on any great Plymouth READS books you missed! Copies are available to check out.

In its 15th year, Plymouth READS seeks to spark conversation, build community, and foster learning and discovery in Plymouth by rallying readers around a single book. The 2025 Plymouth READS selection is Mona Susan Power's "A Council of Dolls."

Scan QR code to learn more about past titles and the 2025 selection at plymouthreads.org:



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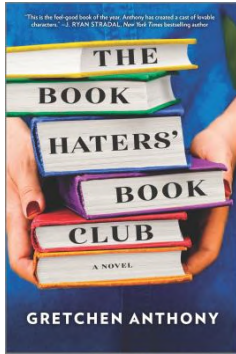
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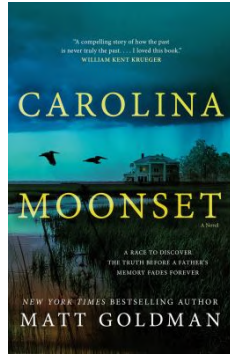
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Check out these past Plymouth READS selections:

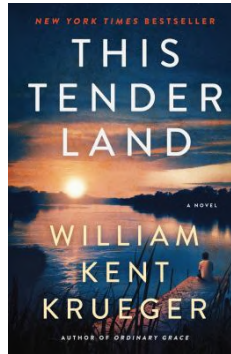
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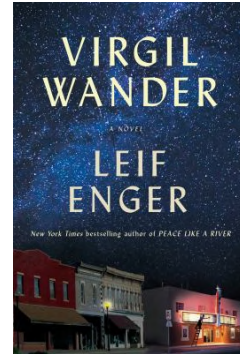
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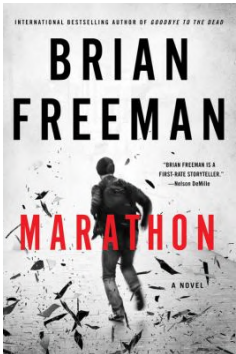
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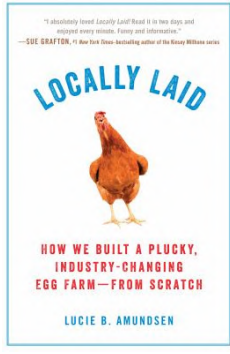
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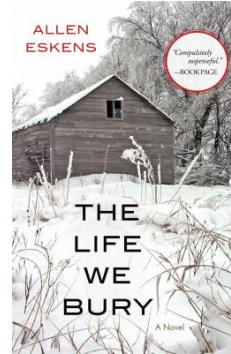
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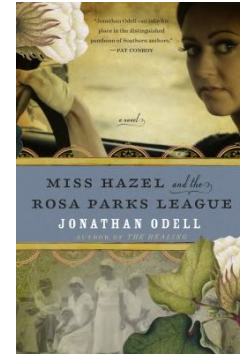
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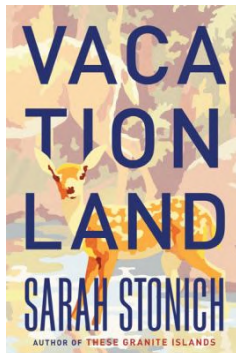
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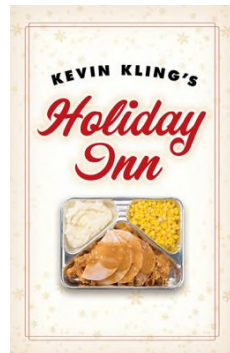
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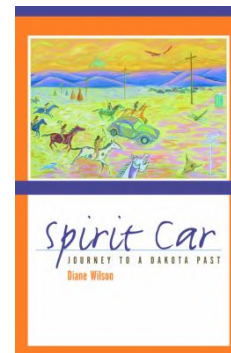
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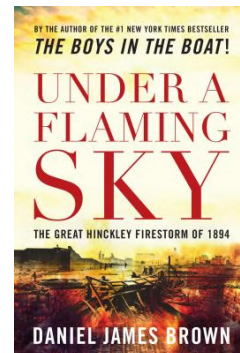
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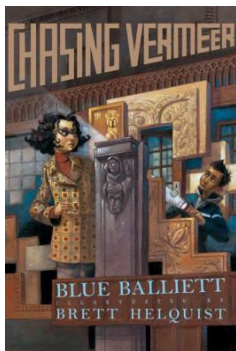
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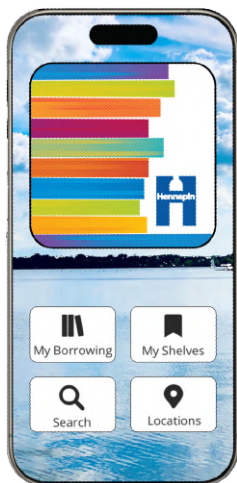


Did You Know?

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

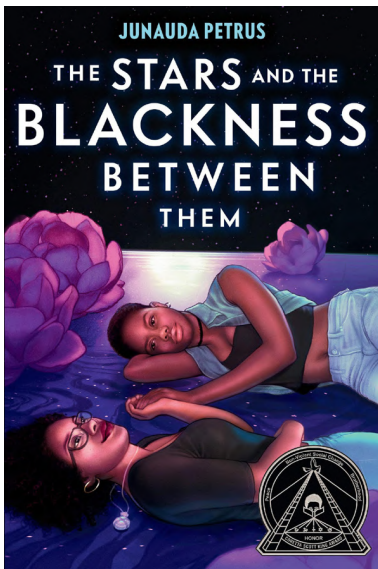


Free things to do with your library card

- 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.

MARY ANN KEY BOOK CLUB 2025






COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE, RACISM, AND ANTIRACISM

Small group discussions

Join your neighbors in a discussion of *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them* by Junauda Petrus.

Copies of the book can be reserved; eBooks and downloadable audiobooks are also available.



Scan the QR code or go to www.hclib.org/maryannkey to learn more about the book club. Find event information, news and more. Check out the book, or download the eBook or audio eBook.   

Tuesday, March 4, 6–7:30 pm

St. Anthony Library, 2941 Pentagon Dr. N.E.

Saturday, March 8, 10:30–11:30 am

Webber Park Library, 4440 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis

Tuesday, March 18, 6–7 pm

Maple Grove Library, 8001 Main St. N.

Thursday, March 20, 7–8 pm

Linden Hills Library, 2900 W. 43rd St., Minneapolis

Tuesday, April 1, 6–7:30 pm

Wayzata Library, 620 Rice St.

Saturday, April 5, 2–4 pm

Hosmer Library, 347 E. 36th St., Minneapolis

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30–8 pm

Edina Library, 5280 Grandview Square

Thursday, April 10, 7–8:30 pm

Halcyon Days Book Club, online

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30–7:30 pm

Hopkins Library, 22 11th Ave. N.

Thursday, April 17, 6:30–7:30 pm

Washburn Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis

Wednesday, April 23, 6–8 pm

Maple Grove Library, 8001 Main St. N.

Monday, April 28, 6–7 pm

Queer Romance Book Club, online

Saturday, May 3, 1:30–3 pm

Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis

Saturday, May 10, 2–3:30 pm

Golden Valley Library, 830 Winnetka Ave. N.

Saturday, May 31, 2–3:30 pm

Nokomis Library, 5100 34th Ave. S., Minneapolis

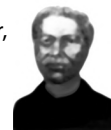


Register to attend these free events!

Dates are subject to change. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/MAK-events for the most up-to-date information.

The Mary Ann Key Book Club is a collaboration with columnist Myron Medcalf and honors his great-great-great grandmother, Mary Ann Key (pictured right) who was enslaved in 1850s Georgia. The book club uses reading as a catalyst for intercultural conversations to understand and address past and current injustices that impact Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

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MARY ANN KEY

BOOK CLUB

2025



Author Talk

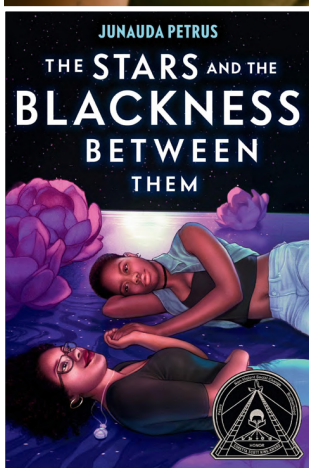
Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 pm

Featuring Junauda Petrus

author of *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them*

MINNEAPOLIS CENTRAL LIBRARY
POHLAD HALL, 300 NICOLLET MALL

The author will be joined in conversation by Star Tribune columnist and book club partner Myron Medcalf. The conversation will conclude with a Q&A and book signing with the author.

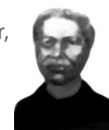


Free registration required, scan QR code to register, or visit bit.ly/MAKApril23

This in-person event will also be livestreamed and recorded.

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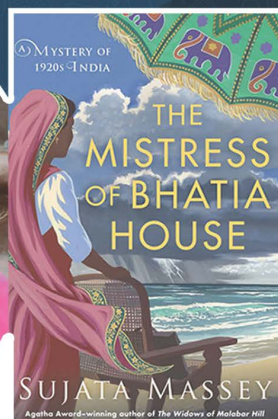
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SPRING 2025
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FREE AUTHOR EVENT



Sujata Massey

6:30PM Wednesday, March 26

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY - PLYMOUTH

15700 36TH AVE N, PLYMOUTH

Sujata Massey is an undisputed master of both mystery and historical fiction. In the words of fellow mystery heavyweight Janet Evanovich, Massey "blasted her way into fiction with *The Salaryman's Wife*, a cross-cultural mystery of manners with a decidedly sexy edge." Her literary debut won the Agatha Award for Best First Novel in 1997 and introduced a legion of readers to the first of her two indomitable heroines. Japanese American twenty-something Rei Shimura is an English teacher and antiques dealer by day - and an amateur sleuth by night. Her unique background provides valuable linguistic and cultural insights which allow her to find clues and crack cases that stump Japanese authorities. Shimura has appeared across eleven novels to date. Sujata Massey is also the pen behind the popular *Perveen Mistry* series. Modeled on a historic Parsi attorney who practiced law in the 1920s, *Mistry* is the first female lawyer in cosmopolitan Mumbai - and one of the first ever in India. *The Mistress of Bhatia House* (2023), the fourth and latest installment, garnered Massey her third Agatha Award.

FREE and open to the public. Registration recommended but not required: <https://tinyurl.com/Mar26Massey>. You can find 170+ podcasts and videos from past seasons as well as author info and a calendar of events at clubbook.org.



www.clubbook.org





Plymouth Library

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

Downsizing and Decluttering

Register at www.hclib.org/events or call 612-543-5825
Saturday, April 19, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

You can't take it with you! Having too much stuff can impede people from relocating or getting health care into their homes. This engaging presentation explores why stuff is so important for some people and teaches practical, easy-to-follow tips on downsizing and decluttering. Learn how to get started! Collaborator: AARP Minnesota.

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Plymouth Library Adult Events

March – April 2025

Book Sale

Saturday, March 15, 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 sale (March 14), 9am-3pm

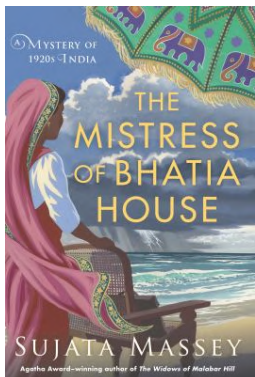
Club Book With Sujata Massey*

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Collaborator: MELSA (Metro. Library Service Agency).
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Plymouth Library Chess Club

Mondays, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21, 4:30-6pm

Open to chess players of all ages and abilities, but children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Non-competitive and friendly playing only. All chess equipment will be provided. Come and have fun!

Plymouth Library Language Clubs

More info about language clubs: hclib.org/events

English Conversation Circle

Mondays, 9:30-10:30am

French Club

Mondays, 1-2pm (no meeting March 24)

Tuesdays, 5-6pm

Spanish Club

Thursdays, 1-2:30pm (weekly starting Mar. 6)

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:

Mar. 10: *True Biz* by Sara Novic

Apr. 14: *The Last Ranger* by Peter Heller

Plymouth Library Adult Events

March – April 2025

Bring Your Own Book - Book Club

@ Luce Line Brewing Company

First Tuesday of the month, 6-7pm

Join us at the Luce Line Brewing Company 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. Purchase of refreshments is not required to participate. 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:

Mar. 5: *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts

Apr. 2: *The Twyford Code* by Janice Hallett

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 or at the Old Town Hall.

Collaborator: Plymouth History Center. Register: hclib.org/events

Topics:

Mar. 12: Minnesotans in the Vietnam War
(@Plymouth Library)

Apr. 9: Frauds, Cons and Cheats of MN Past
(@Old Town Hall)

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:

Mar. 19: Plymouth Library

Apr. 16: Old Town Hall

Career Counseling and Job Search Assistance

Thursdays, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, 1:30-4pm

Drop in and meet with an employment counselor from **CareerForce** for career counseling and job search assistance. Résumé critique, job interview coaching, and effective job search strategies offered.

Ukulele Practice Time

Thursdays, March 20 – April 17, 4-5pm

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.

Knitting Club

Fridays, March 7 & 21, April 11 & 25, 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

For more programming information, including **Computer and Tech Help** and **Medicare Counseling** at Plymouth Library, go to: www.hclib.org/events

*This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

For complete programming info: www.hclib.org/events

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Awesome Books for Kids & Teens

Picture Books



Dumplings for Lili
by Melissa Iwai (K-gr3)

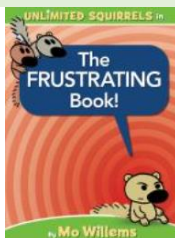


Night Owl Night by Susan Edwards
Richmond (prek-gr3)

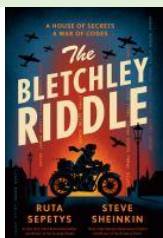


When You Find the Right Rock by
Mary Lyn Ray (k-gr4)

Kid Books



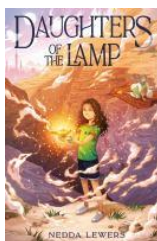
The Frustrating Book
by Mo Willems (k-gr2)



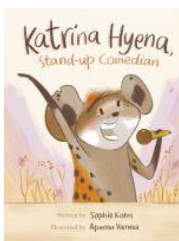
* The Bletchley Riddle
by Ruta Sepetys (gr5+)



@ * Curse of the Eelgrass Bog
by Mary Averling (gr3-7)



@ * Daughters of the Lamp
by Nedda Lewers (gr3-7)



Katrina Hyena, Stand-up Comedian
by Sophie Kohn (gr1-3)



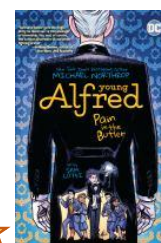
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by Jamie Smart (gr 2-4)



@ * Max in the House of Spies
by Adam Gidwitz (gr3-7)



* We were the Fire
By Shiela P Moses (gr5+)

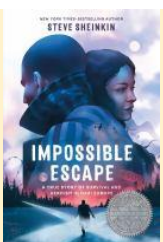


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Young Alfred: Pain in the Butler
by Michael Northrop (k-3)

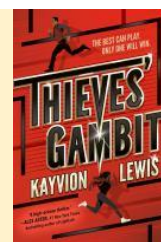
Teen Books



@ * Hemlock House
by Katie Cotugno (gr7+)



@ * Impossible Escape
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@ * Thieves Road
by Kayvion Lewis (gr8+)

Titles on this list were compiled for students in grades k-12 by Hennepin County librarians, February 2025

*= eBooks available @ = downloadable audio available ★ = graphic novel

Grade recommendations are from School Library Journal and Amazon and should be used as a guide, not as a rule.

Awesome Events for Kids & Teens

Baby Storytime

Mondays, **March 3 – 24 & April 14 – 28**, 10am
No registration required. For children from birth to 24 months and their caregivers. Talk, sing, read, and play together. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement in a format especially designed for babies.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, **Feb. 20 – Mar. 13 & Apr. 10 – May 1**, 10am
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.

Story Yoga

Wednesdays, **Feb. 26 – Mar. 12** and **Apr. 16 – 30**, 6:30pm
PreK-grade 2 and their favorite grownup(s).
Experience yoga through stories and songs, and discover new ways to move and play together.

Register online. *Please register total number of family members (kids and adults) who will be attending this program.*

PreK Friday

Friday, **Mar. 7, Apr. 4** and **May 2**, 10-10:30am
No registration required.

Toddlers and preschoolers and their favorite grown-ups.
Drop by the library for a fun activity!

PreK Playtime

Thursday, **Mar. 20 & May 8**, 10-11am
Toddlers and PreKs and their favorite grown-ups.
Drop in to play, learn and move together at the library! No registration required.

Read With an Animal

Sunday, **March 2**, 1:30-3pm
Grades 1-3. Cuddle up with a certified therapy animal and practice reading aloud. Sign up when you arrive for a 15-minute slot, first come, first served. Collaborator: PAWS to READ is a program of North Star Therapy Animals (NSTA). *All handlers are required to be trained in an additional children's reading program that focuses on utilizing registered therapy animals.*

Recycled Objects Inventions Lab*

Friday, **March 28**, 1-2:30pm
Grades 2-5. Take recycled objects, bits and scraps that others might call "junk," follow Z Puppets' formula for creative experimentation, mix in your imagination and Voila! Eureka! Zoinks! You may invent a fantastic gizmo or out-of-this-world creature to take home. Materials provided. Collaborator: Z Puppets Rosenschnoz.

Library Closed Monday, May 26

Spring Break Wings of Fire Escape Room

Friday **April 4**, 1:00 pm and 3:00pm
Grades 2-5. Challenge yourself and your co-escapies to solve the puzzles and escape the Room before the clock runs down. Registration required.

Asian Pacific Heritage Month: Korean Story Time

Sunday, **May 18**, 1pm
No registration required. For children of all ages and their caregivers. Celebrate Korean heritage in this special storytime.

Friends of the Plymouth Library Book Sale

Saturday, **March 15** and Saturday, **May 10**, 10am-3pm
Friends Members only, 9-10am. Bag Sale last hour.
Proceeds benefit Hennepin County Library.

Book Donations

First Saturday of each month, 10:30am- 12:00pm,
and Fridays, **March 14**, and **May 9**, 9am-3pm

Teen Anime and Fandom Club

Saturday, **Mar 8, Apr 12**,
and Sunday, **May 11**, 3-4:30pm
Grades 6-12. Watch anime and other shows/movies, play fun games, share your artwork, make geeky crafts, and nerd out about your favorite fandoms with others who share anime interests.



Teen Volunteering Summer 2025

For teens 14-18 (by May 1)
Do you love your Plymouth Library? Do you want to do something meaningful? Be a star by helping with family events and activities, our summer programs, and more!

Applications will only be available to pick up at either of our hour-long informational meetings for teens AND their parents/guardians. Saturday, **March 22** at 2pm and Sunday, **March 23** at 12:30 pm. Short interviews will be held April 26 and April 27.

*This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

Addendum

Remembering Nancy Lou Johnson

Nancy Lou Johnson, the first president of the Board of the Friends of the Plymouth Library, passed away on February 13 at age 91.

Nancy served as president from 1995-1996, and for many years she and her husband Jerry were very active in preparing for and working at the Friends used book sales. Almost three decades later, this legacy remains intact through the ongoing work of our organization. Our community was so lucky to have Nancy.

On behalf of the Friends of the Plymouth Library, the Board extends its deepest condolences to Nancy's family.

A full obituary with more about Nancy is available via the Star Tribune at <http://fopl.link/nancy-lou-johnson>



Nancy Lou Johnson

May 19, 1933 - February 13, 2025

Update from January: Outreach Services Not Currently Accepting Magazine Donations

In our January 2025 newsletter, we included details about magazine donations to HCL's Outreach Services team to support their efforts in the community.

Since then, **Outreach Services has paused acceptance of withdrawn and donated magazines.** We do not know when or if they will resume accepting these donated materials.

For more information about HCL Outreach Services, visit www.hclib.org/en/about/outreach

Please note that the Friends of the Plymouth Library continues to accept withdrawn and donated books, CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles to sell at our book sales. Flip back to page 2 for details on these donations.

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 9:00 AM to 3:00 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

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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