



Check It Out

Ridgedale Sale Breaks Record, Raises \$12K for HCL's Collection



Book Sale Co-chair Katherine Jaeger enjoys a moment of calm and connection with a volunteer at our Ridgedale sale on Feb. 21, 2026.

Our third record-breaking sale in a row exceeded last month's proceeds by \$1,916, getting us to 30% completion toward our 2026 fundraising goal of \$72,000

The FOPL Board thanks our partners at the Hennepin County Library, the Ridgedale Library, and the Friends of the Hennepin County Library for their willingness to try something new, and for their commitment to making this sale a success.

2026 Fundraising Goals



Feb. 21 record-breaking proceeds benefiting HCL's **World-Class Collection:**

\$12,021

March 14 Sale Returns to the Plymouth Library

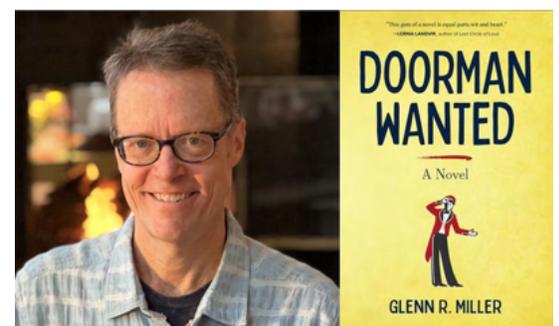


Plymouth Library photo courtesy of HCL

Doors open at 9 AM for members and 10 AM for the general public.

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Glenn R. Miller's "Doorman Wanted" Selected for 2026 Plymouth READS



In its 16th year, Plymouth READS seeks to spark conversation, build community, and foster learning and discovery in Plymouth by rallying readers around a single book.

More details on [page 10](#) →

Prologue

Book Sale on Saturday Mar. 14



Another big Plymouth Library book sale is coming on March 14! The Friends of the Plymouth Library will be selling hundreds and hundreds of adult and kids' books, puzzles, games, DVDs, and CDs.

Items range in price from \$1 to just \$3. 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!)
- **10 AM–3 PM** - Open to the general public
- **2–3 PM** - Fill entire shopping bags with books for just \$5 per bag!

Cash, check, and Venmo are accepted for payment.

Sale takes place at the Plymouth Library, located at 15700 36th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446.

Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to...

- **Move boxes of books** from the truck and the back room of the library to the book sale room on Thursday Mar. 12. (*Do you know someone with a good back and a love of the library?*)
- **Place light-weight yard signs** promoting the sale on the streets near the library on or before Fri. Mar. 13, and pick them after the sale.
- **Volunteer mid-day at the sale on Sat. Mar. 14.** (Cashiers and general volunteers needed.)
- **Help clean up** after the sale on Sat. Mar. 14.

Sign-up online: fopl.link/volunteer-booksale



Donation Days on March 7 and 13

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

- **Saturday, March 7, from 10:30 AM–12 PM**
- **Friday, March 13, from 9 AM–3 PM**

We gladly accept gently used adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, games, 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.

Ongoing Volunteer Roles: Be Part of Every Book Sale

These are standing, ongoing volunteer roles that support every Friends book sale.

Sign up once, help all year. Training and ongoing support will be provided.

Email us if you're interested: plymouth@supporthclib.org

Book Sale Sign Installers



Install and remove promotional yard signs around the library before and after each sale so passers-by can discover our sales.

Book Sale Photographer



Capture the energy of each sale—crowds, book lovers, and great moments—for newsletters, social media, and Friends promotions.

Substitute U-Haul Driver



Be our backup for picking up and returning rental trucks and helping transport books and supplies between our storage facility and the library.

Book Box Heavy Lifter



Move and stack heavy boxes of books during book sale setup and teardown. Especially on the Thursday afternoon before each sale.

Volunteer Coordinator



Recruit, schedule, train, and track book sale volunteers, ensuring every role is covered and everyone feels welcomed, prepared, and appreciated.

FOPL Board Member



Provide leadership, planning, and oversight to keep Friends of the Plymouth Library programs and book sales thriving year-round.

Getting to Know Antonio Backman, Plymouth's Adult Services Librarian

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE AT THE PLYMOUTH LIBRARY, AND WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

I am an Adult Services Librarian at the Plymouth Library and have the wonderful responsibility of hosting or organizing a variety of adult programs like the History Discussion Club, the adult book clubs and various language clubs. If not in a program you will likely find me at the service desk or weeding the collection. Plus I am the liaison for many of the adult volunteers who handle materials handling, technology assistance and library program help.

WHAT FIRST SPARKED YOUR INTEREST IN WORKING IN LIBRARIES? WAS THERE A PARTICULAR MOMENT OR INFLUENCE THAT DREW YOU IN?

Both of my parents worked a lot when I was growing up, so it was common for my dad to drop me off at the library after school so he could go back to work (the library officially does not recommend this) but public libraries became a very safe and supportive extension of my home for me. From elementary school onward I knew I wanted to work in libraries and create that same space for others. It took many years of volunteering, studying, education and work to become a librarian and it has been a joyful experience to see all things we can do at the library for our community.

WHERE DO YOU CALL HOME?

My partner and I recently bought a 100-year-old home in St. Paul's West 7th neighborhood and we love it!

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD?

We are a mighty triumvirate: myself, my partner Libby and our cat Sven. While my partner and I love going on food adventures in the cities, often the three of us are in the living room watching a show together, or reading our own things.



WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT THE LIBRARY, HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND YOUR TIME?

Is it a cliché to say I like to read? Besides reading, I enjoy eating out at restaurants with my partner, playing board games with friends, traveling, watching movies and trying a lot of the new food at the Minnesota State Fair before watching the Llama Costume Contest .

WHAT KINDS OF BOOKS DO YOU LOVE TO READ?

Two of my book clubs that I host at Plymouth are all-genre clubs and I really enjoy how broad we read. However, if I am reaching for a book for myself then I often grab a nonfiction, a science fiction/fantasy, or a graphic novel.

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DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE BOOK YOU FIND YOURSELF RECOMMENDING OVER AND OVER AGAIN?

In the last few years one of the most frequent questions I have been asked is a recommendation for a quick, lighthearted book that will make you smile and laugh. My default recommendation for that is *Once Upon a Tome* by Oliver Darkshire, which is a great memoir of someone who stumbles into working at a rare book shop in England and the author's descriptions of his eccentric coworkers and even more unusual regular customers will charm you as it did me.

WHAT'S THE BEST BOOK YOU'VE READ LATELY? (NO PRESSURE TO CHOOSE JUST ONE!)

Recently, the best thriller I've read is *The Man Made of Smoke* by Alex North, the best travel book I've read is *Adventures in the Louvre* by Elaine Sciolino, the best kid's book I've read is *The Teacher of Nomad Land* by Daniel Nayeri, and the best historical horror book I've read is *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter* by Stephen Graham Jones.

WHAT'S A HIDDEN TALENT OR SURPRISING SKILL?

I learned to whistle by mimicking the Black-Capped Chickadees outside my bedroom window. It is the only bird song I can do but some birdwatchers have said it is perfect copy.

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WHAT'S SOMETHING FUN OR QUIRKY MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I keep a database of all the new foods that have debuted at the Minnesota State Fair since 2010 and I aggregate reviews from the Star Tribune, Sahan Journal, RacketMN and others to know what are the best and worst reviewed foods.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART OF BEING AT THE PLYMOUTH LIBRARY SO FAR?

I get to work with great people every day plus meeting all the folks from the community who attend the adult programs — it's a real joy.



Lightning Round with Antonio Backman

COFFEE OR TEA?

A fruit tea with a spritz of lemon and a generous pour of honey

FICTION OR NONFICTION?

Fiction

EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

Early bird

FAVORITE SEASON OF THE YEAR?

Autumn

CATS OR DOGS (OR ANOTHER FAVORITE ANIMAL)?

Cats

MOST-USED LIBRARY SERVICE? (BESIDES BOOKS!)

Libby

BOOK YOU WISH YOU HAD TIME TO READ?

I always prioritize reading library books first so books friends and family give me often stay near my bed, waiting to be picked up. I think right now *Project Hail Mary* is on the top of that pile.

DEWEY DECIMAL OR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS?

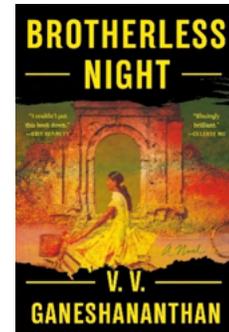
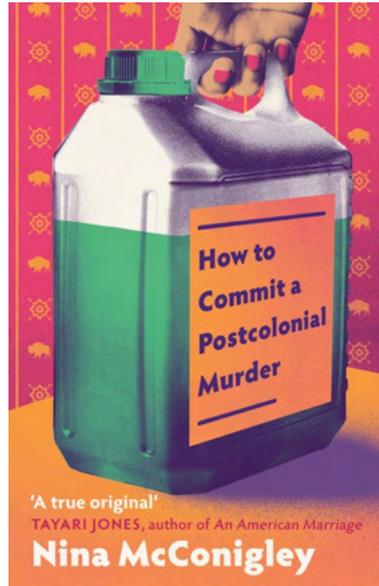
Library of Congress

ONE WORD YOUR FRIENDS WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE YOU?

Funny

IF YOU COULD INVITE ANY AUTHOR (LIVING OR PASSED) TO A DINNER PARTY, WHO WOULD IT BE?

Terry Pratchett, a beloved fantasy author who is dearly missed, would be a funny and insightful dinner guest.



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Author Talk: Nina McConigley

in Conversation with V. V. Ganeshanathan

Saturday, March 7, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Register at www.hclib.org/events or call 612-543-5825

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Jumpstarting Creativity

Saturday, March 28, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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Every story grows from the seed of an idea. Generating ideas and developing them into a compelling piece of fiction can be tricky, particularly in the beginning stages. Learn creative exercises, brainstorming techniques, and writing habits that inspire confidence to explore your ideas and free your imagination.

Collaborator: The Loft Literary Center. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

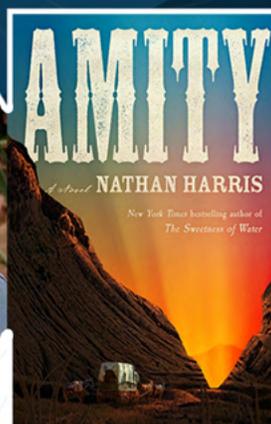
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club book

SPRING 2026
SEASON LINEUP

FREE AUTHOR EVENT



Nathan Harris

6:30PM Wednesday, April 1

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY - PLYMOUTH

15700 36TH AVE N, PLYMOUTH

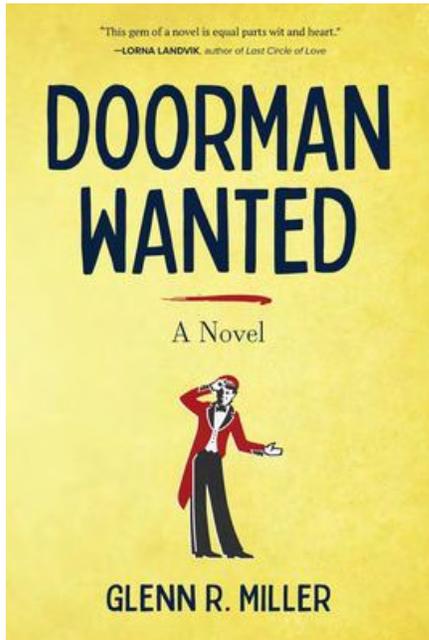
Literary wunderkind Nathan Harris is the author behind the instant *New York Times* bestseller *The Sweetness of Water* (2021), "a historical page-turner about social friction so powerful it ignites a whole town" (*NPR*). Set in the waning days of the U.S. Civil War and turbulent aftermath of the Emancipation Proclamation, Harris's debut follows the unlikely partnership and budding friendship between eccentric homesteader George Walker and newly freed Prentiss and Landry. *The Sweetness of Water* became an Oprah's Book Club selection and was longlisted for both the Mann Booker Prize and Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction - a rare of honors for any writer, particularly a first-time author still in his twenties. Harris's anticipated follow-up returns to the Reconstruction era and a South determined to return its Black citizens to bondage. In *Amity*, Louisiana freedman Coleman treks to Mexico in pursuit of his sister and their former enslaver. In a starred review, *Kirkus Reviews* commends *Amity* as "a smartly imagined Western with a different sort of hero... with twists and turns from beginning to end."

Registration required. Learn more and register at: tinyurl.com/clubbook-nathanharris



www.clubbook.org





Plymouth READS: Author Glenn R. Miller

Thursday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.
Plymouth Community Center

Join us on April 23 at the Plymouth Community Center for a conversation with the author of the 2026 Plymouth READS selection *Doorman Wanted*. Glenn R. Miller will discuss the book, his writing and publishing experience, and the unique career path that led him to where he is today. Includes time for Q&A. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Drop in – no registration necessary.

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MARY ANN KEY Book Club



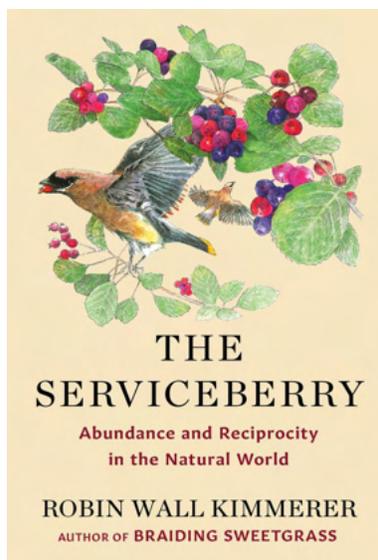
Photo: John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Author Talk Wednesday, May 13 6:30 pm

Featuring Robin Wall Kimmerer
author of *The Serviceberry*

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.



Attend the event!



Visit bit.ly/MAK_5-13-26 or scan the QR code to register for the free event. This in-person event will also be livestreamed and recorded.



Learn more about the book club and download the book. Scan the QR code or visit: www.hclib.org/maryannkey

The Mary Ann Key Book Club is sponsored by Friends of the Hennepin County Library. Media partner Star Tribune.



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

Plymouth Library Adult Events

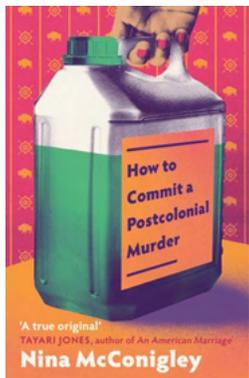
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Club Book With Nathan Harris

Thursday, April 1, 6:30-7:30pm

See separate flier or hclib.org/events for details

Plymouth READS: Author Glenn R. Miller

Thursday, April 23, 7pm

@ Plymouth Community Center

See separate flier or hclib.org/events for details

Try Ukulele

Thursday, April 23, 4-5pm

Brighten up the day with the sunny sounds of the ukulele! This single-session program is a hands-on introduction to the ukulele and how to play it. Attendees will learn about the instrument and how to play their first few chords. Led by Hennepin County Library staff. Ukuleles provided. No musical background needed. For adults, but high schoolers welcome. Registration required: hclib.org/events

Needle Felted Toadstool*

Saturday, May 9, 2-4pm

See hclib.org/events for details

Mary Ann Key Book Club:

A Conversation With Robin Wall Kimmerer

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30-8:30pm

See separate flier or hclib.org/events for details

Computer and Tech Help

Receive one-on-one help at Plymouth Library with a tech volunteer. Get help with setting up an email account, working on a Microsoft document, working with e-readers, tablets, laptops, cell phones, scanning, faxing and more. No appointment necessary. Call ahead to verify volunteer availability.

Mondays, 2-5pm

Tuesdays, 2-6pm

Thursdays, 2-5pm

Fridays, 2-4pm

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:

March 9: *You Are Here* by David Nicholls

April 13: *Last Night at the Telegraph* by Malinda Lo

May 11: *The Lost Story* by Meg Shaffer

Plymouth Library Adult Events

(Continued!)

Bring Your Own Book - Book Club

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:

March 4: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

April 1: *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslien Charles

May 6: *Killers of a Certain Age* by D. Raybourn

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:

March 11: History of Protest in MN (@ Py)

April 8: MN Politicians That Went National (@ OTH)

May 13: Up North: Minnesota Resort Culture (@ Py)

Medicare Counseling

First Wednesday of the month, 9:30am-1:30pm

Get free help answering your Medicare questions with Senior LinkAge Line.

Registration is required and can be done at

<https://trellisconnects.org/get-help/medicare/>

Choose to make an in-person appointment, select Plymouth Library and a date/time. Or call Senior LinkAge Line at 800-333-2433. Registration closes four days before the date. Collaborators: Trellis, Minnesota Senior LinkAge Line.

Knitting Club

Fridays, March 20, April 17, & May 22, 2-4pm

For all skill levels. The process of knitting is relaxing and even therapeutic. Make new friends while creating your own handmade masterpieces. Learn how to knit or practice new techniques. Bring your own needles and yarn. Drop in.

Plymouth Library Language Clubs

Learn more about the language clubs offered at Plymouth Library: hclib.org/events

English Conversation Circle

Mondays, 10-11am (no meeting May 25)

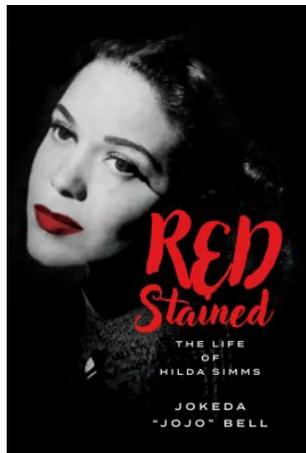
French Club

Mondays, 1-2pm (no meetings March 30 and May 25)

Spanish Club

First and third Thursday of the month, 1-2:30pm

Recommended Reads for Women’s History Month



Red Stained: The Life of Hilda Simms

By **Jokeda Bell**

Black actress and activist Hilda Simms was a rising star on the stage and screen in post-WWII America until accusations of un-Americanism and communist sympathies derailed her career.

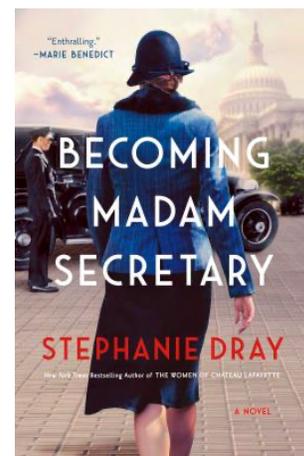
Published in 2024, Non-fiction

Becoming Madam Secretary

By **Stephanie Dray**

Raised on tales of her revolutionary ancestors, Frances Perkins arrives in New York City at the turn of the century, armed with her trusty parasol and an unyielding determination to make a difference.

Published in 2024, Historical Fiction



Plymouth Library Remains #1 in Hennepin County Library System for Checkouts!

Plymouth Library Busiest Days Per Month	
Mon, Dec 22, 2025	900
Sat, Jan 31, 2026	1,663 (Book Sale!)
Sat, Feb 21, 2026	945

Plymouth Library Monthly Visitors	
Dec '25	18,807
Jan '26	22,235
Feb '26	19,857

Plymouth Library Checkouts	
Dec '25	32,023
Jan '26	37,838
Feb '26	33,892

Plymouth Library Library Card Sign-ups	
Dec '25	198
Jan '26	240
Feb '26	180



If You Like....

Abby Jimenez



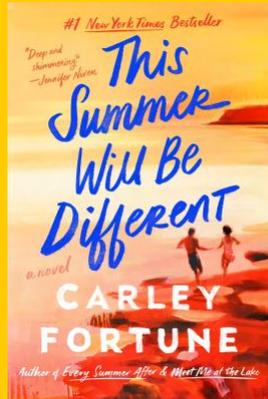
What Happens in Amsterdam
by Rachel L. Solomon



A Brush With Love
by Mazey Eddings



This Summer Will Be Different
by Carley Fortune



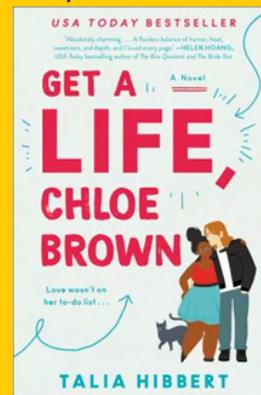
The Bodyguard
by Katherine Center



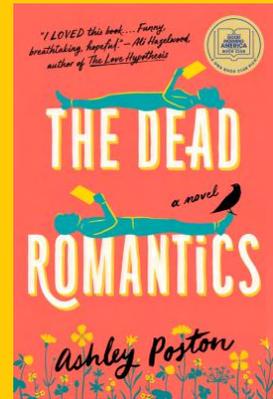
The Worst Best Man
by Mia Sosa



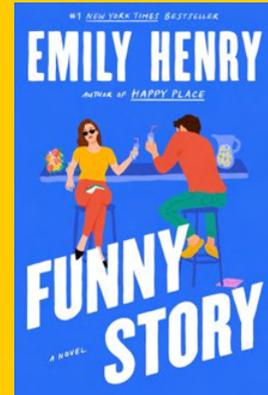
Get A Life, Chloe Brown
by Talia Hibbert



The Dead Romantics
by Ashley Poston



Funny Story
by Emily Henry

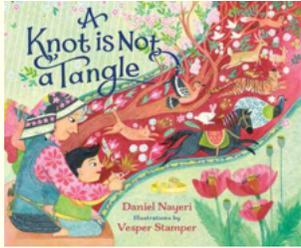


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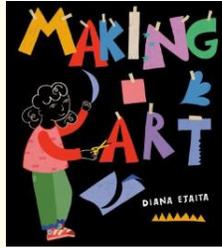


Awesome Books for Kids & Teens

Picture Books



@ * A Knot is Not a Tangle by Daniel Nayeri (preK-gr3)

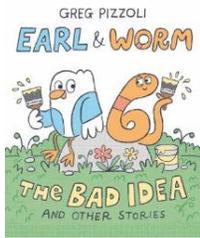


* Making Art by Diana Ejaíta (preK-gr1)

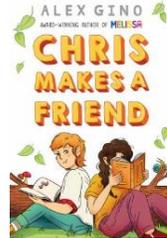


Paper Chase by Julia Donaldson (preK-gr3)

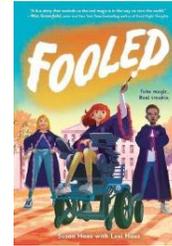
Kid Books



@ * The Bad Idea and Other Stories by Greg Pizzoli (preK-gr2)



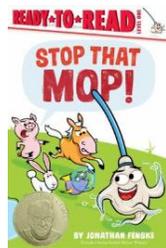
@ * Chris Makes a Friend by Alex Gino (gr3-6)



* Fooled Susan Haas (gr3-7)



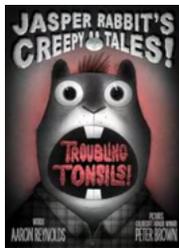
★ * Night Chef by Mika Song (gr1-4)



* Stop that Mop! by Jonathan Fenske (preK-gr1)



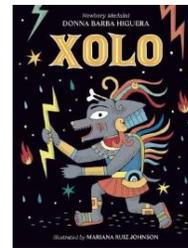
Time Lions and the Chrono-Loop by Martin Seneviratne (gr5+)



* Troubling Tonsils by Aaron Reynolds (gr1-4)



★ * Winging It by Megan Wagner Lloyd (gr3-6)



@ Xolo: How One Good Dog Saved Humankind F1219.76.R45 H54 (gr2-5)

Teen Books



★ * 7 Generations: A Plains Cree Saga by David Robertson (gr9+)



@ * Beth is Dead by Katie Bernet (gr7+)



@ * I'll Find You Where the Timeline Ends by Kylie Baker (gr8+)

Titles on this list were compiled for students in grades k-6 by Hennepin County librarians, Feb 2026

* = 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 2-23, April 13-27, May 4-11**, 10-11am

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

Family Storytime

Thursdays, **Mar 5-19 & Apr 9 - May 7**, 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.

Story Yoga

Wednesdays, **Mar 4-11 & Apr 15-29**

6:30-7:15pm. **Register online.**

PreK-grade 2 and their favorite grownup.

Experience yoga through stories and songs, and discover new ways to move and play together.

Read with an Animal

Sunday, **April 19**, 1:30-3pm

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.

Petite Concerts

Thursday, **April 2**, 10:30-11:15am

Join us for a fun-filled musical experience and discover instruments! Led by early childhood music specialists, your family will listen to and respond to classical music together. Collaborator: Breaching Concerts LLC. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. **Registration required.**

Note: Please register **each child attending.** A maximum of two caregivers per registered child may also attend.

PreK Fridays!

Fridays, **Mar 6, Apr 3, and May 1**, 10-10:30am

For toddlers and PreKs and their favorite grownups. Drop by for a different fun activity each time! **No registration required.**

Homework Help - Tutors at the Library

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4-7pm

Free in-person tutoring for K-12 students.

No registration required

Teen Anime Club

Sundays, **March 15, April 12, and May 10**

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

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

Finger Crochet and Finger Knitting

Thursday **April 2**, 3-4:30pm

Grades 8-12. Using your hands and bright colored, super chunky, eco (recycled) yarn, learn how to knit and crochet ropes to decorate your favorite room, stitch them together for a scarf, or turn them into fun little creatures. Materials provided. Collaborator: Parcel Arts. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. **Registration required.**

For complete programming information:

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Member Reminders

Maintaining Your Membership

The Friends of the Plymouth Library has officially transitioned to a joint membership program with Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

Your gift to Friends of HCL 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!

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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 Plymouth Library sale! 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!

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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.

Growing Our Endowment

The Friends of Plymouth Library established an endowment fund in 2022 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, 15700 36th Ave N, 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: Monday May 25 (Memorial Day);
 Friday Jun. 19 (Juneteenth); Saturday Jul. 4 (Independence Day)

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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