



Check It Out

Book Sale on Saturday May 16



Book lovers and bargain hunters browse the selection during the members-only hour at our sale on Mar. 14, 2026.

Close out spring and kick off summer with some great reads from the next Plymouth Library Book Sale!

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 \$3. And from 2-3 PM, you can fill entire bags for just \$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 (provided by us) with books for just \$5 per bag

Cash, check, and Venmo are accepted for payment.

Sale takes place at the Plymouth Library at 15700 36th Ave North, Plymouth, Minnesota 55446.

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March Sale Raises \$9,783 for Outreach and Engagement



Thanks to everyone who shopped our March 14 sale and made it our third-largest sale on record!

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Prologue

Book Sale 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 May 14. *(Do you know someone with a good back and a love of the library?)*
- **Volunteer mid-day at the sale on Sat, May 16.** (Cashiers and general volunteers needed.)
- **Help clean up** after the sale on Saturday May 16.

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

Donation Days on May 15 and June 6

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

- **Friday, May 15, from 9–3 PM**
- **Saturday, June 6, from 10:30 AM–12 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 Remains #1 in Hennepin County Library System for Checkouts!

| Plymouth Library Busiest Days Per Month | |
|--|--------------------|
| Sat, Feb 21, 2026 | 945 |
| Sat, Mar 14, 2026 | 1,944 (Book Sale!) |
| Mon, Apr 6, 2026 | 1,097 |

| Plymouth Library Monthly Visitors | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Feb '26 | 19,857 |
| Mar '26 | 24,048 |
| Apr '26 | 22,879 |

| Plymouth Library Checkouts | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Feb '26 | 33,892 |
| Mar '26 | 38,098 |
| Apr '26 | 37,054 |

| Plymouth Library Library Card Sign-ups | |
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| Feb '26 | 180 |
| Mar '26 | 270 |
| Apr '26 | 231 |

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.

WE OUR VOLUNTEERS

We love our volunteers every month of the year, but April gave us a special excuse to celebrate them!

April was National Volunteer Month, and April 19-25 was Volunteer Appreciation Week. These special months and weeks give us the opportunity to say explicitly: **thank you, volunteers!** We're so grateful for the time, energy, and care our volunteers bring to their roles as Friends of the Plymouth Library.

This year, we're reaching for something truly special together. We've set the most ambitious fundraising goal in our history — \$72,000 raised across seven book sales — which we can only achieve with help from our volunteers. Every bit of their energy and every minute of their time powers our book sale operations, whether it's sorting donations, working at a sale, spreading the word about us, or just staying on our email list ready to jump in when asked. We've already accomplished incredible results together this year, and we're counting on volunteers to carry us through the rest of 2026.

Our next book sale is Saturday, May 16, and we look forward to seeing our volunteers there. Three more sales will follow later in the year, and there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved.

The support our volunteers bring to the Plymouth Library and the greater Hennepin County Library system means so much to us. On behalf of our Board of Directors, thanks to our volunteers for being such an essential part of what we do. We couldn't chase these big goals without them.

With appreciation,

Josh Velasquez
Board President
Friends of the Plymouth Library





Thank You, Parent + Kid Volunteer Teams!

Our youngest volunteers
are the future of our
book sales



Lots of our book sale volunteer roles are kid-friendly!
Interested in signing up to volunteer with your kid?
Email plymouth@supporthelib.org for more info.

Treasurer's Q1 2026 Financial Update



Bernadeen Brutlag,
Treasurer

A fantastic start to the year! Three book sales have brought in a total of \$31,911. The January and March book sales were at the Plymouth Library, as usual. In February we took our book sale expertise on the road and held a sale at the Ridgedale Library. This sale brought in \$12,022 and was our largest book sale ever. In fact, the three 2026 book sales are the top three sales in our history.

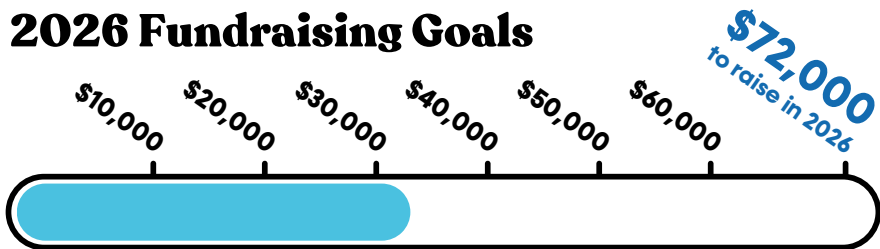
From the book sales, we were able to support initiatives designated by the Friends of Hennepin County Library with grants totaling \$24,405. As we've discussed in the past, we accept Venmo payments at our book sales, and those payments go directly to the FHCL. Of the \$31,911 total proceeds, \$7,641 came through Venmo payments. From the book sale proceeds and other donations, we supported HCL's World-Class Collection (\$22,263) and Outreach and Engagement (\$9,783).

Donations received from the two carts of used books in the library lobby, brought in \$1,570 in the first three months of this year. We appreciate your interest in acquiring these books in return for a donation of your choice. The selection of books on these carts changes so check back often.

In 2022 we set up an endowment in the amount of \$25,000, the earnings from which will support the World-Class Collection. This year was the target date for the first annual appropriation from the earnings. That appropriation was made in the amount of \$308. As of the end of March, after the appropriation, the value of the endowment was \$34,955.

The financial support we are able to provide to the FHCL for the benefit of all 41 Hennepin County libraries is made possible by all of the enthusiastic shoppers at our book sales. We have four more sales this year. Our low-priced books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles are a real bargain and great for gifts. Check them out at our sales in May, July, September, and November.

2026 Fundraising Goals



Jan. & Feb. proceeds: \$22,126
 World-Class Collection

Mar. 14 proceeds: \$9,783
 Outreach & Engagement

May 16 sale benefits HCL's
 Student Success Initiatives

Jul. 11 sale benefits HCL's
 Youth Development Initiatives

Sep. 12 sale benefits HCL's
 Let's Read! Literacy Initiative

Nov. 14 sale benefits HCL's
 Local Programs Equity Fund

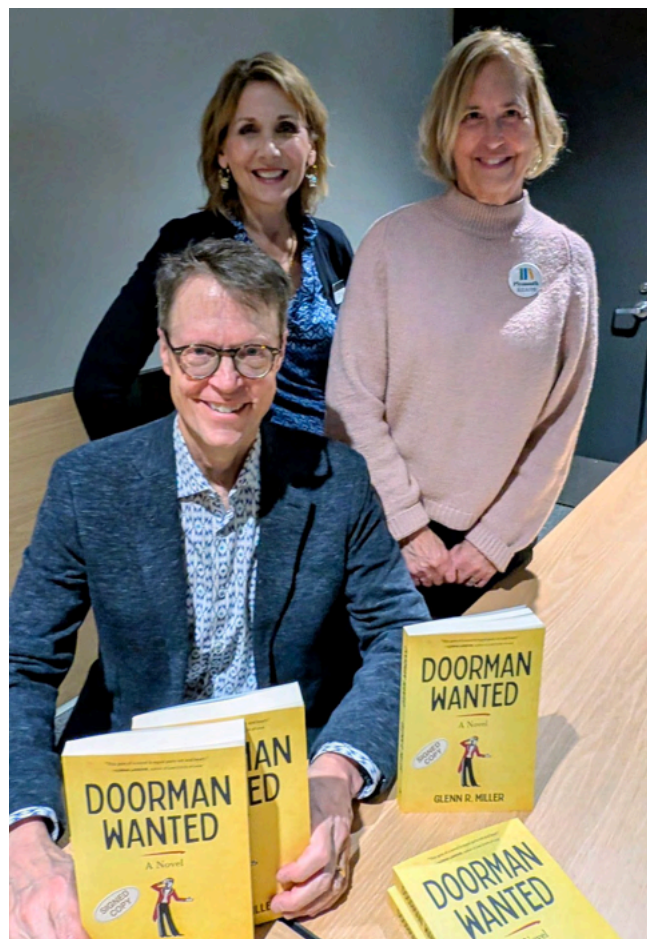
Celebrating 16 Years of Plymouth READS with Author Glenn R. Miller

On April 23, over 150 readers and book lovers gathered at the Plymouth Community Center for a conversation with author Glenn R. Miller about his novel, *Doorman Wanted*.

Mr. Miller delighted the packed room with a reading from *Doorman Wanted*, stories about his creative process, an entertaining look back at alternate covers for the book, and a preview of his upcoming books.

LuAnn Svendsen, chair of the Plymouth READS committee, gave a glowing review. "This was a wonderful book with an entertaining author. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening!"

Pamela Klinger-Horn of Valley Bookseller and LuAnn Svendsen, Plymouth READS chair, pose with author Glenn R. Miller as he signs copies of *Doorman Wanted*.



Shannon Banks, a volunteer on the Plymouth READS committee, shared her gratitude for all involved. "The enthusiasm from the community for Plymouth READS events has been wonderful! It's been so rewarding to be a part of this."

A heartfelt thank-you to the 19 volunteers on the Plymouth READS committee who read nine books and went to nine evening meetings to consider which book would be chosen. Special thanks to our retail partner, Valley Booksellers, for attending our event and making books available for purchase. And our deepest gratitude to our collaborators for making Plymouth READS possible: the Plymouth Arts Council, City of Plymouth, Hennepin County Library, and Friends of the Hennepin County Library.



Above: An audience of 150+ gathers to hear from Glenn R. Miller.
Below: The Plymouth READS committee celebrates a successful event.



Get Caught Reading These Plymouth Youth Picks

May is **Get Caught Reading month**, launched in 1999 by the Association of American Publishers and now managed by Every Child a Reader. They also sponsor **Children's Book Week**, which is May 4-10 this year. Learn more at fopl.link/cbw

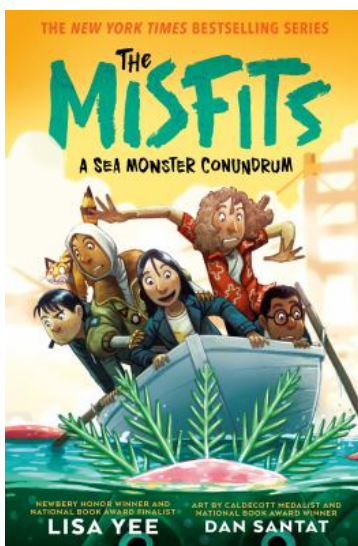
To celebrate, Plymouth Youth Services Librarian **Joanna Redman** selected three special books for kids and teens to get caught reading this month!



Teen Book To Grab:

16 Forever

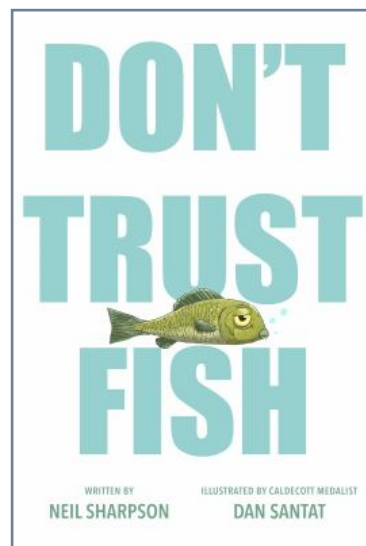
By Lance Rubin



Chapter Book To Grab:

A Sea Monster Conundrum

By Lisa Yee



Picture Book To Grab:

Don't Trust Fish

By Neil Sharpson



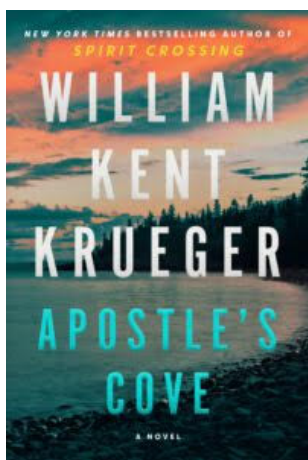
Get Caught Reading These Plymouth Adult Picks

This May, get caught reading one of these two mysteries that are among the finalists for the [2026 Minnesota Book Awards](#) in Genre Fiction. Winners will be announced at the Minnesota Book Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 6 at the Ordway Center for Performing Arts.

Fun fact: both authors have done Author Talks at Plymouth Library — William Kent Krueger in 2013 and Marcie Rendon in 2018! William Kent Krueger also presented virtually for the 2021 Plymouth READS selection of his novel *This Tender Land*.



Thanks to Plymouth Adult Services Librarian **John Knauss** for these picks!



[Apostle's Cove](#)

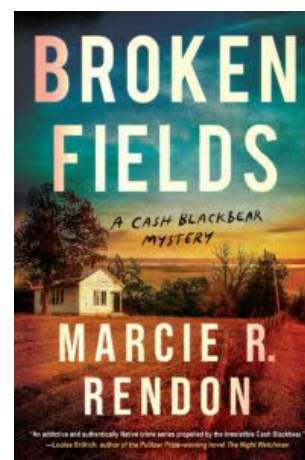
By **William Kent Krueger**

Cork O'Connor receives a call from his son Stephen telling him that decades ago, Cork was responsible for sending a man to prison for a brutal murder that Stephen is certain he did not commit. Cork feels compelled to reinvestigate the crime, but the deeper he digs, the clearer it becomes that there are those in Tamarack County who are willing once again to commit murder to keep him from finding the truth.

[Broken Fields](#)

By **Marcie Rendon**

Cash Blackbear is doing fieldwork for a local farmer—until she finds him dead in the property's rented farmhouse. The tenant and his wife are nowhere to be found, but Cash discovers their young daughter cowering under a bed. While Cash is searching for the girl's missing mother, another body turns up. Cash must race against the clock to figure out the truth of what really happened in the farmhouse.





MARY ANN KEY

Book Club

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.

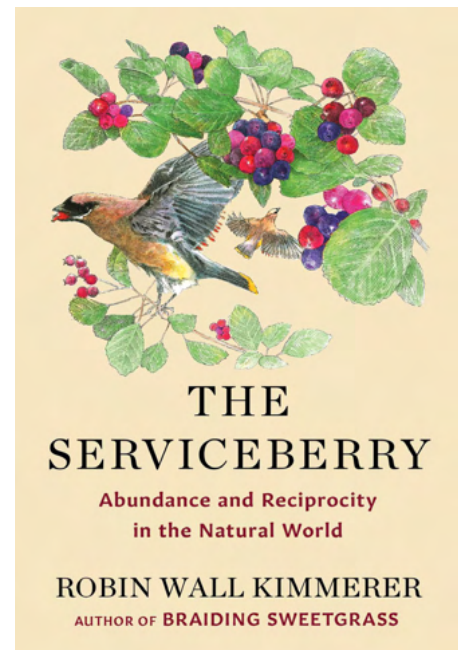
Attend the event!



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.



Photo: John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation



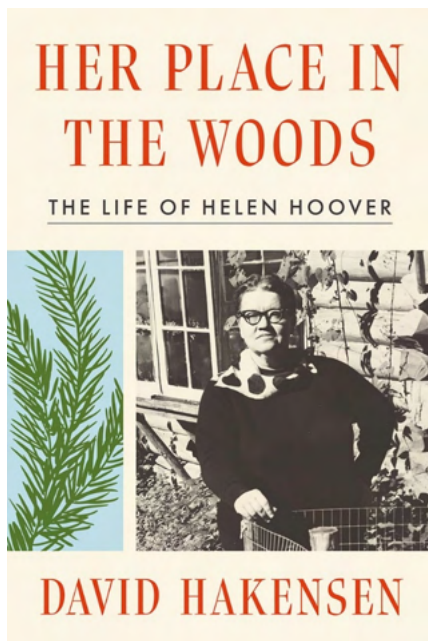
Learn more about the book club and download the book.

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.



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Author Talk: David Hakensen

Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Author David Hakensen will present about *Her Place in the Woods: The Life of Helen Hoover*, a 2026 Minnesota Book Awards finalist. *Her Place in the Woods* is the first complete biography of Helen Hoover (1910-1984), whose beloved writings on life in the wilderness of northern Minnesota's Gunflint Lake were published in popular magazines and several bestselling books. Hakensen shares her unlikely history of leaving a corporate career in Chicago for a small cabin without electricity or running water, detailing the challenges she and her husband faced as they settled into the rhythms of their remote homestead. Hakensen served as president of the Minnesota Historical Society from 2017-2023. Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Sponsor: The Friends of The Hennepin County Library.*

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Try Ukulele

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

Thursday, June 4, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 12, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Brighten up the day with the sunny sounds of the ukulele! This single-session program (choose one date) 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.

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Plymouth Library Adult Events

Needle Felted Toadstool*

Saturday, May 9, 2-4pm

Add some color and whimsy to your home! Learn how to use a felting needle to form loose wool roving into an adorable mushroom. When it's complete, add a wood base and some moss to make the scene come to life. Materials provided. Collaborator: Parcel Arts.

Registration required: hclib.org/events

Mary Ann Key Book Club:

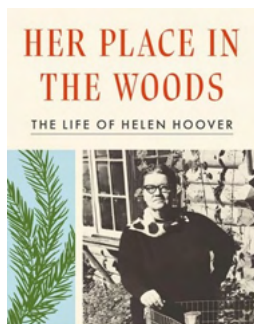
A Conversation With Robin Wall Kimmerer

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

See separate flier or hclib.org/events for details

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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

Wednesdays, 2-5pm

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:

May 11: *The Lost Story* by Meg Shaffer

June 8: *James* by Percival Everett

July 13: *The Golden Spoon* by Jessa Maxwell

August 10: *Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch

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

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

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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:

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

June 3: *Olga Dies Dreaming* by X. Gonzalez

July 1: *Wedding People* by Alison Espach

Aug. 5: *This Side of Paradise* by F. S. Fitzgerald

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:

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

June 10: MN Lumber Industry (@ OTH)

July: No meeting in July

August 12: Farmer-Labor Movement (@ 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, May 22, June 12, July 17, & August 21, 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 (weekly through May - no meeting May 25; first and third Monday of the month starting in June)

Spanish Club

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

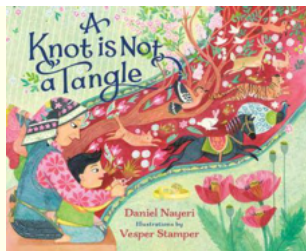
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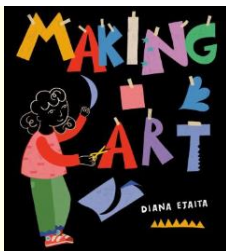
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Awesome Books for Kids & Teens

Picture Books



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

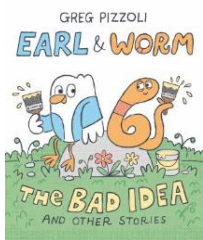


* Making Art
by Diana Ejaíta (preK-gr1)

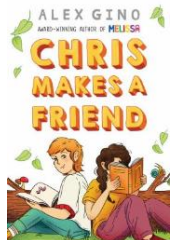


Paper Chase
by Julia Donaldson (preK-gr3)

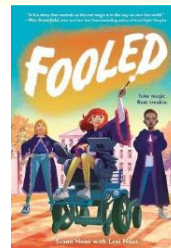
Kid Books



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



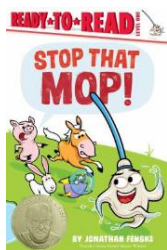
@ * Chris Makes a Friend
by Alex Gino (gr3-6)



* Fooled
Susan Haas (gr3-7)



★ * Night Chef
by Mika Song (gr1-4)



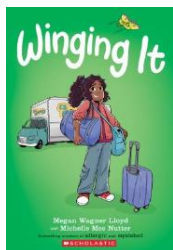
* Stop that Mop!
by Jonathan Fenske (preK-gr1)



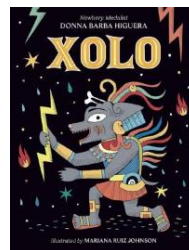
Time Lions and the Chrono-Loop
by Martin Seneviratne (gr5+)



* 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, **May 4-11, Jun 15-29** 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

Thursday, **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.

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

Sunday, **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.**

Petite Concerts

Thursday, **May 14**, 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.

For complete programming information:

www.hclib.org/events

Did You Know?

Your library card gets you comprehensive, authoritative information on every bird species in the world

Birds of the World is a collaborative ornithological platform that brings together deep, scholarly content from several celebrated works of ornithology with millions of bird observations from eBird and multimedia from the Macaulay Library into a single platform where biologists and birders can explore comprehensive life history information on birds:

- Designed for researchers, biologists, naturalists, and birders.
- Over 11,000 species accounts with details on appearance, taxonomy, habitat, diet, breeding, behavior, and more with annual taxonomy updates and ongoing updates on other information by leading ornithologists.

- Range, status, trends, and migration maps.
- Scientific illustrations of every species and many subspecies.
- Curated media galleries showing the birds throughout their life cycle.
- Common bird names can be searched in more than 96 languages. Information about the birds can be accessed in English, Spanish, and Portuguese with more languages soon to come.

[Start exploring at helib.org](https://helib.org) →



A screenshot of the Cornell Lab Birds of the World website. The header includes the Cornell Lab logo, "Birds of the World" text, a search bar, and navigation links for "About", "Partners", "Recent Updates", "Species", "News", and "Webinars". The main content area features a large image of a Rufous Hummingbird perched on a branch. Text on the left says "Discover Birds. Explore Science." and "Comprehensive life histories for all bird species and families". Below this is another search bar and three buttons: "Taxonomy", "Phylogeny", and "Surprise Me". The footer contains statistics: 11,167 Species, 251 Families, 2.2+ billion eBird Observations, 94,949,300 Macaulay Library media, and 2,315 Authors.



MINNESOTA MUSICIANS:

Join the library's free streaming music service!

Submit your music for consideration to MNspin April 13 — May 17.

Selected artists will be offered a license agreement and receive \$250.

Now playing: 75+ new albums!

**MN
SPIN**



CONNECTING YOU TO MINNESOTA MUSICIANS

Listen to 600+ albums and thousands of songs across 14 genres.

Download or stream music for free.



Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/MNspin_2025 to hear the new music collection.

Visit www.hclib.org/mnspin to learn more.



Hennepin County
Library

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!

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. You can also 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 May 16, 2026 sale.

**Coupon counts towards books only. Maximum value \$3. 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 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!

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 (except holidays) 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. Sending a check, cash, or stock
2. Making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA
3. Remembering the library in your will or estate plan

Please consider these options when making your charitable giving decisions this year. For questions and more information, please contact Leadership Giving Director Annie Schmidt at 612-543-8114 or aschmidt@hclib.org.

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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