



Check It Out

\$30,000 Fundraising Goal Reached After Just Five Sales, One Sale Remaining in 2025



The 9 AM members-only crowd enjoys first dibs at the books at our Sep. 13 sale. Not a member yet? Donate online or at the door!

Read more about the upcoming November 15 sale on [page 2](#) →

2025 Fundraising Goals



THIS ISSUE'S SPECIAL FEATURES

Celebrating Friends of Libraries Week at Plymouth

Page 5

A Vast Library Art Collection Is Just a Click Away

Page 12

Member Reminders + Coupon

Page 15

Annual Members Meeting: Officer Election Results, New Board Member



Ellen Griffin and Jennie Reece

The Friends of the Plymouth Library held its Annual Meeting on Oct. 9 to elect the 2026 leadership team.

Josh Velasquez, Carrie Almaer, and Bernadeen Brutlag were re-elected to their second terms as President, Vice President, and Treasurer, respectively. Long-time director Ellen Griffin was elected to her first term as Secretary.

The Friends also welcomed Jennie Reece as the newest Board member.

Read more about Jennie on [page 4](#) →

Prologue

Book Sale on Saturday Nov. 15



Another big Plymouth Library book sale is coming on November 15! The Friends of the Plymouth Library will be selling hundreds and hundreds of adult and kids' books, puzzles, games, DVDs, and 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!)
- **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 Nov. 13. (*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 Fri. Nov. 14, and pick them after the sale on Sat. Nov. 15.
- **Volunteer mid-day at the sale on Sat. Nov. 15.** (Cashiers and general volunteers needed.)
- **Help clean up** after the sale on Saturday, Nov. 15.

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



Donation Days on Nov 14 and Dec 6

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

- **Friday, November 14, from 9–3 PM**
- **Saturday, December 6, from 10:30 AM–12 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.

Financial Update for November 2025



Bernadeen Brutlag,
Treasurer

We have now had five book sales with the last one for 2025 coming up in November. The five sales brought in a total of \$33,485. At the July and September sales, Venmo was offered as a payment option. An average of 14% of proceeds from those two sales came through Venmo. Our experience would indicate that the Venmo payment option has been well received by our customers. Accepting Venmo payments is quick and easy for our cashiers, too. We expect to continue to offer Venmo as a payment option at our sales.

In the first ten months of this year, we received \$5,160 in donations from the Ready Reads carts of used books in the library lobby. 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.

From this year's income, we've sent five grants totaling \$31,900 to the Friends of the Hennepin County Library:

- The first was for \$7,000 designated to be used for the World Class Collection
- The second was for \$7,400 to support HCL's Outreach and Engagement
- The third for \$6,000 supports Student Success programs
- The fourth for \$5,500 was for Youth Development
- The fifth grant for \$6,000 supports the Let's Read literacy initiative

In addition, we designated \$1,157 from Venmo payments for Youth Development and \$606 for the Let's Read literacy initiative.

The Friends of the Plymouth Library \$25,000 endowment fund that was set up in November 2022 has a value of \$33,984 at the end of September 2025. This endowment is designated for the collection. The first appropriation will occur in the first quarter of 2026.

The financial support we are able to provide to the FHCL for the benefit of all 41 libraries is made possible by of all the enthusiastic shoppers at our book sales. We have one more sale this year. Our low-priced books, CDs, DVDs, games, and puzzles are a real bargain and great for gifts. Check them out at our sale on November 15!



Give to the Max and Help Unlock a \$30,000 Challenge Grant for HCL!

Help the Friends of the Hennepin County Library unlock a \$30,000 challenge grant from the Butler Family Community Foundation to fund new books, eBooks, and library programs that inspire readers of all ages. Every donation brings us closer to a stronger, more connected community.

Give by November 20 at www.supporthclib.org →

Meet the Newest FOPL Director, Jennie Reece

WHERE HAS LIFE TAKEN YOU BEFORE PLYMOUTH?

Life began in Montreal, Quebec, and at age ten my family moved to Southern California. I lived there until December 2022, when I decided to relocate to Minnesota where my only son lives.

WHAT'S YOUR EARLIEST LIBRARY MEMORY?

I recall my childhood amazement at discovering a place called "the library" where you could sit and read from a wealth of books, or take them home to read, for free!

WHAT'S A SURPRISING HOBBY OR SKILL YOU HAVE?

I enjoy trying my hand at various fiber arts, but still haven't found a favorite.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEAL READING SPOT?

I will read almost anywhere, but my ideal spot is a comfy corner of the sofa with my dog next to me.

WHAT BOOK MADE THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?

The books that have had the most impact on my life are those from meditation masters and Buddhist scholars.



WHAT BOOK DO YOU RECOMMEND MOST OFTEN?

One book I often recommend is Billy Summers by the prolific Stephen King. I seldom reread a book, but this is one I feel deserves it!

IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH THREE AUTHORS, LIVING OR DEAD, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

For dinner companions, I'd choose: Edith Wharton for her wit, Anne Tyler for her warmth, and Claire Keegan for her depth (and I must confess, her accent). If I can pick just two more, it would be Dr Seuss because *The Cat in the Hat*, and Julia Child just for fun!

WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?

I'm reading a spooky season book, *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO JOIN THE FOPL BOARD?

Since moving to Minnesota, I've considered various volunteer opportunities. Friends of Plymouth Library is a natural fit because of my enthusiasm for books, reading, and being with other people who share the same affinities.

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO BRING TO THE BOARD?

I'm excited to see where I can put my time, energy and analytical skills to use.



Celebrating Friends of Libraries Week at Plymouth for Third Consecutive Year

This year's Friends of Libraries Week was October 19–25, marking its 20th year as an annual celebration of Library Friends coordinated through United for Libraries, the trustees of the American Library Association, and local library Friends groups.

For the third year in a row, the Friends of the Plymouth Library partnered with Plymouth Library leadership to host a display in the lobby that celebrated our 30 years of supporting the library. FOPL Vice President Carrie Almaer spearheaded the effort to install the display, including scrapbooks documenting Friends history, as well as free custom stickers and bookmarks to mark the occasion.

In celebrating Friends of Libraries Week, we acknowledge all of our amazing members and volunteers who make our important work possible, and we look forward to doing it again next year.



Getting to Know Alex Pollock, Library Customer Service Specialist



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

I am a Library Specialist at the Plymouth Library, and that means I do a lot of circulation work. Everyone has time at the front desk, but Specialists also run our returns machine, or AMH, as well as doing materials handling. Think pulling requested items, processing holds, shelving, etc. Because I started out as a volunteer and have a Masters Degree in Library Science, I also help out the Youth Services team with planning and programming, and I run the weekly French Club. My days can look quite different depending on the tasks I want to accomplish!

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

I've been a library lover ever since I was a kid, but I started attending Joanna Redman's Anime Club at Ridgedale when I was in middle school and it hooked me. Pretty soon I began volunteering with the library when I reached high school, and I loved it so much I decided to stay forever.

I received my Masters Degree in Library Science in spring of 2024 and had already been working at Plymouth for a year at that time. The library is my home. I love the work and I love the people, and it feels good to do work that positively impacts the community.

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP, AND HOW HAS THAT SHAPED WHO YOU ARE TODAY?

Although I am originally from northern California, I've spent most of my life here in Minnesota. My parents like to deny my midwestern qualities, but I'm quite proud of my accent and love of cheese.

WHERE DO YOU CALL HOME?

I currently live in Plymouth with my family but am hoping to move a bit closer to the city next year.

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD—ANY FAVORITE FAMILY TRADITIONS OR ROUTINES?

I live with my parents and my dog Wally, as well as my younger brother who's currently at university. We're four unique individuals – we usually don't even eat the same thing at dinner! I think the only routine we have is that I must tuck my dog into bed when it's his bedtime. He's a bit of an old man. Like clockwork every night he walks out to the living room to be let out and when he comes back in, he herds me to my mom's room where he expects to be tucked in to bed.

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

I love spending time with friends and my wonderful partner out in the city. We like exploring new places and trying new restaurants, especially since I have celiac and the gluten-free options are pretty diverse in Minneapolis. Otherwise, I read, crochet, watch anime, go for walks in nature, and care for my 50ish houseplants.

Continued on next page →

Continued from previous page...

WHAT KINDS OF BOOKS DO YOU LOVE TO READ, AND WHAT DRAWS YOU TO THOSE GENRES?

I love romance and manga most, but I like to read widely when I can. I am a hopeless romantic at heart, so I enjoy reading cute love stories all the time. I can attribute my love of manga to Joanna Redman and her Anime Club. The manga and anime communities are full of fun and interesting people, and I love being a part of them. It's also a fantastic art and storytelling medium.

IS THERE A BOOK THAT CHANGED YOUR PERSPECTIVE OR MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION ON YOU?

I really enjoyed *Seaside Beta* by ohuton, produced by small indie publisher Glacier Bay Books. Inspired by the sci-fi classic *Flatland*, the characters discover they're in a story within a story and search for a way to get to the "real". In the process they examine how stories are told and what it even means to be "real". The art style is unique and the use of black and white versus color was incredible. I also loved all the details on the dust jacket and end pages that added another layer. In today's publishing world you don't often see that level of detail and quality, so I commend Glacier Bay Books for that.

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

I will proudly advertise my love for *Gideon the Ninth* and its sequels in the Locked Tomb series by Tamsyn Muir any day. This fantastic queer sci-fi fantasy series follows Gideon the Ninth, swordswoman for necromancer Harrowhark the Ninth of the Ninth House. Gideon and Harrow are summoned by the Emperor to participate in a deadly trial on a crumbling planet along with the other Houses and their necromancers. If they succeed, Harrow will become a powerful immortal servant of the Emperor, but there is a dangerous conspiracy brewing. The characters are complex, the humor had me laughing out loud, and the world building was incredible. I'm not easily scared by books, but there were some horror elements to this one that genuinely spooked me, so I was delighted. I also love when I can go into a book



trusting that the author will deliver a great story, and Tamsyn Muir does just that.

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

I picked up a copy of *The Unhoneymooners* by Christina Lauren from one of the Friends' book carts (shoutout to the wonderful Friends of the Plymouth Library!) and ended up giving it five stars. Part of why I loved this book was that the two main characters had actual problems they needed to solve beyond the usual miscommunication trope, and I appreciate when romance authors have their characters go through real adult stuff instead of something that could be solved by simply communicating with each other.

Continued on next page →



Continued from previous page...

WHAT'S A HIDDEN TALENT OR SURPRISING SKILL YOU HAVE?

I can clown honk just using my voice.

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

I'm a houseplant enthusiast, and my very first plant is almost 10 years old now. It's a tiny cactus named Michael, and we didn't know if it was actually alive for the first two years. I kept watering it and eventually it started growing taller, so that's that.

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

I love the people! I have great coworkers who work hard and make me laugh every day. It's nice to work on such a supportive team that cares about the work we do and the community we serve. It also helps that some of them have free candy at their desks...

Lightning Round with Alex

COFFEE OR TEA?

Tea

FICTION OR NONFICTION?

Fiction

EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

Night Owl

FAVORITE SEASON OF THE YEAR?

Autumn

CATS OR DOGS (OR ANOTHER FAVORITE ANIMAL)?

Both!

MOST-USED LIBRARY SERVICE? (BESIDES BOOKS!)

Libby

BOOK YOU WISH YOU HAD TIME TO READ?

Everyone recommends *The Priory of the Orange Tree* by Samantha Shannon, but it kind of intimidates me.

DEWEY DECIMAL OR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS?

Library of Congress

ONE WORD YOUR FRIENDS WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE YOU?

Mischievous

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

I would have dinner with Tamsyn Muir so I could ask her when the final book of the *Locked Tomb* series is coming out!



Plymouth Library

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

Try Ukulele

Register at www.hclib.org/events or call 612-543-5825
Thursday, January 15, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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.

HENNEPIN COUNTY
LIBRARY



Plymouth Library Adult Events

Introduction to Fantasy Writing*

Saturday, November 8, 2-3:30pm

Participate in writing activities that help you understand the mythological, supernatural, and magical of fantasy stories. From world-building to unique character development, this class will give you the tools to start your fantasy story or develop your fantastical stories even further! Collaborator: The Loft Literary Center.

Registration required: hclib.org/events

Collage and Found Poetry Meditation Stones*

Sunday, November 23, 2-3:30pm

Make your own collection of stones that inspire and ground you. You will be designing your stone, cutting words and letters from printed materials such as newspapers and magazines, creating found poetry, inspirational words, and affirmations. The stones will be shellacked with a nontoxic gloss coat for durability. You can use them for meditation or daily inspiration and intention. Materials provided. Collaborator: ArtStart.

Registration required: hclib.org/events



Try Ukulele

Thursday, January 15, 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



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.

Sundays, 1-3pm

Mondays, 2-5pm

Tuesdays, 2-5pm

Wednesdays, 2-5pm

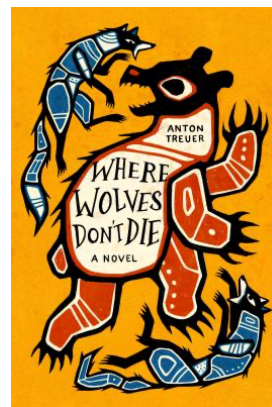
Thursdays, 2-5pm

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:

November 10: *Where Wolves Don't Die* by AntonTreuer

December 8: *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henriquez

January 12: *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy

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:

November 5: *The Wishing Game*

by Meg Shaffer

December 3: *I Cheerfully Refuse* by Leif Enger

January 7: *The Travelling Cat Chronicles*

by Hiro Arikawa

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:

Nov 12: Lake Superior Shipwrecks (@ OTH)

Dec 10: Wrestling in Minnesota (@Py)

(no session in January – regular schedule will resume in February @ OTH)

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, Nov 21, Dec 19, & Jan 23, 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

Plymouth Library Language Clubs

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

English Conversation Circle

Mondays, 10:00-11:00am (no meetings Dec. 22 & 29)

French Club

Mondays, 1-2pm (no meetings Dec. 22 & 29)

Spanish Club

First and third Thursday of the month, 1-2:30pm (no meetings in January – regular schedule will resume in February)

For complete programming information:

www.hclib.org/events

Awesome Events for Kids

Baby Storytime

Mondays, **Nov 3–Nov 17**, 10-11am

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

Family Storytime

Thursdays, **Nov 6–Nov 20**, 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, **Nov 5–Nov 19**, 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.

Awesome Events for Kids

PreK Fridays!

Fridays, **Nov 7** and **Dec 5**, 10-10:30am

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

Awesome Events for Teens

Teen Anime Club

Sunday, **Nov 9** and **Dec 14**, 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.**

Library Programming for Teens Makes a Big Impact

Need proof? Look no further than this month's spotlight on Alex Pollock, Library Customer Service Specialist, who turned her love of libraries as a teen into a Master Degree in Library Science and a job at the Plymouth Library!

Alex attributes her affinity for libraries (and manga!) to her time as a middle schooler with then-Ridgedale-now-Plymouth youth librarian Joanna Redman and the library's Anime Club.

Read the spotlight on Alex on [page 6](#) →



For complete programming information:

www.hclib.org/events

Did You Know?

A Vast Library Art Collection Is Just a Click Away: Browse Art by HCL Building, Artist, and Medium

Hennepin County Library branches feature both permanent art installations and rotating displays of work by community members. The county recognizes that public art contributes to the life and vitality of our community, and many HCL buildings have space available for local artists to exhibit their work.

On the HCL website, you can browse the entire art collection by HCL branch, artist, or medium.

[View the collection →](#)



Interested in displaying your own artwork? Visit the links below to learn about HCL's Commissioned Public Art Policy and Community Art Display Policy, then contact your local branch for information about exhibition opportunities.

- [Commissioned Public Art Policy](#)
- [Community Art Display Policy](#)

Art at the library

Browse art

Select location

All libraries

Select artist

All artists

Select artist

All mediums

View selected art

Art results

5 results



Charlie Read (Time Out Boy)

by Gary Lee Price
Plymouth Library • Children's area

Details



The Dream Machine

by Phil Daniel, Shawnee Langworthy
Plymouth Library • Main room, west windows

Details



Elements of Harmony

by Joan Solomon
Plymouth Library • Main room, east wall

Details



Maypole Mother

by Nicholas Legeros
Plymouth Library • Main room

Details



Paige Turner (Bookworm II)

by Gary Lee Price
Plymouth Library • Entrance

Details



The Dream Machine

by Phil Daniel and Shawnee Langworthy, 2012
Glass stained

Plymouth Library • Main room, west windows

View photos

About the art

This artwork melds old and new, mixing the traditional art of stained glass with a more modern, abstract design that calls to mind a cog or a Native American dream catcher. (As artist Phil Daniel describes it, it's an "anime take on a classic Rose Window.") If you lean in for a closer look, you'll also see a literary layer to the artwork. Words by C.S. Lewis, Rudyard Kipling and others have been delicately etched into the mouth-blown glass—all favorite quotes and poems submitted by library patrons.

Funded by the Hennepin County Library One Percent for Art program

Photos

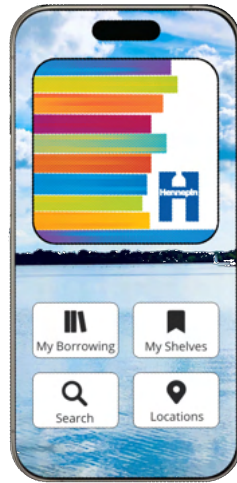


Did You Know?

Download the new HCL App

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

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



Available for Apple and Android devices



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



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

At Home Service

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

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

Ask Us Service

Your library. Here for you.

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

Get a free library card

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

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



Free things to do with your library card

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

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

Member 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 November 15, 2025 book sale.

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

Enjoy the Perks of Being Friends

All members receive these special benefits:

Discounts at Local Bookstores and Library Friends Events

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

Special Invites

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

This Plymouth Friends Newsletter

Includes this coupon for a free book at our next 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 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: Tue Nov 11, Thu Nov 27, Wed Dec 24, Thu Dec 25, Wed Dec 31 (closing early at 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.

Board Members

PRESIDENT	Josh Velasquez
VICE-PRESIDENT	Carrie Almaer
TREASURER	Bernadeen Brutlag
SECRETARY	Ellen Griffin
BOOK SALES	Katherine Jaeger Sandy Hoglund
MEMBERSHIP	Ellen Griffin
COMMUNICATION	Josh Velasquez
VOLUNTEERS	Sandy Hoglund
EXT. RELATIONS	Cathy Fischer
PLYMOUTH READS	LuAnn Svendsen
NOMINATIONS	Katherine Jaeger
DIRECTORS	Shannon Banks Margaret Bird Megan Kohls Irma Johnson Barb Marshall Jennie Reece Brian Wilkerson
TEEN DIRECTOR	Shritha Devaraju
LIBRARY LIAISONS	Joanna Redman Stephanie Steinwedel Steve Richter

Contact Us

plymouth@supporthclib.org
(612) 543-5825