



Check It Out

Book Sale on Saturday Sept. 13



Friday setup volunteers pose with their hard work upon completing preparations for the July 12 book sale.

Another big Plymouth Library book sale is coming on September 13! The Friends of the Plymouth Library will be selling hundreds and hundreds of adult and kid's books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs.

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

Sale Hours:

- 9–10 AM - Exclusive early access for Friends members (join at the door!)
- 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.

Interested in volunteering for the sale or donating books? Flip to page 2 →

Annual Members Meeting Scheduled for Thursday Oct. 9

The Board of Directors cordially invites all active Friends of the Plymouth Library members to our Annual Members Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6 pm at the Plymouth Library.

Election of Board officers will take place at this meeting. As a member, you have a voice in electing the organization's leadership team.

All four officer positions are up for election this year: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any active Plymouth member can place their name on the ballot for these open positions.

Officer job descriptions and ballot applications available upon request via email: plymouth@supportthclib.org.

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Book Sale Volunteers Needed

- We are still looking for volunteers to...
- Transport boxes of books from storage to the book sale room on the evening of **Thursday, September 11**
 - Receive donated books and help set up the book sale on **Friday, September 12**
 - Run the sale and clean up after the sale on **Saturday, September 13**

Please visit this link to view the online sign-up sheet: <http://fopl.link/volunteer-sep2025>

Donation Days on September 6 and 12

- We will be accepting donations in the meeting room at the Plymouth Library on:
- **Saturday, September 6, from 10:30 AM–12 PM**
 - **Friday, September 12, from 9–3 PM**

(Thank you for respecting these donation hours.)

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

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

Plymouth Library Book Sale Day Visits	
Mar 15, 2025	1,902
May 10, 2025	1,389
July 12, 2025	1,650

Plymouth Library Monthly Visitors	
May '25	22,311
Jun '25	26,422
Jul '25	28,682

Plymouth Library Checkouts	
May '25	35,884
Jun '25	46,922
Jul '25	46,051

Plymouth Library Library Card Sign-ups	
May '25	226
Jun '25	394
Jul '25	344

Member Updates

How to Become a Member

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

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

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

To our current and renewing members: thank you!

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

Thank you, Members!

This coupon entitles the Member to one FREE book* at the September 13, 2025 book sale.

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

Enjoy the Perks of Being Friends

All members receive these special benefits:

Discounts at Local Bookstores and Library Friends Events

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

Special Invites

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

This Plymouth Friends Newsletter

Includes this coupon for a free book at our next sale on September 13! 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

Financial Update for September 2025



Bernadeen Brutlag,
Treasurer

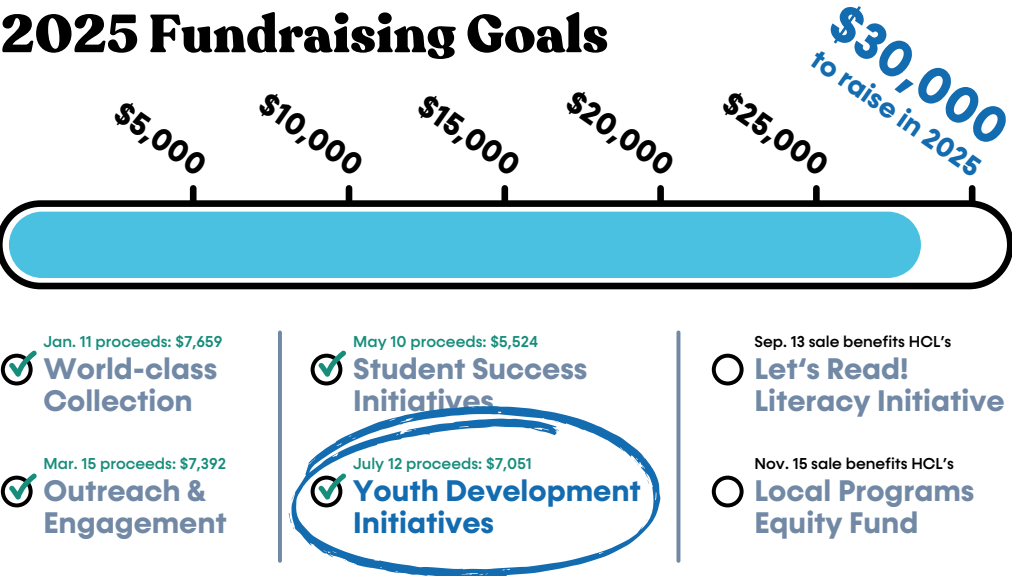
So far this year, we’ve had four book sales that brought in a total of \$27,620 (\$7,660 in January, \$7,390 in March, \$5,520 in May, and \$7,050 in July). July was the first sale where we offered Venmo as an optional payment method. Of the \$7,050 total sale proceeds, \$1,157 came through Venmo. Venmo payments go directly to the Friends of Hennepin County Library (FHCL). This payment option was well received by our customers. In addition, Venmo makes funds available more quickly to the FHCL and saves the local Friends in time spent processing payments from the sale.

During these seven months, we also received \$4,200 in donations from the Ready Reads carts of used books in the library lobby, and \$1,310 from memberships. As was noted in past Newsletters, we have transferred our membership process to the FHCL. This change means that the amount reported here for memberships will be our total for the year. Money received for dues is now going directly to the FHCL and will continue to be used for the benefit of Hennepin County libraries.

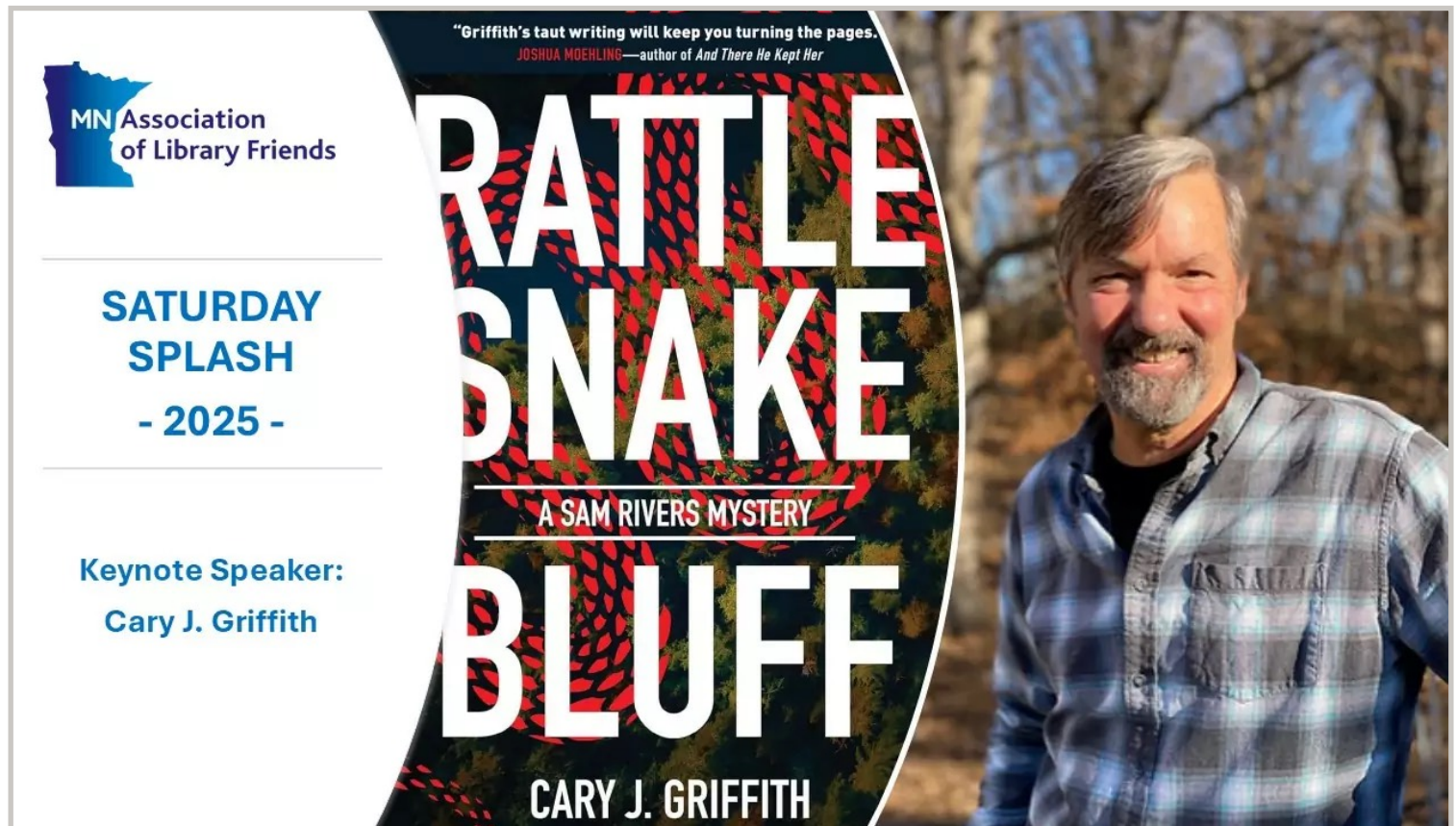
From this year’s income, we’ve sent four grants totaling \$25,900 to the FHCL. The first was for \$7,000 designated to be used for the World Class Collection, the second was for \$7,400 to support the Outreach and Engagement initiative, the third for \$6,000 supports Student Success, specifically the “Let’s Read” and “Homework Help” programs, and the fourth for \$5,500 was for Youth Development. In addition, we designated the \$1,157 Venmo payments for Youth Development.

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 two more sales this year. Hope to see you there!

2025 Fundraising Goals



Save the Date: MALF's "Saturday Splash" Scheduled for Saturday, October 11



The Minnesota Association of Library Friends, which includes the Friends of the Plymouth Library as a member, is excited to announce the return of their popular Friends of the Library mini-conference for 2025.

MALF will convene Friends from across Minnesota online for the fifth annual Saturday Splash on **Saturday, October 11, from 10 AM – 12 PM**. Full itinerary will be released later this summer, but they have announced their keynote author and emcee: **award-winning author Cary J. Griffith**.

Cary J. Griffith is best known for his compelling narratives that delve into the natural world, both through nonfiction and in the form of popular, propulsive fiction.

As an author, Griffith routinely presents at libraries across Minnesota and the Upper Midwest.

"Over the last year alone I have spoken at more than 50 public libraries," he estimates. "When visiting, I am reminded again and again about how great it is to be a Minnesotan, where we support and fund our public libraries so they can continue to evolve to address the needs of the communities they serve."

Griffith recognizes that grassroots Friends of the Library groups are an important part of that equation.

You can pre-register for Saturday Splash and be among the first to learn more about this free online event by visiting:
<http://fopl.link/saturday-splash>



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, October 2, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For adults, but high schoolers welcome. 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. Registration required.

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Author Talk: Stephanie Hansen

Thursday, September 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

The Emmy-winning host of *Taste Buds With Stephanie* will present about her new book *True North Cabin Cookbook: Seasonal Recipes from a Cozy Kitchen*. This second volume in the series commemorates “the cozy months” of October through April with friends and family and—of course—excellent food. Whether you do your cooking “up north” or at home, “Hansen's straightforward, creative, tasty dishes will nourish those who gather at your table.” Q&A to follow. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

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Plymouth Library Adult Events

Try Ukulele

Thursday, October 2, 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

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

Sept. 8: *Barracoön* by Zora Neale Hurston

Oct. 13: *Mother-Daughter Murder Night*
by Nina Simon

Nov. 10: *Where Wolves Don't Die* by Anton
Treuer

Bring Your Own Book - Book Club

First Tuesday of the month, 6-7pm

Join us for a casual, commitment-free book club and discuss what books you are reading with the group. You may hear about books you'd like to read and ones you may not have considered before. **We will meet at Luce Line Brewing for the monthly meetings starting in September.** 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:

Sept. 3: *The Ten Thousand Doors of January*
by Alix E. Harrow

Oct. 1: *The Trackers* by Charles Frazier

Nov. 5: *The Wishing Game* by Meg Shafer

(Continued!)

Plymouth Library Adult Events

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:

Sept 10: Nobel Peace Prize Winners of Minnesota (@OTH)

Oct 8: Made in Minnesota: Food (@Py)

Nov 12: Lake Superior Shipwrecks (@ 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, Sept 19; Oct 17; & Nov 21, 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 meeting on September 1)

French Club

Mondays, 1-2pm

Spanish Club

Thursdays, 1-2:30pm (will meet first and third Thursdays of each month starting Sept. 4)

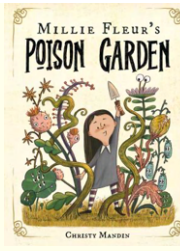
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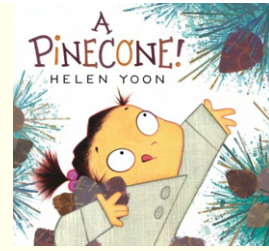
Picture Books



I am a Potato
by Ziggy Hanaor (preK-gr1)



@ * Millie Fleur's Poison Garden
by Christy Mandin (preK-gr2)



* A Pinecone!
by Helen Yoon (preK-gr2)

Kid Books



* The Cookie Crumbles
by Tracy Badua (gr5+)



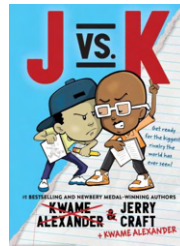
* Fresh Start
by Gale Galligan (gr3-8)



The Girl in the Walls
by Meg Eden Kuyatt (gr4-6)



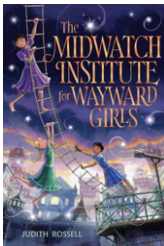
* The Incorrptibles
by Lauren Magaziner (gr5+)



@ * J vs K
by Kwame Alexander (gr3-7)



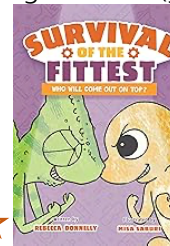
* Lu and Ren's
Guide to Geozology
by Angela Hsieh (gr3-7)



* Midwatch Institute for Wayward
Girls by Judith Rossell (gr3-7)



* The Story of Gumluck the
Wizard by Adam Rex (gr1-4)



Survival of the Fittest
by Rebecca Donnelly (gr2-5)

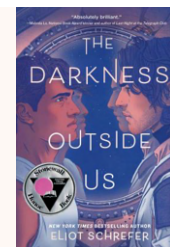
Teen Books



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



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



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

Awesome Books for Kids & Teens

Titles on this list were compiled for students in grades k-6 by Hennepin County librarians, Aug 2025

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

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

Awesome Events for Kids & Teens

Baby Storytime

Mondays, **Sept 8-Oct 6** and **Oct 20-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.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, **Sept 18-Oct 9**, and **Oct 30-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, **Sept 24-Oct 8** and **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.

PreK Fridays!

Fridays, **Oct 3, 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.

Baile Latino para Niños / Latin Dance for Kids

Thursday, **Oct 16**, 10-10:45am

Kids between the ages of 2-6 (siblings welcome) and their favorite grownups will bond by engaging in Latin dances such as salsa, bachata, and merengue. This dance program encourages movement and self-expression. The class will be taught in Spanish and English. **No registration required.**

Wet Felted Bugs

Saturday, **Oct 25**, 11am-12:30pm

Kids in grades 1-5. Study different bug bodies and create a critter of your own. Learn how to shape bright colors of loose wool using wet felting techniques to create your bug's body, then add ink dyed wings and googly eyes to make your bug come alive! Materials provided.

Registration required.

Homework Help - Tutors at the Library

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4-7pm starting **Sept 8**

Free in-person tutoring for K-12 students.

No registration required

Teen Anime Club

Sunday, **Sept 14**, Saturday, **Oct 11**, and Sunday, **Nov 9**

2:30-4:00pm 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.

That's Funny...Or is it? Comic Making Workshop

Friday **Oct 17**, 2-4pm For teens in grades 6-12.

Create a panel comic that may or may not be funny, using a 'Slice of Life' narrative approach from the recent past, distant future, distant past or near future. Brainstorm, refine ideas and dissect the story to fit within 4-6 panels. Ink them, color them or finish them black and white. You will leave with a finished short comic about a moment/incident/experience in your life! **Registration required.**

For complete programming information:

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Did You Know?

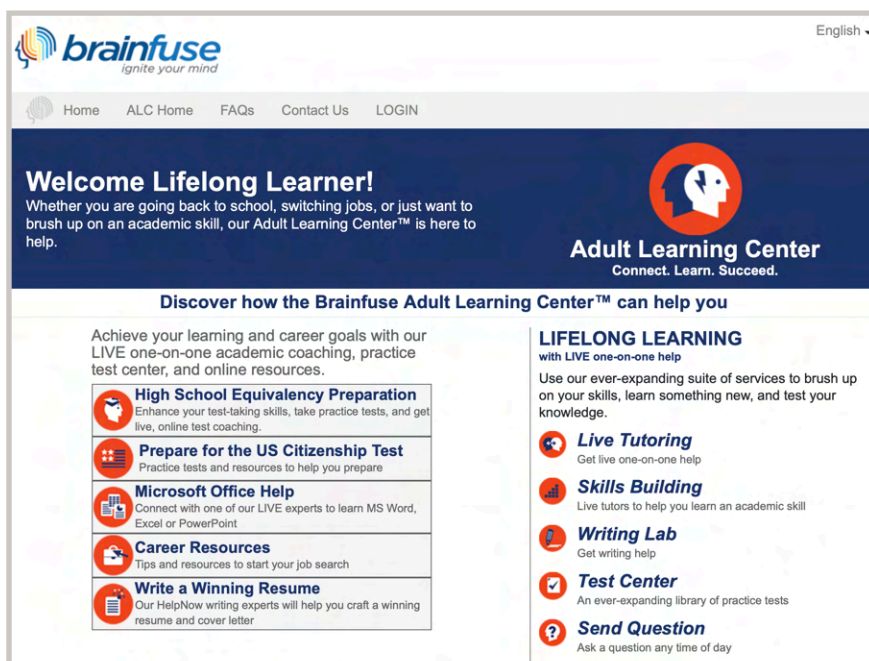
Attention Lifelong Learners! Whether you're returning to school, switching jobs, or brushing up on an academic skill, the Adult Learning Center is here to help.

Dedicated to the unique needs of an adult population, the Adult Learning Center offers a comprehensive and integrated suite of services, including the GED prep, 24/7 Writing Lab, Live Tutoring, Skills Building, Career Resources, U.S. Citizenship Prep, Microsoft Office Essentials, and 24/7 Question Center.

Live Tutoring allows learners the option to use our cutting-edge whiteboard technology to ask academic questions while **Skills Building** provides the opportunity for a structured session that focuses on specific academic skills. Both options utilize our field-tested database of lesson modules (including adult appropriate reading passages, supplemental exercises, and simulated test questions) to help

users master key concepts. With Skills Building, sessions run more sequentially, and users often work through topics systematically.

The Adult Learning Center also offers two types of **writing assistance** for business and personal needs: live assistance from expert writing tutors and the 24/7 Writing Lab. Our 24/7 Writing Lab is ideal when an extended analysis is required, and the writing is more than 1-2 pages. Brainfuse 24/7 Writing Lab is designed to help users produce a better written work through targeted, structured feedback. Users submit documents through our secure file sharing portal and check for document return status on the personalized and secure Message Center.



Two ways to access the Adult Learning Center:

- At a computer in the library
- At home with a library card:
[Click here to sign in via hclib.org](https://hclib.org)
or scan this QR code



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

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

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

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

Plymouth Library Hours

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

Upcoming library closures: Monday, September 1;
Tuesday, November 11; Thursday, November 27

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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