Dear Friends,

Because of you, Hennepin County Library is making a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals every day and supporting a fair, inclusive community that uplifts everyone, no exceptions.

Our 41 libraries stand at the very heart of our neighborhoods as welcoming spaces connecting people to resources and to each other for the exchange of information, ideas and opinions ... and as a place to learn, grow, discover, reflect, and respond.

In recognition of your incredible support, we are delighted to share Friends of the Hennepin County Library’s 2019 Annual Report, highlighting the extraordinary programs, services, and resources that YOU—our Hennepin County Library Friends and patrons—are making possible. As we turn the page from the last decade, we stand now stronger as an organization and able to fuel more of the library’s life-changing work than ever before.

The library’s community-driven mission means that growth, innovation, and forward thinking are essential to ensuring that every patron can find their place at the library. With your help, we have been able to bring books to homebound individuals, employ teens and jumpstart careers in STEM fields, expand the collection, support school-age youth with academic tutoring and mentoring, reach new communities through locally-embedded library services, and more!

Together, we look back at a wonderful year with pride and toward the future with hope. Thank you for helping extend the transformational power of our library to every corner of our county and beyond.

Kai Sakstrup
Board President

Kristi Pearson
CEO

Pictured: Kristi Pearson, Kai Sakstrup, and Aimee Guidera (Incoming FHCL Board President)

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Cover photo: Award-winning author Carmen Maria Machado greets fans at Talk of the Stacks.
2019: Our Library in Action

As Hennepin County Library’s non-profit fundraising partner, Friends of the Hennepin County Library builds awareness, appreciation, and financial support for our world-class library.

“I strongly support Intellectual Freedom for all and believe in the library as a source of creating community.”

~Ryan S, HCL Patron

“MY kids absolutely love the play areas and story times!”

~Ingrid B, HCL Patron

17.7M items checked out in 2019

5.2M library visits to all 41 libraries across Hennepin County

3.5M downloads of music, movies, and books through the online collection

1.5M computer sessions for library patrons

900K questions answered by knowledgeable and expert staff

11.3K inspiring and engaging programs

49K meetings and events at 41 library locations
## Financial Statement

**Statement of Operational Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2019**

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A full audit conducted by Akins Henke & Company is available on our website at www.supportHCLIB.org. Please contact Linda Merritt, Finance Director, at 612-543-8103 or email lkmerritt@hclib.org to request a paper copy of the audit.

In 2013, Friends of HCL moved to a guaranteed funding model, meaning the total funding given annually to Hennepin County Library is now decided prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year. Specific amounts are designated to each of HCL’s priority funding areas.
Your Friends Membership Grows Library Support

**MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS:**
- 2019: 10,000
- 2015: 7,000

**FUNDING TO THE LIBRARY:**
- 2019: $1.2M
- 2015: $826,413

- **$378,491**
  **YOUTH:**
  **SCHOOL READINESS/STEM LEARNING**
  Homework Help, early learning spaces, summer learning, Best Buy Teen Tech Center, and more

- **$159,012**
  **YOUTH:**
  **PATHWAYS TO CAREERS**
  Teen Tech Squad program

- **$175,000**
  **LOCAL LIBRARIES**
  Programming and resource enrichment at local libraries

- **$123,865**
  **INNOVATION**
  MNspin music streaming and download platform, equity fund programming and more

- **$94,000**
  **COLLECTIONS**
  Expanding the general collection, Special Collections digitization and preservation, and more

- **$269,632**
  **COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES**
  Senior services; outreach to patrons at correctional facilities and patrons experiencing homelessness; “All Are Welcome” van; Franklin Learning Center; literacy initiatives and more
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COMMUNITY EMBEDDED SERVICES

92% of Franklin Library youth workshop participants felt more connected to their community

96% of Oxboro Library program participants were more likely to use library services

80% of Oxboro Library program participants learned a valuable new skill

PATRONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

12 satellite book collections at homeless shelters

300 visitors for Sunday Atrium Open Hours at Minneapolis Central Library

“We come from so many different backgrounds but have so much in common. It was just nice to meet the author of a book that hit so close to home.”
~ Corrections facility program participant

OUTREACH TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

330 facility residents participated in library programs

200 children received book recordings from their incarcerated parents

YNAMIC OUTREACH & AT-HOME SERVICES

24 active book clubs convene regularly at senior living facilities

700 homebound individuals receive book deliveries

“These books are my life line!”
~ At-Home Services patron

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - PRESERVATION AND DIGITIZATION

125,000+ local historic photos available digitally and free of charge

12,700 WWII books, posters, and pamphlets preserved in the Kittleson Collection

1,731 local yearbooks digitized

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The Minerva Leadership Circle recognizes those who support our library at an exceptional level, $1,000 or more annually. Named in honor of the Roman goddess of wisdom and protector of libraries, Minerva members ensure that our library remains a pillar of our community.

Total tax-deductible giving received between January 1 and December 31, 2019.

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We are deeply grateful for the following Library supporters, now passed, who included Friends of HCL in their estate plans.

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2019 Events Highlights

FHCL’s engaging events offer community members and donors unique opportunities to connect with our world-class library through interactions with award-winning, best-selling authors and to gather together and celebrate all the library has to offer.

Anna Quindlen offers insights into the writing of her latest book, Nanaville, at Talk of the Stacks (left.) Dessa entertains library and music fans at an annual cocktail fundraiser benefitting MnSpin, the library’s online music streaming and downloading platform (right.)

“I love the Pen Pals series so much, and hearing Ann Patchett was simply life-changing for me. I was so inspired by her breadth of experience, her humor, and her easy-going manner. Then I read the complimentary copy of The Dutch House—in one day—and I was stunned by how the book expressed family themes and generational pain.”

~ Pen Pals attendee
Hosmer and Oxboro Libraries Reopened After Extensive Renovation

At Hosmer Library, the charm of the 1916 Carnegie-funded building remains intact while the expanded entryway, updated children and teen spaces, and urban public garden offer patrons new and enriching experiences.

Oxboro Library now features more open and flexible spaces, with a focus on serving the growing Latinx community in Bloomington. Expanded children and teen areas, along with new furniture, welcome growing readers. The renovated space also features more access to much needed technology resources.