



FRIENDS *of the*  
Plymouth Library  
HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

# CHECK IT OUT!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A warm welcome you to a new year, 2023. We hope that it will be a great year for everyone. The Friends of the Plymouth Library and the library have many great programs planned this year. The Friends will be holding book sales January 14th, March 11th, May 13th, September 9th, and November 18th. The Friends hope to once again have the ever-popular Plymouth Garden Tour in the summer. And we will see the return of Plymouth Reads in April. Watch upcoming newsletters for details.

### **LIBRARY BOOK SALE - JANUARY 14th.**

The Friends of the Plymouth Library will be holding its next book sale on Saturday, January 14th. The sale begins at 9:00 am for Friends members and then at 10:00 am for the general public. If you are not a member, you can purchase an annual membership at the door for \$10. The sale ends at 3:00 pm, with the last hour being reserved for the \$5.00 bag sale.



## Author Brooke Barker Visits Plymouth Library

Author Brooke Barker charmed an enthusiastic audience at the Plymouth Library in early December with her entertaining stories and drawings about her interactions with blue jays, crows, and other birds and animals. Barker's latest book, How Do Meerkats Order Pizza? describes the connection between scientists and facts about the animals they study. Her book is illustrated with engaging sketches of white-tailed deer, roosters, jaguars, humpback whales, and other animals who seem to be as interested in the scientists' research as humans are. Brooke's appearance was sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth Library. Brooke's previous books include Sad Animal Facts and Sad Animal Babies. This was her second visit to the Plymouth Library and each time has been a delight, very informative and entertaining.



## **UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS**

**Puzzle Exchange** - Sunday, Jan. 29th, 1-3 p.m.

This is National Puzzle Day! Bring a use jigsaw puzzle and swap it for a different one. (Make sure it has all the pieces - 100 to 1000 pieces).

**Art at War: Russian Artists** - Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This will be presented by staff from the Museum of Russian Art. The discussion will center around what artists did during the Great Patriotic War to capture the efforts and effect of the war and how it helped shape the Soviet perspective in its role in the conflict. Please register.

**Great Decisions: Russia and the U.S.** - Thursday, Feb. 23rd, 4-5:30 p.m.

Professor Andrew Latham, Macalaster College, will investigate how the Biden administration approaches issues like the war in Ukraine, arms control, Russian interference in the U.S. elections, and the fate of opposition politicians in Russia. Please register.

**Monday Night Book Club** - Second Monday of the month, from 6-7 p.m. Please register.

**Non-Fiction Book Club** (online) - Tuesdays, Jan. 10th, Feb. 7th, 7-8 pm. Registration required, an email link will be emailed to all registrants.

**Wednesday Afternoon Book Club** - First Wednesday of the month, 2-3 p.m.

**Movie Club** - Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 6-7 p.m. Watch a movie and then attend virtually to talk about. The link and phone number for the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants in advance. Registration required.

**Career Counseling and Job Search Assistance** - Second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 1:30 - 4 p.m. Drop in and meet with an employment counselor from CareerForce for career counseling and job search assistance. Resume critique, job interview coaching, and effective job search strategies are offered.

**Medicare Counseling** - Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and receive help with Medicare. Registration is required. <https://trellisconnects.org/get-help/medicare/>. Choose to make an in-person appointment, select Plymouth Library and a time.

**Move and Play** - Jan. 10th-11th, Feb 27th-March 3rd - all day, each day. For toddlers, preKs, and a favorite adult.

**Family Storytime** - Thursdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 16th, 10 a.m. No registration required

**Study Break with an Animal** - Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 2-3:30 pm.

These are just a few of the programs offered by the library. To register for events and to find other programs offered, please go to <http://hclib.org/events>.

### IN MEMORIUM

The Friends lost two faithful members in 2022.

Joe Horvath, along with his wife Ruth, was a charter member of the Friends of the Plymouth Library and worked many hours at our book sales. Until about three years ago, Joe was up early and could always be seen putting out the book sale signs on the boulevards around the library. Learn more about his life at <https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000443813/>

Leslie Ostrem was a generous and diligent Board member and over the years worked on numerous projects for the Friends. Her friendly smile and her willingness to help in any way she could will be greatly missed. She was a very kind soul and it was always a joy to be in her presence. To learn more about her life click on the link:

[https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000446138/?fullname=leslie-m-\(hutchins\)-ostrem](https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000446138/?fullname=leslie-m-(hutchins)-ostrem).

Both Joe and Leslie will be missed by those they leave behind. They both leave behind a great legacy of giving their time and talents for the benefit of others.



Who Are We?

The Friends of the Plymouth Library (FPL) 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. FPL volunteers also assist library staff with many activities throughout the year. Membership is open to all.

Board Members

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All members are welcome at Board Meetings, which are held at the Plymouth Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

For more information:

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## Book Sale

The next book sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for Friends members and 10:00 a.m. for the general public. We look forward to seeing you at the book sale.

## Books recommended by the Board:

Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro

Stolen Hours by Allen Eskens

My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell

The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury

The Ring Breaker by Jean Gill

When Women Were Dragons by Kelly Barnhill

All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers

Holes by Louis Sachar

Conversations with People Who Hate Me by Dylan Marron

What Happened to the Bennetts by Lisa Scottoline

The Measure by Nikki Erlick

Fox Creek by William Kent Krueger

The Bullet That Missed by Richard Osman

Becoming Abolitionists by Derecka Purnell

The New Neighbor by Karen Cleveland

Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

World of Curiosities by Louise Penny

The Call of the Wrens by Jenni L. Walsh

**HAPPY READING!!!!**

**Plymouth Library Hours of Operation**

The library is open Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m., and Sun. Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Another way of helping the library is through your purchases at smile.amazon.com. Using this access to Amazon sends a donation from Amazon to the charity of your choice, at no cost to you. Search for Friends of the Plymouth Community Library & Mobile Sers Comm Group.

This is the first edition of “Check It Out” that is being sent out electronically only, unless you don’t have an easily accessible email address and have contacted the Friends - Friends of the Plymouth Library, PO Box 46232, Plymouth, MN 55546.

**THANK YOU, MEMBERS!!**

This coupon entitles the Member to one free book\* at the January, 2023 book sale.

\*Coupon counts towards books only.

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