



FRIENDS of the
Plymouth Library
HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

CHECK IT OUT!

LIBRARY BOOK SALE - September 9th

The Friends of the Plymouth Library will be holding its next book sale on Saturday, Sept. 9th. The sale begins at 9:00 a.m. for Friends members and then at 10:00 a.m. 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 p.m., with the last hour being reserved for the \$5.00 bag sale. For the members coming at the beginning of the sale (9:00 a.m.), remember to **line up at the entry door to the library, not the back door to the sale**. Celebrate the beginning of the new school year by purchasing some great books.



FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 12th, 6:00 P.M.

On Thursday, October 12, 2023, in the large meeting room in the Plymouth Library, the Friends of Plymouth Library will be holding its annual meeting during which there will be the election of board officers along with the monthly meeting of the board. All who wish to attend are invited. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm.

The Glorious 2023 Garden Tour

Mild temperatures and sunshine greeted the more than 175 visitors to the five gardens comprising the Gorgeous Gardens tour sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth Library on Sunday, July 16. This was the eighth garden tour sponsored by the Friends, and it netted \$1714. All proceeds from the tour will benefit the community through programs sponsored by the Library.

Visitors to the gardens were greeted by some nice surprises this year. A harpist provided live music by which to tour one garden, and another host gave away more than 50 garden pots. At another garden, visitors were able to admire a huge oak tree that, according to an arborist from the University of Minnesota, had “been a sapling when Columbus discovered America!” And garden hosts all received lovely handmade cards from one of the visitors.



The success of the garden tour each year is dependent on the work of numerous volunteers. We also are grateful for the generosity of the host gardeners: Scott and Mary Rollins, George and Kathy Huber, Betty and Michael Sorensen, Jim and Linda Filippi, and John and Holly Monahan. Our community partners, Lund's & Byerly's, Bachman's Plymouth, and Kaitlin McCoskey at the SunSailor newspaper, also contributed greatly. A big thank you to all of them!

The Friends are searching for gorgeous gardens for our next tour. If you would like to nominate your own garden or that of a friend or neighbor, please contact us at plymouth@supporthclib.org.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES



My husband gave me a Little Free Library (LFL) for my birthday in 2014. That LFL proved to be too small and we upgraded to a larger LFL in 2017. There are various sizes and shapes or you can build your own. Our neighborhood seems to enjoy the library and it is a lot of fun for me.

If you are thinking of starting one, don't be discouraged if it takes awhile to be used. People don't necessarily know what that box is about and feel uncomfortable taking books. When your library is new, full and ready to go, I suggest putting a balloon or two on it and inviting neighbors to stop by.

I include a mix of adult, children's picture books and chapter books. The idea of LFL, is take a book and leave a book. I have found that people mostly take a book and return the same book later.

Luckily we have the library book sales so I can always get different books, especially at the \$5 per bag sale! Stop by and take a look at my library any time. LuAnn Svendsen, at 12620 46th Ave N. All are welcome!

MEET CARRIE ALMAER - FRIENDS BOARD MEMBER**What position do you hold on the Friends of the Plymouth Library Board?**

I am a Director on the FOPL Board. I have been involved with Plymouth Reads for many years, helping to choose the books and plan events. I also love helping at the Used Book Sales and Garden Tours.

**What is your hometown?**

I was born and raised in Buffalo, MN.

What is your current place of residence?

I have lived in Plymouth for about 25 years - in the Plumtree Neighborhood just south of the Wayzata High School.

Tell us about your immediate family, pets, etc.

I am married to Simon, who is from London, England. I met him while I was working in Oxford after I finished college. I have two sons, David and Ryan. Also a part of the family are a dog named Penny and 2 cats, Zoey and Oscar.

What are your hobbies?

I am an animal lover and enjoy volunteering at local shelters/rescues. I work at Secondhand Hounds, Safe Hands, Crossroads and MARS. If you are looking for a pet, consider fostering or adopting from a rescue! I'm a movie buff and I

like to read (I'm in 3 book clubs!). I love watching my boys play soccer. Our whole family likes to watch and cheer for our favorite team, Manchester United.

What are your favorite genres to read?

I will read everything but I like fiction best. My favorite stories are usually those that involve quirky characters forming unlikely friendships and helping each other navigate through life. I am also a fan of a happy ending!

What is your favorite book?

Some of my favorite "classics" are: "David Copperfield", "Jane Eyre", "To Kill a Mockingbird", "The Great Gatsby". More recent favorites include: "Plainsong", "Virgil Wander", "A Gentleman in Moscow", "Anxious People", and "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand".

What was the last great book that you have read?

Our 2023 Plymouth Reads book was “Carolina Moonset” by Matt Goldman. I really liked that book and enjoyed hearing him at the author event.

What are you really good at?

I have always been creative and pretty good at art/crafts. I also like to think I am a good listener.

What do most people not know about you that you are willing to share?

I have a bachelor’s degree in mass communication with a theater minor. I worked in TV/video production before I had kids. I helped out at the MN Film Board for awhile and was lucky to work on a few films that were made in MN, including “The Mighty Ducks”.

Why are you serving on the Friends of the Plymouth Library Board?

I have really enjoyed volunteering for various Friends events over the years and thought being on the board would be a good fit. It is fun to work with a great group of people on events that benefit our library and community.

Donna Cannon: A Life of Advocacy Continues Through Plymouth Reads

Donna Cannon has been a member of both the Plymouth Reads Bookclub and the Plymouth Reads Planning Committee, giving special attention to improving access for seniors, for more than five years. She was born and raised in Minnesota. Her education includes a degree in social work and political science, from Mankato State University, and a masters degree in leadership from Augsburg University. A career path followed that included coordinating programs for elementary school children that promoted reading, coordinating services for survivors of domestic violence, and writing grants to procure support for recruiting and retaining women in non-traditional careers (skilled trades mostly filled by men, paying higher wages than traditional women’s careers).

Donna originally attended the monthly bookclub meetings in person. Over time, it became increasingly more difficult due to hearing loss. She continues to participate by writing her book reviews and sending these via email to be shared at the meetings. Her writing skills were noted by all participants and this has led to Donna writing concise descriptions for books chosen for Plymouth Reads and some promotional materials.

Donna has led efforts to improve accessibility for seniors. Macular degeneration, a leading cause of vision loss in senior adults, is a condition Donna made the Plymouth Reads Planning Committee aware of. She has advocated for more large print editions of books to be available for our senior community. This has promoted outreach to the Lions Club in Plymouth, who responded with a generous donation to purchase these books. Donna is the “self-appointed” liaison between many of the senior living communities in Plymouth and the Plymouth Reads program. She takes a large print copy of the book selected, a sign up sheet for a turn at reading the book, and a poster announcing the events associated with the book.

Transportation issues are another challenge seniors face. Many events are held in the evening and many seniors do not drive at night. Donna has requested that Zoom options be added to the author talks whenever possible, as use of technology allows seniors to participate.

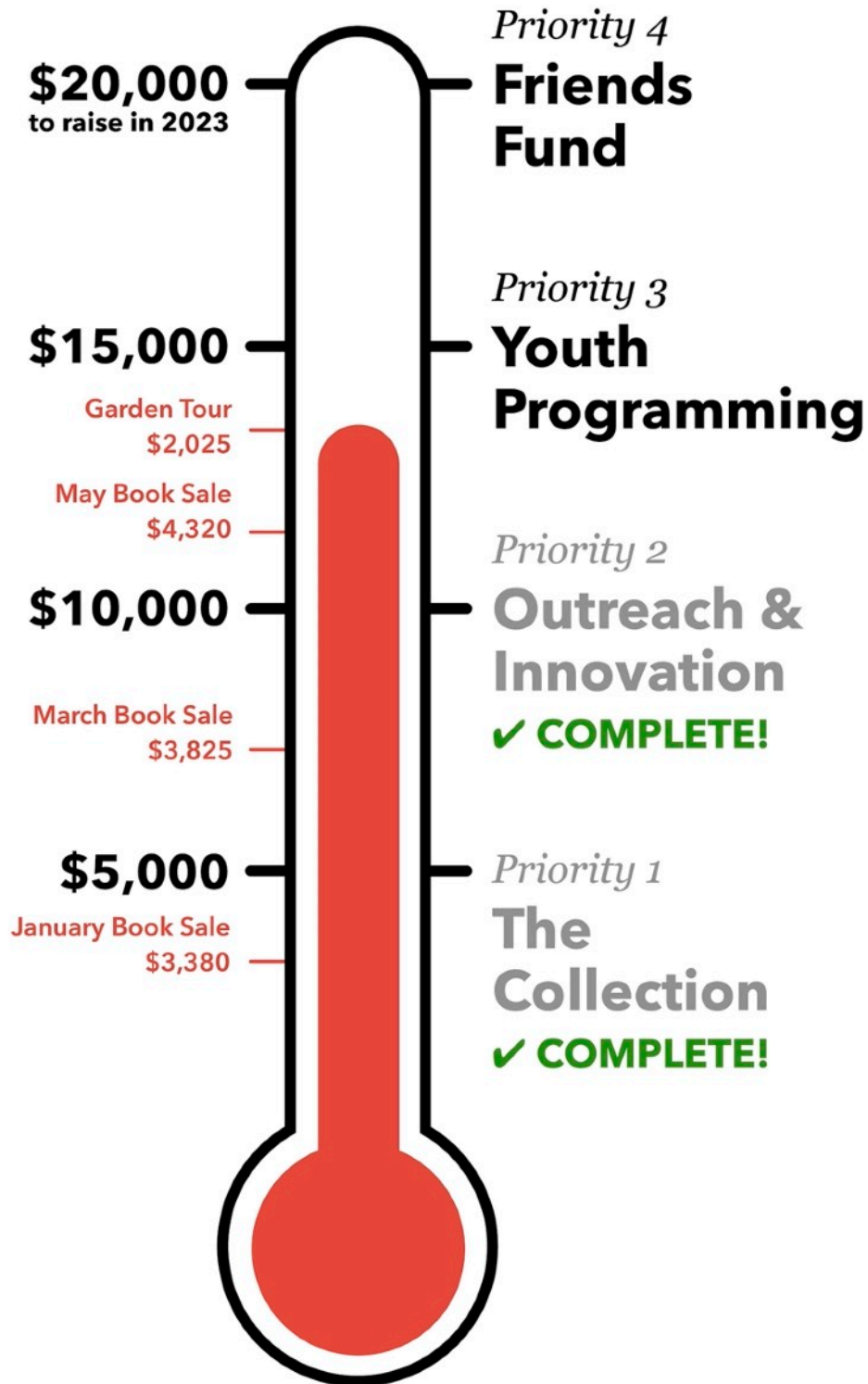
Donna has said that her life has focused on providing others with access to information and ideas. She continues to do just that and we are so grateful she does.

TWO MORE PICTURES FROM THE GARDEN TOUR



FRIENDS *of the* Plymouth Library

2023 Fundraising Goals



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

President: Cathy Fischer

Vice-President: Joshua Velasquez

Treasurer: Katherine Jaeger

Secretary: Barbara Wills

Book Sales: LuAnn Svendsen, Charlie Knuth

Membership: Ellen Griffin

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Volunteers: Sandy Hoglund

Plymouth READS Chair: LuAnn Svendsen

Newsletter: Charlie Knuth

Nominations: Katherine Jaeger

Directors: Carrie Almaer, Shannon Banks,
Margaret Bird, Kristin Blomquist, Bernadeen

Brutlag, Claudia Hunter, Brian Wilkerson

Library Liaison: Joanna Redman

Teen Director: Shritha Devaraju

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, September 9, 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. Don't forget the \$5.00 bag sale from 2-3 p.m.

Books recommended by the Board:

Hello Stranger by Katherine Center

Safe from the Sea by Peter Geye

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

The Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin

Everybody's Fool by Richard Russo

I Contain Multitudes by Ed Yong

The Bookshop on the Shore by Jenny Colgan

Live Your Best Lie by Jessie Weaver

Old World Murder by Kathleen Ernst

The Joy of Politics by Amy Klobuchar

Nora Goes Off Script by Annabel Monaghan

Vienna Writers Circle by J.C. Maetis

The Residence by Kate Andersen Brower

The Kingdom of Prep by Maggie Bullock

The White Lady by Jacqueline Winspear

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

The Book of Charlie by David Von Drehle

The Immense World by Ed Yong

This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Origin by Dan Brown

The Speckled Beauty by Rick Bragg

Girls by Natalie Jenner

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.

Book Donations

Book donations are accepted the first Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Donations are also accepted the Friday before the book sales, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

With the Friends of Plymouth Library's establishment of an endowment fund to support the Hennepin County Library collection, there are three options that are commonly used to grow an endowment: making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), including the fund in an estate plan, and making a legacy gift. Please consider these.

For questions, please contact us plymouth@supporthclib.org or write us using the address found immediately below.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS!!

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

*Coupon counts towards books only.

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