

Walker Library

Programs & Events

Summer 2016



[Job Search Assistance](#)—Thursdays, 2–4 pm

Are you seeking new employment or re-entering the workforce? Do you need help looking for a job, filling out applications or writing your résumé? Stop in for free one-to-one assistance with a job search representative. *Presented in partnership with Goodwill/Easter Seals.*

[Uptown Chess Club](#)—Mondays, 5:30- 7:30pm

Adult chess players of all abilities, from complete beginners to the more advanced who might mentor the less experienced, are welcome, in addition to walk-ins and first-timers. Learn or continue to play the "Game of Kings." Materials provided.

[Scrabble](#)– Wednesdays, 1- 4pm

Play Scrabble! Players may bring their own Scrabble board. The latest board and recently published official Scrabble dictionary will be available. *Presented in collaboration with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.*

[Author Talk: The Wedding Heard 'Round the World](#)– June 1, 6pm

On Sept. 3, 1971, Michael McConnell and Jack Baker exchanged vows in the first legal same-sex wedding in the United States. McConnell and Baker will share their remarkable story in their new book, "The Wedding Heard 'Round the World: America's First Gay Marriage." Time for Q&A. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

[Oral History: Sharing Stories](#)– June 13, 6:30- 7:30pm

Oral history is an exciting tool available for collecting and preserving contemporary history. Ryan K. Barland of the Minnesota Historical Society will describe oral history and how to use it to record family and community history. Learn about preparation, legal realities, ethics and equipment needed to get started. *In collaboration with the Minnesota Historical Society.*

[Learn Together: Planting a Rainbow Story Stroll](#)– June 17, 10- 12pm

Stroll and read along the trail as you "step" into the pages of "Planting a Rainbow" by Lois Ehlert. Complete the trail and complete the story! Also create a "Planting a Rainbow"-inspired craft.

[Live Show: The On-Time Circus](#)– June 21, 10:30- 11am

The On-Time Circus is a traveling puppet and clown show, toured and performed in a quirky, hand-built trailer. This outdoor show will engage and delight all ages!

[Art Out of the Box: Curious Landscapes](#)– June 21, 2-3pm

Entering grades 2-5. Join museum-trained teens to look closely at your world through the lens of an artist. Inspired by landscapes from Minneapolis Institute of Art and the work of North Minneapolis artist Keegan Xavi, collage your own landscape, mixing image and word for a contemporary take on this historical art form. Materials provided. Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library. *Presented in partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Art.*

Picture Maker: Composing Great Photos- June 22, 29, & July 6, 6-8pm

World travelers and neighborhood wanderers! In this three-evening class, learn basic techniques of photographic composition from a professional photography instructor. Bring your own camera or other device to engage in hands-on instruction in the library and in the surrounding neighborhood. *Sponsored by The Friends of the Walker Library.*

Baby Storytime- Fridays, July 1-29, 9:30 am

For children from birth to 24 months and their parent or caregiver. Delight and stimulate your baby's senses with books and music. Build brain power.

Family Storytime- Fridays, July 1-29, 10:30 am

For children age 2 and up. Share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with your children.
No registration required

Adult Fiction Book Club

Join our discussion of new and interesting fiction titles. Bring along your recommendations for future meetings.

Monday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 pm *Round house: a novel*/ Louise Erdrich

Monday, Sept. 12, 6:30-7:30pm *Killing and dying: six stories*/ Adrian Tomine

Literary Fiction Book Club-

Learning Institute volunteer will lead the discussion. *Presented in collaboration with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute*

Tues., June 21, 1:30-3pm—*We are all completely beside ourselves*/ Karen Fowler

Tues., July 19, 1:30- 3pm —*And the Mountains Echoed*/Khaled Hosseini

Adult Non Fiction Book Club

Join our discussion of new and interesting nonfiction titles. Bring along your recommendations for future meetings.

Wed. June 8, 6:30-7:30pm—*Quiet: the power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking* / Susan Cain

Wed. July 13, 6:30-7:30pm—*The Dirty Life: On farming, food, and love*/ Kristin Kimball

Health Insurance Counseling for Seniors -June 2, July 7, & August 4, 10-11:30am/11:30-1:00pm

A certified state health insurance counselor will assist with senior health insurance (enrollment steps, plan choices, low-income subsidy). Bring your list of prescriptions or your prescription bottles, Medicare, supplemental insurance, and/or Part D drug plan questions. Limit 1 individual or couple per session.

Register online or call 612-543-8400

Meet the Authors: Tricia and Stephen Shaskan- June 24, 10:30- 11am

Join author Trisha Speed Shaskan and author/illustrator Stephen Shaskan for a rockin' event featuring their picture book "Punk Skunks" and live music!

Across the Board Game Night- June 27, July 25 August 29 6-7:30pm

Board games, puzzles, cribbage, coloring and chess. Meet someone new across the board! *Sponsored by The Friends of the Walker Library.*

Gone Garland- July 12, 1-2pm

Entering grades 7-12. Decorate your room! Wet-felt balls in your favorite colors to create a garland that could go above your bed, door or somewhere special in your home. Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library. *In collaboration with the Textile Center.*

Free class on Health Care Directives/ Fairview- July 20, 6- 7:30 pm

Learn how to complete or review your own health care directive.

Live Show: The RAD Zoo- August 2, 10-11am

Entering K-grade 6. The Reptile & Amphibian Discovery Zoo will showcase frogs, lizards, snakes and turtles. Learn more about the lives of these amazing creatures and see them up close! *Sponsored by MELSA (Metropolitan Library Service Agency).*

Library Lab for Kids: Raptors- August 9, 10-11am

Meet an owl, hawk, falcon and a very special guest--a bald eagle! Learn about different types of raptors, their characteristics, identification, diets and habitats, all from the University of Minnesota's Gabbert Raptor Center. *Sponsored by MELSA (Metropolitan Library Services Agency).*

Learn Together: Ladybug Girl Story Stroll- August 12, 10- 12pm

Stroll and read along the trail as you "step" into the pages of "Ladybug Girl" by David Soman. Complete the trail and complete the story! Also create a "Ladybug Girl"-inspired craft.