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**2017 Annual Book Sale a Success / Goal = \$21,000**

30 volunteers put in over 200 hours over 6 days to accomplish the set up task in four areas (conference, gold & green rooms and the garage). Those volunteers included a crew of regulars (you'd think they work at the Library based on the number of hours they put in) plus a group from Optum Health and Harbor City International youth who help us every year (for the last several). We also got help from the City's Properties and Facilities maintenance staff. Set up means putting shelves together, setting tables in place, moving and unpacking all the boxes of materials, labeling subject areas, "hanging" signs, preparing cashier stations and so much more.

To get to this point a group of 10 came to the Library one sometimes two times a week most of the remaining 50 weeks of the year that the sale isn't happening. They sort through Library withdrawals and donations to save all the treasures that are sold.

The sale went from June 12 to 15. We were open 29.5 hours during that time. 60 volunteers put in over 460 hours to cover membership & security, to cashier & shelve, and to help the book dealers. 28 of those individuals did multiple shifts, half of those folks took four or more shifts, some of them worked every day of the sale. It even seemed like several of them were living at the Library.

Then there is take down - many things that don't sell are moved to a section of shelves with a "free" sign posted over them. We invite people to make a donation if they take anything from these shelves. Now it's time to reverse the process - remove signage and subject labels, take the shelves apart and store them, put tables away, tidy up. Over the course of two days, 7 volunteers put in just over 30 hours along with help from City maintenance. It goes a lot faster on this end of the sale.

Drum roll please. The annual book sale surpassed the goal and made \$21,869. Add \$1326 to this amount from "free cart" donations which come in year round - materials that are sorted but don't make it into the book sale. The money we raise helps the Library purchase materials and resources, provide services and sponsor programs.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work, for joining the Friends, for donating materials, for shopping, for supporting the Library.

Help is needed once a week for 2-3 hours or every other week for 3-5 hours cutting covers off hard cover books so the pages can be recycled. If interested, call Marcia at 722-1042 or e-mail at msemerau@hotmail.com.

Several items for your radar:

2018 book sale dates - June 11-14

If you have an old yard sign, please return it

Marcia K. Semerau, Book Sale Chair

722-1042



## Carla's Corner

July 2017

It's summertime and the weather is hot. So is summer reading at the Duluth Public Library! With a theme of "Reading by Design," this year's summer reading program offers events, activities and prizes for all ages.

For adults there are weekly, monthly and grand prize drawings. Points for the drawings can be earned not only for reading, but also for attending book clubs and library events. The library can be a great place to make connections with your neighbors.

For kids 17 and younger the focus is on reading or being read to. It's never too early to begin reading to a child. Even babies can benefit from having a parent or caregiver snuggle up and share a book with them. For older kids, reading in the summer can help prevent the "summer slide" and keep their skills sharp during school break.

In the summer reading program kids birth through 17 can earn prizes for spending time reading or being read to. Small prizes can be earned along the way, and a total of 20 hours earns the participant a free book to keep and an entry into a grand prize drawing.

Your support as a member of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library is what makes the summer reading program possible. The library's operational budget covers our costs for staffing and collections, but it does not include money for programs and prizes. We rely on your membership dollars and participation in Friends of the Library fundraisers to provide incentives that make reading in the summer especially fun. Thank you!

To sign up for summer reading and get information about special events going on at the library all summer long, visit [www.duluthlibrary.org](http://www.duluthlibrary.org).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spirit Valley Days Book Sale - Thursday, August 3, 10:00am-7:00pm - West Duluth Library

Author Series, Mindy Mejia - Tuesday, August 15 - Fitger's complex

Library Foundation's Learning & Libations - Saturday, September 16 - Main Library

Minnesota Library Association annual conference - Thursday-Friday, October 5-6 - Rochester

Littlest Holiday Book Sale - Tuesday-Thursday,

December 5-7 - Mount Royal Library

Happy (last day of) National Library Week! Thank you for all that you do to promote literacy, support classroom and homeschool education, inspire curiosity and encourage the pursuit of lifelong learning.

About 16 years ago I was a new mother, with few financial resources, who was underslept and overstressed. I was working hard to nurse my infant son and having a hard time. Doug and I lived within walking distance of the Mt Royal branch and that was a nice outing for me and baby Gabe on days when we (mostly me!) needed to get out of the house.

Connie Wanek was a librarian there at the time. I walked in, and she asked if there was anything she could help me with. A simple question, but one that opened the floodgates. With kindness and grace, she took me and my son to the nonfiction section for books that could help support my efforts to continue nursing him. It was an interaction that meant the world to me, and it was information that really made a difference.

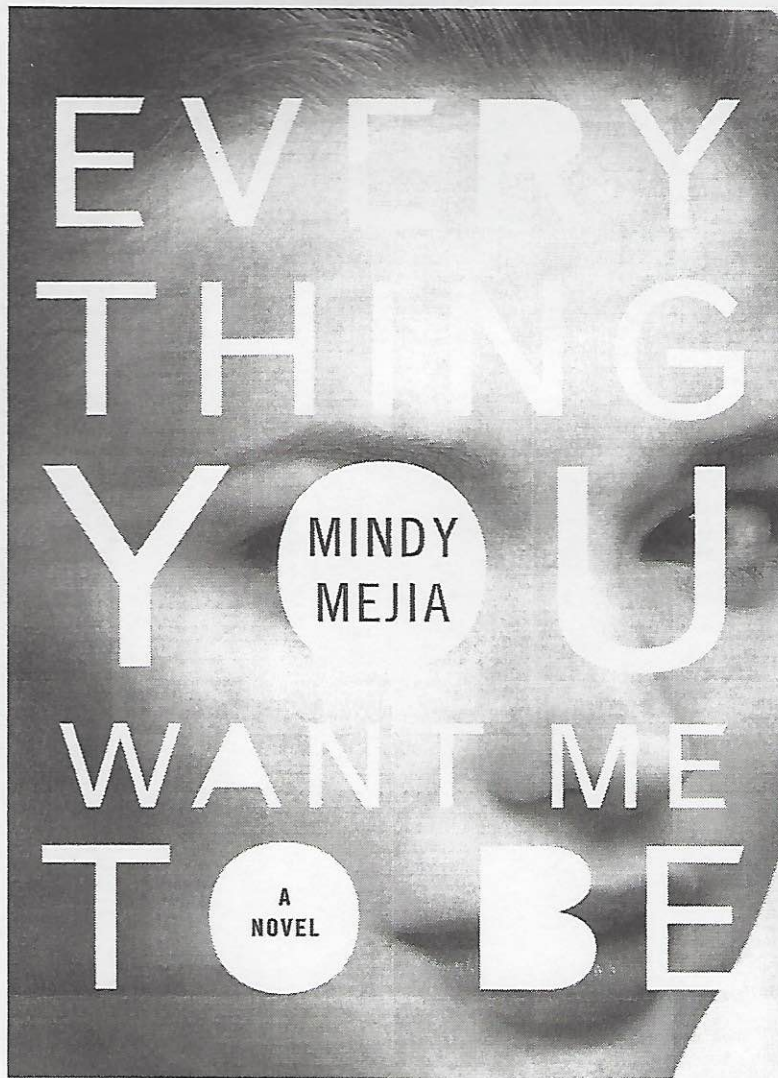
Now, Gabe is going on 17, he's driving and stands 6 foot 3. He's no longer riding around in a front pack and I'm no longer a new mother. A lot has changed in those years, but our reliance on the library isn't one of them. In fact, I've got a big pile of overdue books I need to get back today!

In ways large and small, your work impacts our community. Know that your effort and contributions make a difference, and has a ripple effect that reaches well beyond the one interaction you may have with a single patron.

Best wishes,

Emily Larson,  
Duluth Mayor





# AUTHOR SERIES EVENT TUESDAY • AUGUST 15, 2017 • 5PM

**AUGUST FITGER ROOM  
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Featuring Minnesota Author  
**MINDY MEJIA**

AND HER LATEST BOOK  
**EVERYTHING YOU WANT ME TO BE**  
A murder mystery set in Southern Minnesota

- EVENING EVENTS INCLUDE:**
- PRESENTATION AND BOOK SIGNING BY MINDY MEJIA
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  - HORS D'OEUVRES BY THE BOAT CLUB

**PLUS!**  
ALL GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO BE A CHARACTER IN MINDY MEJIA'S NEXT BOOK!

Purchase tickets at the Friends of the Library Book Sale, The Bookstore at Fitger's or online at [www.friendsofdpl.com](http://www.friendsofdpl.com)

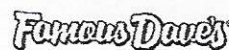
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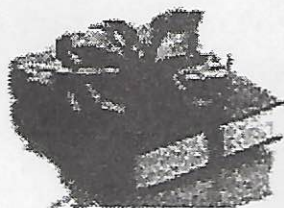
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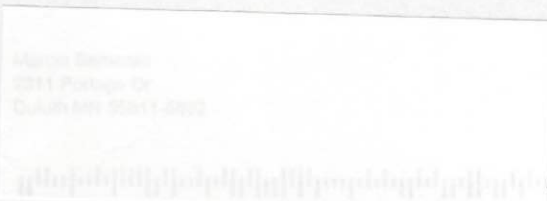


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