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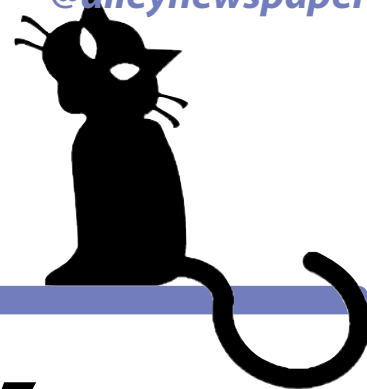
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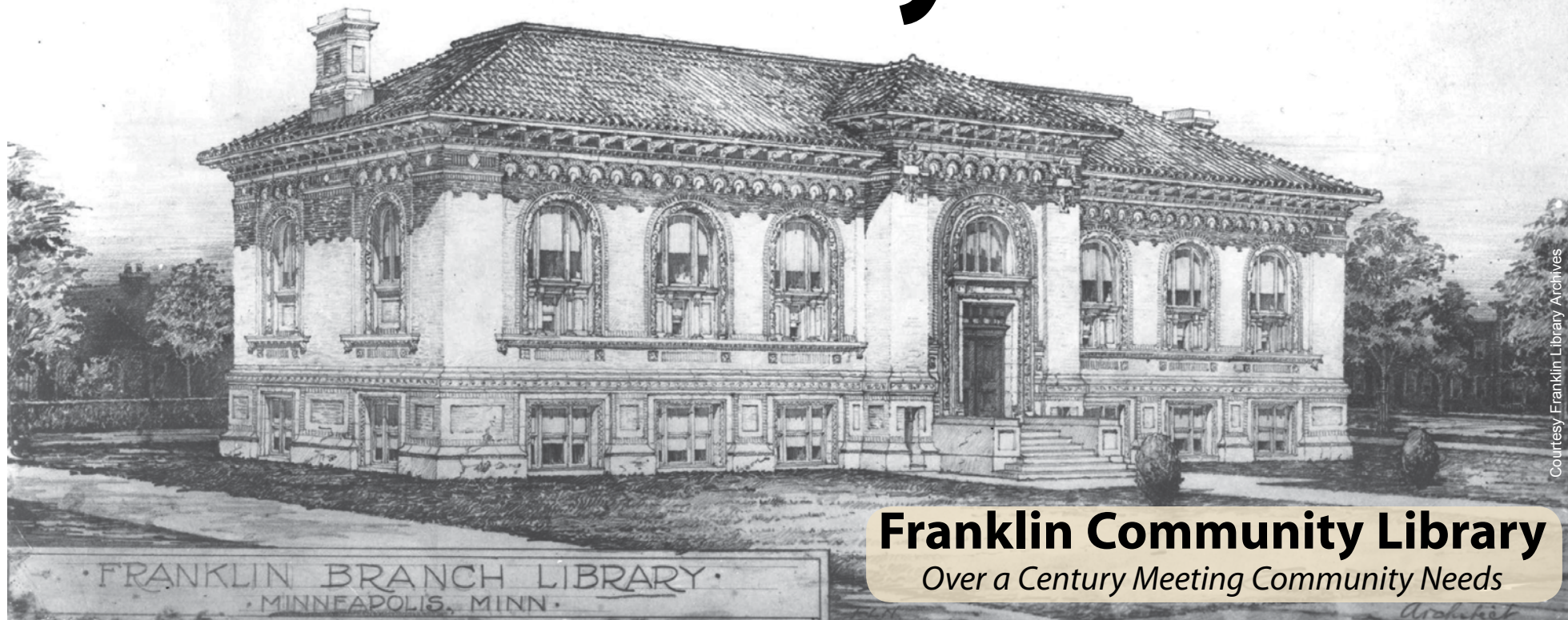


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At 1314 East Franklin Avenue

Franklin Library 100 Years



Franklin Community Library Over a Century Meeting Community Needs

This issue of The Alley Newspaper begins a series about a library—our Library. Albert Einstein tells us that “the only thing that you absolutely need to know, is the location of the library.” Well then, that’s easy; our Library is at 1314 East Franklin Avenue since 1914. Yes, 100 years of support by the community and of it supporting the community. See more about Franklin Library on page 5

The Phillips Neighborhood Clinic is moving!



Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church at
2742 15th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55407

When: Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm
starting Monday, August 4th

As of Monday, July 21st the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic will no longer offer full medical services until the re-opening of the clinic on Monday, August 4th at our new location – St. Paul's Lutheran Church. During this two-week transitional period, the PNC will continue to offer medication refills, follow-up care, community health, and select lab services at our current location in the Oliver Christian Ministry Center.

We will officially close at Oliver Christian Ministry Center after clinic on Wednesday, July 30th. The clinic will then open at our new location at St. Paul's on Monday, August 4th and provide full medical services. At our new location, the PNC will operate on Mondays and Thursdays from 6-9 pm. Note the change in weekdays, as the PNC has traditionally been open on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

We look forward to seeing you at the new PNC!



Franklin Community Library has been a gathering place for new immigrants and lifelong learners since 1914 at 1314 East Franklin Avenue and before that at a rented space nearby. In its early years it featured a large Scandinavian collection, as the community was heavily populated with newcomers from Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Today, the surrounding neighborhoods are home to people from all ethnicities and walks of life, including many who are learning English as a second language. To meet the needs of its diverse users, Franklin Library's World Language collection focuses on materials in Somali and Spanish. Adult Learning materials and a large American Indian collection are also featured at Franklin. The library complex includes the Phillips Technology Center and the Franklin Learning Center, and a popular after-school homework help program.

The Franklin renovation combines preservation of historic features with updated technology to create a library learning environment for people of all ages. New elements include a children's pavilion and storybook room to welcome young visitors, an area designed especially for

teens, comfortable seating in front of the two historic fireplaces, and a community meeting room. In addition to a collection of books, media, and magazines for children, teens, and adults, more than thirty new computers are available for public use.

Franklin Library Building Facts:

- The oldest of three existing Andrew Carnegie funded Libraries in Minneapolis and one of 66 in Minnesota.
- Is on the National Registry of Historic Places and has Minneapolis Historic Preservation Commission status.
- Was closed in 2004 for renovation designed by Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle Architects but maintained reduced operation next door on Franklin Avenue.
- Had a Grand Reopening May 7, 2005.
- Library Collection is on the main level; multipurpose room, computer lab, and literacy center on lower level; 13,000 sq. ft.

Special Features

- Children's pavilion
- Franklin Learning Center est. 1988.
- Phillips Technology Center est. 1997

PHILLIPS YOUTH: Last Call: Phillips Clean Sweep Event T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Deadline August 17th to Submit to Brad Pass at 2536 18th Ave. So. Or bpas@usinternet.com or Fax 612-722-5509
Winner gets: 2 T-Shirts, \$55. Cash, \$45. Value of 26 "Spirit of Phillips" Greeting Cards and write-up in The Alley Newspaper
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BY ERIN THOMASSON

*****Franklin Friends Book Sale*****

Aug 16, 2014 • 11 am – 3 pm
Bargain hunters & book lovers: Friends of the Franklin Library will hold a sale of hundreds of adult fiction & nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Most books are withdrawn from the Hennepin County Library system or donated by the public. Funds raised will benefit the Franklin Library.

Children & Family Programs Library Lab for Kids: Super Circuits

Fri, Aug 1, 10–11 am. Reg. online or 612-543-6925. Grades 1-6. Build a motor-powered fan. Investigate the components of circuits & wire up some circuits of your own. Materials provided.

Library Lab for Kids: MaKey MaKey

Mon. Aug. 4, 1–3 p.m. Reg. online or 612-543-6925. Entering grades 4-6. Turn fruit, dough & even your friends into game controllers using a laptop and a device called MaKey MaKey. Led by the library's Teen Tech Squad.

Camp Bookawocky

Monday thru Friday, 1–5 pm. For families. Grades 1-4. Read over the summer at Camp Bookawocky; one-on-one reading tutoring or creative games & projects.

Family Storytime

Wed, Aug 6 & 13, 10:30 am. All ages & their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write & play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Game On! Puzzlemania

Wed, Aug 13 & 20, 2 pm. For families. Enjoy a variety of fun & challenging puzzles and games!

Franklin Teen Center Programs 4-H Mentoring Club

Tues, 5–7 pm. Urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater.

O.P.E.N. Time

Tues, 3-5 pm; Wed 3-4 pm & 6-7 pm; Thurs, 3-4 pm. Options for Play and Enrichment Now Time: choose from computers, magazines, board games, video games, brain teasers, conversation with friends.

Game Time!

Wed, Aug 6 & 20, 4-6 pm. New or retro gaming system for some teen tournament action. Compare with peers playing 8-bit style!

Teen Tech Workshop

Wed, Aug 13, 4–6 pm. Get creative & make music, videos, animation & other projects using high & low-tech tools—iPads, LEGOS®, wooden dowels.

Bling Your Bike

Wed, Aug 20, 4–6 pm. Paint, decorate & create art for your bike. Learn maintenance. Materials provided.

Young Achievers

Thurs, 3–4:30 pm. Want community involvement? Bring friends. Come for poetry, arts, games & more!

Movies for Teens

Thurs, 4 pm. Titles by teens to ensure viewing pleasure!

Adult Programs

Seniors Play-Reading Group

Programs at the Franklin Library

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Tue, Wed & Thurs: 9am –8pm
Sun: 12-5pm

Fri, Aug 8, 11 am–12:30 pm.

Stimulating morning to read & discuss great plays.

55+ Nonfiction Book Club

Fri, Aug 8, 1–3 pm. Discuss new and interesting nonfiction titles. Bring recommendations. Info. 612-543-6925.

Memoir Writing Group

Thurs, Aug 21, 1–3 pm. Want a record of your history? If you've written anything yet, bring it. If not, come anyway.

Phillips Technology Center

Reg. online www.hclib.org or 612.543-6933

Internet Basics

Mon, Aug 4, noon–1:30 pm.

Learn Google Chrome web browser, enter web addresses, use search engines for info. Mouse & keyboard use req.

Computer Class for Complete Beginners

Wed, Aug 6, 10–11:30 am. For little or no experience. Learn hardware and software basics, practice mouse and keyboard.

Computer Skills Workshop

Wed, Aug 6, noon–1:30 pm. Practice skills: mouse & keyboarding, email & Microsoft Office.

Microsoft Windows Basics

Thurs, Aug 7, 10–11:30 am.

Learn to start programs, save & find files & folders, and switch between programs. Mouse and keyboard use required. Explore Windows 7.

Cloud Computing: Microsoft Office Web Apps and Google Docs

Thurs, Aug 7, noon–1:30 pm. Learn Google Docs and Microsoft Office Web Apps, free Web-based applications for creating documents, spreadsheets, and more. (Familiarity with Internet and email use required.)

Franklin Learning Center:
612-543-6934

Free, one-to-one tutoring for adults who are learning English & math, for GED, citizenship exams, & gaining life skills. Community volunteers needed! No experience necessary; we provide training and materials.

Once a year or once a month—contribute to Alley Communications.

Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events

www.phillipswest.info

August 5th (Tuesday) 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Phillips West Neighborhood 18th Annual National Night Out Celebration!

Please join hundreds of Community Partners & Residents for the biggest National Night Out Celebration in Minneapolis! **EVENT AND EVERYTHING AT IT IS FREE FOR THE PUBLIC!!!!** Event will be held along 27th Street between Columbus and Portland Avenues! A variety of **FREE Picnic Food** including Snow Cones, Popcorn, Hot Dogs, Watermelon, Cookies & Ice Cream! There will also be a variety of Entertainment including a Mariachi Band, an Open Mic



Rap Contest with opportunity to win Grand Prizes, Salsa Dancers, 3 Clowns, 2 Bounce Houses, a Puppet show, Face painters, Fish Pond, Children's Games, McGruff the Crime Dog, twinkle the Mascot, Mickey Mouse, and a Giant Inflated Slide! Information on dozens of Community Resources will be available! If you would like an information table or would like to get involved contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email pwno2005@yahoo.com

August 7th (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – *Phillips West Monthly Community Meeting (Cancelled due to proximity to National Night Out)*

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VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

VENTURA MEANS HAPPINESS & GOOD LUCK TO YOU! BUENA VENTURA!

***There will be no Ventura Village General Membership Meeting for the month of August, 2014!
But please come visit us during our community events this summer where we can all meet!***

Ventura Village is set for two big events this Summer: PV PARK Festival and Open Streets

**2014 • PEAVEY PARK
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& Abdikadir Hassan 612.986.6819 for Sponsorship Opportunities

Ventura Village's new language interpreter passes on

Although we had only hired Abdulrahman Adem for two short months to provide interpretation services to our Somali residents, he had already

demonstrated a level of skill and professionalism rarely seen today. Mr. Adem would show up and in ten minutes would have his entire equipment kit ready to go for those entering the room. We had spent more than a year trying to assemble a kit like his with hardly the knowledge to do so. Here is how Ibrihim Hirsi memorialized Adem:

"The Twin Cities Somali community has lost an esteemed leader and a passionate advocate for Somali families. Abdulrahman Adem, a cultural facilitator at Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS), died Sunday of a heart attack. He was 58.

Adem was known for his commitment to serve Somali families with students in Minneapolis schools as their ultimate ambassador in the school district. He was also known for his commitment to help his immigrant community navigate the district's complicated educational system and find the resources they needed.

Adem, who worked at MPS since 1997, held various posts in the district: bilingual program aide, associate educator, bilingual communicator, translator and communications and public affairs specialist.

Adem was a wise man and true champion of those who are underserved and often invisible. "I'm getting old and I know I won't be around for too long," Adem once told me. "But I want to leave a legacy for the young generation: To stand up and be a voice for the voiceless."

A graduate from the Somali National University in Mogadishu, Adem served in the public sector of Somalia for decades. He played a vital role in developing the written Somali language. After escaping the Somali civil war, Adem arrived in the United States in 1992. Today Adem is no more, but his legacy will live on for many years. The news of his death Sunday morning [July 18th] has shaken the Twin Cities Somali community.



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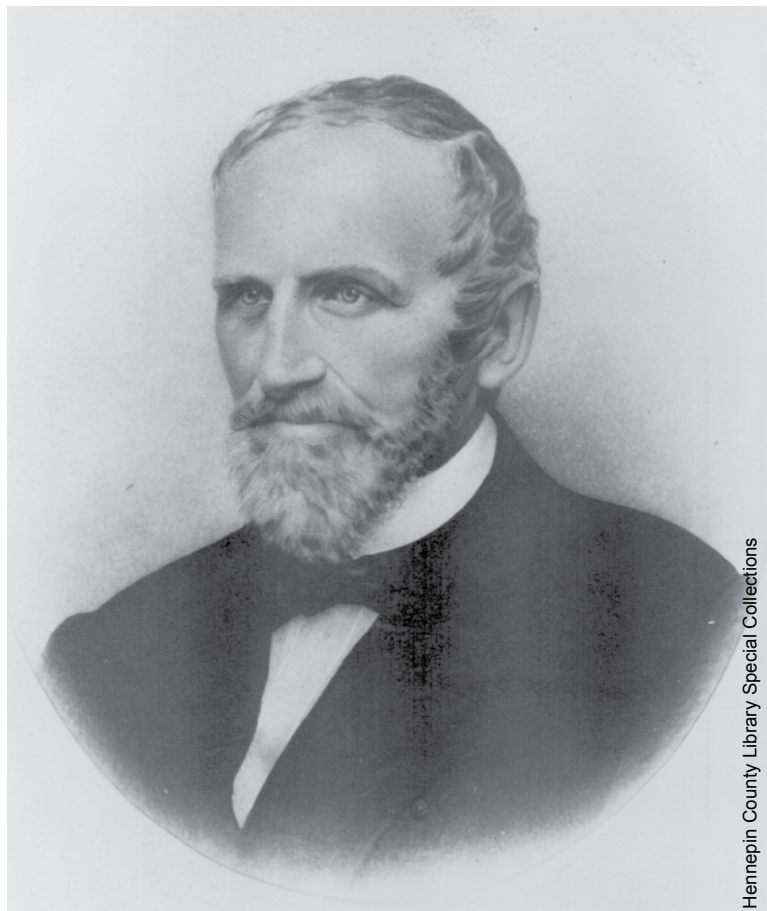
- Games of Sound and Power - **Hope Community**
- Anpetu Was'te Cultural Arts Marketplace
- Pop-up Farmer's Market - **NACDI**
- Pop-up bike repair station – **Cycles for Change**
- Arts in the Park – Peavey Park & Mpls. Institute of Arts
- Build a brick oven - **Indigenous Peoples Network**
- Gallery tours - **All My Relations Gallery**
- Showmobile at Peavey Park Wide Array of Entertainment
- Qmunny Health Mobile
- Basketball games – **MN Timberwolves/Lynx**
- Compost demonstrations & recycling games – **Hennepin County Environmental Services**

A pop-up bike lane to demonstrate possible bike lanes on Franklin Avenue

And the list continues to grow!



Adem is survived by six adult children. Funeral and burial services were held at noon Monday at the Islamic Institute of Burnsville and at a nearby cemetery. Hundreds of people joined together to remember him on the hottest and most humid day of the year so far, which also was during Ramadan, where Muslim people completely fast and refrain from even water from sun-up until sundown. A memorial service followed at 8:30 p.m. at Safari Restaurant in Minneapolis.



Hennepin County Library Special Collections

Top Photo: Kirby Spencer's house on Washington Avenue in the 1860's. Below: Kirby Spencer, an eccentric, reclusive dentist and philanthropist who trusted and was tended to by Armstrong English, a "good natured and hard working man" with varied talents including chimney sweep for the City of Minneapolis.

First Minneapolis Library start-up money donor, Dr. Kirby Spencer, trusted and cared for by Armstrong English

Dr. Kirby Spencer, one of Minneapolis' first dentists, is generally credited with providing the money to start Minneapolis' Athenaeum* which functioned as the city's first public library. Eventually the Athenaeum evolved into the Minneapolis Public Library and more recently into the Hennepin County Library. His was one of the early burials in Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery and even though he was later disinterred and reburied at Lakewood, he remains one of the cemetery's most written about residents. Another man, Armstrong English, who most likely has never been written about, took care of Spencer in the weeks and months before he died. English and two of his infant sons, both infants, are still buried in Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.

Spencer, a private and very eccentric man, fell ill in the early months of 1870. As his health began to fail, he became increasingly reclusive, living "a sort of hermits [sic] life" in his office where a few friends occasionally visited him. The Minneapolis Tribune said: "By some unknown cause he seemed to have become soured at the world, and seldom if ever took anyone into his confidence, and never, that we know of, told any of his secrets, so that it is

Tales from Pioneers & Soldiers Cemetery

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not known where he is from, only that he formerly lived in Florida, or whether he was ever married, nor anything, in fact about his past history. As his illness progressed, there was one person who he could count on: Armstrong English.

English was born in either Kentucky or Missouri. He was African-American and details about the date and place of his birth are, as they were for many African-Americans born before the Civil War, unclear. Missouri was most often named as his birthplace and estimates of his birth year ranged from 1830 to 1839. In the 1870 Federal Census, his age was given as 40, but ten years later the 1880 census lists his age as 41. In the 1885 Territorial Census, his age was given as 49. When he died three years later, in 1888, records indicate that he was still 49. Whenever and wherever English was born, he was living in Minnesota as early as August 1869 when R. J. Mendenhall and his wife, Abby, members of the city's Quaker community, gave him a parcel of land valued at \$350.

Spencer died on March 10, 1870, from tuberculosis. In 1872 English took the executors of Dr. Spencer's estate to court because they had only allowed \$94.50 to pay him for services rendered. Armstrong asked for \$325 that he felt that he was due and also to be repaid \$27 that he had loaned to Dr. Spencer. The judge more or less split the difference and granted English \$1 per day for service "up to a certain time," after which the judge ruled he was entitled to \$2 a day. Since English had no proof that he had loaned \$27 to Spencer, that claim was disallowed. He received \$213 plus the interest that had accumulated dur-

ing the two years since Spencer had died.

In April 1873, Armstrong married Caroline (Carrie) Roth. She was at least 15 years younger than her husband and was well known around town for her quick temper. Theirs was an inter-racial marriage, something of a rarity for Minneapolis in the 1870s, and while they had many loyal friends in the community, they also had plenty of detractors. That disapproval coupled with Carrie's quick temper resulted in the couple spending a fair amount of time in court. With one exception, it was Carrie who was arrested, not her husband. The papers never reported what it was that prompted her to use "insulting and indecent language," but given the pattern of harassment against them in the days after their marriage, it isn't hard to imagine.

Eventually, things seem to have settled down. English, was well regarded, described in the Minneapolis Tribune as a "good natured and hard working man." He worked for the City of Minneapolis as a chimney sweep. In addition to the two sons that they lost, they had at least two other sons and one daughter. The family lived at 2532 14th Avenue South (currently an empty lot).

Armstrong English is buried in an unmarked grave in Lot 23, Block T, in the SW ¼. His children are buried in the Potter's Field.

Definition of ATHENAEUM

1: a building or room in which books, periodicals, and newspapers are kept for use

2: a literary or scientific association

ath·e·nae·um or ath·e·ne·um

Origin of ATHENAEUM

Latin Athenaeum, a school in ancient Rome for the study of arts, from Greek Athēnaion, a temple of Athena, from Athēnē

First Known Use: 1799

T-SHIRT Design Competition Invitation

Deadline for Design Submittal: Sunday, Aug. 17th, 2014

To Phillips YOUTH
for
2014 Phillips Community
Clean Sweep Event
Saturday, October 11th 2014

DESIGN DETAILS:

- Eye catching front design
- One color is preferred; two colors acceptable.
- Must include:
 - 2014
 - Phillips Community Clean Sweep
 - Green Sweep
 - East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, Phillips West, Ventura Village and Little Earth
- T-Shirt color and contrasting ink colors suggestion

ALL SUBMISSIONS become the property of the Selection Committee THE WINNING DESIGN will be edited and finalized for printing THE WINNER will receive \$55.00, two T-Shirts, Set of 26 "Spirit of Phillips" greeting cards by Dave Moore and Linnea Hadaway (\$45. Value) and recognition as the Winning Designer and Featured in The Alley Newspaper.

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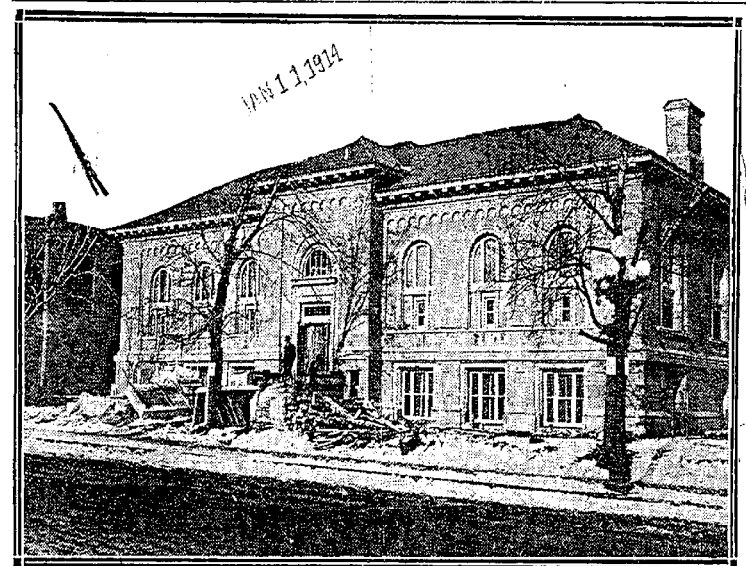
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Franklin Library 100 Years

NEW BRANCH LIBRARY SOON WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY; SCANDINAVIAN BOOKS TO BE THERE



The new Franklin branch library is of the largest collections of Scandinavian books in the country, about 60,000 volumes. At this branch a reading room will be set aside especially for this literature. The library now subscribes for eight Scandinavian magazines and about a dozen newspapers. This branch was built at a cost of \$40,000 and is one of the four buildings provided for by the Carnegie gift. On the upper floor will be a large general reading room, the special Scandinavian reading room and the stocks of books. On the lower floor will be the children's room and a neighborhood club room with a seating capacity of about 75. This room will be for the use of neighborhood clubs and societies for meetings. Two porches are being built for summer reading rooms.

Carl Sagan, renowned astronomer, astrophysicist, cosmologist, and author, believed that support of libraries is a measure of a community's success. He said, "the health of our civilization, the depth of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries."

We encourage you to enjoy learning more about our Franklin Library in the next two issues of The Alley before Franklin Library's 100th Anniversary Celebration on October 11th 2014 1TO 5 PM

- We encourage you to help support your Library:
- by using it,
 - by joining Friends of the Library
 - and by celebrating this grand anniversary.



Compare differences in 1914 and 2014 Photos of Franklin Library patrons and classrooms.



Library Facts Contest

The Franklin Library has been at 1314 East Franklin for 100 years. It didn't begin there, however.

ANSWER AT LEAST FOUR THESE SIX QUESTIONS CORRECTLY and all CORRECT CONTESTANTS will be entered in a drawing to win a 26 "Spirit of Phillips" Greeting Cards by Dave Moore and Linnea Hadaway, a \$45.00 value and \$100.00 CASH!

- What building, by name, was the Franklin Library in before 1914?
- Where was that located?
- How long was it there?
- How many volumes did it have in 1914?
- Who was the librarian in 1914?
- Who were the benefactors of the new land and the new building?

Enter with your name, address, and answers to Alley Communications P.O. Box 7006, Mpls., MN 55407 or editor@alleynews.org prior to September 19th, 2014. Correct Answer Contestants will be named in the October issue of The Alley and the Drawing Winner will be announced at the Franklin Community Anniversary Open House in October 11th, 2014.

Franklin Library

1314 E. Franklin Ave.. Minneapolis • 612.543.6925



Come to our next meeting!!
Aug. 13th
at 5:30pm.
Join us!

Be a Friend to your library!

Do you visit the Franklin Library? Would you like to help support your community library? We are currently creating the Friends of the Franklin Library group. This will be a volunteer-run organization supported by Friends of the Hennepin County Library. The Friends group will work to support the library and community through book sales, community outreach and fundraising.

Franklin Library celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2014! Our Friends group will help with these activities and the long term support of the library.

All are welcome. Please join us and help start a Friends of Franklin Library group!

Ask staff how to sign up for more information about our start-up meeting on August 13th at 5:30pm!

Be a Friend

Friends of the Franklin Library

1314 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404



Used Book Sale!

Saturday, August 16th
11a.m. – 3 p.m.

This sale will raise funds for your local library.

Sale features hundreds of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books.

Please come and support the Franklin Library and Franklin Learning Center and take home a good book!

MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association offers Support for Outreach & Engagement on National Night Out - Tues Aug. 5th

AUGUST Midtown Phillips BOARD Meeting:
Tuesday August 12, 6:30-8pm. Stewart Park (Arts & Crafts Room), 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis
 – Barry Rogers has been selected as the Midtown Phillips accountant. He will introduce himself, talk about his firm, his new role with the Neighborhood Community Relations office and provide to the Board a tutorial on how to read a Financial report. (30 min.)
 – Discuss recent neighborhood crime. (30 min.)
 – HOUSING: Action to create a Housing Committee. (15 min.)
 – NEW BUSINESS. (15 min.)
AUGUST Midtown Phillips COMMUNITY Meeting:
Tuesday August 26, 6:30-8pm. Stewart Park (Multi-purpose Room), 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis
 – Legislative update by Rep. Karen Clark. (30 min.)
 – NEW BUSINESS. (50 min.)

The 31st Annual Mpls. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5th, 2014. The Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc. has reimbursements up to \$250 per event for neighborhood block gatherings from its City funded community engagement strategy.

Requirements:

- Inclusive outreach for participants within the block.
- Minimum of 20 neighbors in attendance.

Reimbursement:

- Submit a description & 2 photos of your event to midtownphillips@gmail.com
- Submit what you did for outreach & include a copy of a flyer, email, etc.
- If you have access, please post your event on [midtownphillips](https://www.facebook.com/midtownphillips) facebook page!
- Support Midtown Phillips in dis-

tributing information and recruiting participation in:

October 2014 Clean Sweep, July 2015 Midtown Festival, & monthly community meetings.

Just a Pledge of Commitment would mean very much for this NNO support!

- Submit all receipts to midtownphillips@gmail.com

*These city dollars may only be used for non-food expenses.

Carnival games, facepainting materials, inflatable jumpers, clowns, printing costs, office supplies, carnival game prizes, etc. are allowable costs.

If you need funds for food, maybe a neighborhood business would contribute to your event. District Reps and board members from Midtown Phillips from your area may be able to help solicit donations and identify businesses or organizations to help

with needed donations.

Register National Night Out parties with: donald.greeley@minneapolismn.gov. He is our Community Crime Prevention civilian partner with the Minneapolis Police Department.

If you would like the Police to stop by your block gathering, please send an email to Don.

If you would like a fire truck to stop by your gathering, call 311 and register the request for the National Night Out party. The fire trucks create a list of parties and will travel to as many as possible if there are no emergency calls.

Learn more about National Night Out at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Midtown Phillips Neighborhood is between Lake Street on the south & 24th Street on the north; Bloomington Avenue on the East & Chicago Avenue on the West.



BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater (HOTB) are hitting Midtown Phillips streets in a big way, reaching

"We are Midtown Phillips" hits the streets

out to neighbors to engage them in action for their community. With funding support from Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc. (MPNAI) and others, artists and youth leaders are energizing residents and business people to transform the visual impact of the community.

Focus is creating two Arts Avenues: Bloomington Parade Route and the Green Arts Pathway on 15th Avenue.

Thru summer and fall you will see new art popping up in various places, new boulevard gardens and plenty of celebrations.

Projects:

Art Cart: The HOTB Art Cart will be

touring Phillips on Thursday afternoons, 12-3pm distributing free art materials and arts activities to youth. Look for HOTB artists and youth apprentices towing the yellow and orange burley on the Avenues of the Arts- Bloomington Ave. and 15th Ave. and possible detours to find young artists all over Midtown Phillips.

Photography exhibit: "We Are Midtown Phillips" Exhibit will gather images of the people of Phillips at work, at play, in service, in daily life. Send ideas that young artists can photograph to Stpaulscreate@gmail.com

The "Phoenix of Phillips." A brand-new literary magazine: featuring the writing of young and older people from Phillips. Authors interested in guidelines for submission should e-mail stpaulscreate@gmail.com

ate@gmail.com.

The art produced in the summer and fall will be celebrated at Taste of Phillips Art Festival October 17-19.

Ways you can be involved:

- Plant pollinator attracting plants including blvd.
- Pick up litter & recycle!
- Come to open mosaic studio nights at St. Paul's (2742 15th Avenue S.) Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.
- Come to the monthly meetings of Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association. August 26 6:30 pm at Stewart Park.
- Take part in Phillips Clean Sweep October 11!

For more: www.hobt.org or e-mail stpaulscreate@gmail.com



Presented by In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre Open Eye Figure Theatre and the Great Plains Region of The Puppeteers of America

Join us in the heart of the Twin Cities thriving puppetry scene for a festival celebrating puppet theatre. Aiming to bring the best puppet theater to Twin Cities audiences. T is for everyone; not only a festival for puppeteers, but this will be an event that puppeteers will not want to miss.

Centered around the Twin Cities' two permanent puppet theaters, Open Eye Figure Theatre and In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, the festival will feature performances, workshops and much more.

You can attend one or two performances or workshops or register for the entire festival. A full festival pass will ensure that you don't miss anything and gives you a tremendous savings over

purchasing tickets to individual events.

Info and tickets: www.handmadeworlds.org, www.hobt.org, info@openeyetheatre.org

WANT AD

EARN MONEY AND VISIT SENIORS (50+)

Lutheran Social Service of MN needs volunteers to provide friendly in-home visits and transportation to elderly adults in Minneapolis. Receive a tax-free hourly stipend, mileage reimbursement and other benefits. Contact Kate Neuhaus 651-310-9447 or kate.neuhaus@lssmn.org

Still Empty, After All These Years!



BY ROBERT ALBEE

City Pages published an Erin Carlyle piece on September 9th in 2009 featuring me standing in an empty pool complaining about the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board allowing the Phillips Community Center (PCC) building to close and residents also losing access to the only indoor swimming pool in the community. Although the story was about "redlining" and inequities in Park Board spending allocations, the PCC pool itself still stands empty. This despite the fact that

the building itself reopened three years ago.

A non-profit, Minneapolis Swims took the initiative and agreed with the Park Board, that it would raise the necessary capital to rebuild the pool and oversee its operations in service to the community. During the next few years, various proposals were assembled suggesting three options, ranging from a \$2.5 million rebuild to a \$8.5 million total redevelopment that would include two pools and a specialized diving well.

At its July, 16th meeting, the

Administration & Finance Committee of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) voted to approve **Resolution 2014-250** which read: "*Resolution Authorizing Actions to Proceed with Development of the Phillips Community Center Aquatic Facility with the Intention the the MPRB Will Construct and Operate the Facility Upon the Commitment and Board of Commissioners Acceptance of Necessary Capital Funds by March 31, 2015.*" The significance of this approved motion is that the Park Board has moved toward actually operating the swimming pool upon completion of construction, instead of contracting with Minneapolis Swims so handle the daily operations.

Pool
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BACKYARD INITIATIVE BACK PAGE



BYI AREA



Backyard Initiative Circle of Healing CHAT: Our Vision



Photo Credit: Ellen Cleary

BY DR. MICHELE SEMERIT STRACHAN

The Circle of healing is a gathering of people who all feel they received a special calling and transmission of knowledge/wisdom to heal. We are on a path to which we are called. The ultimate authority on our work is the calling. The ultimate development is our deepening communication with the calling.

All illness is the resistance to the calling, the holding on to anything that will protect us from the total dissolution of self that Oneness with Calling requires. If all illness is a resistance, if all healing is a reconciliation with self, with the Creator, and with the blueprint for life and evolution, then what is the role of the healer?

In the African tradition, the teacher is the student and the student is the teacher. The healer is a mirror for the patient; AND the patient is a mirror for the healer. In this way, everyone has a healing role to play. And the intended healing that an illness calls for occurs best in community.

As someone specifically called to the healing path, we each have a role that is specifically patterned on the joys, the trauma, and the awfulness of our specific lives. We are called simultaneously to go deeply into the particulars of our life AND to disappear from the encounter so that Spirit or the Creative Force may move through the aligned and clear opening we have become to touch directly the BE-ing who is seeking, through us, a greater alignment with the Creator's plan for his/her life.

In the Circle of Healing, we explore what are the structures and institutions that can best support the development of practitioners who really embody that the healing comes from the patient, what are the best ways to recreate community that heals, and how do we collectively reclaim becoming the authority on community cultural healing of our own people.

BYI Out In the Backyard CHAT Healing Circle

BY LEILA SARENE AND HARRY FORD

BYI Community Health Action Teams or CHATS, Circle of Healing and Out In the Backyard, together with the Cultural Wellness Center have partnered to create community healing space. The primary goal is to provide opportunities to members of the LGBTQ community and their allies to build knowledge and practices related to understanding the healing power of community connection. For healing to take place, the group is discovering each person must begin to create space for trusting relationships.

The group began its process with uncovering the collective understanding of what it means to trust. Trust is a critical element in the function of community. When people are able to trust themselves and one another, growth is possible. As we examined how each person viewed trust it became clear that a lack of trust contributes to the fear and isolation that is present for many of the circle members. Healing began with using the space to share with each other our vulnerabilities and strengths.

Together, the circle members are building a picture of where they are headed towards feeling whole. The circle is working on understanding the role each person plays in the function of community and how this impacts their own growth and development. Each person is a critical piece to the reality of the community being built through a collective unfolding of wisdom and understanding related to the collective realization

of our visions.

The circle is gathering together, each person seeking self in the reflection of one another's truths, stories and wisdoms. Gathering together is a helpful reminder to each person that we are not alone. Community is built on trusting what each person carries on the inside ourselves. This trust also requires each person face what might appear to be most uncomfortable in ourselves and in those around us.

The Out In the Backyard Healing Circle members are journeying toward knowledge of self. The Circle is learning to give of self to one another creates space for the greatest level of shared humanity. It is this shared humanity that gives this circle power to create space to heal and be transformed.

BYI Out In the Backyard Healing Circle meetings will begin this autumn. For more information on this healing circle please contact Leila at leilasarene@gmail.com.



Bird Call
by Harry Ford

Calling out to the universe
The bird calls out toward itself
Hello
Are you present
Can you here me offering you peace
Calling to the very consciousness of what it means
to know the call of your own kind
Hello, are you seeing how present I am to you
I hear you

At this very moment, I hear you
Are you caring for yourself

The bird calls out toward its self
Hello, are you present in your becoming
We are present with each other
I am offering peace;
Will you come to me
I want to be aware of you
How can I find you

The bird's call is deep in its being
It is the call of life
Hear me
Come and be here with me
Calling to its self
The very consciousness of what it means
to know the call of your kind
Be here with me
This the bird calling

Back Yard Initiative Back Page

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BYI Circle of Healing CHAT Upcoming Events

AFRICAN RITUALS AND CEREMONIES

- Fall Equinox, September 27th, 6pm
- Winter Solstice, December 22nd, 6pm

Regular Circle of Healing meetings occur on the 4th Monday of each month, 6-8 pm.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, December 22

NOTE: All meetings are held at the Cultural Wellness Center 2025 Portland Avenue South Mpls., MN 55404 612-721-5745

For more information please contact Brother Harry at harry.ford@ppcwc.org.

The Backyard Initiative (BYI) is a partnership between the Community, Allina Health Systems and the Cultural Wellness Center. The goal of this partnership is to improve the health of the 45,000 residents living in the "backyard" comprised by the neighborhoods of Powderhorn Park, East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, West Phillips, Ventura Village, Central, and Corcoran. There are eleven Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) focused on improving the health through a variety of cultural and community-connecting activities. **For info on the BYI, please call the Cultural Wellness Center, 612-721-5745.**