



GOOGLE SUITE SERIES

New to using Google products? This 4-part series will help beginners navigate free applications such as Gmail, Drive, Meet, Docs, Slides, and Sheets so you can learn to use these services to your best advantage.

To participate in this series, it is necessary to register separately for each event you'd like to take part in. The link and phone number for the live online workshop will be emailed to registrants in advance.

Participants should be comfortable using computers.

*Google Suite 1: Overview of Gmail, Drive, and Meet

Tuesday, April 20, 2 - 3:30 pm

Gmail, Google Drive, and Google Meet are free services provided by Google that work together to support communication, productivity, and collaboration.

Gmail, like other email services, enables you to send and receive emails, block spam, create an address book, etc. However, Gmail also offers unique features such as spam filtering, built-in chat, and a built-in calling system where you can dial and make phone calls for free.

Google Drive allows you to store files online and access them anywhere using the cloud (data servers accessed over the internet instead of being stored locally on a user's device). Google Drive doesn't just store your files but allows you to create, share, and manage documents with its own productivity apps.

Google Meet is used for video and audio meetings where you can join or host a call similar to using Skype or Zoom.

*Google Suite 2: Docs

Thursday, April 22, 2 - 3:30 pm

Want to make a recipe easier to read and simpler to print? Typing up a letter to a neighbor whose dog keeps coming into your yard? Google Docs enables you to type letters, flyers, essays, and other text-based files. Your files are automatically saved as you go and can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection. Docs is included in the suite of tools that Google Drive gives you access to so you can create and edit a variety of files, including documents, spreadsheets, and presentations.

*Google Suite 3: Slides

Tuesday, April 27, 2 - 3:30 pm

Trying to convince your family to get a dog? Looking for the best way to showcase why Shrek is the greatest movie ever? Have a big presentation at work? Google Slides is like Microsoft PowerPoint as it allows you to create slide presentations to let your ideas shine with a variety of themes, hundreds of fonts, embedded video, animations, and more – all for free. Slides is included in the suite of tools that Google Drive gives you access to so you can create and edit a variety of files, including documents, spreadsheets, and presentations.

*Google Suite 4: Sheets

Thursday, April 29, 2 - 3:30 pm

Looking for the best way to organize your family's budget? Want to travel the world, but need an easy place to track your potential expenses? Google Sheets, similar to Microsoft Excel, offers a variety of budgets, schedules, and other optional pre-made spreadsheets to help organize, edit, and analyze different types of information. Sheets is included in the suite of tools that Google Drive gives you access to so you can create and edit a variety of files, including documents, spreadsheets, and presentations.

Health & Wellness



*Empowering You: Having Difficult Conversations with Family - Where to Start

Wednesday, April 28, 7 - 8:30 pm

In this 90-minute webinar, Brenisen Wheeler from Women's Advocates will lead a discussion on the following topics:

1. What are the different kinds of difficult conversations and why should we have them?
2. How do we address barriers to having difficult conversations with family? How do we increase our tolerance for disagreement and value learning from each other?
3. How do I actually have these difficult conversations? How do I even bring them up? How can I set boundaries and protect my energy in the process?

Register at http://bit.ly/EmpoweringU_DifficultConversations

Live captioning will be available. Please email Brenisen at bwheeler@wadvocates.org with any questions or concerns. After the event, all registrants will be emailed a copy of the PowerPoint slides and a link to the recording.

This event is part of the Empowering You series. Upcoming events in the series will be:

May 26: Let's Talk About Personal Boundaries
June 30: The Power of Saying 'No' & How to Say it

Hosted by Minneapolis Central Library. Collaborator: Women's Advocates. Funding provided in part by Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library.

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Pre-register now! Events that require registration are denoted with an * before the event title. Registrations may be limited. To register, or for more information about these and other HCL virtual events, please visit www.hclib.org/events or call Ask Us at 612-543-KNOW (5669).

The link to live events will be emailed to registrants in advance, unless provided in this guide.

Learn more about how to participate in a virtual library event at <https://bit.ly/howtoHCLevents>

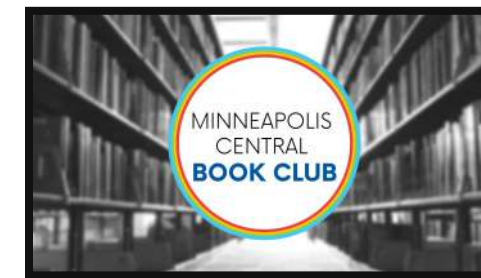
Book Clubs

Four HCL book clubs are listed here. Find a complete list of all the book clubs on offer through HCL at www.hclib.org/events.

Mary Ann Key Book Club

Join a shared reading experience on themes of race, racism and antiracism. This is an HCL collaboration with columnist Myron Metcalf. **First book selection:** [Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents](#) by Isabel Wilkerson

Learn more about this book club here: <https://www.hclib.org/programs/books-reading/mary-ann-key-book-club>



*Book Club: The Rosie Project

Monday, April 12, 7 - 8 pm

Join our discussion of new and interesting titles. Hosted by Becky from Minneapolis Central Library. Titles are available in eBook or eAudiobook format.

Apr 12: [The Rosie Project](#) by Graeme Simsion
May 10: [After the Flood](#) by Cassandra Montag

Visit our 2020 book list at <http://bit.ly/MCBookClub2020> and our 2021 book list at <http://bit.ly/MCBookClub2021>.



*Elysian Nights Book Club:

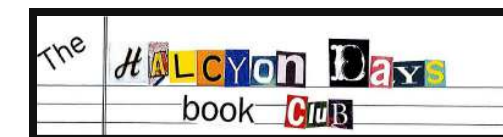
Mostly Dead Things

Thursday, April 8, 7 - 8:30 pm

Break through the pandemic doldrums by joining us for a lively discussion of current books and pop culture! Hosted by Kyle and Joyce from Arvonne Fraser Library, this book club will meet the second Thursday of every month.

Apr 8: [Mostly Dead Things](#) by Kristen Arnett
May 13: [Magic for Liars](#) by Sarah Gailey

eBooks or downloadable audiobooks are available through www.hclib.org. Physical copies available for check-out at Arvonne Fraser Library.



*Halcyon Days Book Club: Oryx and Crake

Thursday, Apr. 22, 7 - 8:30 pm

This book club is for readers looking to explore books and popular culture. Hosted by Becky from Minneapolis Central Library. Titles are available in eBook or eAudiobook.

Apr 22: [Oryx and Crake](#) by Margaret Atwood
May 27: [Defending Jacob](#) by William Landay

Visit our 2020 book list at <https://bit.ly/MCHalcyon2020> and our 2021 book list at <https://bit.ly/MCHalcyon2021>.

Performing Arts, Crafts & Popular Culture

Minneapolis Central Craft Club: Baby Blanket Project

Pick up a free knit or crochet kit at Minneapolis Central Library. Use the materials in the kits to create a baby blanket to be donated to Hennepin County's home visiting programs. The blankets will be given to families in our community. Please return your finished blanket to Minneapolis Central



Library and we will get it to our County partners for distribution. We will accept donations through May 2021.

Minneapolis Central Craft Club has a Facebook group where we share photos of our projects and chat with each other. We would love to have you join us: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mccraftc>

Theater Workshop: zAmJam!

Tuesday, April 6 & 13, 2:30 - 4 pm

Leah Nelson hosts zAmJam! with zAmya Theater in partnership with Hennepin County Library. Leah Nelson (choreographer) is a Zimbabwean-born dancer, choreographer, teacher, actor, producer and director with a passion for organizing for artful social.

zAmJam! is a series of online workshops for folks unhoused, temporarily sheltered and allies who are Ready to Play! Translate and Originate. Lead and Be Led. Spontaneity! Laughter! Embrace the Unknown! Artful in Cyberrrrspaaaaaaace!

For technology support or for log-in link, call or text 612-760-4804 or email esther@zamyatheater.org. Zoom Mtg ID 612/760/4804

Note: A \$20/workshop stipend offered to those in need. Attendance will be taken and stipend will be paid at the end of the workshop series in April.

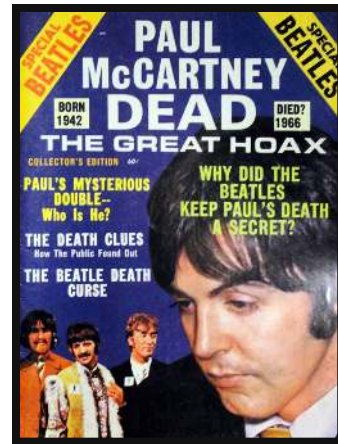
These sessions are being recorded as learning tools and will be viewed by international audiences. Everything you share in this space is public domain.

zAmya Theater Project uses creativity, collaboration and community-based theater to build understanding and connection between people who've experienced homelessness and those who have not.

Funding provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, and by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

VINYL REVIVAL

Vinyl Revival is a series of artist residencies, performances, workshops and listening opportunities presented by Minneapolis Central Library and funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



*Vinyl Revival: The 'Paul Is Dead' Urban Legend

Thursday, April 1, 7 - 8:30 pm

Join us on April Fools' Day for a deep dive into the notorious "Paul Is Dead" phenomenon. Listen to the "evidence" hidden in the Beatles' music, examine how the Sgt. Pepper's and Abbey Road album covers fed the rumors and explore how devoted Beatles fans ran wild with music's most bizarre conspiracy theory long before the Internet was born.



*Vinyl Revival: Album Encounters We Want Miles

Thursday, April 22, 7 - 8:30 pm

Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with a discussion of the landmark Miles Davis double album *We Want Miles*. Special guest JT Bates will guide our deep dive into this live comeback by the legendary jazz trumpeter after a five year hiatus from performing. Listen as Vinyl Revival plays album cuts recorded at the Kool Jazz Festival and Boston's Kix Club, and share your thoughts on the 1982 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Instrumental Performance.

JT Bates was recently named "the busiest man in local jazz music" by the *Star Tribune*. A decades-long staple with JT's Jazz Implosion at the Icehouse and the Turf Club's Clown Lounge, the "hardest working drummer in the Twin Cities" has recorded with Bon Iver, Trampled by Turtles, and many others including Taylor Swift on her 2020 Grammy-winning album *folklore*.



*Vinyl Revival: The Milo Fine Free Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, April 29, 7 - 8:30 pm

Join us for a conversation with the free jazz maverick Milo Fine as Vinyl Revival celebrates Jazz Appreciation Month. Look back with the self-taught Minneapolis musician on his 50+ years playing improvised music on percussion, clarinet, and piano, listen to selections by Milo Fine Free Jazz Ensemble spun straight from HCL's vinyl collection, and explore the DIY pioneer's dedication to self-determination in organizing primarily under-the-radar community-centered Twin Cities' concerts.



*TransFabulous Workshop: Mettler-Based Creative Dance with Instructor snem DeSellier

Monday, April 26, 7 - 8:30 pm

All are welcome to this trans-centered space. TransFabulous is a series of art workshops hosted by Hennepin County Library - Minneapolis Central led by artists who

identify as transgender (trans) or gender nonconforming (GNC). This series is funded in part by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



*Virtual Minneapolis Central Craft Club

Monday, April 12, 10 - 11 am

Open to adult crafters of all skill levels. Participants may pick up a free craft kit at Minneapolis Central Library. Ask for a kit at the Holds desk. One kit per adult. Kits must be requested in person and will not be put on hold for patrons. Work on your kit at home. Follow the beginner instructions or get creative if you are an experienced crafter.

You will be able to share your progress and love of arts and crafts at this live drop-in virtual event. It's like an adult show-and-tell all about crafting! You may participate whether you are working on a take-home kit or doing your own arts and crafts.

You may also join the online MC Craft Club Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mccraftc> where we'll share videos and tips to complete your kit.

Collaborator: Minnesota Knitters' Guild. Funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Genealogy & Archiving

***Using Ancestry Library Edition Saturday, April 10, 10 - 11:30 am OR**

Wednesday, April 14, 1 - 2:30 pm

Learn how to use Ancestry Library Edition, a free database available at all Hennepin County Library locations. Discover how to locate and search databases and ways to collect the records you find. We'll also explore collection-, state- and ethnicity-specific research guides in Ancestry's Learning Center. Hosted by Southdale Library.

***Genealogy Research Drop in Clinic Wednesday, April 28, 1 - 3 pm**

Register for a half-hour session for personalized genealogy assistance. We can help you get started on your research, help get you unstuck from roadblocks, and offer suggestions where to find useful genealogy information. Hosted by Southdale Library.

***Preserving Your Past: Home Archiving**

Thursday, April 29, 10:30-11:45 am

Learn to preserve photographs, letters and emails, video recordings and more as staff from the Hennepin County Library's Special Collections Department guide you through the process of home archiving. We'll cover organization, storage, preservation and access.

Job Search



***Know Your Worth: Confidence Inside and Out**

Saturday, April 10, 10 - 11:30 am

Join Dress for Success Twin Cities to learn various tips for increasing your confidence. Discover how to build your personal brand and create an effective "elevator pitch" as you network and interview for your next job. Part of the Know Your Worth series.

Hosted by Minneapolis Central Library. Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library. Collaborator: Dress for Success Twin Cities.

Computers & Business



Distance Assistance for Computers and Job Searching By Appointment

Need help with email, word processing, or internet navigation? Do you need help completing an online application, writing résumés, or creating cover letters? Or both? To schedule an appointment, call 612-208-7849 or email hcl.ctep@gmail.com



***Email Basics**

Monday, April 5, 2 - 4 pm

Email is one of the oldest and most universal ways to communicate and share information on the internet, and billions of people use it. Learn the differences between popular email platforms, as well as how to create an account in Gmail (as an example), send emails, and organize your inbox. Participants should be comfortable using computers

***Entrepreneurship Information Session**

Tuesday, April 20, 6 - 7 pm

WomenVenture offers a variety of different services to those planning to start or expand a for-profit business. Learn about the training courses and loan programs that WomenVenture offers and take the first step in becoming an entrepreneur! Collaborator: WomenVenture. Register at <http://bit.ly/EntrepreneurshipApril2021>