



The Friends is Your Resource for Minnesota Readers and Writers.

The Friends is the Center for the Book in Minnesota, designated by the Library of Congress. The Center for the Book is a national initiative established in 1977 to promote reading, literacy, libraries, as well as the scholarly study of books.

All 50 states, plus the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, have a designated Center for the Book. The Friends was honored with this distinction largely because of the success of our statewide programs, including the Minnesota Book Awards. As Minnesota's Center for the Book, The Friends connects readers and writers across the state through dynamic programming that benefits all ages. Below is an overview of our most visible programs.

thefriends.org/mncenter



ONE BOOK
ONE MINNESOTA

This statewide book club invites Minnesotans of all ages to read a common title and come together virtually to enjoy, reflect, and discuss.

Reading and discussion guides as well as recordings of author events are available.

thefriends.org/onebook

Moving Words: Writers Across Minnesota

These free lively discussions, currently being held virtually, feature multi-genre, Minnesota Book Award-winning authors in conversation. Each event is an opportunity for writers and readers to explore various themes together: the impact of literature in their lives, their connection as fellow Minnesotans, and the lens through which we read.

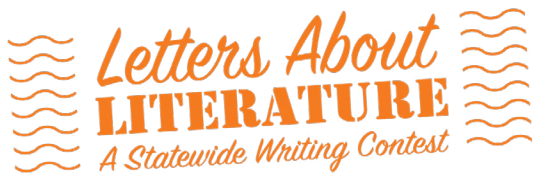
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MINNESOTA WRITERS ON THE MAP

Available in both hard copy and interactive online formats, this map is a collection of writers, from historical to modern times, whose contributions to the state's literary legacy are profound.

Visit the map at mnwritersmap.org to learn more or to request a printed copy for your classroom.



This statewide writing contest is for students in grades 4-12. The program invites students to read a book of their choice, reflect on it, and write a personal letter to the author explaining how the book changed their views of the world and/or themselves.

Submissions will open for the next season on November 2, 2020 (Deadline: January 8, 2021).

thefriends.org/letters

Minnesota WRITERS DIRECTORY

With this interactive directory, teachers and librarians throughout Minnesota can find local authors who might be a good fit for virtual programming and students can learn more about Minnesota writers.

View the calendar of events here: mnwritersdirectory.org