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Dedicated to the Curious: Meet CPLF 2.0

“Everyone has a different question, but curiosity belongs to us all!”

You may have noticed that we have a new look! The curious are indeed at home in the library, and here at the Chicago Public Library Foundation, we are Dedicated to the Curious.

Our donors, supporters, and volunteers are all part of our vision to foster curiosity for generations of Chicagoans. Armed with this vision, we unveiled our new look last fall. That included a new website, a new logo, and improved communications tools. This reboot shows how the Library and Library Foundation work together to embrace and encourage learning and discovery.

“We want to shed more light on the accomplishments and potential of the City’s most enduring and successful public-private partnership,” explained Library Foundation President and CEO Rhona Frazin. “When we first heard the phrase ‘dedicated to the curious’, we knew that it was the perfect expression of our pride in the Library’s innovations and our investment over the last 30 years in the future of all Chicagoans.”

The talented team at FCB Chicago, led by President Michael Fassnacht, a Foundation Director, guided the rebranding efforts for both Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Public Library Foundation with generous pro bono support. We are enormously grateful for this contribution.

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We are pleased to show you the results of our joint efforts as we move forward. You can see our new look at www.cplfoundation.org.

We dedicate our work in support of Chicago Public Library to you, to the curious – our donors, supporters, and friends.

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Spring 2017

Walk Through the Garden of the Curious At This Year's Night in the Stacks Celebration

We invite you to join us on Friday, March 31, for this year's annual Night in the Stacks! We will be celebrating in the Harold Washington Library's Winter Garden – fitting for this year's theme of "Garden of the Curious."

The annual Night in the Stacks fundraiser is organized by the Chicago Public Library Foundation's creative and energetic Junior Board. Learn more about the Junior Board and

The evening will be full of garden-themed cocktails, delectable food stations, and dancing to music courtesy of DJ Konsept, who joins us every year to turn up the party!

It's always an affair to remember, and this year will be no different. Guests will capture the evenings' memories at our interactive photo booth, courtesy of Smilebooth.

Proceeds from this event benefit award-



Guests at Night in the Stacks 2016



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how to become a member at cplfoundation.org.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our event sponsors who are #DedicatedtotheCurious: BMO Harris Bank, Advanced Resources, Susan & Bob Wilsow/CBRE, Southern Wine & Spirits, Sprout Social, Ernst & Young, Jones Day, Lydia Fu Illustration & Design, TBS, Inc., Benn & Isaac Greenspan in Memory of Barbara Lewis, Baker Tilly, Spark Cremin & Paul Dykstra, Clarity Partners, Clayco, FCB Chicago, Katz & Stefani, KPMG, McGuire Woods, Linda Johnson Rice, RR Donnelley, and Starwood Retail Partners.

Major thanks to the generosity of our event partners for contributing their services to the evening's festivities: Chicago Public Library, HMR Design, Jewell Events Catering, Southern Wine & Spirits, Miller Coors, Sound Investments, Smilebooth, White Claw, and renowned DJ, Edwin Konsept.

In 2016, Night in the Stacks raised \$175,000 to fund learning programs at Chicago Public Library

winning programs at Chicago Public Library like Summer Learning Challenge, Teacher in the Library, YOUmedia, and CyberNavigators. In 2016, Night in the Stacks raised \$175,000 to support these programs. Visit nightinthestacks.org to become a sponsor, purchase event or raffle tickets (you don't have to be present to win), or to make a donation.

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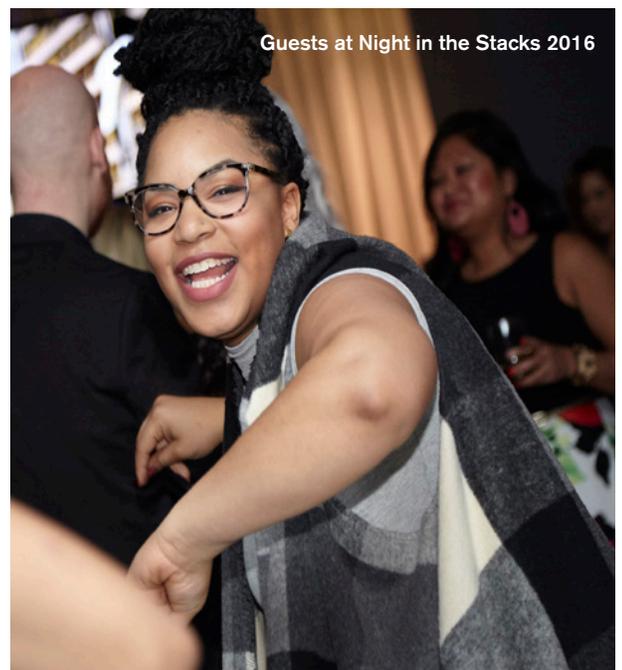
Friday, March 31, 2017; 7 - 11 p.m.

Where:

Harold Washington Library Center,
Winter Garden – 400 S. State Street
(Plymouth Court Entrance)

Tickets:

\$125 Advanced purchase required
only at www.nightinthestacks.org



Guests at Night in the Stacks 2016

Thomas Hughes Children's Library Gets a New Look Thanks to \$2.5M Exelon Grant

If you've ventured into Harold Washington Library Center and headed to the Thomas Hughes Children's Library, you've noticed that it's been temporarily relocated to the first floor Popular Library. That's because there is exciting activity taking place behind those doors to make way for a completely reimaged and state-of-the-art children's space.

Thanks to a generous \$2.5M grant from Exelon, Thomas Hughes Children's Library is getting a complete transformation into an early learning center that encourages learning through play. Funds will also upgrade children's spaces in 14 branch locations.

The innovative early learning space designed by Gensler Architecture incorporates science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and the five practices of early learning – Talk, Sing, Read, Write and Play – into the space itself. These focus areas play a critical role in children's social and cognitive development.

Studies show that play is a primary building block for a child's development, inspiring creativity and engagement with peers. The redesigned children's library encourages interaction between children and materials, keeps reading materials at eye level, and supports the development of deeper learning through STEM experiences. CPL librarians will also focus on

encouraging parents and caregivers to engage in active play with their kids, as a child's primary teacher within the space.

Highlights of the new Thomas Hughes Children's Library include:

- Flexible space with movable furniture pieces that allow for reconfiguring spaces for different program purposes



- Boomerang design that sections off areas by age groups with flexible furniture pieces. These different areas, referred to as "neighborhoods" include the early learners neighborhood for kids ages 0-5; the elementary school kids neighborhood for kids ages 6-10; and the tweens neighborhood for kids ages 10-12. Each neighborhood is fitted with age appropriate toys, furniture, and activities.

With the re-envisioning of the Thomas Hughes Children's Library, children and their families will enjoy dynamic, active learning centers and programming

In the center of the boomerang design is the "plaza" that will feature **special programming, activities, and performances**

aimed at evoking curiosity. The goal is that children will explore ideas and interests they might have not considered before and embark on an adventure of discovery.

Construction of the space began November 2016 and the work is expected to be completed in summer

of 2017, just time to kick off the Summer Learning Challenge!

Get Shopping: Check Out the Chicago Public Library Foundation Store

Show your love for Chicago Public Library whether you are at home or out and about by wearing one of the awesome clothing items featured in our new Chicago Public Library Foundation store through a partnership with Threadless.

The best part? Proceeds from our new store benefit life-changing programs that make Chicago Public Library a world class institution. Programs like the Summer Learning Challenge, Teachers in the Library, YOUmedia, and many more are funded with donations made to the Library Foundation. So you'll not only look great, you'll feel great knowing your purchase supports innovative programs for Chicagoans of all ages.

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Barbara Kingsolver and Alice Waters Round Out One Book, One Chicago

Chicago Public Library's One Book, One Chicago program is well underway with exciting Spring programs, classes, and more!

One Book, One Chicago is supported with grant funding to the Library Foundation from The Chicago Community Trust, BMO Harris Bank, and United. We thank them for keeping this well-loved program flourishing.

This season's One Book, One Chicago selection is *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by acclaimed author Barbara Kingsolver. It is a nonfiction account of her family as they choose to eat only food grown and produced locally for a full year.

Barbara Kingsolver's fourteen books of fiction, poetry and creative nonfiction include the novels *The Bean Trees*, *The Poisonwood Bible*, and *The Lacuna*, winner of The Orange Prize for Fiction. Translated into more than

twenty languages, her work has won a devoted worldwide readership and many awards, including the National Humanities Medal. Many of her books have been incorporated into the core English literature curriculum of colleges throughout the country.

As a grower of food, Kingsolver traces her roots back to the family garden where she was given her own plot on which to grow one vegetable of her choice, starting at age 6. (She chose squash.) She cultivated the soil of many cities, on several continents, before settling once and for all on the Virginia farm where she now lives with her husband. **Kingsolver will give a free, public talk at the Harold Washington Library Center on Thursday, May 18.**

Based on this selection, One Book, One Chicago is exploring the central theme "Eat Think Grow," with citywide programming focused on cultural cuisine, cooking, eating, sustainability, and urban farming. Programming kicked off in October and runs through May of this year.

On Monday, April 3, at Harold Washington Library Center, CPL will host chef, author, and food activist, Alice Waters. Alice is founder and owner of Chez Panisse Restaurant in Berkeley, California. She has been a champion of local sustainable agriculture for over four decades.

It's not too late to get involved with many of the food-themed events still happening throughout Chicago as part of the One Book, One Chicago program. Visit www.onebookonechicago.org for details and events schedule.

