

2018-2019 Local Author Series

The cities of Brooklyn Center, Crystal, New Hope, Robbinsdale and Robbinsdale Area Schools are offering a “Local Author Series” at the Crystal Community Center (4800 Douglas Drive North) in 2018-2019. There will be two Minnesota local authors featured during the evenings of October 10 and April 10. The fee is \$3.00 for the presentation and includes refreshments.

Call 763-531-1272 to make your reservation by the Friday before the event.



Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Book: ***The Big Water: Lake Minnetonka and Its Place in Minnesota History***

Author: **Frederick Johnson**

Among Minnesota’s greatest lakes, Minnetonka ranks second only to Superior in historical significance. “The Big Water” has played important roles: a home to Native Americans, a 19th century premier American resort, and early twentieth century enclave for wealthy Minneapolitans, a streetcar-reachable summer playground for Twin Cities residents and a home to prosperous Minneapolis suburbs. Author Fredrick Johnson offers an entertaining, wide-ranging discussion of his critically acclaimed, fully documented study of Lake Minnetonka. *Register by October 5.*

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Book: ***Secrets of the Congdon Mansion***

Author: **Joe Kimball**

Former Star Tribune reporter Joe Kimball, who has covered the case from the beginning, discusses the inside story of the infamous murder of Elisabeth Congdon, the wealthy Duluth dowager who was smothered in her bed in the 39-room Glensheen Mansion. Her night nurse was beaten to death with a candlestick holder on the mansion's grand stairway, trying to protect the partially-paralyzed heiress. Police immediately suspected Congdon's adopted daughter and her new husband of the crime. They said the motive was to speed up the inheritance. The husband was convicted but the daughter -- Marjorie Congdon Caldwell Hagen - - was found not guilty of charges that she helped plan the murders. But that's not the end of the story. Marjorie has been in the news -- and in prison -- in the years since the mansion murders. Bigamy charges, two arson convictions, charges of another murder, and the mysterious death of an elderly man she befriended in Arizona have kept her story alive. And they still won't say much about the case when you take the glorious Glensheen tour. *Register by April 5.*

