

Educational Experiences

Keepsake Stories: A Writing Workshop

Wednesdays: December 7, 14, 21 & 28 ★ 2:30 - 4 pm

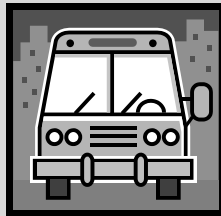
Have you always wanted to write about your life? Perhaps you would like to share your story with friends and family, or maybe you would like to just write for yourself. Join **Julia Curran**, M.A., for a creative writing workshop. Julia is currently writing a memoir, and is excited about providing a supportive environment for you to develop your autobiographical pieces. The workshop will have two parts: a mini-lesson on choosing a writing topic and a section on individuals' work-in-progress. You do not need writing experience or formal training to join. Everyone is welcome! For more information call Julia at 345-8943 or e-mail her at keepsakestory@gmail.com.



- **\$5 for all four dates. Call VINE by 12/6 to register.**

Join us for an Adventure!

We provide a coach bus and two friendly escorts for all of our trips. More information is available at the Summit Center and at Lincoln Community Center. Call Community Education at 387-5501 to sign up. Payment is always required at the time you make your reservation and is non-refundable.



1968 - The Year that Rocked the World
Tuesday, February 14 ★ 8:15 am - 5:30 pm

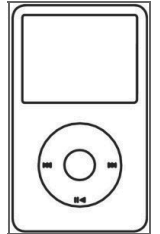
The day will start with the play, *1968 - The Year that Rocked the World* at the Minnesota History Center. The Vietnam War, protests, and the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy were in the news. Peace signs, love-ins and psychedelic rock were on the scene. From the lowest lows to the highest highs, the year 1968 comes alive in this extraordinary play. After the play, enjoy lunch on your own in the museum cafeteria and then join us for a guided tour of the new 1968 Exhibit. Thanks to the generosity of the MN History Theater this trip is offered at a reduced rate.

- **Cost is \$23. Call Community Ed. by 1/16 to sign up.**

How to Get the Most Out of Your Portable Media Device

Monday, December 5 ★ 10:30 – 11:30 am

Back by popular demand, **Wade Davis** will return to the Summit Center to show you how to use your MP3 player, iPod, or similar device. While you might not shy away from technical devices such as portable media players, you may find that just a little extra instruction will help you take advantage of additional features. Come discover how and where to download free music, audio books, podcasts, lectures, and more.

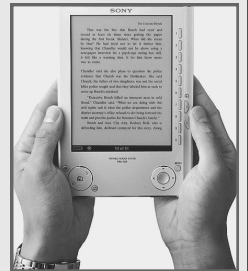


- **No charge. Call VINE by 12/2 to sign up.**

What's up with eBooks?

Tuesday, December 6 ★ 10 - 11 am

Curious about the relatively new eBooks? Try out the most popular eBook readers and see which one is right for you or for that special person on your gift list. At this hands-on session, North Mankato Library Director, **Lucy Lowry**, will help you examine the pros and cons of Kindle, Nook, Kobo, iPad, and other readers that work with the North Mankato Library's free Overdrive downloadable eBooks.



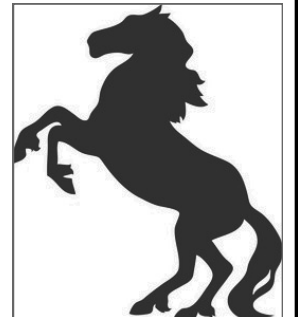
- **No charge. Call VINE by 12/5 to register.**

Lunch and Learn

Misfit Acres

Tuesday, December 27 ★ 11:30 am - 1 pm

In 1994, **Bruce and Jody Thisted's** love of horses motivated them to start Misfit Acres, a southern Minnesota non-profit equine sanctuary. Come learn about this safe haven for homeless horses located just six miles south of Good Thunder.



Horses that come to the sanctuary are able to avoid slaughter and escape from owners who are neglectful or abusive. Jody's story will include beautiful pictures of her equine friends.

- **\$7 for lunch. Call VINE by 12/22 to make a reservation.**



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News of the Summit

News from the VINE Home Thrift Store

Pick up some December deals while they last!

Purchase \$5 worth of merchandise at the VINE Home Thrift Store during the month of December and enter to win a \$10 gift certificate. Just leave your name and phone number on the back of your receipt and place it in the jar. We will draw five names each week.

Christmas Sale

Shop the VINE Home Thrift Store
December 13 - 23 and receive
50% off your Christmas items.

Inventory Reduction Sale

- 25% off all Blue Dot Items
- 50% off all Green and Pink Dot Items
- Select glassware, lamps, furniture, dishes, and cookware is also on sale.

We are now on Facebook! "Like us" and keep updated on the happenings at VINE, the Summit Center, and the VINE Home Thrift Store.



ESTATE DONATIONS: At some time in life, most of us face the task of clearing out a loved one's home after a move to an apartment or long-term care, or in the difficult time after a funeral. After the family has selected the items they wish to keep, VINE can send a caring and responsible team of adult volunteers to pick up the saleable items for donation to the VINE Home Thrift Store. We will provide a tax receipt and even help inventory the household items.

Estate contributions of any size are gratefully accepted and proceeds from their sale will support programs and services at VINE and the Summit Center.



OUR CURRENT NEEDS: sofas, loveseats, recliners, glider rockers, bookcases, dining sets (chairs and tables), curio cabinets