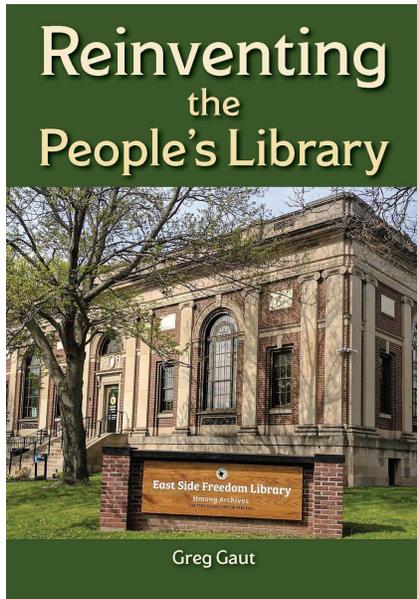


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# REINVENTING THE PEOPLE'S LIBRARY BY GREG GAUT



*Reinventing the People's Library* traces the history of the Arlington Hills Public Library, one of the branches of the St. Paul Public Library funded by Andrew Carnegie, and its reinvention as the East Side Freedom Library, an institution dedicated to telling the stories of the East Side, including the Dakota who first lived here (and still do), European immigrants who settled here in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, African Americans and Mexicans who came between the wars, and the more recent immigrants from Southeast Asia, central America, and east Africa, who are revitalizing the area.

This book “demonstrates how faithfully the East Side Freedom Library is carrying on this story of the library as the knitter of social cohesion, the place of community, and the driving force for an informed citizenry.” – **Annette Atkins, Professor Emerita of History, College of St. Benedict's**

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