

Fall is coming!
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Did summer just fly by this year? It has gone in the blink of an eye for me. Goodbye summer, hello fall! A few things that I think about in the fall are preserving the delicious garden stuff, football, and of course, the beautiful change that takes place in our landscape. I have chosen a few books from our shelves on those topics. Stop in and check them out.

All that goodness from your garden is ripe and ready for preserving right now. The library has many books on canning and preserving in section 641.42, but I wanted to highlight a couple that caught my eye today. *Beyond Canning: New Techniques, Ingredients and Flavors to Preserve, Pickle, and Ferment Like Never Before* by Autumn Giles. I'm intrigued by "Quick Pickled Rhubarb." That will have to wait until next year I guess, but how about "Quick Peach-Bourbon Jam or Pink House Kraut" which is a beautiful red color thanks to the addition of beets. A trend right now is to use alternative sweeteners instead of white sugar. *Naturally Sweet Food in Jars: 100 Preserves made with Coconut, Maple, Honey, and More* by Marisa McClellan is chock full of naturally sweetened recipes. A couple of recipes that look interesting are "Tomato Jam" which sounds delicious with fall spices and red pepper flakes, and "Sweet Corn Salsa." The corn salsa will help you use a variety of garden produce like corn, tomatoes, onion and jalapeno peppers. YUM!

Are you ready for some football? You know fall is coming when you start to see the kids at football practice around town. Browse 796.332 for the football books available at the library. In the meantime, I'll tell you about two recent titles. *From the Gridiron to the Battlefield: Minnesota's March to a College Football Title and Into World War II* by Danny Spewak tells the story of the 1941 University of Minnesota Golden Gophers who had an undefeated season that culminated in a national championship just days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. In *Hometown Victory: A Coach's Story of Football, Fate and Coming Home* Keanon Lowe returns to his hometown to coach the Parkrose High School football team which was in the middle of a long losing streak. Within two years they were conference champions, but that's not the end of the story. He continued to feel like he had come home to this school for something else. Was it fate that he was there when a student walked into a classroom with a shotgun?

And finally, Minnesota and especially New Ulm, is beautiful in the fall. You can drive through the Minnesota River valley to get your fill of beautiful colors later this fall, but if you are looking to venture out a little further, take a look at the 917.76 area for books about exploring Minnesota. A favorite destination, no matter the season, is the North Shore. *61 Gems on Highway Minnesota 61* by Kathryn and William Mayo will take you on an interesting journey along the North Shore, complete with stunning color throughout the autumn season. If rural roads are more your style, *Off the Beaten Path Minnesota: A Guide to Unique Places* by Mark R. Weinberger will take you on a journey that is sure to include beautiful leaf color. It is arranged by county, so choose your destination and take a drive.

Stop at the library for all your fall preparation books, we are happy to help you find everything you are looking for. If we don't have something, we will do our best to find it somewhere and order it in for you.

The library will be closed on Friday, September 30 for a staff training.

The library is located at 17 N. Broadway and is open to the public Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.