In Hennepin: 85,000 need GED

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Eighty-five thousand adults in Hennepin County are at high risk of under- and unemployment. That’s why Louis King, President and CEO of Summit Academy OIC, King and his team are introducing a new GED program for Minneapolis construction workers.

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The late Dr. Maathai was a global leader who originated the Green Belt Movement with the hopes of reforestation of her home country, Kenya. Konya. She sought to restore the beauty of nature and uplift the close knit community which served as a backdrop to her childhood memories. She began by organizing everyday woman, members, families, neighbors and friends to plant a tree. In 1977 she wrote a book named ‘The Green Belt Movement’

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On Social Justice
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The Feb. 6 event at Honey, 205 E. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, will include a reading by the author, as well as performances by Sierra, Hieu Minh Nguyen, Rachel Andrews and Donte Collins, as well as music by DJ Big Cats. The event starts at 7 p.m.

DeMulder is an internationally touring performance poet and educator, a two-time National Poetry Slam champion, and author of “The Bones Below” and “New Shoes on a Dead Horse.” She is also the recipient of a 2014 McKnight Fellowship and her full-length poetry collection, “Shoes on a Dead Horse,” is the recipient of a 2014 McKnight Fellowship. She is also the recipient of a 2014 McKnight Fellowship and has been featured on NPR, The Advocate, the New York Times, and has a monthly column in Reammba.

Sierra DeMulder is celebrating release of fourth book, ‘Today Means Amen’