

**Mission:** The mission of Manitowoc Public Library is to promote a culture of reading and to provide access to information. Through services, we strive to foster an environment that meets the educational, recreational and cultural needs of the community.

## March 2026

- I attended the Mayor's Business Roundtable on March 12. This was held at The Inn on Maritime Bay; all Department Heads were introduced to local business owners, organizations and non-profits and shared ideas on future collaborations.
- I welcomed and onboarded two new MPL Foundation Board members: Kate Reynolds and Ryan Brandon. Both are active MPL users but look forward to supporting the library in new ways through the Foundation activities.
- MPL hosted the Spring All-Staff Training Day on March 20 in collaboration with the other libraries in our system and MCLS staff. We closed to the public at Noon, enjoyed a lunch together with all libraries, and then viewed the documentary *The Librarians*. We then broke into small groups for further discussion on the documentary and ended the day with an overview of MPL Annual Report data/statistics and updates.
  - ***The Librarians***: When lawmakers seek to review a list of books, librarians find themselves on the frontlines of a national battle. Across the U.S., librarians face the impact of uniting against library collection standards that include restrictions on race-related and LGBTQIA+ content. Drawing on historical context, *The Librarians* explores the broader implications for education and public life.
  - This film can be found online on PBS at [The Librarians | Book Policies Documentary | Independent Lens](#). MPL also purchased a DVD copy for circulation.
- MPL battled through the winter storm on March 14 – 16. The blizzard-like conditions and two feet of snowfall forced us to be closed Sunday and Monday, reopening on Tuesday at Noon. Thank you to Stacey for coordinating the snow removal of the parking lot, sidewalks and entrances!

## Coming Up

- Mid-year employee reviews throughout April.
- 100 Years of WOMT Radio exhibit.
- Comic Book Day on May 2.