

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.

October 2025

- As reported last month, Baker & Taylor, the nation's largest book vendor, will officially go out of business by the end of the year, which seriously disrupts our normal purchasing, cataloguing and processing workflow. I met with Meredith Gadzinski and other members of the Materials Management department to strategize a plan for moving forward and determine new processes with new vendors. There are no materials budgetary concerns at this time.
- Phase 1 of the first floor renovation has begun! We have moved public computers and Business Center services (faxing, scanning, photocopying and printing) to temporary locations and cleared out the old public computer area. Electric work and new carpeting will be done in October, and we have a delivery date of the new furniture during the first week of January. We anticipate the renovations to this area will be complete by the January Board meeting date!
- I have decided to meet with every employee and their Manager during this year's Performance Evaluation period. This provided me a chance to connect with everyone, talk about performance/expectations, and give them an opportunity to address anything with me. These have been valuable conversations.
- On October 8, we welcomed the Junior Leadership class through the Chamber for a tour of MPL. They used our meeting room space for lunch and then enjoyed the Manito-walk tour from Tony Plekan. I gave them a full tour of our building as well.



Other Meetings

- One-on-Ones with Managers and Staff
- Meetings with City Department Heads and the Mayor
- Finance Committee Meetings for the 2026 Budget

Coming Up

- Performance Reviews for all employees in November
- Best Gift Ever book drive begins November 3
- Enchanted Evergleams at MPL beginning November 26
- Tales from the Taproom: A StorySlam for Adults at Petskull Brewing Company, Dec. 11, 6:00pm
- Stocking Stuffer Used Book Sale: Dec. 10 - 14