

## Manitowoc Public Library Proposed Mural Project

**Artists:** Erin LaBonte and David Carpenter

**Location:** The blank space above the library entryway doors

**Timeframe:** Early in 2017, Marketing Associate, Tim Gadzinski, (as directed by Kristin Stoeger) contacted Erin LaBonte, the lead artist who executed the Red Arrow Park mural and many other civic and gallery art projects in Manitowoc. Because of the high quality of the Red Arrow mural, he thought it would be a good idea to see if Erin and her team had any interest in creating a mural in MPL as a part of the First Floor Redesign Project. Fortunately, she did, along with her associate, David Carpenter. Together with Library Director, Kristin Stoeger, we are working on formalizing the process. As of June 2017, Erin and her partner David are coming up with three rough concept sketches; these concepts should be submitted to MPL by the end of June. They will be shared with the staff re-design committee, and the final design will be approved by the Library Director and agreed upon with the artists. Once the design has been agreed upon, an exact amount of space to be painted will be determined based on the concept which is selected. After fundraising for the project is completed in March of 2018 (please see explanation below\*), Erin and David will execute the work on the mural during a two week period in the early summer months of 2018 to somewhat coincide with Manitowoc Public Library's Twentieth Anniversary.

<b>Budget:</b>	<b>Artists' Fee:</b>	<b>\$2,000 per artist (two total artists)</b>
	<b>Paint &amp; Supplies:</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

\*We propose to approach the Manitowoc Public Library Foundation to help to cover the cost of the mural by augmenting the proceeds from the 2018 MPL Gala. We would potentially like for this to be a reciprocal matching grant for a portion of the proceeds from the Gala. The intended plan for the Gala is to accumulate sufficient capital to fund the mural and other finalized First Floor Redesign projects/furniture/layout enhancements. Kristin is planning to present this plan to the Foundation on July 18, 2017\*

*Note: This budget does not include a fee for renting a lift in order for the mural to be painted. MPL Facilities Manager, Stacey Bialek, believes that he will be able to secure the use of the city's lift for this work to be executed. However, should the use of the lift not be secured, the budget would increase by approximately \$1,000. Hopefully, this will not be the case.*