

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.

September 2024

- September 18, Finance Committee Meeting: I spent significant time preparing a report of Library fines and the role they play in the Library's overall budget for this Committee meeting. I want to thank the management team and the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System staff for their help in providing reports and data (from the Integrated Library System) for this report.
- September 20: Manitowoc-Calumet Library System held a staff training day in our meeting rooms. MPL and staff from the other libraries in our system were invited to learn about best practices for serving neurodivergent patrons from two outside presenters. I then shared my presentation on Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 43 and Intellectual Freedom for the staff from other libraries (I previously gave this presentation to MPL staff during a staff development day).
- September 27, All-Staff Professional Development Day: Laura Damon-Moore and Melissa Mclimans from WILS facilitated the S.O.A.R. activities for this all-staff day as a part of our strategic plan. Staff split into groups to brainstorm and identify the Library's strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results. The staff perspective themes and output from this activity will be included in the overall strategic plan.

Other Meetings

- One-on-Ones with Managers and Staff
- Meetings with City Department Heads and the Mayor

Coming Up

- Employee Performance Evaluations coming in October
- 2025 City Budget presented to City Council in October
- Kick-off of the Strategic Plan with the Long-Range Planning Committee, Oct. 10
- Personnel Committee Meeting, Annual Review, Oct. 22
- Trunk or Treat, Oct. 22