

**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.

## June 2024

- I joined the Mayor and other City Department Heads for on-site tour and lunch at a local business: Dos Caminos.
- I attended a webinar about the TALK program: **T**ext and **L**earn for **K**indergarten sends (via text messaging) fun activities parents can do with their babies and preschoolers to make any time learning time. Developed by librarians and based on the Every Child Ready to Read program that encourages parents to read, write, sing, talk, and play with their little ones every day, TALK activities are designed to get kids ready for school success. Our library system is considering purchasing this program for all member libraries.
- I attended our system's bimonthly LARS (Libraries Automated Resource Sharing Consortium) meeting on June 14 with other system Directors and staff. Topics that were discussed include: future cataloging/circulation meetings, a cloud-based PC reservation system, training sessions of Novelist Plus and Library Aware for staff, online patron registration and renewal, future collection development meeting, and possible duties and projects for the new system consultant.
- I helped out again at the annual Paint the Library event on June 26:



- Summer Reading Program kicked off on June 10! There is a program for Children, Teens and Adults; read and earn prizes at any age! Initial stats through June 30:
  - Children: 965 participants
  - Teen: 208 participants
  - Adult: 594 participants
  - Additionally, there are 90 YMCA summer school participants and 80 Boys & Girls Club summer program participants.

#### Other Meetings

- One-on-Ones with Managers
- Meetings with City Department Heads and the Mayor
- Library Board Long Range Planning Committee, June 13 (reported at June Board meeting)
- Library Board Nominating Committee, June 20 (reported at June Board meeting)

#### Coming Up

- Touch the Trucks, July 10
- Capital Allocation Working Group Annual Meeting, July 10
  - Library is presenting HVAC A/C rooftop unit replacement, HVAC main control interface replacement, and West automatic door and frame replacement for City consideration
- MPL's Brew n Bee, July 24
- Lakeshore Balloon Glow, August 16
- 2025 Budget preparations