

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 2025

- Much of March was focused on final details and planning of the MPL Foundation Fundraiser: Murder Mystery at the Library! This included being a guest on March's episode of the MPL Insider with Tim Gadzinski and Emily Brandt from our Marketing Department.
- On March 19, I conducted an impromptu tour of the Library to the Leadership of Manitowoc County class. They were coming to MPL to hear a presentation from another City department, and while we waited for the presenter to show up, I used that time to take the attendees around the Library and share everything we have to offer – several people took applications to get a library card!
- I attended the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System Online Resources annual meeting on March 21. Staff from the System meet each year to determine what online resources will be purchased as shared resources for all libraries in the following year. It was at this meeting that we made a plan for services in the event our IMLS grant funding is cut due to the Executive Order.
- I continued work on the Data Classroom Toolkit, through WiLS. We will be developing a research question and collecting real data/information to then evaluate, analyze and learn how to present the data for best intentional and visual impact.
- I attended an Advanced Leadership class through the Chamber of Manitowoc County on March 26: Change Management. This class focused on understanding why change initiatives fail and how to ensure their success, implementing a framework to actively lead change efforts, managing resistance to ensure an efficient transition, and identifying goals and resources that will be needed to support future infrastructure with your organization after change is made.

Other Meetings

- One-on-Ones with Managers and Staff
- Meetings with City Department Heads and the Mayor
- Continued MPL Foundation meetings for Fundraiser, April 5

Coming Up

- All-Staff Training Day with MCLS and member libraries, April 11
- Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL), April 30 – May 2

Programming

- A Saturday Conversation with Bill Jartz, the “Voice of Lambeau,” April 12, 1pm
- Football Frenzy, Kickoff NFL Draft Week, April 22, 6pm (Family Activity Night)
- Tales from the Taproom: a StorySlam Event for Adults (21+) at PetSkull Brewing Company, May 1, 6pm
- One-to-One Literacy Awards, May 4, 12:30pm
- Summer Reading Program begins June 16!