

MPL Invites You to Explore the Farmers' Market with Chef Andrew Dunbar.

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The following article was written by Andrew Dunbar, the former Executive Chef at Ryan's on York.

The farmers' market—or fresh air market—is one of the best perks when it comes to being a foodie and culinarian. Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is home to the longest continually-running farmers' market. It has been operational and running since 1730! The town was considered to be a market town full of shops and markets for people to travel to when they were in need of something they couldn't produce themselves. That is the beauty of the farmers' market—it is fresh, it is direct, and it is Local!

During "At the Market with Andrew," after we meet up by the flagpole in front of Manitowoc Public Library that Saturday morning, I will start with a walk around the market, talking about the way I see the market—essentially how I make my way through the vendors. We will talk about the items that we see, any of the differences between the farmers' market and store bought varieties, and also what goes with what—even if it's not something we plan on making that day. Along with looking at the fresh-grown produce, we will take a look at the other items that are available at the market, from fresh eggs to fresh bread.

This will be a very unscripted adventure as we let the produce of the day direct us, lead us, and guide us. The only real plans are to be there and to have a great time learning about fresh produce. After we wonder—or even meander, dare I say—we will head over to the Balkansky Community Room at the Library to work on a nice cold meal made from items that we picked up that day. The goal for this repast will be to use zero-to-as-little food from a store as possible. As we create our snack, we will talk about the growing seasons and when is the best time to look for specific items.



Andrew Dunbar

I hope to see everybody at the market on June 15 at 10 AM as we find the wonderful produce that Manitowoc County can produce. From a foodie, Culinarian, and former chef, trust me when I say that food at the market is unlike food from anywhere else.

If you plan to wander around with us on Saturday, June 15, and then head back home with the goodies that you've gathered, there's no need to register—just meet us by the flagpole and stroll around the farmers' market in our group. However, if you want to head back to MPL following the walk-about to be a part of our humble feast, you do need to sign-up for “At the Market” to make certain that there's a space for everyone that wants to attend. Registration is open now, so head to www.manitowoclibrary.org/event/market-andrew to snag your spot!

Paint the Library Red, White, and Blue Returns to MPL!

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The following article was written by Bette Schewde, a Youth Services Librarian at the Manitowoc Public Library.

Where can you go for free family fun that builds community, enhances downtown, and is just plain fun? Manitowoc Public Library, of course! The Library has been providing free, fun programs for all ages for years, and this year is no exception.

Back again this year is Paint the Library Red, White, and Blue on Wednesday, June 26, at 2 PM. We've been doing this for a couple decades and it is always creative fun. However, this year, there will be one significant change—we will not be requiring registration. We're hoping that families will not be deterred by registration and will drop by if they are able that day. We want as many folks as possible to participate in this super fantastic event. Painters can line-up by MPL's garage doors on Franklin Street. At 2 PM, kids and teens can get red, white and blue paint, and sponge brushes. They will then be directed to a window to decorate for the Fourth of July. First come, first served. There will be chalk to decorate the sidewalks, as well. Unfortunately, in the event of rain, painting will be canceled.

If you know you can't make it that day or if it rains, we still want you to be able to participate. We have poster boards available at the Children's Desk in Youth Services on the Second Floor. Pick up a piece and decorate it red, white and blue at home. Posters returned by Thursday, June 27, will be displayed on the inside of the Library's windows on the Main Floor. If you would like your poster back, make sure your name is on the back of it and that you come back to MPL to pick it up by Friday, July 12.

Additionally, there is a line-up of activities for all ages all summer long. For kids there will be animals, art, beads, crafts, carrots, games, gardening, painting, parties, stories, tie dye, trucks, worms and yoga. Check out the line-up for kids and families on the library event calendar at www.manitowoclibrary.org/events.



Bette Schewde

Teens are invited to paint the library windows, but there are a number of other programs in July just for Teens. Test your taste buds at "Face the Flavor." Race your way through "Minute to Win It" games. Get artistic at the Rahr-West with a "Paint Pour" and Learn beginner Tai Chi. Some teen programs require registration to ensure enough supplies, so it isn't the worst idea to be aware of when

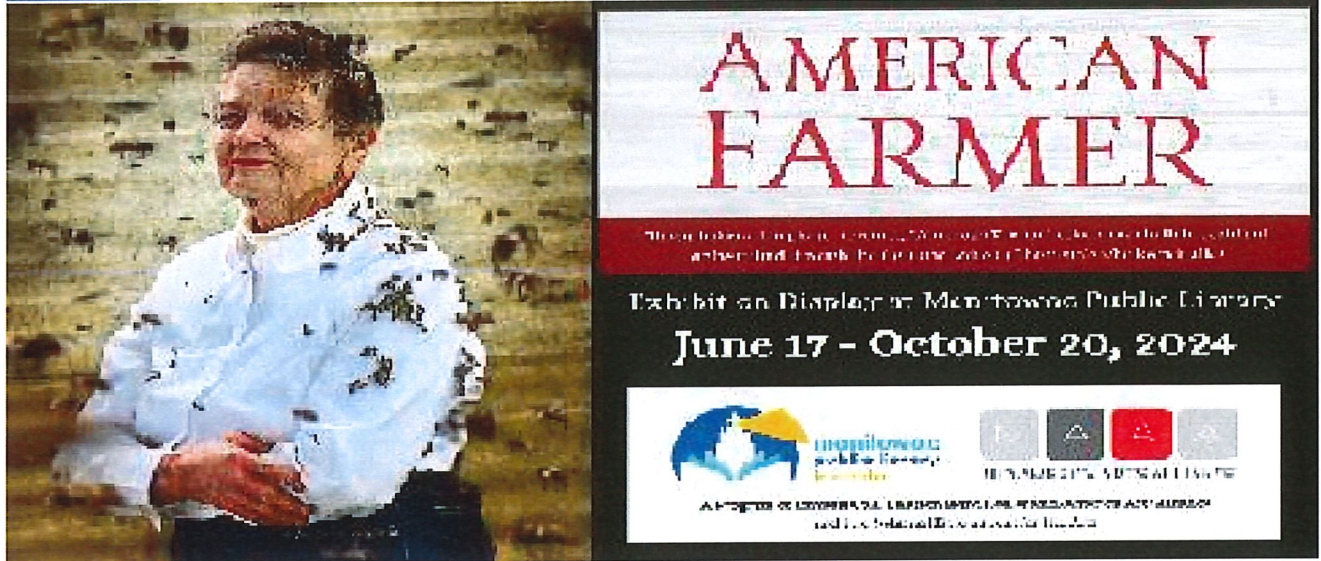
registration opens. Check all teen programs on the library event calendar (www.manitowoclibrary.org/events), as well.

And those are just the Kids and Teen programs! There are programs for everyone! Just like the Summer Reading Program itself! Everyone can earn prizes for just reading a little bit each day. Sign up for Summer Reading before it's too late. Don't let the opportunity pass you by! And check out the Calendar of Events—www.manitowoclibrary.org/events. Summer is too short to miss out on all the extra fun at Manitowoc Public Library!

“American Farmer” on Display at Manitowoc Public Library

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The following article was written by Tim Gadzinski, the Marketing Associate for the Manitowoc Public Library.

As humans, we tend to take a lot of things for granted. Or, more accurately, we tend to go a bit situationally blind to things that we’re exposed to on a daily basis.

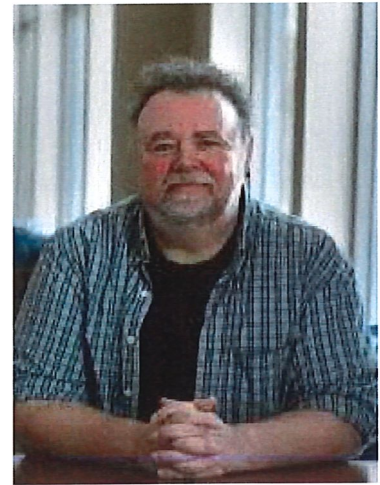
Take, for example, the profound industrial heritage of Manitowoc, rich in history and national impact. The Evergleam aluminum trees of the 1950s are a uniquely American, ubiquitous contribution to the holiday season, created right here in The 54220. And yet, that pop culture contribution was nearly lost to the sands of time until a pair of local photographers and an ambitious group of collectors took up the mantle of placing them before the public once again.

Even more profound is the fact that Manitowoc’s ship-building eminence led to the manufacturing of twenty-plus submarines during WWII—even though we’re nowhere near an ocean for easy launching. We even have a submarine on-display in the Manitowoc River. And yet, its presence has become so commonplace to locals that we barely bring it up in conversation.

A third example is even more pervasive due to the fact that it literally surrounds our city on three of its four sides. I’m referring, of course, to farming and agriculture. Certainly, we acknowledge its pastoral charm and open-space splendor as we drive through it on the way to some other destination, but the bedrock nature of how farming impacts our community is often taken for granted. Especially in age where acquiring sustenance for the majority of citizens has become as easy as stopping in at one of our multiple supermarkets. Or having it delivered to our residences after ordering whatever one wants online.

However, Manitowoc Public Library is serving up a crucial visual reminder for the next several months that is focused on this rural necessity, one which allows our community to come eye-to-eye, photographically-speaking, with an array of individuals from the national agricultural sector. “American Farmer: A Photo-Portrait Exhibition,” will be on display at MPL from Monday, June 20 through Sunday, October 20.

A Program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, and The National Endowment for the Arts, “American Farmer” celebrates the living spirit of our heartland through the faces and voices of the people who keep it alive. Featuring forty-five full-color and black-and-white portraits and interviews with farmers across the United States by photographer, Paul Mobley—from cattle ranchers to strawberry growers—American Farmer tells the honest and inspiring stories of the true stewards of our land.



Tim Gadzinski

All too often, when one hears the word “farmer” a stereotypical image pops to mind. But, “American Farmer” shows that this occupation truly isn’t confined to a single gender, nationality, or age. Mobley’s photographs illustrate farmers with a strong sense of where they belong in the universe, a close connection to the land, and their day-to-day work as it affects the rest of the world. They reveal the true face of American farming and remind us what it means to live with simplicity, contentment, and decency in a world that so often forgets.

Manitowoc Public Library will also be offering an array of programming and events throughout its run of the exhibit that places the sentiment of “American Farmer” in a more local context. Highlights include:

- A panel discussion featuring local farmers sharing the realities of maintaining family farms in the age of corporate farming
- An Urban Farming presentation with Nina Loomis and Amber Dawgs from Grow It Forward
- A “Barnyard Ballyhoo” with 4-H members and their animals on the Library Lawn
- Native American agricultural practices known as the “Three Sisters” with representatives from the Oneida Nation Museum
- A screening of the film “Greener Pastures” that focuses on four Midwestern family farms, with an in-person appearance by Jeff Ditzenberger—one of the movie’s featured players, who is a farmer and rural mental health advocate in Southern Wisconsin

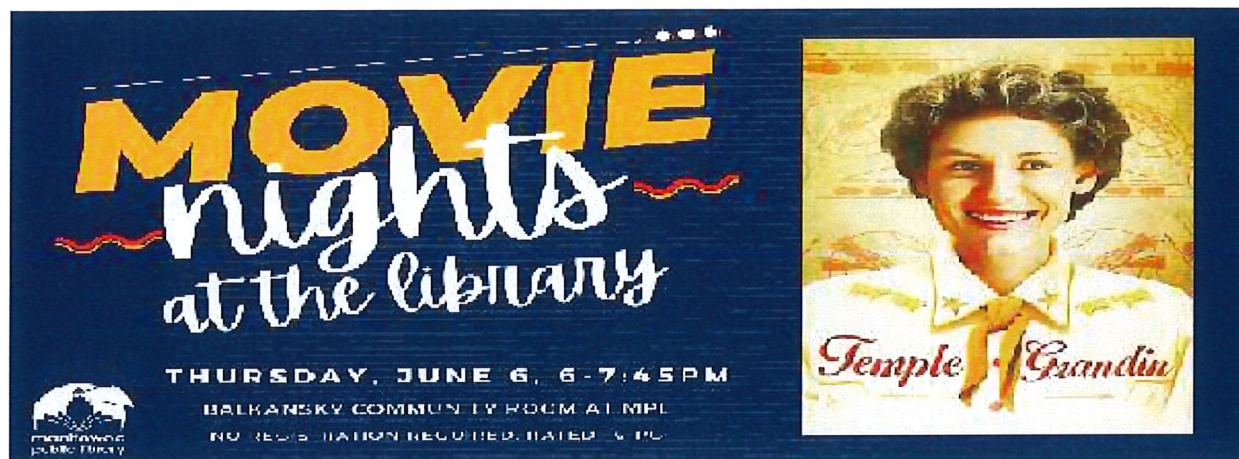
And this is just some of the fantastic programming being offered during “American Farmer.” Make sure to head to www.manitowoclibrary.org/events to see everything that’s in store for you.

We hope that you’ll have an opportunity to experience “American Farmer” at Manitowoc Public Library. It’s an eye-opening experience that allows the viewer to celebrate rural portraiture—an iconography with deep roots, not just in our immediate community, but our nation as a whole.

Bringing Dr. Temple Grandin to Manitowoc-A Dream Made Real!

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The following article was written by Karen Hansen, the Public Services Manager at the Manitowoc Public Library.

In my work in libraries, I've had the pleasure of seeing a few dreams and big ideas become realities. Even more thrilling is when that big idea is shared by the community I serve, tapping an unknown need and interest.

A few years ago, I dreamt of bringing Dr. Temple Grandin to Manitowoc, as I believed our community might benefit, as I had, from hearing her share her knowledge about agriculture and autism. Then, when our library had an opportunity to host an exhibit featuring portraits of farmers from around the country, it felt like the perfect feature event to complement the exhibit. A few phone calls later and that dream is now a reality!

Manitowoc will soon have the privilege of hosting scientist, bestselling author, and autism self-advocate, Dr. Temple Grandin! Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Manitowoc Public Library and Visit Manitowoc, Dr. Grandin will be appearing at the Capitol Civic Center on Friday, June 21, for a free-of-charge, interview-style event spanning the topics of autism, agriculture, and education.

Due to overwhelming interest in the event, tickets sold out in less than half-a-day! For those still pursuing tickets, we encourage you to check the Capitol Civic Center website (<https://cccshows.org/manitowoc-public-library-an-evening-with-temple-grandin/>) in case unused tickets become available. Or possibly consider standby ticket availability on the evening of the event.

Even if you don't know who Dr. Temple Grandin is, chances are that you've been the recipient of her transformative practices in the livestock handling industry. She is responsible for designing one-third of all the livestock-handling facilities in the country, as well as introducing standards to assess animal treatment. Dr. Grandin's work in the humane treatment of livestock has impacted the industry for decades, improving the systems that put meat on our dinner plates.

Significantly, she credits her autism for giving her heightened visual abilities to invent these systems and facilities, as well as understanding the mind of a prey animal—"a cow's point of view." Dr. Grandin is a huge proponent of raising awareness of the gifts and potential of others with different minds. In her most recent book, *Visual Thinking*, I especially appreciated her thoughts on valuing people who work well with their hands, have mechanical gifts, and knowledge that can't always be measured with a test. It reminded me of our own amazing community full of builders, manufacturers, farmers, and more.



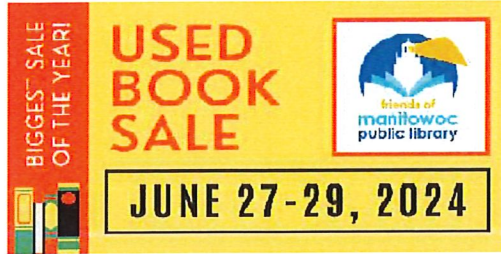
Karen Hansen

Whether you're attending the event on June 21 or not, I hope you'll join us for a screening of the 2010 HBO award-winning biopic of Dr. Grandin's life on Thursday, June 6, at 6 PM in the Library's Balkansky Community Room. The film captures her struggles and triumphs as a woman on the autism spectrum making an impact on the cattle industry. It's an inspiring story for everyone to enjoy and appreciate! We hope to see you there and remember—admission is free!

It's Back! Friends of Manitowoc Public Library Huge Used Book Sale Returns June 27-29

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The following article was written by Lisa Devins-Horohoe, an Adult Services Associate at the Manitowoc Public Library.

Hey book lovers, are you looking for a great deal on books and other materials? Well, you're in luck because the Friends of Manitowoc Public Library's Used Book Sale is just around the corner! If you love books and bargains, this summer sale is for you! The Friends of Manitowoc Public Library load up the entire Balkansky Community Room on MPL's Second Floor until it is just about bursting at the seams with literary deals and steals. The fun starts Thursday, June 27th, so mark your calendars!

We have a wide variety of books and other materials for all ages, including DVDs, music CDs, books on CD, and even magazines. The sale is jam-packed with amazing deals! We are talking about major bargain basement pricing. And then we go all out with the Stuff-a-Bag Saturday for just \$4. Yes, you heard me right. You can fill a whole grocery bag with all kinds of goodies for just \$4!

Here is a sneak peek at some of The Friends Used Book sale prices:

- Adult fiction and nonfiction \$1.
- Youth books 50 cents
- DVD's \$2.
- Music CDs \$1.
- Books on CD \$2
- An assortment of specially priced unique items.

Please note: NO DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS!!! ONLY CASH or LOCAL CHECKS, please! No cash, no problem! We have an ATM right in the building on the first floor near the main service desk.

It takes a lot of hard work to put this annual event together. Manitowoc Public Library has an amazing group of volunteers who work hard to ensure this sale is well-stocked and well-organized. They absolutely love seeing our patrons leave with big smiles on their faces and their purchases in hand!

By purchasing books at the sale, you are not only getting great deals, but you are also supporting the library and its programs. The Friends of Manitowoc Public Library's Used Book Sale helps raise funds for the Summer Reading Program, a super important and loved event at the library.

The Summer Reading Program offers special programming and cool prizes to keep children engaged, motivated, and diving into fantastic books all summer long. But that's not all! Manitowoc Public Library's Summer Reading Program is also chock full of family activity nights and exciting events that will entertain, be informative, and bring our community together.



Lisa Devins-Horohoe

Don't forget, not only do you support the library's programs, but you also score some awesome deals. And they're yours to keep, share, take on vacation, or even give as gifts. You can even stash away some titles for extra gifts during the holidays. At these prices you can afford to share books with everyone on your gift lists for birthdays, holidays, you name it!!

Here is a quick look at the Friends of Manitowoc Public Library Used Book Sale dates and times:

- Thursday, June 27, 12 PM – 7:30 PM
- Friday, June 28, 9 AM – 5:30 PM
- Saturday, June 29, 9 AM – 2:30 PM — Stuff-a-Bag All Saturday!

And don't forget, bring Cash or Local Check Only!!!

So, come on down and join us for The Friends of Manitowoc Library's Used Book Sale! With all the good that comes from this sale—for you and the library—this is a sale you can't afford to miss!