

**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.

### April 2023

- I met with Adam Tegan, the City's Community Development Director. He shared insights of the Community Development department, what he and his staff are working on and how they can assist the Library in any way. It was very nice to meet with him and his employees, and I will be reaching out to the department in the future for data and information related to demographics for our strategic planning.
- I met with Karen Nichols, Executive Director of the Chamber of Manitowoc County, to learn more about the Chamber, future opportunity with Leadership Manitowoc County, and collaborating for the Balloon Glow event in August.
- Sharon Verbeten, Youth Services Manager, and I interviewed 3 candidates for the Summer Youth Services Intern; all three were excellent candidates. Elizabeth Atencio will be joining us on May 30<sup>th</sup> for the summer!

### Other monthly meetings attended:

- Manager and Department Head meetings with the City
- IT Discussion meetings with City departments
- Public Services and Youth Services meetings
- Quarterly update with Jessie Lillibridge, Human Resources Director for the City

### Coming up:

- Open Meeting with the Director, May 2.
- Professional Development training through LeaderCast at Mikadow Theatre, May 3.
- Literacy Awards Reception, May 7, 1:30pm.
- MPL Foundation Board Meeting, May 16.
- CPR training for Management Team, May 17.
- Maiden Voyage of the SS BADGER, May 18, 11:30am.
- Manitowoc County Annual Meeting, May 25, 5:00pm.
- Summer Reading Program begins June 12!
- American Library Association Annual Conference: Chicago, June 23 – 27.

### **All-Staff Development Day: April 28, 1:00pm – 5:00pm**

Thank you to Stacey Bialek for organizing a dynamic and informational all-staff training day! We took full advantage of the closure to the public and filled the day with learning:

- Fire extinguisher training by Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department, Lt. Brad Olivera
- Active Shooter training by Manitowoc Police Department, Lt. Robert Arps
- Library statistics presentation by Director – \*See attachment
- Safety Scenarios: recap and testing knowledge of the monthly safety trainings

Thank you to all staff for fully participating – it was a fun, yet educational afternoon!

Thank you also to Pizza Garden for the lunch, drinks and deserts. 😊

### **Highlight of April**

On a personal note, I was able to travel to Delray Beach, Florida, with my mother to attend the Billie Jean King Cup tennis tournament. We were lucky enough to also attend a luncheon with Billie Jean King herself, honoring the 50 year anniversary of equal prize money for men and women competitors in the US Open tennis tournament.

*“Be bold. If you’re going to make an error, make a doozy, and don’t be afraid to hit the ball.”*

- Billie Jean King

### **Important Update**

Due to the change in City Hall open hours, the meeting agenda cutoff at City Hall is now 3PM on Thursdays.

Therefore, Library Board Agendas will now be finalized and available by Noon on the Thursday before the meeting date.

## Annual Report Data: 2016 - 2022

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Circulation	498,636	464,696	462,917	424,877	312,598	298,022	324,930
Library Visits	217,045	200,530*	217,964	211,647	60,591	106,292	155,225
Electronic Materials	29,035	30,684	36,808	40,456	46,873	48,734	49,961
# of Programs	657	699	658	452	284	238	332
Total Attendance	11,616	13,180	18,763	20,009	23,474	14,919	17,823