

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 2024

- I conducted interviews for the Librarian position in Public Services with Karen Hansen. We are proud to announce that Tony Plekan has accepted the promotion to Librarian – congratulations!
- I met with Kristin Odell, HR consultant and owner of *Grow with Klo*, on March 11. I have scheduled one-on-one meetings with Kristin to get advice and guidance as I improve and develop my leadership and communication skills in this position.
- I attended the Mayor's Business Roundtable at the Maritime Museum on March 14. The Mayor presented on the City's business growth in the past year, new housing efforts, downtown projects and other achievements planned for the coming years. There was much discussion among City business owners, leaders and community members about the need for increased resources for people experiencing homelessness, mental health issues and basic childcare in the area.
- My 6-month Mid-Year Performance Evaluation was completed by the Personnel Committee on March 19.
- Leadership Manitowoc County: I attended the monthly field trip with Leadership Manitowoc County. We visited KI-Manitowoc, Felician Village, Manitowoc Public Library, Grow It Forward, Point Beach State Park, and the Boys & Girls Club of Manitowoc County.
- The Manitowoc Public Library Foundation have officially decided to host a Murder Mystery in the Library fundraising event on April 5, 2025. I will report details as they are decided in the coming months.
- I met with Melissa Mclimans and Kim Kiesewetter from WiLS to discuss a new strategic plan for Manitowoc Public Library and draft a proposal to present to the Long Range Planning Committee in April.

Coming up:

- Libraries Automated Resource Sharing (LARS) Electronic Resources Meeting: April 5
- National Library Week: April 7 – 13
- Long-Range Planning Committee: April 11
- Mid-Year Performance Evaluations for all staff complete by April 15

Internal Library Projects:

- Library Policy updates
- All-staff day planning: April 26
- Analyzing and consideration for statistic gathering