

# MPL Express at Silver Spring (MPLX)

5550 N 64<sup>th</sup> Street

[Southeast corner of 64<sup>th</sup> Street and Silver Spring Drive]

Mayor Tom Barrett

Paula A. Kiely, Library Director

*Installation and testing began September 22, 2014*

*Grand opening ceremony October 2, 2014*

## Service Features

- Holds up to 340 items in 3 rotating rows for easy browsing, checkouts and returns with your valid library card and PIN (Personal Identification Number)
- Access to online catalog for easy browsing and requesting of additional items
- Can be designated as a place to pick up requested items (holds)
- Can be used to renew currently checked out items

## Collection Highlights

- Popular fiction and non-fiction for children, teens and adults
- Music CDs and DVDs may be requested for pick up at this location
- Materials that are too large to fit in the machine will need to be picked up at your branch of choice

## Additional Facts

- Manufactured by Envisionware
- Automated materials handling for returns – sorts materials into 14 bins
- Contains heating unit to support operation of mechanical parts in winter
- 4 Display screens – Scrolling Information; Self-Checkout; Catalog; Event Signage
- Size: 7.87' D x 11.48' W x 7.87' H – weighs 6,000 lbs. empty
- Project cost \$ 275,000; Machine alone \$205,000
- Offers service 24 hours per day

## Nearest Branch Libraries

- Mill Road, 6431 N. 76<sup>th</sup> St., 1.9 miles
- Villard Square, 5190 N. 35<sup>th</sup> St., 2.4 miles
- Capitol, 3969 N. 74<sup>th</sup> St., 2.6 miles

The installation of the new 24-hour, automated library in a newly constructed bus shelter on 64<sup>th</sup> and Silver Spring Drive is a collaboration between the Milwaukee Public Library and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee.

Milwaukee is the first library in the Midwest to install a 24-hour, automated library. Other US cities that have this type of machine are San Diego and Fresno, CA and Purcell, OK. "MPL is excited to be among the first libraries in the nation to offer this kind of express library model," said Library Director Paula Kiely. "This new initiative supports expanding library access to the residents of Milwaukee."

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