Milwaukee Public Library has a long, proud tradition of celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For more than ten years MPL sponsored the MLK Read-In, sending hundreds of volunteers to schools throughout the city to read about Dr. King and other important figures of the Civil Rights Movement. Beginning in 2001, the library began sponsoring a day of celebration featuring local artists, musicians and performers culminating in the Martin Luther King Day Celebration held each year at the Martin Luther King Library.

This year MPL is once again proud to host a wide variety of live performances, crafts and activities on Monday, January 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the M.L. King Library.

12:00 pm Welcome
Mayor Tom Barrett will kick off the celebration.

LIVE PERFORMANCES
12:15-12:30 pm Afro-Brazilian Percussion
Enjoy the sounds of Afro-Brazilian percussion by the students of Lancaster Elementary School.

12:30-12:45 pm Alpha Phi Alpha
Members of Alpha Phi Alpha will present their tribute to Dr. King.

1:00-1:45 pm Kevin Hayden Band
The Kevin Hayden Band performs popular and cherished musical numbers.

2:00-2:45 pm Ex Fabula Fellows
Listen to true, personal stories told by community members who participated in the Ex Fabula Fellowship.

3:00-3:30 pm Signature Dance Company
Marvel at the dance moves of these young women during this powerful, original presentation.

CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES
9 am-12 pm King Day Collage with Jasmine Barmore for teens
Artist Jasmine Barmore and the MPL Teen Advisory Board will help teens create a fabulous collage.

9 am-12 pm Martin Luther King Day Timeline for adults
Participants will be encouraged to write down and share their personal experiences with those events and how they have directly impacted their own lives.

9 am-12 pm Button Making for all ages
Choose pictures and words to design your own King Day pin.

9 am-12 pm Health Screenings for adults
Get a free blood pressure screening from the staff of Walgreen’s Pharmacy.

10:30 am–12 pm Dream Books with Rochelle Melander for children
What do you dream of creating that will bring peace to your community and to your own life? Participants will write about their dreams and create tiny how-to books to take home.

3:30-4:30 pm Peace Cookies for all ages
End the day on a sweet note. Enjoy cookie decorating with family and friends.
Engage with popular literature in a hands-on, imaginative way at the East Branch Library! Each month the Book to Art Club reads a selected novel then works on an art project inspired by the story. Art projects are a ubiquitous part of children’s literacy programs, but why should kids have all the fun? The Book to Art Club takes this concept and connects it with the modern book club. Create projects such as paper flowers, collages, and even sculptures.

Tuesday evenings January-April, 6-7 p.m.
East Branch, Ellipse Community Room

January 24 – I’ll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson
February 28 – Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
March 28 – Tuesday Nights in 1980 by Molly Prentiss
April 25 – In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

Space is limited, registration is required. Please register online or by calling Ready Reference at 414.286.3011. Registration for I’ll Give You the Sun begins November 22. Registration for subsequent sessions opens the day of the previous month’s program.

Follow the MPL Book to Art Club Pinterest board for inspiration and ideas! www.pinterest.com/MkeLibrary/

FROM THE CITY LIBRARIAN

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Happy New Year!

It’s been a very exciting and rewarding 2016 for the library, filled with many opportunities to work with community partners, meet and greet our customers, implement new programs and services, and expand our service to the people of Milwaukee. While there has certainly been time for a sip of cider and a smile during the holidays, we’re ready to ring in the new year with a list of exciting new programs and partnerships for 2017.

We got LOUD at Central last year. This year we get to bring that excitement to our branch libraries. Library Loud Days will extend to our neighborhoods in 2017 with new programs and the chance to raise the roof of a library near you!

Your library team has been hard at work on a partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools that will place a library card in the hands of every student, connecting them to their Milwaukee Public Library and all it has to offer – homework help, online access, reference assistance, entertainment, and more.

This spring MPL will once again take part in Big Read MKE featuring “In the Time of the Butterflies” by Julia Alvarez. A kick-off event in April will include readings from the book, live entertainment and crafts for the whole family.

We’ll continue our work on replacing and renovating our branch libraries, specifically with the Mitchell Street project targeting the replacement of the Forest Home Library with a mixed-use facility.

As always, we’ll provide you and your family with free programs, author visits, computer classes, job help, tutoring, story times, book recommendations, 24/7 online access... everything you’ve come to expect at your library.
Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Books Grant will Support Career Books for Children and Teens

Having up-to-date resources on career options, including newly emerging careers in science and technology, is essential to supporting children and teens’ career exploration. Preschool classrooms often request resources about community helpers, elementary students seek career information for assignments and personal research, and middle and high school students look for these resources as they consider educational and career choices for their futures.

Friends of Milwaukee Public Library have funded a grant which will allow the library to provide career books in English and Spanish for both children’s and teen collections at Central Library and all Branch Libraries for youth ages 3-18. Examples include:

**21st Century Skills Library Cool STEAM Careers series**
Forensic Science Investigator
Urban Planner
Robotics Engineer

**Find Your Future series**
Find Your Future in Science
Find Your Future in Technology
Find Your Future in Engineering

**Trabajos en mi comunidad (Jobs in My Community)**
Médicos
Bibliotecarios

**Careers in Your Community series**
Working As a Physical Therapist
Working As an Electrician
Working As a Hairstylist
Working As a Law Enforcement Officer

Proceeds from Friends book sales, the Bookseller Used Book Store, and Friends book carts make grants like this possible. You can join the Friends ongoing literacy efforts by renewing your annual membership at mpl.org/friends.

Make a Difference for Your Library
The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library advocate for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning through annual memberships. To join the Friends or renew your membership, please visit www.mpl.org and click on “Support the Library” or call (414) 286-8720.

Tours of historic Central Library are free and open to the public Saturdays at 11 a.m. To schedule a special tour or to learn about becoming a tour guide, please call (414) 286-TOUR.

Spring Used Book Sale - Coincides with Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Celebration Saturday, Mar. 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Featuring a large selection of used books, audio books, magazines, comics, sheet music, children's books and more. All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card. There will be a 2-for-1 sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale.

Next Sale: Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Summer Sale at Central Library
Innovation and lifelong learning will meet iconic grandeur in Milwaukee’s Southside with the addition of Milwaukee Public Library’s newest location at 910 W. Mitchell Street. Construction is now underway and the 21st Century Library amenities included within will be something to behold amongst the restored original architectural elements of the historic building.

The new library will reflect the vibrancy of the surrounding neighborhood and offer unique opportunities for library users of all ages to improve their daily lives. Impressive features in the 23,000 square foot space will help visitors read, learn and connect with the inclusion of more technology, gathering spaces, quality collections and resources.

One of three levels in the new library will contain a Maker Space where invention and the entrepreneurial spirit will be encouraged and supported. The open interior of the library will invite patrons with comfortable places to learn, gather with others, or find a quiet space for contemplation in the Adult Mezzanine & Study Rooms, Community Room, Social Stairs, Fireplace Reading Area, Teen Lounge, and Children’s Corner.

The addition of more computers and technology assistance will ensure needed access so library patrons can meet basic needs like searching for jobs, completing homework assignments and finding healthcare information.

This state-of-the-art library will be a powerful symbol of community for all to enjoy. Your gift of support will help the library meet the needs of today’s patrons and of those well into the future.

Visitors to the library will read about your legacy gift on the donor recognition wall for gifts of $100 or more. Making a tribute gift is a meaningful way to honor someone special to you, or in memory of a loved one.

Please show your support today! The size of your donor wall listing will correspond to gift amount.

Contribute securely online at mpl.org/mitchell.
The Milwaukee Bucks Receive the 2016 Benjamin Franklin Award

To those who bravely dared to enter Haunted Central - thank you! MPL and the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation are grateful for your generosity at the 2016 Benjamin Franklin Award Celebration! Thanks to you and our community of supporters, $500,000 was raised for the library at this year’s event honoring the Milwaukee Bucks. Special thanks to Peter Feigin, Bucks President who accepted the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Award on behalf of the organization.

Guests enjoyed refreshing fall cocktails and hors d’oeuvres and an exclusive Haunted Central preview in our popular Library Loud Days series. A record-setting auction of one-of-a-kind library experiences supported library programs for children in Milwaukee. Attendees were delighted to experience a culinary tour set among the library’s impressive special collections, and ended their evening with whimsical desserts in the Betty Brinn Children’s Room.

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Richard and Chris Rosenbalm view a collection of vintage posters in the Art, Music and Recreation Room.

Dan Buss, Jessica Trzcinko, Sharon Ault, and Ryan Lemke pose with the Legend of Sleepy Hollow’s Headless Horseman.

A Benjamin Franklin actor gives a toast to a successful event with Marybeth Budisch and Claudia Scholl.

Cory and Melissa Cudnoski begin their evening in the rotunda for the Haunted Central social hour.

Ryan Daniels, Mayor Tom Barrett, Nancy Hernandez, Bango, and Paula Kiely gather to honor the Milwaukee Bucks.
A Life in Parts by Bryan Cranston. 927.973 C8925A.
Expecting a “tell all,” scandalous Hollywood memoir? Forget it. What you will get in Cranston’s book is an honest, witty, sensitive, funny, sometimes abrasive, yet heartbreaking journey.

The Obsidian Chamber by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. Fiction.
The 16th book featuring Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast takes off at top speed with the announcement that Pendergast is missing and presumed dead. The suspense mounts as old friends disappear, old enemies return and long-standing relationships crumble.

Discover what life was like in Lone Rock, Wisconsin, a rural town of about a thousand people, in this quirky collection of turn-of-the-century newspaper clippings by Freeland Dexter and see how different, yet strikingly similar, the concerns of these small town residents are today.

William Monk, Commander of the Thames River Police, finds his past catching up with him. Years ago, a carriage accident left him with no memory of his early days. Now he must come face to face with those who knew him in a different time on a different continent and are now seeking revenge for an act he can’t remember.

Det. Harry Bosch, retired from the LAPD, finds himself embroiled in two seemingly unconnected cases. He’s chasing a serial killer for a small town PD at the same time he is hired by an eccentric old man to find a son he’s not sure he has.

Scots Who Made America by Richard Wilson. 973.04411 W752.
Did you know the original Uncle Sam was Scottish, or that a weaver’s son from Dunfermline gave America 3,000 free Carnegie libraries? Wilson has brought together the stories of 40 Scotsmen who he feels have had a major impact on America.

Hamilton: The Revolution: Being the complete libretto of the Broadway musical, with a true account of its creation, and concise remarks on hip-hop, the power of stories, and the new America by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter. 782.140268 M672.
Equal parts literary analysis, ethnomusicology, and personal reflections, Miranda’s book reflects on how African Americans and Latinos and their rich cultural influences are manifested in the use of Jazz, R&B, Rap and Hip-Hop in the popular musical.

The Essentials: 52 Must-see Movies and Why They Matter by Jeremy Arnold. 791.4375 A756.
Turner Classic Movies is a true authority on what makes a film a classic. Arnold provides background information, insight, and “what to look for” in each of the featured 52 movies.

The Fever Code by James Dashner. Young Adult Fiction.
A prequel and the fifth book in the Maze Runner series. The world was ending, so WICKED was formed to find the answers for survival. This is the story of how WICKED discovered Thomas and how Thomas built the maze. Will the answers to questions about the beginning finally be revealed?

Contributed by Zablocki Library staff Jan Butchart, Mary DiMilo, Christin Johnstone-Buer, David Sikora and Gail Wilbert.
Children’s Room

Celebrating Community

Milwaukee’s diverse neighborhoods are rich in art, culture and a sense of community. The library represents not only a community gathering place, but also a touchstone of the community it serves, providing resources that reflect the unique community of people within each neighborhood.

Discussions of children’s literature often emphasize the importance of children’s daily experiences being reflected or mirrored in the books available to them. Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell; illustrated by Rafael López (Ages 4-8) is a perfect example. A young girl’s neighborhood is transformed through a beautiful mural, much like the unique murals throughout Milwaukee, reflecting the community’s history and rich artistic traditions.

In Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer (Ages 4-8), a young boy finds poetic inspiration in the natural world around him, just as Milwaukee children have the opportunity to explore the abundant green spaces and parks spread throughout their city.

A young boy finds a new hobby and makes connections with people in his community in More-igami by Dori Kleber; illustrated by G. Brian Karas (Ages 4-8), a book which demonstrates the unique talents that can be shared within a richly diverse community. Similarly, Ghost by Jason Reynolds (Ages 10-14), tells the story of four new track teammates brought together by running talent, who learn that their individual experiences and acts of friendship can forge a bond and help each of them overcome their pasts.

Each of these books highlights the beauty and power of making connections with people in a community and may inspire children to seek out new activities, adventures, and friendships.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Milwaukee Public Library will kick off the Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss events at Central Library on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Branch Library events will occur throughout March. For more details go to mpl.org. Be sure to save the date and join the celebration!
ZIP MKE at MPL
A new grassroots organization called ZIP MKE launched a unique photographic experiment on September 28, 2016. Between the launch and the end of 2016, their core team of six “Zipsters,” as they called themselves, contributed their own photos to an online gallery and also invited residents of the city of Milwaukee to submit photos of people and places that celebrate the beauty and diversity, not the divisions, of the city. The challenge? Represent each of the city’s 27 zip codes.

On Saturday, January 21, from 12-3 p.m., Central Library will host a kick-off of the ZIP MKE Exhibit which runs Jan. 17-Feb. 19 at the library. In the main reading room, visitors can sample refreshments from all parts of Milwaukee during “Food With a Zip: A Taste of Milwaukee’s Neighborhoods.” Local musicians will provide entertainment. The reception will provide an opportunity for guests to meet their neighbors from around the city, share experiences, congratulate the high school student photo contest winners, and view the exciting exhibit.

Tera Greenland, the organization’s Outreach Coordinator, said, “ZIP MKE has the potential to bring residents of Milwaukee together and expose this amazing city’s diversity, culture, and strong community spirit.”