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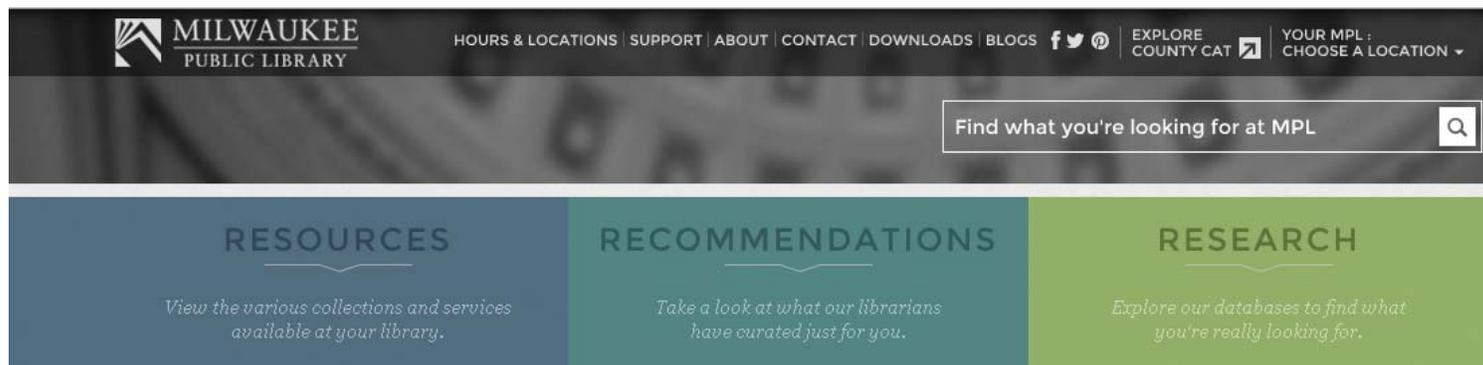
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The Milwaukee Public Library first introduced its website at www.mpl.org in 1997. In those early years of online library service, the website consisted mostly of the CountyCat online catalog, library locations and hours, and basic information about the library collection and services.

The new version of the website introduced last month during National Library Week bears little resemblance to that first foray into the world wide web. You can still search the CountyCat catalog maintained by the Milwaukee County Federated Library System - although now you can do much more including checking out ebooks and digital magazines, placing a hold on a book, downloading the mobile app, checking your reading history and renewing materials.

The new site, designed by the local web design firm Byte Studios, offers many new amenities:

Choose a Location

Indicate your home library and make it the starting point for your visit to the library ever time you log on. You'll see events, hours, and any special information pertaining to your home library.

MPL Blogs

You'll have access to new entries to the library's blogs including the latest news at Now@MPL and book reviews by library staff at Read@MPL. Keep track of what's happening in the branch libraries at Neighborhood@MPL.

Social Media and Calendar

Keep up with the latest feeds from the library's Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest pages and see what's happening each day with the calendar of events.

Online Reference

Contact Ready Reference for help via telephone, email, text or instant messaging.

Expanded Search

The new expanded search function will allow you to search the website, blogs, and the library's collection at once.

The new site is better designed to display on your electronic device as well.

There are more surprises in store for the site. New features and old favorites will be added as the site continues to grow and adapt to the needs of library users.

Byte Studios is a Milwaukee web development firm that starts with the heartfelt passion of making the world a better place and turning that into better online experiences, communication and tools for non-profits and sustainability-driven organizations like Milwaukee Public Library. Byte believes in true collaboration in design, function and content, and works closely with clients in making forward-thinking, visionary websites for both visitors and site administrators. Byte also believes in a free and open library for all, and was honored to help MPL create its next-generation website.

FROM THE



LIBRARY DIRECTOR

PAULA A. KIELY



The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.
– Henry Van Dyke

One of my favorite things about living in Wisconsin is experiencing each of its distinct seasons. Warm summer days at the lake-front, crisp autumn afternoons in Washington Park, silent, snowy evenings illuminated by holiday lights, and my favorite – that first spring day when you truly smell the earth waking up. Wisconsinites know that particular day has nothing to do with the calendar. It almost assuredly won't be the first day of spring. It comes in its own time each year, a welcome surprise to the senses after a cold, hard winter like the one we've just experienced.

I'm excited this year in particular because I've been anxiously awaiting the results of an all-white tulip "event" I planned. I planted about 100 bulbs in four varieties last fall and I can't wait to see them come up. I'm looking forward to taking those first spring walks around the neighborhood to see what my fellow gardeners have done and getting more ideas for the first major planting event for the summer.

Also on my spring calendar is a program at Central Library on **Monday, May 19 at 6 p.m.** in the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room entitled *America's Romance with the English Garden: How it All Began*. You're invited to spend an evening with Milwaukee native Thomas Mickey, author of *America's Romance with the English Garden* as he discusses the impact of British seed and nursery catalogs marketed to middle-class American gardeners in the mid to late 19th century. A book signing follows this free event. Books will be available for purchase from Boswell Book Company.

Publisher's Weekly reviewed the title, saying that "the English influence was first felt during the Colonial period, when English and American enthusiasts exchanged plant material and landscaping treatises. In the 19th century, new technologies allowed American seed and plant merchants to mass produce and distribute illustrated sales catalogues. The English plant and design preferences that were pictured on these colorful pages quickly became the standard by which American gardeners planned their gardens."

Please join us on May 19th, and in the meantime - Think Spring!



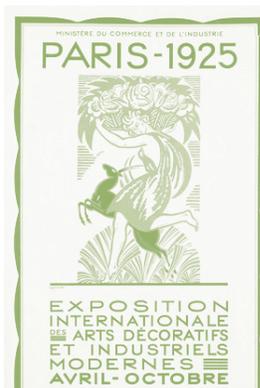
Art Deco

A 20th Century Machine Style for the Decorative Arts & Architecture

Take a fascinating look at Art Deco – the elegant, machine-inspired style of furniture, fashions, architecture and decorative arts – developed in Paris in 1925 as a way to move beyond the look of 19th century Art Nouveau. This free program will be presented by Prof. James Slauson on **Saturday, May 17 from 2-4 p.m.** in the Central Library's Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room.

Prof. Slauson has taught Art and Design History and courses in the Humanities at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design for more than 20 years.

This lecture will be supplemented with materials from the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room. Space is limited. Please call the Art, Music & Recreation Room at 414.286.3071 to register.



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Vision: The Milwaukee Public Library is an anchor institution that helps build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods – the foundation of a strong Milwaukee.
Mission: Inspiration starts here – we help people read, learn, and connect.

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FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends Book Carts Expand to All Milwaukee Public Library Branches

The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library self-serve used book carts are now available in all branch libraries in addition to the book carts on the upper level of the Milwaukee Public Market, 400 N. Water St.

Be a Friend! It's easy to support the library by buying a used book at your local branch.



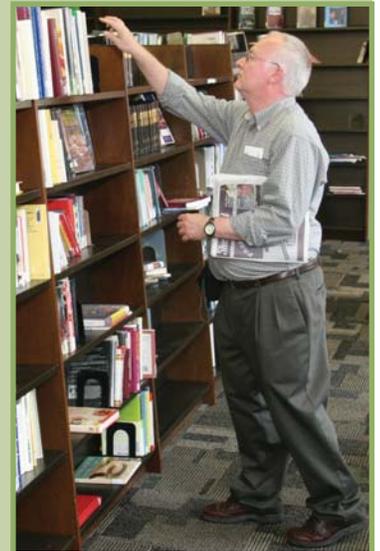
Friends book carts offer a variety of used books which can be purchased daily for \$1 each. All proceeds go to support Milwaukee Public Library. To learn more about hosting a Friends book cart at your place of business or public space, please call (414) 286-8720 or email Friends@mpl.org.

Call for Volunteers for the Bookseller Used Bookstore

The Bookseller is a favorite stop for many who visit the Central Library. While browsing the book bargains you may have noticed Friends volunteers sorting books, stocking shelves and ringing up sales. If you have a love for books, and would like to give back to your library, consider volunteering with the Friends. All proceeds from book sales benefit the Milwaukee Public Library.

To learn more about the Bookseller and Friends Book Sales, or to volunteer please email Friends@mpl.org or call (414) 286-8720.

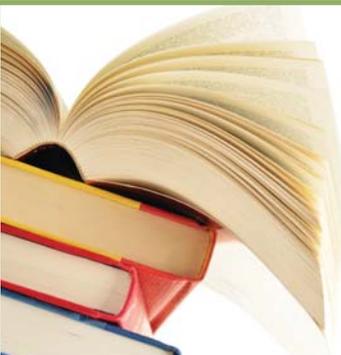
Your donation of books to the Bookseller is also appreciated!



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 1:30 p.m. To schedule a special tour or to learn about becoming a tour guide, please call (414) 286-TOUR.



10¢ Used Book Sale: Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Meeting Room 1

Featuring a large selection of used books, books on tape, 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 1/2 price sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the 10-cent Sale.

Next sale: November 22, Holiday Sale ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.



THE BOOKSHELF

Small Space Garden Ideas by Philippa Pearson. 635- P36175.



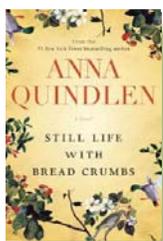
2014.
Spring is coming and you can garden if you have a big coffee mug, metal can from vegetables, or any large container. This book shows you how to make art using plants or grow beautiful flowers. There are also ideas for growing useful vegetables in small containers.

Simple Flower Arranging: Step-by-Step Designs and Techniques by Mark Welford and Stephen Wicks. 745.92 W445S. 2014.



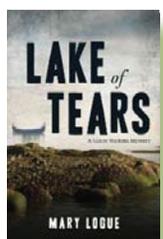
Easy instructions and beautiful photographs enable you to create magnificent arrangements, and helpful sidebars list the materials required. Different containers are featured from zinnias in vintage tea glasses, to mixed flowers in jars, to juicy germinis in carved out oranges.

Still Life with Bread Crumbs by Anna Quindlen.



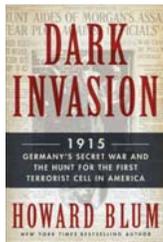
Rebecca, a middle aged and once famous New York photographer, is faced with financial worries. In order to make ends meet she sub-leases her Manhattan apartment and moves to a cottage in the woods. Little does she know how life changing this mid-life move will be.

Lake of Tears by Mary Logue. Mystery. 2014.



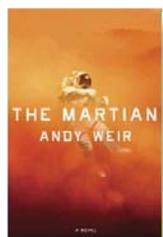
A replica of a Norwegian boat is set on fire in Fort St. Antoine in celebration of the town's Norwegian heritage. It's all fun and games at the festival until a young woman's remains are found in the ashes and one of the prime suspects is an Afghanistan vet suffering from PTS who just happens to be the boyfriend of Sheriff Watkins' daughter.

Dark Invasion: 1915: Germany's Secret War and the Hunt for the First Terrorist Cell in America by Howard Blum. 940.48 B658. 2014.



A fascinating and suspenseful account of America's slide into World War I while still ostensibly neutral, and the German attempt to pre-empt the conflict by setting up a spy network in the United States.

The Martian by Andy Weir. Science Fiction. 2014.



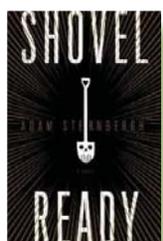
After a dust storm causes his team to evacuate Mars, astronaut Mark Watney must learn to survive the red planet's inhumane terrain by attacking problem after problem with scientific precision and ingenuity.

Reading Dante: From Here to Eternity by Prue Shaw. 851.1 D192SH. 2014.



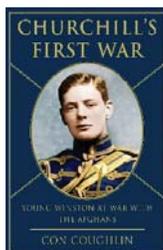
Just in time for what is roughly the 700th anniversary of Dante's *Divine Comedy* comes this scholarly yet accessible look at one of the greatest works in world literature. Shaw delineates Dante's world – including Florentine politics, medieval theology, and classical myth – showing how it helped create the framework of his triptych of epic poems.

Shovel Ready by Adam Sternbergh. Mystery. 2014.



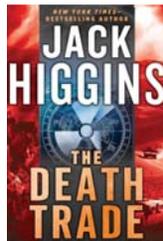
Spademan is a garbageman – his own term for hit man. In a dystopian New York, Spademan is hired to kill an evangelist's daughter, but nothing is as it seems. Sternbergh leads the noir genre into the near future with this debut novel.

Churchill's First War: Young Winston at War with the Afghans by Con Coughlin. 954.912 C854. 2014.



The late 1890s saw British troops engaged in a guerrilla war in Afghanistan. Serving in his first significant action was Winston Churchill, who later published a book on the war: *The Story of the Malakand Field Force* (954.912 C563 1989). Coughlin gives a detailed account of how the war and Churchill's account

Death Trade by Jack Higgins. Fiction. 2014.



Another great spy story with Sean Dillon and the "Prime Minister's private army." Dillon and company must try to save an Iranian scientist and his family who have been threatened with death if he runs to the West with his breakthrough secrets about nuclear weapons.

of it helped launch his political career, and outlines the parallels between this war and America's presence in Afghanistan.

Recommendations by Tippecanoe Library staff: librarians Irene Moraniec and Christopher Gawronski, library reference assistant Sue Gustafson, and neighborhood library service assistant Kyle Davis.

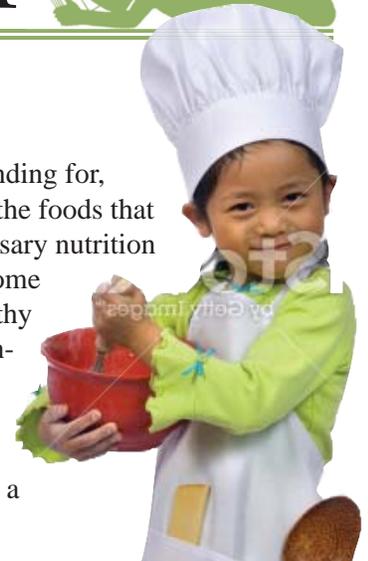
CHILDREN'S ROOM



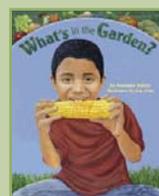
Literary Feast for Young Foodies

In researching “children and foodies,” the number of results is not surprising. What is surprising, however, is the hotly controversial nature of this topic. The debate ranges between American children’s lack of sophisticated taste buds to overly indulged food elitists who approach all food with an air of condescension. Perhaps there is a happy medium between these two extreme viewpoints? The first place to start is dirt... or more literally, soil. Learning where our food comes from, how it grows, the sheer variety of fruits and vegetables, and then experimenting in the kitchen might be the way to get kids interested in the food they eat. Books are a perfect place

to start developing an understanding for, and inspiring a curiosity about the foods that provide children with the necessary nutrition to grow and learn. Check out some of these great books about healthy foods, farmer’s markets, gardening, and cooking. Curious for more? Talk to your librarian for other great books to inspire the child in your life to become a young foodie!



We're Going to the Farmers' Market by Stefan Page. BRD PAGE. (Ages 0-2)
In simple rhyming text, readers take a trip to the farmer’s market to select a variety of groceries that will make a delicious meal.



What's in the Garden? by Marianne Berkes; illustrated by Cris Arbo. 635 B512. (Ages 4-8)
This beautifully illustrated book includes recipes, gardening tips, food facts, and a rhyming riddle to introduce each of the foods.



I Like Berries, Do You? by Marjorie W. Pitzer. BRD PITZER. (Ages 0-2)
This colorful board book uses photos to capture children with Down syndrome enjoying a variety of healthy foods. Children will be engaged by the simple text and repetition of the “I like ____, do you?” refrain.



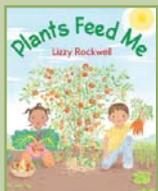
Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table by Jacqueline Briggs Martin; illustrated by Eric-Shabazz Larkin; afterword by Will Allen. 92 A43215M. (Ages 6-11)
Local farmer Will Allen turned an abandoned city lot into a thriving garden to create Growing Power. This upbeat story reveals Allen’s vision for the community and the power of food to bring people together.



Rainbow Stew by Cathryn Falwell. PIC FALWELL. (Ages 3-6)
Three grandchildren help their grandfather pick a variety of fruits and vegetables from the garden to make his special stew. A recipe is included for making your own version of Rainbow Stew.



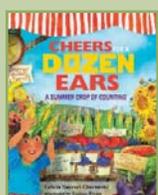
Mommy & Me Start Cooking. 641.5 M733 2014. (Ages 5-10)
Encourage young ones to get in the kitchen and learn the basics of cooking. This book includes suggestions for children to help in preparing food.



Plants Feed Me by Lizzy Rockwell. 581.632 R684. (Ages 3-8)
Young children explore the different parts of plants and learn how they grow from plants in a garden to a bountiful and colorful meal on the table.



Kids in the Kitchen Cookbook: Fun Recipes for Kids to Make! 641.5 K4725. (Ages 7 & up)
Each recipe has a photograph with step-by-step instructions, making it easy for kids to create healthy and delicious kid-friendly food! The book also includes fun facts and nutritional information perfect for the amateur chef.



Cheers for a Dozen Ears: A Summer Crop of Counting by Felicia Sanzari Chernesky; illustrated by Susan Swan. PIC CHERNES. (Ages 4-7)
A family goes to the farmer’s market and picks out fresh food to make a meal. Illustrations and text explore a variety of fruits and vegetables while working on counting skills.



Cool World Cooking: Fun and Tasty Recipes for Kids! by Lisa Wagner. 641.59 W1345. (Ages 6-12)
With recipes from all over the world, young inspiring chefs can learn the basics of cooking and begin exploring a global palate.



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Remember When . . . Everyone Read the **Green Sheet**

Twenty years ago, *The Milwaukee Journal* ended production of its popular section and Milwaukee institution, the *Green Sheet*. Dan Chabot, its final editor from 1981-1994, will discuss its history and share memories including – Ione Quinby Griggs (I.Q.G.), Gerald “Slightly Kloss-eyed” Kloss, the “Funnies,” “Remember When...” photos from the Milwaukee Public Library Historic Photo Collection, “Your letter from home...” and more.

Meet Dan Chabot on **Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m.** in the Centennial Hall Loos Room, 733 N. Eighth St. In addition to the program a display based on the Green Sheet will be at the library from May 10 through May 31.

“Remember When...” was one of the popular features of the Green Sheet which was published on a twice-weekly basis until 1981 and weekly after that. The feature was prepared by Milwaukee Public Library staff to highlight Milwaukee’s rich and colorful past as preserved in the Historic Photo Collection of the library.

Library staff selected historic photos from the Local History Collection, supplemented by favorite photos sent in by readers. Staff researched the topic and wrote a brief description that furthered the readers’ appreciation for Milwaukee’s heritage. This very popular series reminded some readers of times gone by and provided others with a historic tour of Milwaukee through the eyes of an earlier generation.

Learn more about “Remember When” and the other favorite features of the Green Sheet at this special program on May 10. **Please register online at mpl.org or call (414) 286-3011.** Street parking is free on Saturday, but time limits apply.

Green Sheet masthead courtesy of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.