



The Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) is humbled and grateful to be the recipient of the following 2023 honors and awards:



Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ)
Diamond Honoree
Honor Recipient: MPL Director Joan Johnson

Each year, MCJ honors community leaders that are working diligently to improve the image, accessibility and equity of our neighborhoods and schools and “to make Milwaukee one of the most exciting cities in the states.”



Children’s Outing Association (COA)
HIPPY Cornerstone Partner Award
Award Recipient: MPL Education Outreach Services and Central Library Children’s Room Staff

COA’s HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), an internationally recognized bilingual literacy and school-readiness program, empowers parents as their child’s first teacher. The award is presented to “Hippy Heroes” whose missions align with COA’s literacy programming.



KLAS Julie Klauber Award
Award Recipient: Kim Tomlinson, Collections Librarian Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library

The annual Julie Klauber Award recognizes outstanding and dedicated library staff that work with KLAS in their daily job functions and provide exceptional service to their library and the community in the spirit of Julie Klauber, a national expert and leader on disability issues.



Milwaukee Justice Center (MJC)
Jon Allen Pace Setter Award:
Community Partner of the Year
Award Recipient: Milwaukee Public Library

MJC’s Jon Allen Pace Setter Awards recognized staff at the Center Street and Mitchell Street branches for support of their Mobile Legal Clinic.

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VISIT Milwaukee DearMKE Award

Award Recipient: MPL's TikTok Content Producers

VISIT's DearMKE Award went to the creative team behind the Milwaukee Public Library's social media channels. This award recognizes an institution that has captured local fans' affection and succeeded in attracting attention to Milwaukee on a national level.



Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS)

Governor's Archives Award for Archival Innovation

Award Recipient: MPL Archives Team

WHS's Governor's Archives Award recognizes individuals, programs, or organizations that successfully experiment with new ways to demonstrate the significance or relevance of historical records for understanding the past, or that use historical records to reach new audiences.