The Milwaukee Public Library is a transformational institution for people from all walks of life who utilize its services to achieve their personal and professional goals. No other public institution serves such a broad range of needs of so many people – the library serves people of every age, income level, ethnicity or physical ability. The library has over 2.5 million items in its collection and makes this information available in a wide variety of formats from books to movies to electronic materials that can be downloaded on patrons’ own devices. Librarians offer programming to meet community needs as well as personal assistance finding and using information.

The community recognizes the library as a place that enhances the quality of life for people in our city. However, a thoughtful strategic planning process in 2013 uncovered a lack of general awareness of relevancy and services provided by the MPL. At the time, there were just 226,000 library card holders within a population of 596,000 residents.

We believe that nothing is more critical to the empowerment of Milwaukee citizens than to ensure they are aware and accessing the resources that will help improve their quality of life and enable them to read, learn, and connect. That is why this summer we are launching a targeted campaign aimed at bringing people to the library in ways they don’t expect.

The Milwaukee Public Library is going to break stereotypes and traditions with a series of “un-quiet” events, beginning with a concert on July 28 at Central Library featuring New Age Narcissism – a musical collective out of Milwaukee’s Riverwest neighborhood – as well as local radio personalities and Milwaukee food and beverage offerings. Activities begin at 5:30 p.m. More events will occur throughout the year at branch locations across the City. Stay tuned for more details on events to come.
Milwaukee’s public libraries are amazing places. They have a litany of ways to explore whatever you’re interested in from movies to e-books and e-magazines to all kinds of online resources. The two million-plus books on the shelves only scratch the surface.

And to help guide you, we have knowledgeable, talented and engaging staff people ready to assist.

The problem is, not everyone knows the full extent of the resources offered at the Milwaukee Public Library.

We want to change that.

That is why we are launching our Awareness Campaign with a concert at Central Library on July 28 featuring a musical collective out of Milwaukee’s Riverwest neighborhood, New Age Narcissism.

Through a series of events this summer and fall, we want to create a buzz in the community and bring in new audiences to the Library.

Being LOUD in the Library?

It’s a new way of thinking, that’s for sure, but the crucial growth of awareness and relevance will in turn enhance the library’s position as a leading community institution that is truly every person’s gateway.

The Milwaukee Public Libraries are lively and vibrant parts of our community, and we want everyone to know it. Won’t you join us?
LIBRARY LOUD DAYS
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Featuring a large selection of used children’s and adult books, magazines, comics, sheet music, audio books and more. Coffee and refreshments available for purchase in the R Café. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library.

During the month of July, the Bookseller will feature a selection of half-priced children’s nonfiction books. In August, there will be a half-priced sale on sports books.
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Thanks to the support of donors like you, Milwaukee Public Library continues to welcome more than 2.2 million annual library users of all walks of life through the doors of its 13 locations across Milwaukee. You are part of this impact and your generosity contributes to the great work at the library all year.

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All Things Cease to Appear by Elizabeth Brundage. Mystery.
A woman is found murdered in a rural farmhouse, but what starts out as a whodunit becomes much more as the story reveals both the lives of the family who grew up on the farm and the city folk who live there now.

How to Retire With Enough Money: And How to Know What Enough Is by Teresa Ghilarducci. 332.024014 G424.
Retirement – author Dr. Teresa Ghilarducci informs the reader immediately, “if you aren’t worried, you should be.” For many reasons, most Americans don’t have enough savings to live comfortably in retirement. This quick read provides a simple and realistic approach to saving for retirement that anyone can accomplish.

Manga Art for Beginners: How to Create Your Own Manga Drawings by Danica Davidson. 741.5 D252.
Learn how to draw the eyes, hands, feet and even facial expressions of various manga character types.

Lilac Girls: A Novel by Martha Hall Kelly. Fiction.
This is a disturbing yet uplifting Holocaust novel of three women – a Polish teenager, a German doctor and a New York socialite – and their involvement with the horror that was Ravensbruck.

The Brain Fog Fix by Dr. Mike Dow. 612.8 D744.
If you want to break out of the “brain fog” you should maintain a healthy diet and get plenty of exercise, but did you also know that simply changing the kind of light bulbs you use during the day can help you sleep better and improve your memory? Dr. Mike Dow provides ideas that will help boost your mood and sharpen your focus.

Been There, Done That: Family Wisdom for Modern Times by Al Roker and Deborah Roberts. 92 R7435.
Through memories and anecdotes both funny and serious, Al and Deborah share the values they wish to pass on to their children.

I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh. Mystery.
A mother lets go of her son’s hand for just a moment. What happens next leaves her devastated and two detectives obsessed.

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren. 92 J2535A.
Travel along with Hope and her friend Bill as they tell an engaging story that blends the evolution of a longtime friendship with the experiences of a scientist in today’s world.

Exploring the timeless drama that is high school romance, Archie is a modern take on classic characters. Waid and Staples update the iconic Riverdale gang for the 21st century, giving them a modern voice and stylish look.

El arte de no amargarse la vida: las claves del cambio psicológico y la transformación personal by Rafael Santandreu. 158.1 S232S.
Tener una vida feliz empieza dentro de uno mismo. Por métodos prácticos y consejos útiles, el autor, un psicólogo de España bien solicitado, nos enseña las herramientas necesarias transformar la vida y superar los miedos. Nunca es demasiado tarde dejar de vivir una vida amarga.

Reviews submitted by Center Street Library staff Pat Jackson, Laura Patiño, Katie Puczyłowski, Nick Sikora and Lynn Smith.
At the Milwaukee Public Library, we believe learning should be fun. We encourage children to read passionately, dramatically, and yes, LOUDLY! Play is a crucial component of early childhood development – making reading as fun as possible increases the chances that your child will grow to become a strong reader. In the library’s many programs, story times and family play and learns, children are encouraged to learn through expression and exploration.


Preschool Story Times and Playgroups with Stories are also available throughout the city; childcares and families with children ages 0-5 are invited for fun stories, finger plays, songs and other participatory activities that help children learn important literacy skills. See the Calendar of Events for a full listing of times and locations!

This summer make plans to visit your neighborhood library to foster fun and learning and to GET LOUD!

**Toot! Toot!: Guess the Instrument!** by Cocoretto.
BRD COCORET. Ages 0-3.
This instrument guessing game with heavy-duty fold-out-flaps begs for reader interaction, whether repeating the instrument sounds or bringing out instruments for a lively reading and baby band session.

**Music Class Today! A Music for Aardvarks Book** by David Weinstone; pictures by Vin Vogel. PIC WEINSTO. Ages 3-6.
This lively and realistic portrayal of the fun, chaos, and overall delight of combining music and children will inspire a rousing music session for little ones.

**One Bear Extraordinaire** by Jayme McGowan. PIC MACGOWA. Ages 3-7.
A one bear band extraordinaire suddenly finds his newest song is lacking inspiration. To find it, he sets out on a journey and discovers that sometimes more voices make the song.

**Just a Lucky So and So: The Story of Louis Armstrong** by Lesa Cline-Ransome; illustrated by James Ransome. 927.873 A 736CL. Ages 5-9.
For young Louis Armstrong, music was a calling, a refuge, and a savior. This look at the legendary musician’s early life shows the at-times-bumpy path that led to his musical greatness.

This story captures the distinctiveness and tenacity of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm, an all-female musical group that challenged both gender and racial inequality through music.

**Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound** by Andrea Davis Pinkney. 781.644 P655. Ages 10-14.
An informative and engaging work on the birth and rise of Motown which shows how the power of one vision, collective voices, and music can make an impact.
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