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Mitchell Street Branch Grand Opening

NEW DATE: Saturday, October 7 | 10 a.m. Opening Ceremony
Mitchell Street Branch | 906 W. Historic Mitchell Street



On October 7, Milwaukee Public Library will open the doors to its newest neighborhood library, the Mitchell Street Branch. This mixed-use development in the former Hills Building on Mitchell Street between 9th and 10th Streets will replace the current neighborhood branch at 14th Street and Forest Home Avenue and at 23,000 square feet, will be the largest of all the neighborhood libraries in the system. The new library also includes 60 apartment units including eight townhouse units in back and seven rooftop “garden” units.

“The new Mitchell Street branch has next-generation features like a teen maker space, social staircase and other collaborative places for people to gather and connect, all within a historic setting,” said Library Director Paula Kiely. “We are very excited about opening this library and sharing it with the neighborhood.”

The public is invited to join Library Director Paula Kiely, Mayor Tom Barrett, the Library Board of Trustees, members of the Common Council and the many community partners in a celebration to open the new Mitchell Street branch on Saturday, October 7. Crafts, tours and entertainment will follow a short speaking program at 10 a.m. The last day of service at the Forest Home branch will be Saturday, September 16. Patrons are invited to visit a full list of locations and hours at mpl.org.



2017 Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration, Thursday, October 19th, honoring Senator Herb Kohl and Don Rosanova, President of Mariano's. *Details on page 3.*

FROM THE



CITY LIBRARIAN

PAULA A. KIELY

Inspiration starts here – we help people read, learn, and connect. We adopted that as our mission statement when we released MPL 2020: Our Plan for the Future, a service plan for the Milwaukee Public Library.

As you read on the cover of this issue, we’re looking forward to making a new connection with our Forest Home neighborhood customers as we open the Mitchell Street Branch. This will be the largest neighborhood library in the system, a branch that will build community pride and serve as a third place to connect our neighborhood residents.

A first in our redevelopment of branches, the new library is a reuse of the historic Hills Building. The architects set out to preserve and highlight its historic features while updating the space to accommodate a 21st century, technology rich and flexible library space.

The renovation of this historic space fits well with our dedication to preserving Milwaukee history while keeping pace with the needs of the community we serve. Celebrating the great tradition of Milwaukee history and architecture is one of the reasons we also look forward to participating in **Doors Open Milwaukee at the Central Library on September 23 & 24**. This is an opportunity to showcase a true gem of the city.

Although the library itself will not be open for service on Sunday, we will open the rotunda from noon to 5 p.m. for people to view the rotunda, see the Old Board Room, and take a mini-tour of the dome.

Doors Open is one of the rare times the public can view the fourth floor attic which initially housed the offices and work rooms of the Milwaukee Public Museum, the third tier basement which houses the drive-up window, the hand-carved fireplace in the Old Board Room, and of course, climb the stairs to walk inside the rotunda dome.

If you haven’t visited the Central Library in a while, Doors Open is a great time to reacquaint yourself with this landmark building. Join us on September 23 or 24 downtown, then come for the celebration of the new Mitchell Street Branch on September 30.

Yesterday’s Negro League Baseball Players - Exhibit and Reception

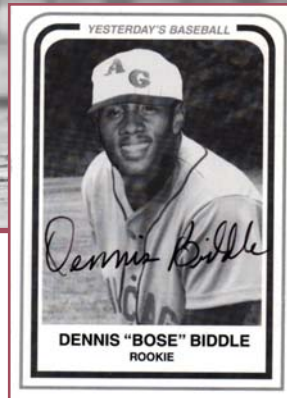


Exhibit
Sept. 7-Oct. 1
Central, First Floor

The Yesterday’s Negro League Baseball Players exhibit contains portraits, documents, artifacts and memorabilia that share the invaluable experiences of Negro League Baseball players.

Reception
Saturday, Sept. 16, 2-3 pm
Central, Mozart’s Grove

Join Dennis “Bose” Biddle, former Negro League Baseball player and president of the YNLBP, as he speaks on the history and significance of the league. From 1920 to 1960, the league provided some of the greatest ball players of America’s Greatest Pastime the opportunity to play baseball - outside of the major leagues. Hear more of their story from Dennis Biddle before viewing the exhibit.



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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2017 Benjamin Franklin Award Celebration ~ Thursday, October 19

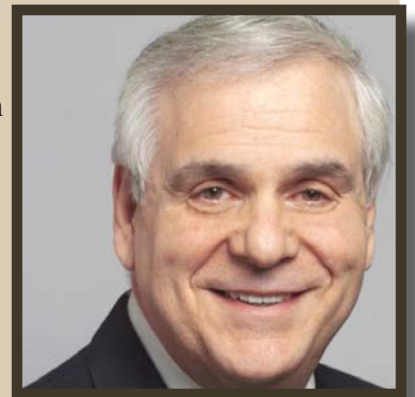
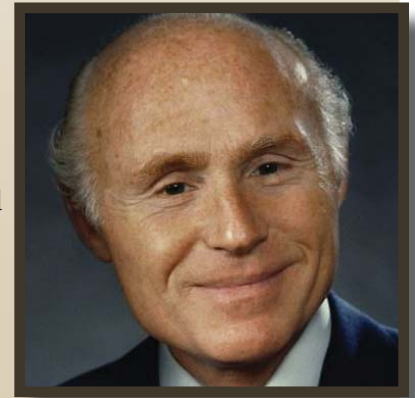
“The Milwaukee Public Library Foundation Board of Directors and Past Benjamin Franklin Award Recipients annually recognize those who have made significant contributions to the community and the cause of lifelong learning,” said Ryan E. Daniels, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation. “This year, we are honored to present the 2017 Benjamin Franklin Awards to recipients Senator Herb Kohl, and Don Rosanova, President of Mariano’s.”

Through decades of extensive philanthropic efforts, Senator Herb Kohl has supported the advancement of literacy in our community. His foundation has sought to recognize those who have the superior ability to inspire a love of learning in others, and for their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Likewise, he has valued the work of Milwaukee Public Library and has generously supported the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation for nearly 30 years.

“The Milwaukee Public Library provides unlimited opportunity to people from all neighborhoods, circumstances, areas of interest, and literacy levels. Simply put, libraries are for everyone. It doesn’t get better than that. That’s why I’m honored to be recognized by and support this local treasure.” ~ Herb Kohl

In his retirement as a member of the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, we also recognize Don Rosanova with the Franklin award for his dedicated service during his executive tenure at Roundy’s in Milwaukee. With a goal of enhancing the quality of life for the community in the area of literacy, Don and Roundy’s have supported the library’s mission for 13 years, and inspired hundreds of loyal vendor partners and friends to support the library.

“The library is a place that gives you the potential to make yourself better today than yesterday.” ~ Don Rosanova



Please join us as we celebrate the philanthropic efforts of our esteemed honorees on Thursday, October 19, 2017 with an elegant dinner reception set among millions of books and historic collections at the Central Library. Proceeds from this event strengthen the resources of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, enabling it to support and enhance the library collections, technology, programming and facilities.

For reservations, please go to mpl.org/franklin, call (414) 286-3784, or email foundation@mpl.org.

FROM THE FOUNDATION

Join Milwaukee Public Library Foundation and Community Supporters to Enhance the Mitchell Street Branch

Milwaukee Public Library Foundation has valued the community's enthusiastic response in planning for a new library on W. Historic Mitchell Street, and has also been committed to seeking support to provide what patrons need and want most at their new branch. Because of generous support from donors like you, the Mitchell Street Branch will reflect the vibrancy of the surrounding neighborhood, and offer opportunities for library users of all ages to enrich and improve their daily lives.

Made possible through a gift from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation, patrons at the Mitchell Street Branch will celebrate literacy and innovation in a first-of-its-kind dedicated Maker Space at Milwaukee Public Library, where invention and the entrepreneurial spirit will be encouraged and supported. This space will include a demo kitchen with support from donors including the Cargill Cares Council. New interactive programs will revolutionize hands-on learning in a lab where patrons can engage with reading, science and math.

Through national "Our Town" grant funding from the National Endowment of the Arts, the Gathering Art, Stories and Place project will also be part of the library's unique programming. The project reflects collaboration with local artists and neighbors to create a unique hub for creative expression and cultural discourse, and will empower neighbors to create, share, and celebrate cultural diversity through storytelling and art.

A newly formed Lawyers for Libraries Society has the opportunity to support the Mitchell Street Branch through their membership gifts, and Charter Members will be recognized on the donor wall, along with neighbors and library lovers who have donated to show their support for the new library. Donor naming opportunities are still available for the Adult Mezzanine & Study Rooms, Community Room, Social Stairs, Fireplace Reading Area, Teen Maker Space, and Children's Corner.

All Mitchell Street Branch donors will be invited to an exclusive donor preview night. **There is still time to have your name included 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 the gift amount. Contribute securely online at mpl.org/mitchell.

Photo below of Alex and Elsa Eisenberg at the East Branch Donor Wall. Grace Fuhr, photographer.





FROM THE FRIENDS

OF THE LIBRARY

POET LAUREATE ROBERTO HARRISON



Roberto Harrison was named 2017-2019 Milwaukee Poet Laureate and greeted guests in attendance at his inaugural poetry reading in the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room at Central Library. Harrison will help to promote poetry throughout Milwaukee.

“The Poet Laureate project seeks to foster a greater appreciation and understanding within the community of the reading and writing of poetry,”

said Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library President Barbara Franczyk. “With the support of the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library, we can offer this valuable program.”

Roberto Harrison pictured above at left. Photo by Pat. A Robinson.

Poem at right is an excerpt from AFTER TUVANS by Roberto Harrison.

AFTER TUVANS (an excerpt)

what will survive?

*the Rand Corporation says
Genghis Kahn*

*internally
rhizomatic*

*simultaneous
with each living thing*

*each path
arrives*

to the end of the Sun

*I hold the moon
in my face*

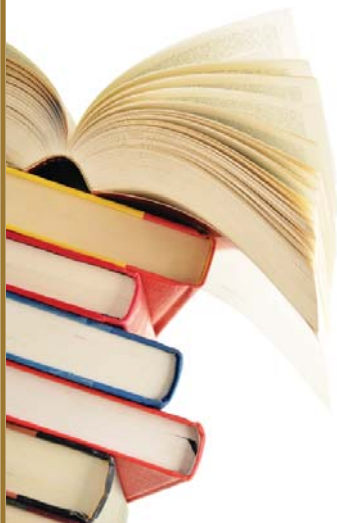
*wandering
forgotten
and true*

*there is no
equation here
to solve, it is
the union
of each body
that sings*

10-cent Used Book Sale

Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Community Room 1, 1st floor

The average price of a new hardcover book is \$27 – imagine all the books that buys at the Friends 10-cent Used Book Sale! Fill a whole book shelf for you or someone you know who could benefit from bargain-priced reading material—for a friend, a classroom, a favorite non-profit, or a Little Free Library around town.



Featuring a large selection of new and used children’s and adult books. 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.

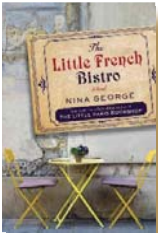
In the month of September, the Bookseller will feature a selection of books on politics. **Next Sale: Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Holiday and Children’s Sale.**

During the Friends Sale, attend the Architectural Tour of Central Library happening every Saturday at 11 a.m. at Central Library, 814 West Wisconsin Avenue.



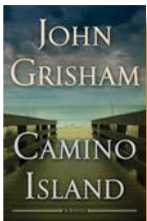
THE BOOKSHELF

The Little French Bistro by Nina George. Fiction.



Marianne has spent 40 years in a marriage that has left her feeling empty. Her suicide attempt is thwarted by a homeless person, and after being scolded by her husband, she decides she must get away. Instead of flying home from the hospital, Marianne takes another route, to Brittany, to new friends, and a new life.

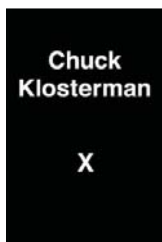
Camino Island by John Grisham. Fiction.



Bruce Cable is an accidental bookstore owner who loves reading and has a knack for collecting first editions. Mercer Mann is a struggling author, deep in debt thanks to student loans and out of a job thanks to state budget cuts. A daring theft of five original manuscripts written by F. Scott Fitzgerald irrevocably brings the two together in a fast-

clipped beach read.

Chuck Klosterman X: A Highly Specific, Defiantly Incomplete History of the Early 21st Century by Chuck Klosterman. 909.831 K664.



This is a collection of articles Klosterman (*Fargo Rock City*) has written for various publications since the early 2000s. His obsessions include sports (mainly football and basketball), ethics, movies, television and

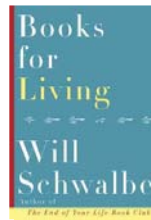
above all, rock music - heavy metal in particular. No one has ever written so eloquently on the likes of hair metal or basketball maneuvers as Chuck Klosterman.

All Our Wrong Todays by Elan Mastai. Science Fiction.



Mastai's novel considers time travel where the world we live in now is an altered world due to a time travel experiment gone wrong. Tom Barren changes the past robbing the world of the gleaming techno-utopia predicted in the 1950s and 60s and leaving us with what we have today.

Books for Living by Will Schwalbe. 028.9 S3986.



Best known for his book *The End of Your Life Book Club*, Schwalbe here writes a book for the living, a reader's guide of books that you can turn to for guidance, to recharge your life, to appreciate your friends, to remember the joy of reading in bed past your bedtime when everyone else is asleep.

Theft By Finding, Diaries 1977-2002 by David Sedaris.



818.5402 S447TH.

Fans of the popular essayist/humorist (*Me Talk Pretty One Day/Santaland Diaries*) will enjoy this dive into his personal archives. Many familiar subjects of his past writings appear here – his parents, sisters, younger brother, boyfriend Hugh, traveling

companions, teachers, students and neighbors in the many places he's lived. His sharp wit and keen observational skills shine throughout.

Dreaming the Beatles by Rob Sheffield. 927.842



B369SHE.

Rolling Stone writer Rob Sheffield (*On Bowie*) writes a Gen-X love letter to a band from a generation previous to his own. He discusses how the Fab Four not only influenced his own life path, but remains the standard by which everything else in pop

music is measured. Best read while listening to either *Rubber Soul* or *Abbey Road*.

Empire's End by Chuck Wendig. Science Fiction.

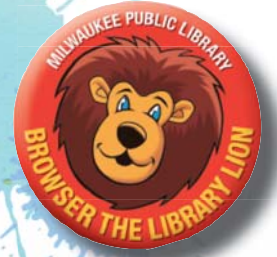


This is the final book in a trilogy bridging the gap between Episodes VI and VII of the *Star Wars* saga, from the fall of the former Galactic Empire to the rise of the First Order. Han Solo and General Leia Organa appear prominently throughout the series, though the focus is on a ragtag group of mercenaries recruited by the New Republic

to take on remnants of Emperor Palpatine's broken regime.

Contributed by M.L. King staff Ruth Gaba, Brett Rohlwing and Mary Sherwood.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

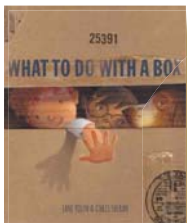


Books and Art: A Beautiful Partnership

The Milwaukee Public Library and Artists Working in Education (AWE) have developed an ongoing partnership to offer free and enriching art-based programs in our libraries. AWE's mission to expand learning, individual potential and cultivate community is a natural fit with MPL's vision and mission of supporting vibrant neighborhoods and helping people read, learn and connect. Books and art programming are the perfect combination to provide Milwaukee's children with ample opportunities to explore their creativity and imagination.

Both books and art have the power to support, reflect, and positively transform our vibrant communities. Fostering engaging opportunities for youth is essential to building and investing in the future of our communities.

For more information on AWE go to awe-inc.org. Be sure to check out www.mpl.org for details on an AWE program being hosted at a Milwaukee Public Library this fall.

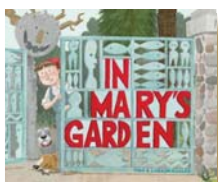


What to do with a Box by Jane Yolen. PIC YOLEN. Ages 3-8. This charming ode to cardboard boxes explores the many wonders that can be created using this simple object combined with art and a child's imagination.



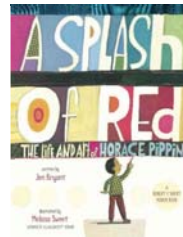
What's Your Favorite Color? by Eric Carle and Friends. CLR CARLE. Ages 4-9. Well-known children's illustrators share their favorite color through expressive text and unique illustrations. The inclusion of brief biographies of each artist makes

this ideal for readers and artists who are beginning to explore picture book illustrators.



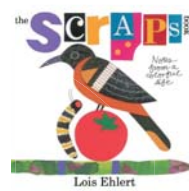
In Mary's Garden by Tina and Carson Kugler. 709.2 N779K. Ages 5-10. Local artist Mary Nohl comes to life in this beautifully illustrated picture book. Readers discover

how Mary used her imagination, creativity and found objects to create one-of-a-kind sculptures.



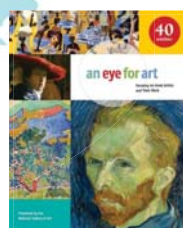
A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin by Jen Bryant; illustrated by Melissa Sweet. 759.13 P665B. Ages 5-11.

This truly inspiring story of the life of Horace Pippin, a self-taught American artist, reflects his passion for art and his resourcefulness and ingenuity in pursuing his dreams despite obstacles.



The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life by Lois Ehlert. 92 E325A2. Ages 6-10.

Lois Ehlert, beloved and local picture book creator, gives children and adults a glimpse into her creative process in this pictorial autobiography, rich with vibrant art and flowing narrative.



An Eye for Art: Focusing on Great Artists and Their Work

presented by the National Gallery of Art. 708.153 N275E. Ages 9 & up. Providing basic background information and categorization about well-known artists, this is perfect for budding young artists who want

to read about famous artists while growing their own skills with the recommended activities.



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