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## 2015 Benjamin Franklin Award Celebration

On **Thursday, October 22** the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation will present the Benjamin Franklin Award to Dr. Mary Meehan, President of Alverno College. An advocate for libraries and lifelong learning, Mary has a particular interest in the importance of education, has positively influenced thousands of students and young leaders, and personifies the ideals with which the Milwaukee Public Library holds fundamental to the health and well-being of our community.

Greg Oberland, President of Northwestern Mutual, will also receive this prestigious award for his personal efforts throughout the community and with Northwestern Mutual, both of which have strengthened vital literacy programs in Milwaukee. A Past President of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Greg's leadership has ensured much of the success of the library's Early Literacy and Summer Reading programs for children.

Please join in the celebration of the philanthropic efforts of our esteemed honorees and their lasting impact on literacy in the community on Thursday, October 22, 2015 with an elegant dinner reception at Central Library set among millions of books and historic collections.

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 call (414) 286-3784, or email [foundation@mpl.org](mailto:foundation@mpl.org).



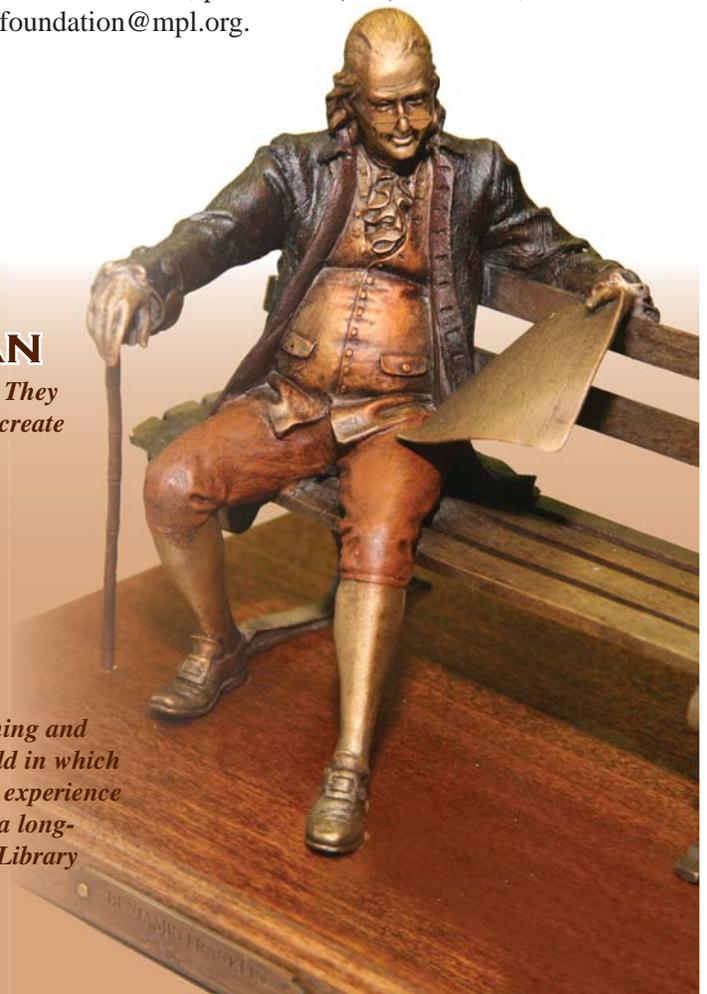
### DR. MARY MEEHAN

*Our public libraries truly are a treasure. They strengthen minds, build community and create opportunity for everyone.*



### GREG OBERLAND

*A love of reading opens the door to learning and knowledge, adding deep color to the world in which we live. Libraries are the gateway to this experience for so many people and I'm proud to be a long-time supporter of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.*



FROM THE



# LIBRARY DIRECTOR

PAULA A. KIELY



I have the great privilege of being able to invite you all over for an open house - at the Central Library. This is the fourth year Milwaukee Public Library will be participating in **Doors Open Milwaukee**, an exciting citywide event on **Saturday, September 19**

**from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

In addition to the Central Library, our doors will be open for self-guided tours of the Villard Square and East Branches. If you haven't stopped by yet, please take this time to view our newest mixed-use facilities, the public art they feature, and the newest amenities we offer our customers.

Be sure to put Central Library on your list of places to visit for one or more of our mini-tours featuring Centennial Hall, the book circulation process, Old Board Room, Rotunda Dome, 4th floor Attic, Green Roof and the 3rd tier basement. Central Library will also feature self-guided tours of the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room and the Chinese Room.

Then return to Central Library on **Saturday, September 26 at 2 p.m.** for the enchanting program "**Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tales are Not Just for Children**" in the Krug Rare Books Room. This program is part of the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Educational Series and will be presented by retired children's librarian Karen Radtke. Fairy tales contain cultural ideas that are ingrained into our physical and emotional existence. Fairy tales, like humans, evolve, but they remain vital and permeate our literature, art, film and games. Karen has been a lover of fairy tales for nearly 60 years, and has a personal collection of folk and fairy tales that numbers over 700. Her enthusiasm for the genre is infectious and this program is a delight.

Don't forget to read about our **September 15th Writer's Wall event** featured on the back cover of this issue of the *Reader*. Your library is the place to be this September!

## Milwaukee Film Festival Rated K: For Kids Barn Party



Milwaukee Public Library is again proud to partner with the Milwaukee Film Festival this month. A variety of pre-festival previews will be held at Central, Bay View and East. The library's website has a complete list of events for adults at [www.mpl.org](http://www.mpl.org).

Bring the whole family to a barn party at the East Branch on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Farm stories and crafts inside the library will feature a paper plane constructing station and information about Rated K's upcoming feature *Paper Planes*. Outside the library, visit the farm in the city with at a free petting zoo featuring farm animals.

### Barn Party

**Saturday, September 26**  
**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**East Branch**

**Crafts**  
**10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Petting Zoo**  
**10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Storytimes**  
**10-10:30 a.m.**  
**11-11:30 a.m.**  
**12-12:30 p.m.**



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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

*Just for  
Friends  
Members!*

### Exclusive Gallery Showing of Selected MPL Cherished Audubon Prints at Franklin Event

A complete set of *John James Audubon's Birds of America* was acquired by the library in 1945. Over the years, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company has funded preservation of the library's Audubon collection and has issued memorabilia with Audubon images using the Milwaukee Public Library's prints since the late 1940s, and still does so today, including the iconic NML yearly desk and wall calendars.

The Milwaukee Public Library's collection contains a complete set of 435 *Birds of America* prints published from 1826 to 1838 - one of only about 120 known sets, and a complete set of Audubon's *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*.

A selection of Audubon prints will be exhibited exclusively for guests during the Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration at Central Library on the evening of October 22. Please see the cover article on this Reader edition for more information and reservations for the event.

*Roseate Spoonbill shown at right.*



### Behind the Scenes at Central

**Chronological Tour of Central Library**  
*with Librarian Pat DeFrain and Library Public Service Area Manager and MPL Historian Dawn Lauber*

**Wednesday, September 9 at 11 a.m.**  
**Central Library, Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room**

This presentation by Central Library librarians Dawn Lauber and Pat DeFrain will feature the architecture of the Central Library building by highlighting the major additions to the original 1898 building.

The program will begin with a talk illustrated with historical images and will then move on to a walking tour of some behind-the-scenes spots such as the open air courtyards that still exist within the building.

Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Space is limited and reservations are required with current Friends membership. Please call (414) 286-8720, or email [Friends@mpl.org](mailto:Friends@mpl.org).

### Take a Tour of Beautiful Central Library

Last year, hundreds of MPL visitors were treated to FREE guided tours of Central Library every Saturday which provided background on the architecture and history of the building. Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours begin at 11 a.m. on Saturdays in the rotunda. To arrange for a special tour, please call (414) 286-TOUR. To learn more about becoming a docent, please call (414) 286-8720.

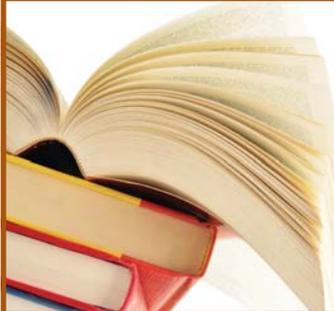


### Fall 10-cent Used Book Sale

**Saturday, September 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

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. **Next Sale: Nov. 21 ~ Holiday Sale**

**There will be a 2-for-1 sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale.**





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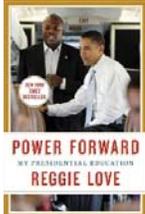
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# THE BOOKSHELF

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**Power Forward: My Presidential Education** by Reggie Love. 973.932 L897. 2015.



In 2005, Reggie Love was a Duke University graduate looking for a purpose. Beginning in a Senator's mailroom and ending up in the oval office, Love details his journey that eventually leads to becoming the "Body Man" to then future President Barack Obama. His successes and failures make for a fascinating viewpoint of history.

**Silver Screen Fiend** by Patton Oswalt. 927.973 O8615S. 2015.



Between 1995 and 1999, Comedian Patton Oswalt attended 3-5 movies a week at the cinema near his home in Los Angeles. His book recounts how those years of watching film after film, old and new, accompanied his burgeoning Hollywood career. A funny, personal account of a young man's journey

into show business and how the cinema supported him along the way.

**World War Moo** by Michael Logan. Horror. 2015.



In this sequel to *Apocalypse Cow*, Logan again gives a humorous new take on the zombie genre. In the previous novel, zombie cows threatened the world. In this sequel, the cows' disease has spread to humans. The world has to decide to either wipe Great Britain off the map, or try to find a cure.

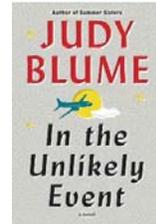
**March: Book Two** written by John Lewis and Andres Aydin; art by Nate Powell. 92 L67465A2. 2015.



The second installment of Rep. John Lewis's award-winning graphic memoir, *March: Book Two* spans the period of his life from the Freedom Rides to the famed March on Washington. Offering a unique perspective on the Civil Rights movement,

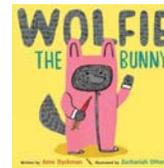
Lewis's remarkable story is relayed through Powell's gripping black and white illustrations. This book makes the deeply personal struggles of the Civil Rights movement accessible to both teens and adults.

**In the Unlikely Event** by Judy Blume. Fiction. 2015.



Blume's much-anticipated adult novel combines rich period detail and alternating narrators to tell the story of 15-year-old Miri and her friends and family whose lives are forever changed when three planes crash in their hometown of Elizabeth, New Jersey within two months. Based on true events, Blume masterfully weaves together a rich and moving narrative about love and loss.

**Wolfie the Bunny** written by Ame Dyckman, illustrated by Zachariah OHora. PIC DYCKMAN. 2015.



Welcoming a new sibling can be tough on a toddler, so when the Bunny family finds a baby wolf on their doorstep and Mama and Papa decide to raise him as their own, little Dot is the lone voice of dissent.

Beautifully textured illustrations add depth to this story of siblings learning to face the world together.

**We're Still Here Ya Bastards: How the People of New Orleans Rebuilt Their City** by Roberta Brandes Gratz. 307.1216 G773. 2015.



An Urbanist tracking the post-Katrina road to recovery has assembled a gripping street-level portrait of the people who came back to rebuild their homes. This is a frank account of New Orleans' recovery 10 years later...the good, the bad, and at times,

downright ugly. This is a tribute to the resilience of communities and the power of the people who refused to let a great American city die.

**Kitchens of the Great Midwest** by J. Ryan Stradal.



Fiction. 2015.

Stradal's fast-moving round robin tale of food, sensuality and Midwestern culture, delivers a wildly creative, stunningly original, and very moving novel. All around good read for a first-time author.

*Contributed by Washington Park Library staff Anthony Frausto, Alice Richards and Marlene Royalty.*

# CHILDREN'S ROOM



## Today's Public Library—Not Just Your Parents' Library *(It's so much more!)*

Is your free library card one of the items on your back-to-school list? It should be! The Milwaukee Public Library card is one of the most valuable school supplies you can have. The library offers many resources that help kids start the school year right and keep them on the path to success throughout the year. Today's library is so much more than books—although MPL has great books for all ages and interests, too!

Students can find academic support at our after-school Teacher in the Library program at nine neighborhood libraries. Educators are available to assist with homework questions or help in an area in which students may be struggling. We also offer online tutoring through Brainfuse ([www.mpl.org/databases/all/19](http://www.mpl.org/databases/all/19)). Older students can check out Brainfuse to practice the ACT or SAT, for college and career exploration, and to use a writing lab—all FREE!

MPL's many databases are useful tools to assist with homework and research. MPL takes the "guess work" out of finding resources that are suitable for assignments in all subjects and all levels from elementary school to college.

MPL's monthly noontime Lunch and Learn series provides an informal setting where parents can enjoy a complimentary lunch while learning about topics that help make parenting a little bit easier. Fall topics include back-to-school tips, learning how to use your tablet or other device, and best books for gift giving.

Library programs and events help kids explore interests, feed their natural curiosity and learn new things outside of their school day. The fall lineup includes our annual Harvest Fest on October 3, Weekly Kids Clubs, Writer's Workshops, Art Workshops, LEGO Clubs and much more. Visit [www.mpl.org](http://www.mpl.org) for a complete list of programs and events.

No matter how much your public library has evolved in the 21st century, one valuable back-to-school resource that hasn't changed is YOUR librarian. Librarians are available to answer questions and to find the right book for fun or to help with an assignment—just like your parents' library!



Whether curious about how earmuffs were invented or potential careers, the library has books that can help kids uncover the answers. Check out one of these fascinating non-fiction titles and discover the answers to your burning questions!

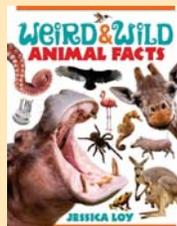
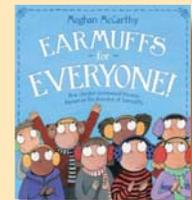


**Bee Dance** by Rick Chrustowski. (Ages 3-7) 595.799 C557.

A honeybee ventures out of the hive in search of nectar. After finding an abundance of flowers in a prairie, the honeybee returns home to inform the others.

**Earmuffs for Everyone!: How Chester Greenwood Became Known as the Inventor of Earmuffs** by Meghan McCarthy. (Ages 5-9) 92 G8163M.

Many variations of the "ear muff" had been developed prior to Chester Greenwood's birth; however, readers can discover why Chester Greenwood is credited as the inventor of this common and useful item.

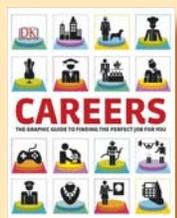


**Weird & Wild Animal Facts** by Jessica Loy. (Ages 5-9) 590.2 L923.

The fourteen animals featured may be familiar to children, but the facts and unique characteristics highlighted in this book will have young readers looking at these wild animals in a new light.

**Little Kids First Big Book of Who** by Jill Esbaum. (Ages 7-10) 920 E742.

These biographical articles for younger readers features brief overviews of some of history's and modern time's most notable figures.



**Careers: The Graphic Guide to Finding the Perfect Job for You** [consultant and principal author Sarah Pawlewski]. (Ages 11 & up) 331.7023 C272 2015.

Providing a basic outline for more than one hundred jobs, this book is perfect for narrowing in on a career track or for browsing the myriad of jobs in different fields.



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## Wisconsin Writers Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony for Increase Lapham



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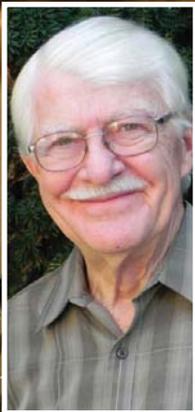
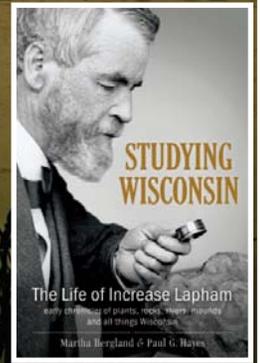


photo by Philia Hayes

Join us for the induction of Increase Lapham to the Milwaukee Public Library's Wisconsin Writers Wall of Fame on **Tuesday, September 15, 6-7:30 p.m.** in the Central Library.

Local historian John Gurda will introduce Martha Bergland and Paul Hayes (pictured at left), authors of *Studying Wisconsin: The Life of Increase Lapham* in honor of Lapham's inclusion on the Writers Wall.

Following the induction ceremony, landscape historian Rob Nurre will present a program in the persona of Dr. Lapham, introducing treasures from the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room as well as from his personal collection.



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**Atkinson** 1960 W. Atkinson Ave. • **Bay View** 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. • **Capitol** 3969 N. 74th St.

**Center Street** 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave. • **Central** 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. • **East** 2320 N. Cramer St.

**Forest Home** 1432 W. Forest Home Ave. • **Martin Luther King** 310 W. Locust St. • **Mill Road** 6431 N. 76th St.

**Tippecanoe Temporary:** 3933 S. Howell Ave. • **Villard Square** 5190 N. 35th St. • **Washington Park** 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.

**Zablocki** 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave. • **Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library** 813 W. Wells St.

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