



Join the Docent Group at Milwaukee Public Library!

If you are a library enthusiast looking for a new venture, consider becoming a docent at Milwaukee's historic Central Library. Listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings, and an official Milwaukee landmark, Central Library is an architectural jewel which showcases detailed craftsmanship, ornate decoration, and fascinating special features.

We are looking for volunteers who enjoy teaching or talking in front of a group, and who would like to share their love of libraries, books and buildings. If you would like to join our knowledgeable team, please review the following:

Qualifications

- Minimum of 18 years of age, High School diploma or GED
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Outgoing and friendly personality
- Ability to effectively lead a group of diverse individuals of any age and ability (group sizes up to 30 people)
- Ability to navigate the building either by walking or by assistive device for an hour or more
- Successfully complete training and orientation

Responsibilities

- Lead one-hour architectural tours of the Central Library, answer questions, and share information about library amenities and the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library
- Schedule themselves for at least 5-10 tours per year
- Serve as Captain, in rotation for 4 months
- Attend monthly update sessions
- Consistent and reliable participation

Hours Needed

- Saturdays – one hour tours starting at 11am at Central Library (sign up as available)
- 2nd Wednesday morning of each month – Docent meetings and enrichment
- Special group tours as needed

If you enjoy working with people and sharing your love of libraries, please contact Kristine at kapeter@mpl.org or 414.286.8720.

We look forward to hearing from you!