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## MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY SEEKS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR WORK IN SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS DURING 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

**MILWAUKEE** – Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) is seeking high school graduates interested in 21st-century learning and fostering developmental relationships with students to work in Milwaukee schools and libraries beginning this fall. The program, a joint effort between MPL and AmeriCorps, seeks to help young people develop a love of reading, increase information literacy, and build relationships that help bridge the gap between in-and out-of-school learning.

During their service, MPL AmeriCorps members will work in libraries, schools and community-based organizations to teach standards-aligned classes to students in grades 4-10 on topics ranging from robotics to soil conservation to computer program coding. Members will also lead hands-on activities and provide homework help to students after school at MPL branch libraries.

MPL AmeriCorps members should be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalency degree. For their 11-month term of service, MPL AmeriCorps members will receive a \$20,000 annual living stipend, health insurance, and funds that can be applied to student loans or future higher education opportunities. Additionally, members will receive weekly professional development, including resume workshops, interviewing skills, professional mentorship, and more.

For more information or to apply, visit mpl.org/americorps or email mplamericorps@milwaukee.gov

## About MPL AmeriCorps

The MPL AmeriCorps program is made possible by \$1.5 million in funding from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and community volunteerism. The funding has been awarded to the Library through the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, which MPL gratefully acknowledges along with generous support from Herb Kohl Philanthropies, American Family Institute and the Northwestern Mutual Foundation. MPL AmeriCorps is also made possible by support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Special thanks also to partners in the Milwaukee area schools, including Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and Seton Catholic Schools. Additional partners are being finalized.

## About Milwaukee Public Library

Milwaukee Public Library is an anchor institution that helps build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods – the foundation of a strong Milwaukee. Since 1878, Milwaukee Public Library has been a free provider of education and information for residents of Milwaukee and beyond. With 13 locations, and more than three million items in circulation, MPL offers free access to a rich collection of materials both physical and digital, access to technology, classes, exhibitions, programming and more. From toddlers to scholars, MPL serves more than one million patrons who come through its doors annually and many more around the globe who use its resources at <u>www.mpl.org</u>. To offer this wide array of free programming, MPL relies on both public and private funding. Learn more about how to support Milwaukee Public Library at mpl.org/support.

