

Organizational Fact Sheet

Madison Public Library

Since its founding in 1875, The Madison Public Library has been a leader in building and sustaining a literate community, transforming lives through knowledge and information and enhancing Madison's high quality of life. Occupying just two rooms in City Hall, the Madison Free Library, as it was known at that time, boasted a 3,170 volume collection. At present, the library system includes the Central Library, just across Capitol Square from the original building, and eight branches that together circulated over 4.1 million library books and media items to over two million visitors in 2012.

Who uses Madison Libraries?

The Madison Public Library provides people of all ages and from all walks of life the opportunity to explore, discover and learn, through access to information and ideas. Every branch provides resources that inspire, enrich and entertain by building collections – both virtual and in-house – that reflect the needs and interests of the community.

In 2012 over **2.02 million visitors** from Madison, Dane County, and beyond:

- Checked out **4,122,000 library books and media items**
- Used **in-library internet and computers 699,500 times**
- **98,500 children and adults** attended **4,786 classes and events**

*Some of these numbers including the visitor number reflect a decrease from 2011 numbers because Central Library, which typically serves 500,000 visitors annually, has only a very small interim location open in 2012. Central Library reopened September 21, 2013.

What is the Madison Public Library Foundation?

Established in 1993, the Madison Public Library Foundation promotes and supports Madison's library facilities, services and programs. The foundation provides annual project grants, raises funds for capital projects, and promotes awareness of the libraries and their programs.

Who supports the Madison Public Library Foundation?

Sustaining a vibrant public library system requires a willing community to participate in the overall planning and implementation of high quality programs and services. The Mayor, the City Council and elected officials, the Library's Board of Directors and personnel are all committed to the library's mission. Further, generous individuals, foundations, and corporations invest in the library's success through the Madison Public Library Foundation. Most importantly, the people of Madison collectively support the Library to make it the best it can be.

How can I help?

You can support the Madison Public Library Foundation in many ways including volunteering your time or donating money.

For more information on how to get involved or donate:

Visit our website: www.mplfoundation.org

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Mission

The Madison Public Library Foundation promotes and supports Madison's library facilities, services and programs.

Vision

The Madison Public Library Foundation provides leadership and resources to help develop and sustain a world-class library system.



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Madison Public Library Vision

Madison Public Library: your place to learn, share, and create.

Madison Public Library Mission

Madison Public Library provides free and equitable access to cultural and educational experiences. We celebrate ideas, promote creativity, connect people and enrich lives.



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