

About Us

At Madison Public Library Foundation, we take the City of Madison’s libraries to a new level of excellence. We provide annual grants; raise funds for capital projects; and promote awareness of Madison Public Library’s collections, programs, technology, events and more.

We believe that libraries are essential to strong communities. They offer a place to connect people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds, and the toolbox for an enriched, improved life.



But even in a community like ours that values its library system, taxpayer dollars don’t fund everything that residents seek. While the city budget covers the library’s operational costs, the foundation makes it possible for new and ongoing investments to thrive. These include:

- Technology and digital literacy
- Professional development for employees
- Equity and innovation efforts
- The Bubbler maker space and arts programming
- The Wisconsin Book Festival, presented by the library in partnership with the foundation
- Mini-grants for small but impactful projects

The library is an industry leader for its talented staff, innovative approach and service to the community. In 2016, it was named one of just 10 libraries and museums nationally to receive the Institute of Museum and Library Services’ National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the highest honor for U.S. libraries.



Mission

We promote and support Madison’s library facilities, services and programs.



Vision

We provide leadership and resources to help develop and sustain a world-class library system.



Core Values

Support — enabling Madison Public Library to achieve its vision to learn, share and create

Leadership — exemplifying foundation and community leadership

Integrity — building trust through transparency and wise use of organizational resources

Inclusiveness — providing opportunities for all residents to be library patrons, volunteers and donors

Advocacy — amplifying the voice of the library and its patrons

**better libraries
every day**

Year Founded

1993

Staff

Jennifer Jeffress, *Executive Director*
Conor Moran, *Wisconsin Book Festival Director*
Kate Herron, *Operations Assistant*
Michelle Johnson, *Development Officer*
Dayna Long, *Donor Relations Manager*
Tracy Phillippi, *Foundation Manager*

Current Board of Directors Officers

Allen Arntsen, *President*
Susie Younkle, *Vice President*
Natalie Rew, *Treasurer*
Heather Clefisch, *Secretary*

Support

Sustaining a vibrant and diverse public library system requires an equally dynamic community of donors. Generous community members, businesses, foundations and organizations invest in the library's success through our foundation. We accept gifts to our annual fund, endowments, capital campaigns, specific purposes, Tributes and Sustainer monthly program, as well as legacy gifts — donations of stock, charitable gift annuities, life insurance, personal property, real estate and others.

We also host several fundraisers each year: Ex Libris, a sampling of craft beers and local culinary creations; Wizards in Wonderland, a spellbinding, family-friendly winter gathering; and Lunch for Libraries, an author event that raises a large portion of Wisconsin Book Festival dollars.



Financial Overview

2018 revenues: \$2,725,302
2018 expenses: \$1,798,088
Total endowments balance: \$5,947,265
Bequests: \$1,224,798

Recent Capital Campaigns

Pinney Library, new construction, opening in spring 2020
Goodman South Madison Library, remodeling, 2019
Meadowridge Library, new construction, 2015
Central Library, reconstruction, 2013

About the Library

Madison Public Library serves nearly 2 million visitors annually at nine locations around the city:

Central Library (downtown)
Sequoia Library (near west side)
Pinney Library (east side)
Alicia Ashman Library (west side)
Goodman South Madison Library (south side)
Lakeview Library (north side)
Hawthorne Library (near east side)
Meadowridge Library (southwest side)
Monroe Street Library (downtown/campus)

In 2018:

- visitors checked out approximately 3.6 million library books and media items
- in-library internet and computers were used 382,068 times
- more than 136,000 children, teens and adults attended programs and events

For media requests or more information, visit mplfoundation.org/news or email info@mplfoundation.org.