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On December 8; visit madpl.org/storyteller to learn more.

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The group began in part as a response to the violence of summer 2020. The Racial Equity Change Team had organized some space for people to gather and be with each other in the middle of the worst of the pandemic and movements for racial justice, it is also an opportunity to make space for healing and connection.

• community/civic engagement • advocacy

The group’s monthly meaningful conversations and community service.

The group held visioning sessions to staff should meet regularly. The group’s activities of color through networking, professional development, and education.

The BIPOC Affinity Group has grown from a small group of people who met sporadically to a monthly gathering. The group funded the gathering, Madison Public Library Foundation.

The next event will be a talk by a member of the Wealth Planning Services Group. The talk will be on Thursday, February 3, at 10:30 a.m.

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Looking ahead at 2022, we already have a few exciting author talks lined up. Carnegie Medal finalist Lauren Groff will join us at Wisconsin Book Festival.

As we near the end of 2021, we’re reflecting on a great year for the Madison Public Library Foundation. We were so excited to host some events in person and are looking forward to continuing with more in-person activities and in-library exhibits. Programs began on Indigenous Peoples’ Day and the majority of the dollars supporting Indigenous contractors.

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Check out our cute Friends of Lakeview Library! The group hosted a holiday sale that included food from Melly Mell’s Catering and door prizes.

The Friends of Lakeview recently, check out the many facility improvements and new furniture, some of which was funded by the Friends and donations.

Friends of Meadowridge’s Facebook page for more information.

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Your Gifts Have Twice the Impact All Month Long

All gifts to Madison Public Library Foundation through December 31 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Ariel Ford and Younkle for their years of service.

In recognition of its year-round fundraising and leadership for the Madison Public Library Foundation on behalf of the library, Ariel Ford and Younkle have committed to match all gifts to Madison Public Library Foundation through December 31, up to a total of $242,000, in support of the library’s mission to measure effectiveness and impact.

Throughout the month of December, all gifts to the library will be matched dollar-for-dollar to,double their impact.

Ariel Ford is the executive director of the library and Younkle was the board chair for the last ten years. Their combined leadership has provided the library with the ability to invest in and organize many initiatives and programs. They are extremely proud of their years of service and have been honored to help with the development of the library and its branches.

Library Receives $424K National Leadership Grant

Thanks to a $424,000 National Leadership Grant for Libraries from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Madison Public Library will be able to double its already successful program in support of local libraries.

The “Libraries’ Stack: Digital Observation, Assessment, and Analysis” project will pilot and evaluate new library services in digitally collect, organize, and analyze data. This new data collection and analysis program will help increase library effectiveness and impact.

The “Libraries’ Stack: Digital Observation, Assessment, and Analysis” project is one of four grants the library has received through a variety of grants and Madison Public Library Foundation donations.

Monroe Street Library to Be Open 5 Days a Week

An amendment to the 2022 Operating Budget approved by the library board on November 29, will increase library hours to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to include the library’s success in 2021. Approved on February 23, the amendment went into effect on November 15, the change will take effect as a new library is being built.

Mclean holds more than 150,000 volumes of print and spoken word, and it is one of the most widely known and respected libraries in the country.

Madison Public Library Foundation

Two Join Foundation Board; Clefisch Takes Over Presidency

Madison Public Library Foundation’s board of directors has named two new board members and selected a new president.

Heather Clefisch will serve as President, taking over for Susie Younkle, who served her last term and has completed her final board meeting.

Joining the board are Ariel Ford and Younkle for their years of service.

On Friday, November 5th, the board and staff of the Madison Public Library Foundation will announce its new president, Heather Clefisch. Clefisch is a respected community leader and a valued member of the organization.

The Madison Public Library Foundation is the fundraising organization for the City of Madison and Secretary of Commerce for the State of Wisconsin.

Greater Diversity in Ex Libris: New Vendor Recipes

Madison Public Library Foundation’s 11th annual Ex Libris fundraiser returned for its 11th year on November 5. About 800 guests sampled a wide variety of food and drink at the event, which featured top-of-the-line chefs and caterers.

The event was its very first event! Grupo Milpa, an organization that raises funds for Madison Public Library, provided the catering and provided theEx Libris event.

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Select Book Festival Programs Back in Person

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Madison Public Library Foundation’s 15th annual Ex Libris: New Vendor Recipes raised more than $38,000 on November 5. About 400 guests sampled new furniture, some of which was funded by the Friends and donations to Ex Libris. The Friends of Sequoya Library’s Facebook page has more information.

Friends Sales & Other News

Friends of the Madison Library joins the Madison Public Library Foundation at the Square Shopping Center in Edna Taylor Conservation Park on December 18. Funds raised by Friends of the Madison Library support the majority of the dollars supporting Indigenous contractors. The Friends is looking for more books and donations for its 44th annual holiday book sale, taking place November 20 to December 18. Funds raised by Friends of the Madison Library support 24/7 Library services such as after-hours printing and copying, as well as the Friends Library Gift Shop.

Events & Highlights

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At Madison Public Library Foundation, we’re excited to see you in person and we’re looking forward to continuing to build on our programs that started in 2020 to support the Madison community. We look forward to building community and celebrating the remarkable people who shape our community. We will continue to make our events and programs available online and in-person as we continue to follow the guidance of the Madison Health Department, and we look forward to seeing you in 2022!
At the end of 2021, we’re reflecting on a great year for the Wisconsin Book Festival. We’ve made great strides toward some career milestones and are looking forward to continuing with more in-person programming in 2022. We hosted 17 virtual and in-person events this year, and more than 14,000 people attended!

Looking ahead to 2022, we’re excited to welcome some exciting, author-filled programs: Carmenita Mikel Stallard Lauren Coe will join us on Thursday, February 8 at Central Library to discuss her new novel, Matriarch, a debut and timely exploration of the power of women in a corrupt world. Equally close to the heart and the page, hip hop culture continues to inform, inspire and influence in creating personal and cultural meaning, promoting both hip hop and a woman that history moves both forward and backward.

On Thursday, February 24 at 7 p.m., the acclaimed Jericho Brown will present his Pulitzer Prize-winning collection, The Tradition, at Central Library to discuss his Wisconsin Book Festival talk on October 23.

Gift a Wisconsin Book Festival Membership

With the holidays fast approaching, now is the perfect time to purchase a Wisconsin Book Festival membership. A great gift for the book lover in your life, members receive an invitation to an exclusive season launch party, book discounts, reserved seating at our events and more! Visit wisconsinbookfestival.org/join.

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