

Support & Public Services Report to the Mead Library Board of Trustees

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Staffing:

- An internal candidate was hired to fill the Associate Librarian position in Circulation.
- The vacated Library Assistant position that resulted from the above promotion has been posted.
- A draft position description for the Library Assistant – Technical Services position was sent to City HR.

Programming/Exhibit/Outreach Highlights:

- June-Aug:
 - The [Summer Reading program](#) is underway. Some of the fun activities that are planned include:
 - Summer Math Adventure (May 26-Aug 8)
 - Tween Summer Science Club (Wednesdays, June 10-July 8)
 - Acuity Cool Picks Summer Reading Program Kickoff for Teens (June 16th)
 - Kids on Canvas (June 18th)
 - Red, White & Read: Craftsavaganza (July 2)
 - Dinosaur Dimansion Show (July 7)
 - Stuffed Animal Sleepover (a family favorite! July 14-15)
 - Be My Neighbor Storytime (Tuesdays July 14-Aug. 4)
 - Milwaukee Public Museum Dinosaur Hunt (Aug. 1)
 - Tween Steam Camp (Aug. 3-6)
 - Bubble Bash at the City Green (Aug. 12)
 - Build Your Own 3-D Dragon (Aug. 20)
 - The [Teen Summer Reading Cool Picks Program Kick-Off](#) will be held at Acuity on June 16th.
 - A program on [Geology Exploring Minerals, Fossils & Gemstones](#) will be held in the Rocca room on Saturday, July 25th at 1pm.
 - Registration for [Hmong Language Classes for kids 11-15 years old](#) closes on June 17th.
 - Ready Set PreK will return this summer with [Preschool Playshops](#) starting on June 17th, [Kindermusic Ready, Set, Rythm!](#) Starting on July 20th, and [My First Bus Ride](#) taking place on Aug. 11th.
 - [Job Search Help](#), provided by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, is being offered at the library on Wednesdays from 10am-

1pm. People can schedule an appointment or use one of the walk-in slots.

Patron Services

- Volunteers cleaned up the outside areas surrounding the library entrance, picking up hundreds of cigarette butts and other trash. This resulted in a much more inviting approach to the library.
- We are beginning to work on a slow rollout of the block-wide smoking ban that was approved by the Common Council this month.

Collections

- We are renewing many of our Experience Passes and looking for new ways to make those more accessible to patrons through the purchase of additional copies. We are also adding additional copies of some of our more popular Experience Collection “things.”