

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

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Staffing:

- Interviews are being held to fill the vacant Library Assistant position, and the vacant Library Assistant – Technical Services position has been posted.

Programming/Exhibit/Outreach Highlights:

- June-Aug:
 - The [Summer Reading program](#) runs through Aug 8. Some of the fun activities that are planned include:
 - Summer Math Adventure (May 26-Aug 8)
 - 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)
 - A program on [Geology Exploring Minerals, Fossils & Gemstones](#) will be held in the Rocca room on Saturday, July 25th at 1pm.
 - 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.
 - Planning for Fall Programming is in full swing.

Patron Services

- Slow rollout of the block-wide smoking ban that was approved by the Common Council began on 7/6 with full enforcement beginning on 7/13.
- A slow rollout of the Bags, Backpacks & Personal Items, and Carts, Strollers & Mobility Devices portion of the updated Code of Conduct will begin on Aug. 3rd will full enforcement going into effect the week of Aug. 10.

Collections

- We are working with the Engberg Anderson Architects' shelving expert on updating the library's shelving and displays. We hope to present this as a multi-phase Foundation Wishlist ask with the project beginning in 2027.
- Work on moving the Warschau Collection out into the new cabinets and books from the collection onto shelves next to the Local History Collection is moving along quickly. All items will be moved out of the Warschau Room before July 27th.