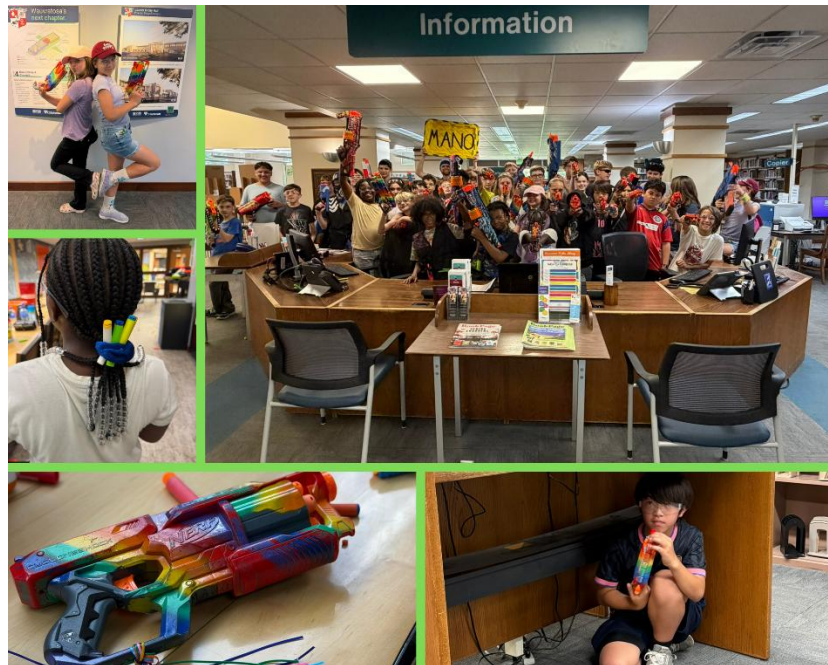


Director's Report
June 2026

1. Circulation update (from Circulation Supervisor Alanna Maddox):
Juvenile content checking month has commenced and now we are gearing up for a super busy summer with more families coming in to the library to attend the many exciting programs we have to offer. More program attendees mean more materials to process. Luckily, we are fully staffed and ready for the challenge!
2. Young Adult update (from Adult Librarian Katie Jentges):
Tween/Teen Summer Fun kicked off with an after-hours Nerf war on Saturday, June 6. When the Library closed at 1 PM, 40 tweens and teens took to the stacks sending Nerf darts flying. Bryen Wenzel from Milwaukee Area Nerf Outings (M.A.N.O.) brings everything we could need to host a Nerf war, including more than 40 Nerf guns, darts, and safety goggles. He does an incredible job reigning in teens, keeping the event moving, and getting teens to clean up at the end. Bryen is a library advocate and does events at MCFLS and Bridges libraries free of charge.



3. Adult Library update (from Adult Library Supervisor Shellie Anderson):

The adult librarians are always assessing the collection: buying new, replacement, and popular materials, as well as weeding worn, outdated, and unpopular items. In light of the new building project, we have been weeding more heavily to fit the new space goals. It will be easier to make more thoughtful decisions now than waiting until later.

Programs: Our annual custard tasting competition is coming on June 30th. We purchase custard from four different restaurants, and people tell us their favorite one in a blind taste test. In the past we have tested vanilla and chocolate. This year we are testing the "Flavor of the Day". This has been a very popular program. Come and join the fun if you have a chance!

Displays: flowers, trees and Pride Month.

4. Children's Library update (from Children's Library Supervisor Abby Bussen):

In-person Programs: 41; Attendees: 1,786

Passive Programs: 5; Participants: 454

May was a flurry of activity with ten in-library and in-classroom school visits to our Wauwatosa School District and Wauwatosa parochial school partners. As always, we are happy to work with the schools to bring in each grade level twice a year and hope in the future to add more children's library staff members to make scheduling these visits easier.

Since adopting the 3D Printer Policy, the children's library staff has been working in earnest to prepare for our first 3D printer trainings and the debut of the kids' 3D printer menu. We have identified a 3D printer cloud management system, SimplyPrint, that works with our Bambu Labs A1 printers, a Raspberry Pi 4 I built (am I an IT person now???), and an old laptop with a second Wi-Fi dongle (thanks to actual IT for providing the old laptop!). This system allows our 30 iPads to connect wirelessly to the 3D printers through SimplyPrint via the password-protected Raspberry Pi, but prevents the general public from connecting to and sending 3D prints to the printers. This was a high priority for us as we didn't want to have the printers widely accessible, but needed them accessible to more than one device. It took research, patience, and a lot of time, but all of the children's librarians are trained on the 3D printers & maneuvering through SimplyPrint. We'll be ready to deploy our kids' training program on June 22!

With summer reading events beginning on June 15, we have a lot to look forward to. A very special event this month is the Baseball for Breakfast Author Event & Bernie Brewer Meet and Greet on June 27 at 11am. Author Judy Campbell-Smith will be joining us to read her book about our Milwaukee Brewers. We'll enjoy a baseball craft and then spend some time hanging out with the one and only Bernie Brewer! We'd love to see our Library Board Trustees at this program, so sign up on our website before space runs out!

5. Building update (from Assistant Director Robert Trunley):

After-school monitors: One of our monitors has committed to returning for the 2026-27 school year. The other one has agreed to continue only as a substitute. Recruitment for a second after-school monitor is underway and the position should be posted before the end of June.

Panic buttons: The library is working with police, IT, and facilities staff to plan for the installation of panic buttons at the three public service desks in the library: circulation, children's, and adult information. These panic buttons can be used discretely by staff to contact police dispatch. When alerted, dispatch will automatically send officers directly into the building. Based on research with other libraries, we expect to use a panic button only once or twice a year. The library is applying for a CVMIC Risk Reduction grant to pay the \$1700 estimated for purchase and installation. Risk is reduced because officers arrive quicker, and dangerous situations are de-escalated because staff can use the panic button quickly and discretely.

6. Municipal complex update:

The city is continuing some engagement efforts for the municipal complex renovation project at community events. Two of them were held this past week:

- Friday, May 29 at Firefly Grove Park
- Tuesday, June 2 during the Health Department's Senior Planet program

The city has three more engagement efforts planned:

- Monday, June 15: Pop-up table in the Civic Center during a family library program
- Thursday, June 18: Discussion during a teen program at the library
- Saturday, July 11: Table at the Wauwatosa Farmer's Market

The city is also doing a city-wide mailing in mid-June to solicit feedback.

7. Registration for this year's [Trustee Training Week](#), August 10 - 13, is now open. This year's line-up includes:

- [Wisconsin Library Law](#) with Kris Turner on Monday, August 10
- [What You Need to Know about AI and Libraries](#) with Crystal Trice on Tuesday, August 11
- [Board Documents 101](#) with Laura Meade on Wednesday, August 12
- [All Playing in the Same Orchestra](#): Collaborating for Community Success with Kami Lynch and Teresa Schmidt on Thursday, August 13

Register for each one-hour webinar individually. Webinars take place from noon - 1 pm each day and will be recorded if you're not able to attend live.

Trustee Training was made possible thanks to the [Wisconsin Department of Instruction \(DPI\) Bureau of Libraries](#), with funding support from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#). All 15 public library systems in Wisconsin [support Trustee Training Week](#).

8. June staff anniversaries:

15 years Robert Trunley, Assistant Director
9 years Peter Loeffel, Director
4 years Sarah Swanson, Technical Services Aide
4 years Claire Bruckbauer, Shelver

9. Upcoming meetings:

- Library Board: Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 PM
- Library Board: Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 PM