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Milwaukee Public Library Extends Sunday Hours in July

Milwaukee, WI – July 2, 2024– The Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) is pleased to announce the extension of Sunday hours at three of its locations: Tippecanoe, Good Hope, and Central Library. Starting Sunday, July 7, these locations will be open year-round on Sundays from 1-5 pm. This expansion of hours is in direct response to the community's expressed need for additional weekend hours.

Library Director Joan Johnson stated, "Last year, during our Community Conversations effort, we heard loud and clear that weekend hours are highly valued and we're thrilled to provide more access to our resources and services on Sundays. These extended hours underscore our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of our patrons."

Recognizing the importance of community-driven input, the Milwaukee Public Library initiated its "Get Loud for Libraries" campaign in 2023. This campaign conducted community outreach designed to engage with the people it serves and gather input and feedback around MPL services and resources. The resulting survey found that Saturdays and Sundays were ranked high in terms of desired days to visit.

Mayor Cavalier Johnson noted, "The extension of Sunday hours adds greater accessibility for all residents to the wide range of library offerings. It's an investment in education, community engagement, and the overall well-being of our city."

"I'm so happy that we have been able to listen and take action on our constituents' requests for more weekend library hours. More Sunday hours throughout the city mean more places for young people to read, take part in activities and an inclusive place for all to cool off, search for a new job, or even register to vote," added Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

The Milwaukee Public Library invites the community to take advantage of these extended hours to explore the vast array of resources, programs, and services available at the Tippecanoe, Good Hope, and Central Library locations.

For more information and a full listing of hours, visit https://www.mpl.org/hours_locations/?hours=all.

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About Milwaukee Public Library

Milwaukee Public Library is an anchor institution that helps build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods – the foundation of a strong Milwaukee. Since 1878, Milwaukee Public Library has been a free provider of education and information for residents of Milwaukee and beyond. With 13 locations, and more than three million items in circulation, MPL offers free access to a rich collection of materials both physical and digital, access to technology, classes, exhibitions, programming and more. From toddlers to scholars, MPL serves more than one million patrons who come through its doors annually and many more around the globe who use its resources at www.mpl.org. To offer this wide array of free programming, MPL relies on both public and private funding. Learn more about how to support Milwaukee Public Library at mpl.org/support.

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