



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Established 1937.

Re-established every day.

Celebrating 85 years in 2022!



Most checked out items of 2021

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2. Midnight Library by Matt Haig
3. Anxious People by Fredrik Backman
4. Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
5. The Breaker by Nick Petrie
6. Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell
7. Leave the World Behind by Rumaan Alam
8. The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave
9. Send for Me by Lauren Fox
10. Beach Read by Emily Henry

Total Items
Checked Out

232,119



Total Books
Owned

55,804

2. Caste: Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson
3. A Promised Land by Barack Obama
4. What Happened to You by Bruce D. Perry
5. White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo
6. Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
7. Wintering by Katherine May
8. Educated by Tara Westover
9. When Harry Met Minnie by Martha Teichner
10. Keep Sharp by Sanjay Gupta



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2021 PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

80 programs were offered and total attendance was 3,750



Over 2,500 participated in 30+ Take and Makes

Nearly 1,400 people attended 30 outdoor storytimes



4,000 people watched 40 Facebook Storytimes



275 people attended 3 virtual events with an author





150 people participated in 10 outdoor crafts




What are people saying about the library?





 “The most helpful, creative staff and the wonderful selection of materials, including the Friends used book store. I have also attended some wonderful programs in the evenings covering a large range of topics.”


 “The kids area is fantastic. My son has loved it since he was very little. We have always enjoyed the programming for kids as well. It’s a really great space for the community“

 “I love how accessible it is. I have recently stopped purchasing many books and started using the library more. I love being able to reserve books online, and I love being reminded online about due dates.“

“Visiting the library makes our entire family feel like we truly belong to our community. We are treated like friends every time we visit.“

 “It feels like an equalizing force in the Village. It’s one of the few places that feels truly civic-oriented and welcoming to all levels of wealth and stages of life or family status.“

 “The library holds a world of art, literature, poetry, educational materials...I could go on and on with praising our Public Library systems. The library is a vital part of what makes life worth living.“

 “It’s been an important part of our lives -- resources are great and staff so caring. The Friends took so many of our books when we moved -- so grateful to pass them to a good home and cause.“

All of these comments are quoted from our 2021 Community Survey.

A library that is just about lending books seems so last century, doesn't it?

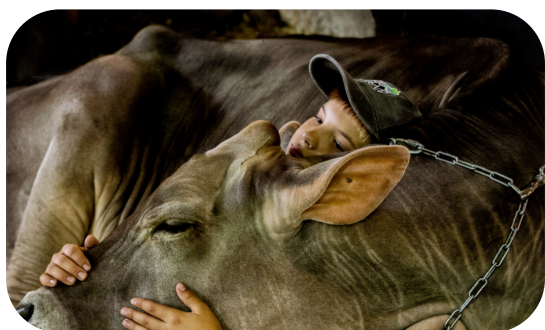


Take and Tinker Collection

Excite your mind, try out a new hobby, learn a new skill, or just have fun with our new Take and Tinker collection which includes tools, games, puzzles, crafting objects, and other items that you wouldn't expect to find in a library!

Seed Library

Check out our seed library. We provide the seeds and you do the rest! The seed library can be found right across from the circulation desk. Seed availability may change.



2021 Best in Show Winner
Glenn Myers

Photography Contest

2022 will be the 6th year of offering our photography contest. The contest is open to amateur photographers of any age. Each year the contest garners 100s of entries. Winning photos are displayed throughout the library.

Programs Galore!

We offer programs for kids, teens and adults and its not just storytimes, book clubs and author talks. We have offered crafting for kids, classes for adults, live music, dance parties, STEAM projects, and so much more!



2021 Best in Show Winner
Edible Book Festival by
Nolan & Graham

Library Timeline

Library opens in the basement of Village Hall on February 15, 1937 with 1,600 books



WFB Woman's Club and several residents of the Bay donated over 200 of their own books to the Library

Friends of the Library, a citizen's group to support the library, forms in July 1953

Library checkouts increase in new building to 107,000 items in one year



New library building construction begins in January 1955 and opens in November 1955

Library collection of books grows to 8,219 in 1954



Library reaches capacity of 32,000 items in collection in 1967

Joined Milwaukee County Federated Library System in 1973



Friends of the White Fish Bay Public Library incorporates as a 501(c)3

Card catalog is replaced with a OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) in 1995



Budget for books and periodicals was \$32,500 and boasted a circulation rate of 197,001 in 1990

Four communities previously served by WFB cooperated in building and funding the North Shore Library in 1986.

Village Board approves \$5.53 million expansion and renovation of the library in 2000

Entire collection moved to Amory temporary site in June 2001



Celebrates Grand Opening of new building in June 2002



Library Mission Statement

The Whitefish Bay Public Library, as a cornerstone of the community, is dedicated to connecting all people, inspiring a love of learning and providing access to ideas, information and resources.

Library Board

Jennifer Livingston, President

William Demet, Village Board Rep

Erin Jelenchick, Member

Claire Flannery, Member

Sarah Leinweber, Vice President

Sandy Saltzstein, School District Rep

Ellie Gettinger, Member



Friends Mission Statement

Our mission is to support our community's most family-friendly resource, the Whitefish Bay Public Library, by providing financial and volunteer resources that will have a positive impact on the library and its patrons.

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Board

Ann Lowrey, President

Maureen Hart-Donahue, Secretary

Vicky Dargis, Treasurer

Francine Curtis, Donations & Book Sorting

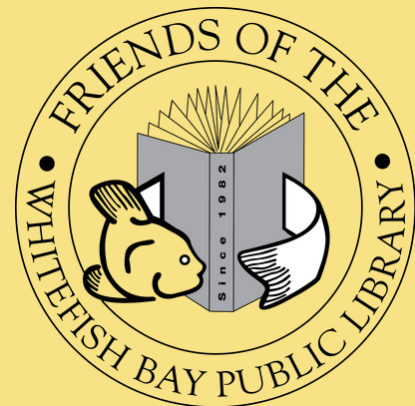
Jan Concannon, eBay Sales & Research

Ellen Mei, Membership

Steph Salvia, Newsletter Editor

Emily Burkholder, Book Room

Leah Dean, Volunteers



Dianne Messar & Millie Salomon,
At Large Members

Foundation Board Mission

The Foundation, established in 2021, mobilizes private support for the purpose of enhancing the Library's services beyond what can be provided through taxes or other usual revenue sources.

Foundation Board

Claire Flannery, President, Library Board Rep

Jill Fink, Vice President, Community Rep

Sam Dettmann, Treasurer, Community Rep

Jennifer Livingston, Member, Library Board Rep

Jan Concannon, Friends of WFBPL, Ex-Officio

Nyama Y. Reed, WFBPL Director, Ex-Officio



Here's how you can support the library:

- Consider making a donation directly to the library by cash, check or through the CountyCat website. (<https://www.mcfls.org/donate-2/>)
- Pay off your fines and fees.
- Become a Friend of the Whitefish Bay Public Library.
https://www.wfblibrary.org/friends/become_a_friend__renew_membership.php
- Shop Friends Book Sale (first weekend in May & November)
- Shop Friends eBay store (<https://ebay.to/39m2hTs>)
- Donate to the Whitefish Bay Public Library Foundation
(https://www.wfblibrary.org/get_involved/foundation.php)

