

City Information Management Committee Meeting – 3/5/26

Milwaukee Public Library Updates:

IT:

Recent accomplishments:

- Completion of the branch community room AV upgrades
 - o To support consistent experience in our spaces regardless of physical location
- Completion of systemwide SenSource scale-out
 - o To improve the quality of data used in decision making

Active IT projects:

- Firewall replacements
 - o MPL's 3rd deployment of next generation firewalls
- E-Rate Cybersecurity Pilot Program
 - o Firewall feature subscriptions
 - o Extended Detection and Response
- Hyperconverged infrastructure
 - o Partial cluster refresh
- Digital signage
 - o Expanded footprint
 - o More efficient centralized management
- TeleStaff
 - o New scheduling software to be implemented this spring

Archives:

- There were 717 requests for archival materials last year, resulting in the use of 6138 items; 261 requests were from Milwaukee. There were also 213 reproduction orders.
- We had 35 programs at Central Library with an attendance of 962, including programs such as Art Book Club, Beyond Books, and Treasures of the Great Lakes.
- Our backlog of materials to review at City Records Center is back to zero.
- We recently had a visit from the Health Department to view historical materials from their department. They were pleased with what they saw and other departments are welcome to do the same.
- Our grant proposal to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program to preserve artifacts in the Great Lakes Marine Collection was accepted. We plan to start and hire a project archivist in early 2026 to begin the work.
- The ongoing project to process MPL's Archives is moving along. We plan to start completing collections later this year.