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Director

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To: Library Services & Programs Committee of the
Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees:
Chairperson Sharon Cook, Ald. Milele Cogg, Ald. Ashanti Hamilton,
Joe'Mar Hooper, Mark Sain *all trustees are welcome to attend*
MPL: Joan Johnson, Brooke VandeBerg, Michael Weber

From: Paula A. Kiely
Library Director

Re: Library Services & Programs Committee Meeting
November 2, 2015 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Central Library Meeting Room 1
814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

1. **Recommendation of Library Administration to Deny Library Privileges.** Library Administration will request permanent banning from all Milwaukee Public Libraries for Maurice Coleman.
The Committee may move and vote to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat.19.85(1)(f) for considering disciplinary action against Maurice Coleman. Attachment A, page 2
2. **Recommendation of Library Administration to Deny Library Privileges.** Library Administration will request permanent banning from all Milwaukee Public Libraries for Nathaniel Robinson-Trey.
The Committee may move and vote to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat.19.85(1)(f) for considering disciplinary action against Nathaniel Robinson-Trey and to review photographs that are prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to Wis. Stat. 43.30.
If the committee convenes in closed session, it will reconvene in open session immediately thereafter to continue its regular open meeting agenda. Attachment B, page 4
3. **Re-engaging Lapsed Members.** The committee will continue the discussion on the potential for re-engaging former library card holders and ideas for overcoming barriers to library use.

Persons engaged in lobbying as defined in s. 305-43-4 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances are required to register with the City Clerk's Office License Division. More information is available at www.milwaukee.gov/lobby or by calling (414) 286-2238.

Please be advised that members of the Milwaukee Common Council who are also members of this body will be in attendance at this meeting. In addition, Common Council members who are not members of this body may attend this meeting to participate or to gather information. A quorum of the Common Council or any of its standing committees may be present, but no formal Common Council action will be taken at this meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities. Make requests to the Library Director's Office at (414)286-3021, 286-2794 (FAX), 286-3062 (TDD), or Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233 Attn: Accommodation Request.



MEMO

To: Paula Kiely, Milwaukee Public Library Director
From: Michael Weber, Security Manager
Date: 10/29/2015
Re: Maurice B Coleman

I am recommending a permanent ban from all Milwaukee Public Libraries for patron Maurice B. Coleman. We have had 17 documented security incidents with Mr. Coleman over the last 6 years. Mr. Coleman has received progressively longer bans for his inappropriate behavior, yet he continues to harass MPL patrons and staff. Here is a list of the major incidents that he has been involved in:

- 6/30/10 Mr. Coleman was extremely intoxicated and was soliciting money from many patrons and made threats to MPL staff. **Banned for 3 months.**
- 10/30/10 Mr. Coleman was yelling profanities at patrons and vandalized an MPL book. **Banned for 3 months.**
- 12/10/10 Mr. Coleman was trespassing and extremely intoxicated. He yelled, "n----- do you want to die?" when approached by Security staff.
- 10/31/11 Mr. Coleman vandalized another MPL book. **Banned for 3 months.**
- 8/3/12 Mr. Coleman was extremely intoxicated and was soliciting money from many patrons and made threats to MPL staff. He yelled, "I'll kill you n-----." **Banned for 6 months.**
- 9/14/12 Mr. Coleman was trespassing again. He was reminded of his current ban.
- 1/14/13 Mr. Coleman was trespassing again. He was extremely loud and made more threats to staff. "You're going to get enough of f----- with me. You're going to die." **Banned for an additional year.**
- 4/30/13 Mr. Coleman was trespassing again. He was reminded of his current ban.
- 5/13/13 Mr. Coleman was trespassing again. He was reminded of his ban and then he threatened staff again. "I don't care about getting two years for beating that n----- with a bat."

10/11/15 Mr. Coleman was sitting in Arts and Media Department with his shoes off and eating food. As staff approached him, he said, "Man, here come that female n----- coming to f--- with me... You always f----- with me. Go f--- a dog or something and stop f----- with me." He eventually put his shoes on and continued to yell more obscenities as he left the building.

10/16/15 Mr. Coleman appeared intoxicated and was sitting in Arts and Media Department with his shoes off. As staff approached him, he yelled, "I haven't been in this m----- f----- in two years and your ass wanna f--- with me!" He was given a generic banning letter and he continued to yell racist remarks and made threats toward Security staff members. "I am surprised that they haven't killed you're a-- n-----...n----- I am going to kill your b---- a-- now...I ain't going to kill you, I'm going torture your b---- a--. Before leaving the building, Mr. Coleman stood in the rotunda and said, "Come outside and fight." He also made the comment that he was going to be outside waiting for staff to leave.

According to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access, Mr. Coleman has 20 state criminal records ranging from Assault, Indecent Exposure and Lewd and Lascivious Behavior.

According to Municipal Court Records, Mr. Coleman has 60 municipal records ranging from Disorderly Conduct, Aggressive Panhandling, Trespassing and Retail Theft.

Mr. Coleman has trespassed on MPL property 9 times while he has been banned. The steps taken by the library, including a series of progressively longer bans for inappropriate behavior, have not changed Mr. Coleman's pattern of behavior at Milwaukee Public Libraries.

A permanent ban, if approved, will give us the ability to pursue legal action with the help of the City Attorney's Office if the patron continues to violate the terms of the permanent ban.



MEMO

To: Paula Kiely, Milwaukee Public Library Director
From: Michael Weber, Security Manager
Date: 10/29/2015
Re: Nathaniel L Robinson-Trey

I'm writing to request your support for a permanent ban for Mr. Robinson-Trey L Robinson-Trey as a result of his actions as outlined below.

On September 2, 2015 at 5:20 p.m. - Mr. Robinson-Trey chased another person from the neighborhood into the vestibule of the Washington Park Library. Mr. Robinson-Trey was carrying a large wooden fence post that he was using to assault the other person while on library property. The victim grabbed one of MPL's metal signs and he was using that to defend himself from Mr. Robinson-Trey. They hit each other multiple times with the fence post and the sign and were punching each other repeatedly.

The Library had to go into lock-down mode in order to protect other patrons and staff. The victim entered the library and Mr. Robinson-Trey left the property. The library was closed for two hours in order to clean up the blood in the vestibule. The Milwaukee Police Department was contacted and responded after Mr. Robinson-Trey fled the area.

The impact on the Library after Mr. Robinson-Trey's intense display of anger and destructive behavior is that it caused varying degrees of anxiety and feelings of vulnerability among the staff and some patrons.

Prior to the assault, on four occasions in October 2014, Mr. Robinson-Trey refused to sign-in and he refused to provide any identification. At this point, the Milwaukee Public Library sent to his parents/guardians a 3-month "child" banning letter in the mail to the address that the library had on file for him. It indicated that he could not enter any MPL location or its property unless he was accompanied by a parent or guardian.

On seven occasions from November 2014 through April 2015, Mr. Robinson-Trey refused to sign-in and he refused to provide any identification. He was also disruptive and disrespectful to library staff. In May of 2015, a 6-month banning letter was sent to his parents/guardians at the address that the library had on file for him. He has trespassed on library property three times since then.

A permanent ban, if approved, will give us the ability to pursue legal action with the help of the City Attorney's Office if the patron continues to violate the terms of the permanent ban.