



**INNOVATION & STRATEGY COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Thursday, June 11, 2026  
8:00 a.m.

**Virtual via Microsoft Teams**

**By computer, tablet or smartphone:**

Meeting ID: 262 853 462 386 97  
Passcode: Qh6UW3oV

**Dial in by phone**

Phone number: 414-251-0392  
Phone conference ID: 815 030 106#

**Committee Members:** Chair Matt Kowalski, Neil Albrecht, Ald. Andrea Pratt, Ald. Larresa Taylor, Missy Zombor, Joan Johnson, Secretary, Rebecca Schweisberger, Secretary's Assistant (414) 286-3021

1. **Committee Meeting Minutes Review.** The Committee will review and approve the minutes from the April 9, 2026 meeting.

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2. **Strategy Document Update.** Library Director Joan Johnson will provide a progress report on the work to update the MPL strategic planning documents.
3. **Technology and Innovation Updates.** Library Director Joan Johnson will provide an update on MPL's 2026 Technology and Innovation projects and initiatives.
4. **Next Meeting.** The Committee will discuss items to be included on the October 8, 2026 agenda.

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**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INNOVATION & STRATEGY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Thursday, April 9, 2026**

**Video Conference via GoToMeeting**

**PRESENT:** Matt Kowalski, Neil Albrecht, Darryl Jackson, Ald. Andrea Pratt, Ald. Larresa Taylor, Joan Johnson

**OTHERS:** MPL: Tim Fluhr, Melissa Howard, Ha Hoang, Tammy Mays Wilder, Jennifer Meyer-Stearns, Karli Pederson, Rebecca Schweisberger, Jessica Wolf  
Common Council-City Clerk: Ashaunti Horton

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Committee Chair Matt Kowalski called the MPL Board of Trustees Innovation and Strategy Committee meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. on April 9, 2026 with a quorum present. All Trustees and presenters participated by video conference.

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1. **Committee Meeting Minutes Review.** Chair Kowalski entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2026 meeting. Trustee Kowalski moved approval of the minutes and Trustee Albrecht seconded. Motion passed.
  
2. **Technology and Innovation Update.** Library Director Joan Johnson presented an update on MPL's 2026 Technology and Innovation projects and initiatives. Between January and March 2026, MPL delivered 66 digital and technology programs, with 188 attendees. A new brochure has been produced listing digital resource programs, including introduction to Artificial Intelligence and computer applications for beginners. MPL staff wrote a successful grant for Digital Pathways: Online Health Literacy Programming for Adults and new programs will focus on health literacy and access. New technology tools have been implemented to improve performance and efficiency. Associate Library Director Ha Hoang shared an update on Telestaff, a new scheduling software that MPL is scheduled for implementation in June. Telestaff will help streamline scheduling and ensure continuity of services across locations and service points. Deputy Library Director Jennifer Meyer-Stearns shared information about the acquisition of Telestaff and the software it replaced. An updated strategy document and an update on a new data dashboard will be presented at the June meeting.  
Informational item.

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The meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board's Innovation & Strategy Committee was adjourned at 8:23 a.m. on April 9, 2026.

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