

Summer 2026

Town Hall Library Newsletter

Our Summer Reading Program, "Unearth A Story", is nearing its end. Registration closes on July 20 with Friday, July 31 as the last day to submit logs.

We want to extend a dino-sized thank you to everyone who participated! Whether you checked out materials, attended a program, completed reading challenges, or simply made the library part of your summer routine, you helped make this season a roaring success!

Summer Reading Sign Ups

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>
TEENS & CHILDREN	610
ADULT	145
TOTAL READERS:	755 (as of July 8, 2026)



Our number of 2026 readers marks a 40%+ increase from last year!



Circulation Supervisor Transition

This summer marks an exciting transition for our circulation team.

After years of dedicated service, Beth Stapleton has stepped away from the full-time Circulation Supervisor role and into a well-earned retirement. We're happy to share that retirement doesn't mean goodbye—she'll still be a familiar face around the library, continuing to work with us part-time.

As one chapter closes, another begins. We're thrilled to announce that we've promoted one of our own to the role of Circulation Supervisor - Emma Richardson. Her knowledge of the library, commitment to exceptional customer service, and enthusiasm for serving our patrons make her a wonderful fit for the role.



Next time you are at the Library, **join us in thanking Beth for her years of leadership and congratulating Emma as she begins this exciting new journey.**



I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the many mentors I had the privilege of working with and learning from during my years at THL. Their guidance, encouragement, and friendship made my time at THL truly meaningful.

I'm also deeply grateful for this wonderful community and the patrons I've had the honor of serving. It has been a joy to build lasting relationships and share so many special moments over the last 18 years. I feel fortunate to continue working alongside such dedicated staff while enjoying the laughter, friendships, and connections that make this community such a special place. - Beth





The Leitgabel Herb Garden



Come pick FREE HERBS from The Leitgabel Herb Garden. We have chives, thyme, lavender, black licorice, hot burrito peppers, basil, and more!

You don't have to pick - you can just stop by to smell and get familiar with the plants; always a fun activity for kiddos!

Our little community herb garden is managed by the Friends of Town Hall Library. Thank you, Friends!



Attraction	Admits	Parking
 betty brinn museum	6 people	Discounted
 Milwaukee County Zoo	8 people	Free
 MITCHELL PARK DOMES	Up to 8 per household	Free
 Horwitz-DeKemer PLANETARIUM	Up to 6 family members	Free
 MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM	4 adults and any children	Discounted

Check It Out: Explorer Passes

Explorer Passes are day passes that allow you to visit local attractions for free. You "check them out" just like a book using your library card:

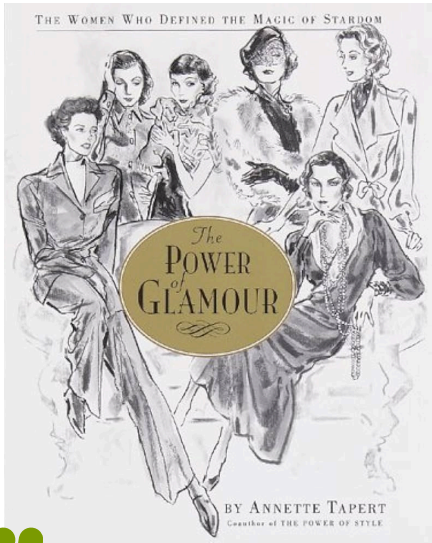
- **3 day loan period**
- **\$10/day late fee.**
- **No holds or renewals**
- **One pass per household**



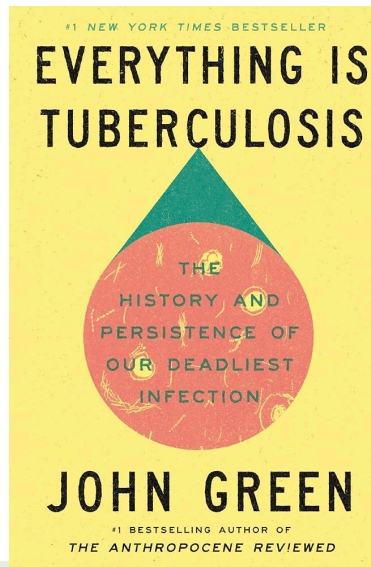
Passes are generously provided by the Friends of the Town Hall Library.

Stories Unearthed This Summer

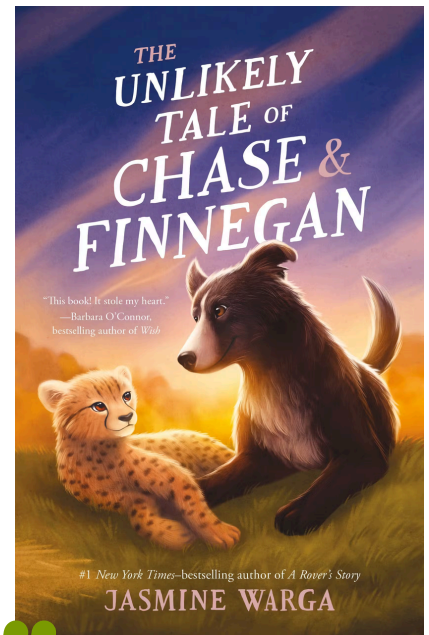
As part of the summer reading challenges, we asked community participants to write short reviews. Here's a few:



“An easy read with great photos of 1930s film actresses & fashion icons.”



“Microbiology but make it approachable. There's a reason everyone is reading it.”

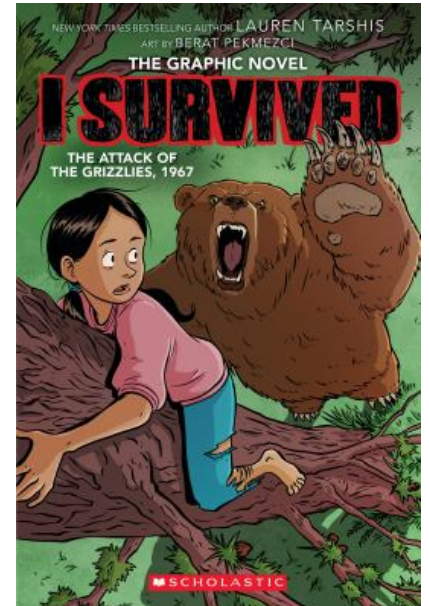


“I like that it was about my two favorite animals becoming friends! (youth review)”



“I liked the setting and characters. Fast-paced and the events really happened! (youth review)”

“What you'd expect from viking-inspired romantasy - in a good way.”



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Mon–Thurs: 9am–8pm

Friday: 9am–5pm

Saturday: 9am–1pm

Sunday: Closed

