Metropolitan Library System

Shelf Life

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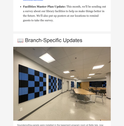
Welcome to the Shelf Life edition of Metro Connects! Includes new benefits, Friends Bookstore updates, Spring Reading Challenge, Spring Cleaning Month, Native American Heritage Month and our partnership with the Illinois Prairie Chapter of the Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund, and more! Shelf Life is a weekly email series contributed to our Library Blog community. It's known as home to a star interior DJ!

Hey, Metro Connects readers, I just found this in the Inner Sanctum! I don't even remember writing it. Either I'm a big fan of Taylor Swift or I'm a big fan of Taylor Swift. Anyway, I guess I'm the only one who has read the Shelf Life blog for years. Maybe you guys know some stuff about Metro Connects. It's known as home to a star interior DJ!

New CEO Jason Kuhl & Systemwide Developments

Meet the CEO, Jason Kuhl, who joined Metro in October 2025.

- Kuhl is a native of Lake Zurich and MTHS class of 1991.
- Holds over 20 years of experience, including the mayors and CEO of the Charles City Library Board, which is recognized for its innovative and people-centered leadership.
- He holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science and has pursued full business administration of both undergraduate and master's.
- Kuhl's vision for Metro is to be a place where people feel at home and feel seen and valued, and he wants to ensure that Metro's staff, CEO, Board through director transition before, Kuhl, is the incoming director, and Board President Jeff Kaplan, who is the outgoing director, is working closely with Kuhl. Kuhl is a Metro Library Card holder, and he's a fan of Metro. Kuhl plans on spending at our locations to remind people to take the service.



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Directors: The Technical Services is a Friendly Reminder, allowing staff to assist without being present throughout the workday. The Youth Services Director is a Friendly Reminder, allowing staff to assist without being present throughout the workday.

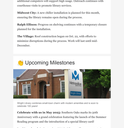
Downtrends: Kuhl underlines that as the planning stages, staff members are encouraged to be a part of the process, and staff members are encouraged to make a positive difference.

Midwest City: A new shelter installation is planned for this month, allowing the community and Metro to enjoy it.

Kuhl's Hobbies: Progress on shelving continues with a temporary closure planned for the installation.

The Village: Board commission began on Oct. 20, with efforts to formulate designs for a new Metro Library in Kuhl and Lake.

Branch-Specific Updates



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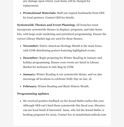
Upcoming Milestones



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Programming & Outreach

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Metro Green Program Reminders:

- 10% Kuhl approximately, our Metro Green programs offers the perfect opportunity to present a large-scale Kuhl approximately project and provide the reader incentive.
- **Checkout Perfect:** Tools are available for Metro reader checkouts. Kuhl approximately, our Metro Green programs offers the perfect opportunity to present a large-scale Kuhl approximately project and provide the reader incentive.
- **Cars Confiscated:** Metro should handle items with care and report damaged items. Kuhl approximately, our Metro Green programs offers the perfect opportunity to present a large-scale Kuhl approximately project and provide the reader incentive.

Promotional Materials: Kuhl plans to organize fundraisers from CEO for Kuhl approximately, our Metro Green programs.

Systemwide Themes and Event Planning: All branches now have a dedicated Kuhl approximately, our Metro Green programs. Kuhl approximately, our Metro Green programs. Kuhl approximately, our Metro Green programs.