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YOU ARE INVITED

2025
Benjamin Franklin
Awards Celebration

Thursday
September 25, 2025
5:30 PM

THE WISCONSIN CLUB
900 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

Join us for the
Milwaukee Public Library
Foundation's Annual

Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration

HONORING



JoAnne Anton



Judge Derek Mosley

Join us to honor two outstanding awardees
who have made a significant impact in the community
and at the Milwaukee Public Library.

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THE WISCONSIN CLUB

900 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee
Business Attire | Complimentary Valet Parking

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Cocktails, Appetizers, and Live Music

6:15 PM

Awards Program and Live Auction

7:30 PM

Dinner Stations throughout the Club,
Hosted Bar, Decadent Desserts

Enjoy an evening of fun and casino games
while browsing through books that our honorees
are currently reading and recommending.

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*Proceeds from the Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration
help support more than 90% of the 5,300 annual
programs offered at the Milwaukee Public Library.*

TICKET & SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

\$25,000 PRESENTING SPONSOR

Reserved seating for 12 guests

\$15,000 EPIC SPONSOR

Reserved seating for 10 guests

\$10,000 MASTERPIECE SPONSOR

Tickets for 10 guests

\$5,500 CLASSIC SPONSOR

Tickets for 8 guests

\$3,500 BESTSELLER SPONSOR

Tickets for 6 guests

\$250 INDIVIDUAL TICKET

\$200 FRIENDS OF MPL TICKET

UNABLE TO ATTEND?

We will miss you, but you can still support the
Milwaukee Public Library with a gift at supportmpl.org/franklin

HOW TO REGISTER

To purchase tickets and sponsorships, register as a guest,
or make a donation, use the QR code below,
visit supportmpl.org/franklin or call 414-245-2727
and speak with the Foundation team

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY!

To ensure the best guest experience, please respond by 9/1/25





JoAnne Anton

Libraries are the heart of knowledge, beauty, and truth. They are everything. Growing up, the library was both the literal and figurative center of our community. Our immigrant parents taught us that as long as we knew where the library was, we would always find our way. This simple lesson was more than just guidance—it was foundational. The library stood as both a landmark and a refuge. From the outside, it anchored us; from the inside, it welcomed us. It was a place of safety, discovery, and growth—a space that nurtured our confidence and curiosity. From exploration to belonging, accessibility to independence, libraries truly are everything.



Judge Derek Mosley

The Milwaukee Public Library is a community gem. It is so much more than just free access to books. Don't understand how to use your smartphone or tablet? Go to the Library. Need a resume recharge? Go to the library. Want to learn how to cook healthy dishes? Go to the library. The Milwaukee Public Library is also an equalizer. Don't have internet access or a computer at home? Go to the library. No matter your age or your zip code, once you walk through the door, the world is at your fingertips. My public library was also my safe place. I was instructed by my parents to go there after school until they could pick me up after work. I did homework, hung out with friends, and read all the sports magazines to which I couldn't afford a subscription. It became my community. That's what the library is to me...community.