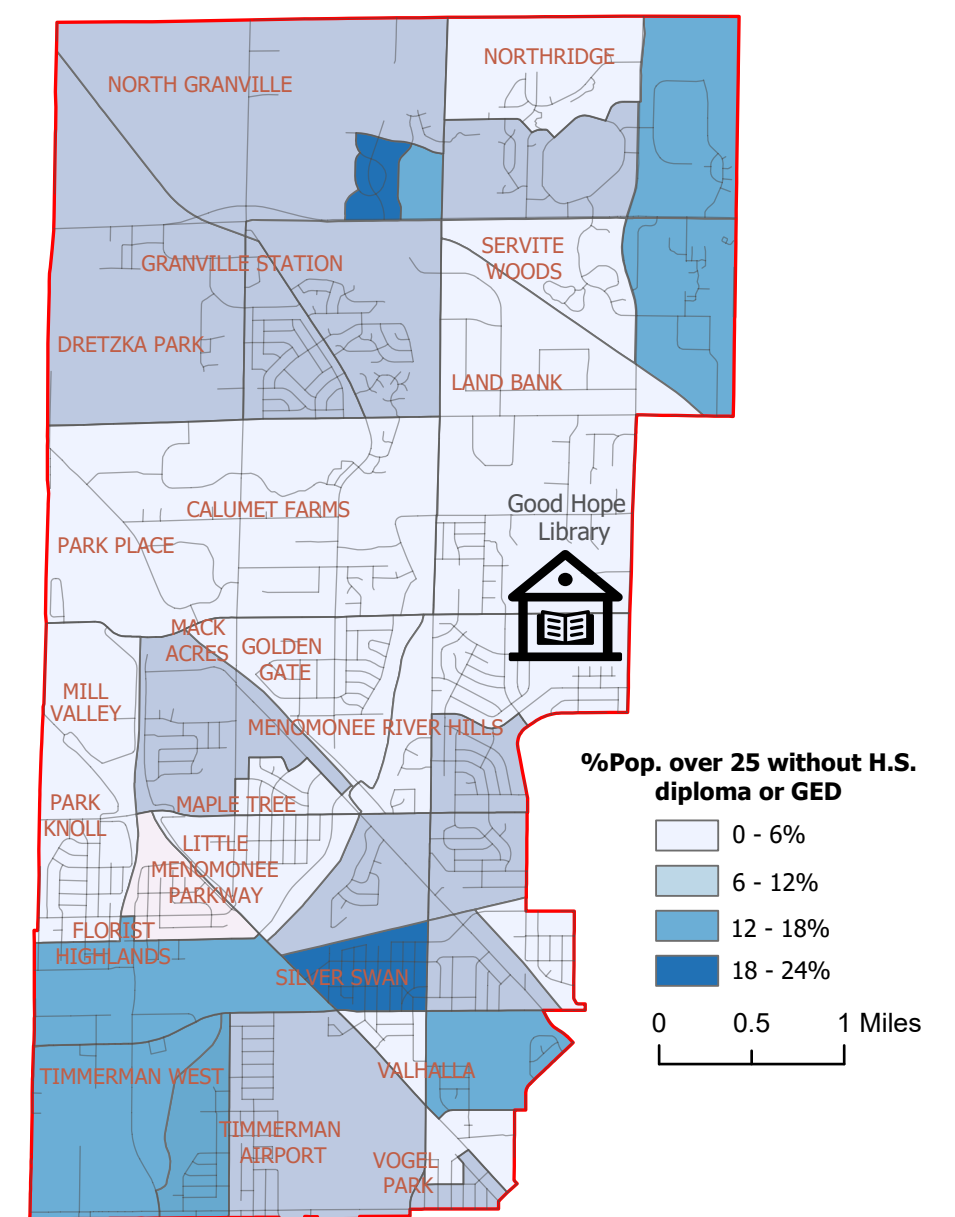
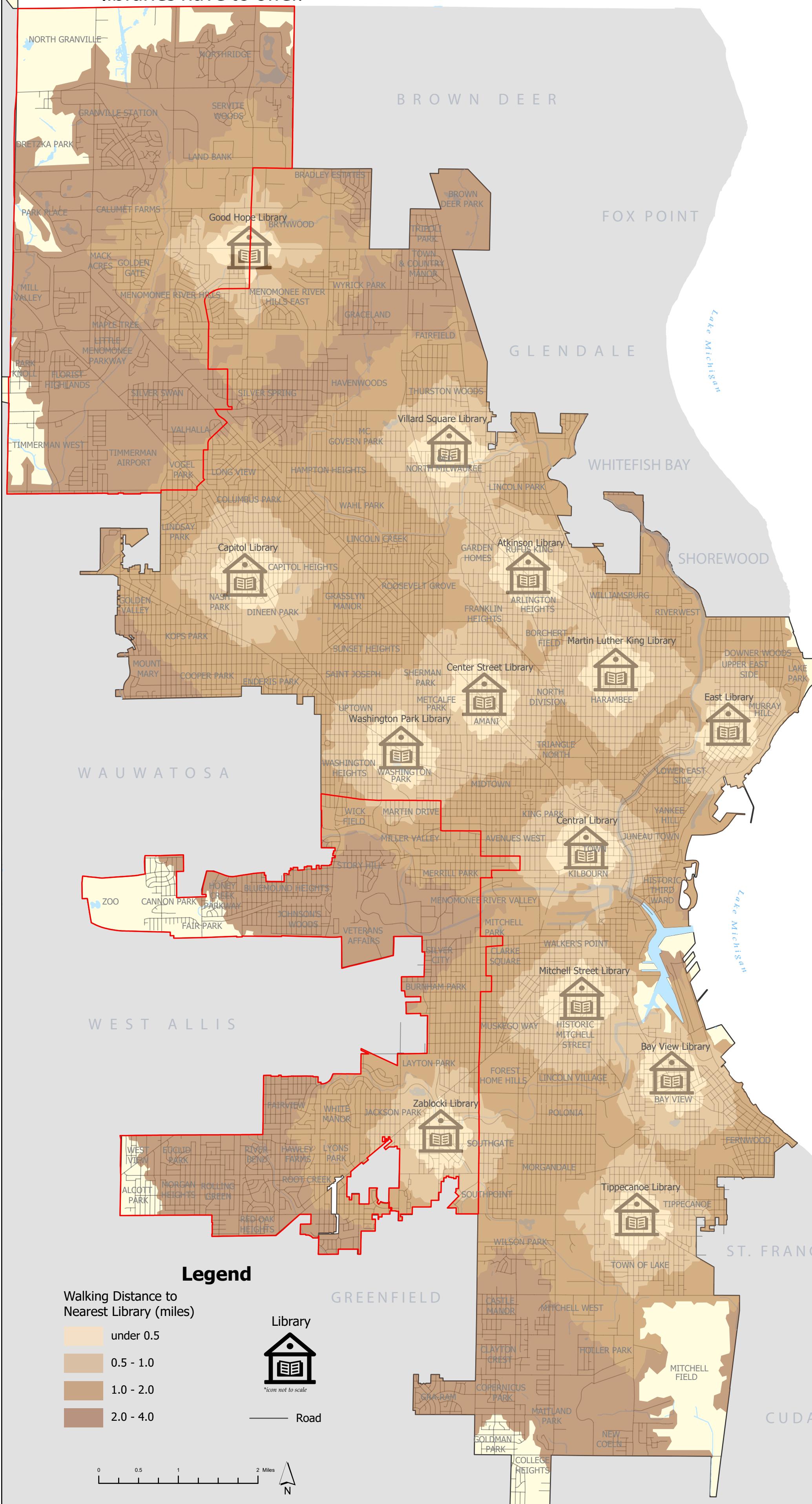
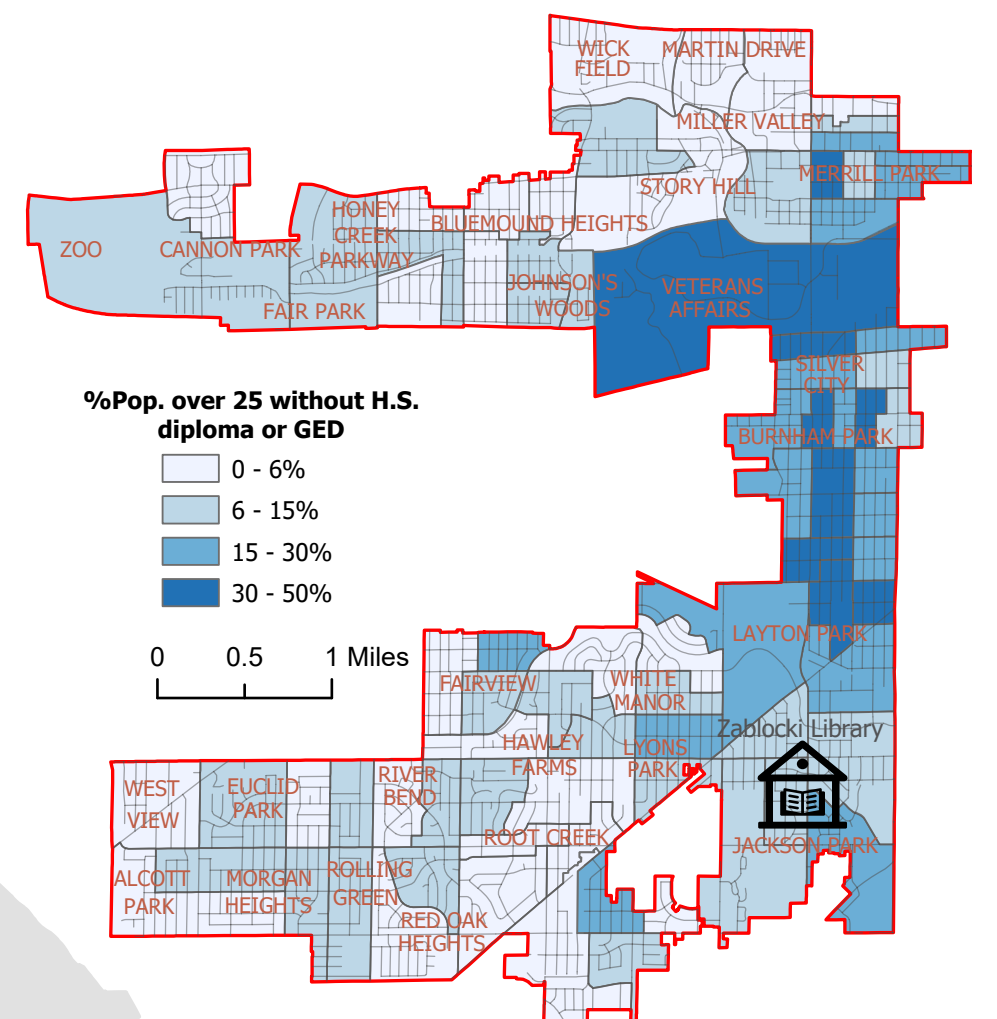


Parched in Brew City: Book Deserts of Milwaukee

Libraries represent truly autonomous access to information. This map aims to highlight areas within the City of Milwaukee where walking distance to the nearest library is greatest. By doing so, neighborhoods lacking nearby library resources can be identified and, hopefully, advocate for improved access to all that libraries have to offer.



The surrounding neighborhoods of the far northwest side of Milwaukee are far out of reach for the nearest library on Good Hope Road. While less populated than other area of the city, there is still a relatively high percentage of adults that have no H.S. Diploma



The neighborhoods comprising of Milwaukee's west side have both a high number of adults with no H.S. Diploma or GED and no libraries within walking distance. While access to a library does not guarantee better education outcomes, it can still provide resources and a place for adults to learn.

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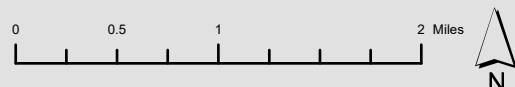
Walking Distance to Nearest Library (miles)

- under 0.5
- 0.5 - 1.0
- 1.0 - 2.0
- 2.0 - 4.0



*Icon not to scale

— Road



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 Standard Parallels: 29.5°N, 45.5°N ; Central Meridian: 88°W
 Data Sources:
 Shapefiles: city.milwaukee.gov/mapmilwaukee; Census data: NHGIS(nhgis.org)
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