

Lester Public Library Update for the October 19, 2026 City Council Meeting

Another Book Talk Update: During yesterday's book talks with third graders at Magee, one student finished his checkout book before the school day ended. He told his mother he needed to go to the library that very day because, in his words, "I need 100 more of these." He and his mother visited the library after school, where she shared the story with us.

Another parent reported that her son told her the boys at his lunch table usually talk about sports, but yesterday, they talked about books. Since their opportunity to check out books came after lunch, the boys even moved to a different spot in the lunchroom—closer to the books—so they could get to them faster. The excitement is just as evident during the presentations and students flock to the checkout table to choose their next reads and eagerly share what types of books they'd like to see in future presentations.

Fall Reading Challenges: Fall Reading Challenges are underway through December 19, with opportunities for readers of all ages to earn prizes for reading, including apple cider kits, campfire mugs, and free books to keep. Visit our website for details!

Fall Dramatic Play Center: The new *Once Upon a Time...* Dramatic Play Center opened earlier this month in the youth room. Approximately 446 children and their families have already visited, not including children attending field trips, Story Time, and other scheduled programs. Children can bring favorite fairy tales to life through imaginative play inspired by The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Hidden clues throughout the room encourage children to identify familiar stories while building creativity, language, and early literacy skills.

Find a gallery of photos here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/lesterpubliclibrary/albums/72177720335753881/with/55586068800>

Film Screening: No Country for Mothers

Thursday, October 22 • 6:00 PM

Watch and discuss a documentary that explores the culture wars surrounding American motherhood, and why labels like "girl boss" and "trad wife" divide us and ultimately distract from the issue of lack of support for families. Let us know you are coming >

<https://www.mobilize.us/momsfirst/event/1000482/>

How to Identify and Manage Common Invasive Species

Thursday, Oct. 29 • 6:00 PM

Woodland Dunes Land Manager Max Kornetzke talks about plants that don't belong on our properties! Learn identifying features of invasives, habitats they commonly invade and strategies to mitigate their impact. *Sponsored by the Two Rivers Environmental Agency Board.*



