

**Lester Public Library
Director's Report
December 2023**

News

- The tablet station at the help desk needs a \$4,000.00 update. The update would be to replace all the tablets that are now obsolete. There is also an annual software fee of \$1654.00. Use of the tablets does not warrant getting the update nor the annual support fee. With declining usage of the tablet station, 39% lower usage this year compared to last year, upgrade cost and annual fees, staff agree to phase out the tablet station. Purchased prior to the pandemic and installed in 2020, the tablets weren't used as much as initially thought.
- Author Pao Lor, who wrote 'Modern Jungles: A Hmong Refugee's Childhood Story of Survival' is scheduled to be our keynote speaker March 27, 6:30 pm, for the World on the Move exhibit programming. Other speakers involved to date include Sara McKinnon, Bob Fay and Kerry Trask. Fox and Branch are musicians slated to perform and tell stories the relationship of music and migration.
- The next Lester Public Library Foundation Book Sale is slated for March 7, 8, & 9, just prior to the World on the Move exhibit, freeing up valuable space in the back for storage.
- Information for the Winter Reading Challenge, Above Average Reader Challenge 2024 and the NEW Mystery Maven challenge are on the website and now available on Beanstack.
- Chris Hamburg is looking into partnering with Manitowoc Public Library in getting copies of microfilm for the current Herald Times Reporter. This will cut our microfilm costs roughly in half, from \$5300 to under \$2500 per year.

Library Foundation – No Report

Library Legislation – No Report

Activities

12/01/23 – Help Desk Shift

12/04/23 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting

12/05/23 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting

12/06/23 – Explore Two Rivers Tourism Director Interviews

12/07/23 – Met with Stanley Palmer, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees

12/08/23 – Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing

Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting, New Holstein Public Library

12/08/23 – Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting, New Holstein Public Library

12/12/23 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting

12/12/23 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
12/13/23 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
12/13/23 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
12/14/23 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
12/14/23 – Explore Two Rivers Tourism Director Interview
12/18/23 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
12/19/23 – Explore Two Rivers Tourism Director Interviews
12/27/23 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting

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