

**Lester Public Library
Director's Report
July 2025**

News

- Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator, and City IT staff installed seven new computers, for staff and public access. Chris, with assistance from the Manitowoc Calumet Library System IT staff, has upgraded the library's server as well. Decommissioned computers will be used as catalog computers on the main floor in the adult and youth services areas.
- Customer Service staff have completed a label project in the large print collection. Labels were given a larger font, making them easier to read. The project also freshened up faded labels.
- Customer Service staff completed a re-labeling project in the juvenile books and juvenile graphic book collections, making labels easier to read and replacing faded labels.
- Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator and Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator, are now utilizing Ingram to purchase books. Ingram has replaced Baker & Taylor as our vendor. Ingram provides greater book discounts and shipping is less expensive than Baker & Taylor. Chris and Terry have adjusted to the Ingram interface and find the vendor easy to use.
- June, 2025, libraries across Wisconsin launched a postcard campaign, "Speak Up for Libraries," to encourage library patrons to write postcard messages to federal elected officials in support of federal funding for libraries and museums. Manitowoc Calumet Library System (MCLS) distributed a total of 140 postcards to Lester Public Library. 125 postcards were filled out and returned to MCLS, for a rate of return of 89.3%.

Library Foundation

David Pennefeather was approved for a two-year term on the Lester Public Library Foundation Board.

Library Legislation

The Wisconsin Legislature completed action on the 2025-27 State Budget on Wednesday, July 2, and Governor Evers signed the budget, July 3, 2025. The budget includes with a \$1 million increase for public library systems across the state.

This budget increase will result in roughly a \$20,000 increase for the 2026 Manitowoc Calumet Library System budget

Activities

07/01/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting

07/02/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
07/03/25 – Met with Sharon Sleger, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees
07/03/25 – Help Desk Shift
07/04/25 – Library Closed for Independence Day
07/07/25 – Met with Carol Wergin, former Chair, Spirit of the Rivers Board
07/07/25 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
07/08/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
07/08/25 – Met with Shannon Derby, City Council and Environmental Advisory Board
Member and Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator – Set Dates for the
EAB Informational Series held at the Library
07/08/25 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
07/15/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
07/15/25 – Lester Public Library Foundation Board Meeting
07/16/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
07/21/25 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
07/22/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
07/23/25 – City of Two Rivers Staff Appreciation Picnic
07/29/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
07/30/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
07/30/25 – Manitowoc Calumet Library System Board Meeting, hosted by the Lester
Public Library
07/31/25 – Met with Sharon Sleger, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees

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