

**Lester Public Library  
Director's Report  
August 2024**

**News**

- Our Fall Reading Challenges for adults, teens, and youth begin September 16<sup>th</sup>, with pumpkin spiced themes. **Pumpkin Spice Challenge (Ages 18+)** Complete seven reading-related spicy activities (read a sizzling romance; prepare a piquant dish...). For each completed activity, receive an aromatic autumnal flavoring: cinnamon, cardamom, black pepper, cloves, nutmeg, ginger, and allspice. When you've completed the challenge, combine them to concoct a cozy cup of chai (or other spiced treat). **2024 Teen Fall Reading Challenge (Ages 13-17)** Earn reading badges and great PRIZES by logging books you read or listen to! Read 5 books to complete the challenge.  
**Paws & Read on My Own (Ages 8-12)** Log books and complete activities to earn reading badges and fun prizes. Score extra prizes when you complete a BINGO (vertical, horizontal or diagonal). Fill the BINGO card to earn a free book and a furry new friend.  
**Paws & Read to Me (Ages 0-7)** Log books and complete activities with your little ones to earn reading badges and fun prizes. Score extra prizes when you complete a BINGO (vertical, horizontal or diagonal). Fill the BINGO card to earn a free book and a furry new friend.
- Youth Services will launch a YA Subscription Service this October. Students, 8<sup>th</sup> grade through seniors at the Two Rivers High School and the Lighthouse Academy, teens can check out a subscription box containing two books. This effort will engage teens with reading.
- Schaus replaced the damaged coil on the air conditioning unit, August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- In a win-win project, 20 high schoolers will be invited to assist the youth department building to go packs while earning community service hours.
- The new dramatic play center, Paws and Read, featuring a veterinarian office, pet grooming, and a pet snack shop will open in September. The center will feature weekly 'missing pet' board challenges.
- Please welcome our new customer service clerk at the circulation counter, Jennifer Hanson.

**Library Foundation** – No Report

**Library Legislation** – No Report

## **Activities**

- 08/01/24 – Two Rivers Business Association Meeting
- 08/01/24 – Met with David Pennefeather, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees
- 08/01/24 – Met Becky Sherer, Director of the Manitowoc Calumet Library System, Bill Sonntag, IT MCLS, Amy Eisenschink, MCLS Consultant, and Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator – discussed the MCLS Technology Plan
- 08/05/24 – Met with Ned Guyette, Lester Public Library Board Trustee
- 08/05/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 08/06/24 – Attended National Night Out at Walsh Field
- 08/07/24 – Help Desk Shift
- 08/08/24 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
- 08/09/24 – Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting with Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator and Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator, at the Manitowoc Public Library
- 08/09/24 – Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting at the Manitowoc Public Library
- 08/13/24 – Explore Two Rivers Board Meeting
- 08/13/24 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 08/13/24 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 08/19/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 08/20/24 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 08/20/24 – Attended the City of Two Rivers employee appreciation picnic at the Rogers Street Fishing Village
- 08/27/24 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 08/28/24 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
- 08/29/24 – Met with David Pennefeather, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees

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