

**Lester Public Library
Director's Report
March 2022**

News

- The April meeting marks outgoing Lester Public Library Board Trustee Rick Henrickson's 19th year of service on the Lester Public Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Henrickson's first meeting was April, 2003 and he served the entire 19 years as the Manitowoc County Board Supervisor Representative. Mr. Henrickson represented Supervisory District No. 23.
- The heating system humidifier was successfully installed and is fully operational. This \$21,257 upgrade will translate to better comfort for our patrons and will be good for materials longevity. The expense was paid out of last year's budget (2021).
- Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator, met with Priya Kuppuraju (via telephone), Youth Librarian for the Twinbrook Public Library Branch of the Montgomery County Library System, Rockville, Maryland, to share information about the Lester Public Library's many to-go packs. Kuppuraju had read the Lester Public Library Case Study in the *Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit*, and reached out to Ehle for more information. As you may recall, Lester Public Library was one of four libraries in the United States asked to participate as a case study showcasing how various aspects of the *Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit*, developed in partnership between the Bay Area Discovery Museum, San Francisco, CA; California State Library, Sacramento, CA; Pacific Library Partnership, San Mateo, CA; and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The *Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit* is a set of research-backed resources created for librarians to help families prepare children ages 0 to 8 for success in school and in life. This toolkit is completely downloadable and printable from this website:
<https://bayareadiscoverymuseum.org/resources/educator-resources/library-toolkit>
- The library now has eight new public internet computers for patron use. Patrons will notice faster speeds on the new machines. Dave Dassey, City IT, assisted Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator, with installing software and making the computers ready for public use. Hamburg will repurpose 2 of the 8 replaced computers here in the library, while the remaining 6 computers (that still have some life left) have been donated to the City for use in other departments.
- Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator, has purchased a significant amount of new art books from the Meyer Foundation annual contribution to the library. The Meyer Foundation was set up to purchase additional titles in the arts. In the past Hamburg has used Foundation funds to purchase foreign film titles.

Library Foundation – No Report

Library Legislation

- Wisconsin Senate Bill 1102, introduced March 10, 2022, Introduced by Senator Jacque; cosponsored by Representatives Tittl, Allen, Murphy, James and Magnafici. An act to amend 119.04(1); and to create 43.75 and 118.073 of the statutes; relating to : pupil or minor access to harmful material in public libraries and public schools.

Activities

03/01/22 – City of Two Rivers Room Tax Commission Meeting
03/02/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
03/03/22 – Two Rivers Business Association Meeting
03/03/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
03/07/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
03/08/22 – Lester Public Library Board Meeting
03/09/22 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
03/10/22 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
03/10/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
03/16/22 – Help Desk Shift
03/16/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
03/18/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting
03/18/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting
03/22/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
03/21/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
03/30/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
03/30/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library System Board Meeting
0331/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
03/31/22 – Met with Lester Public Library Board of Trustees President, Larry Thomas

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