

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

News

- Budget Review Schedule for the Library -
Oct. 6 – present the library budget to the Personnel & Finance Committee, this is an open meeting and anyone may attend.
Oct. 11 – library budget presented and reviewed with the Lester Public Library Board of Trustees
Nov. 4 – all preliminary complete City Department budgets are due for Public Hearing Notice
Nov. 16 – Final review of all City Department budgets (if needed) with Personnel & Finance Committee
Nov. 28 – City Council Work Session: Budget Public Hearing
Dec. 5 – City Council Regular Meeting: Budget Adoption Meeting
Dec. 13 – library budget formally approved by the Lester Public Library Board of Trustees

- Lester Public Library took second place in the annual teen challenge, Battle of the Books, for 2022. The Chilton Public Library team took first place. Battle of the Books teams are comprised of teens from each library in the Manitowoc Calumet Library System (MCLS), this was the 20th anniversary of the competition. The battle has teams answer questions based on a book all teams have read. The team with the most correct answers wins the trophy. Congratulations to the entire team, Malachi Bonde, Susie Ehle, Ethan Stokes, Macenzi Stokes, Gavin Denzien, Kiana Luebke, Isabel Quackenbuch, and their coach, Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator.

- Lester Public Library will be a Science in a Bag Pickup Location for the Wisconsin Science Festival. One week, October 10 – 16, packed with events for all ages. The Wisconsin Science Festival is a statewide celebration with activities for people throughout Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Science Festival is presented by a growing coalition of Wisconsin's science and arts communities.

- Karin Adams, the new Manitowoc Public Library Director, started September 20th. Karin comes to Manitowoc from her prior position as director of the Stephenson Public Library, Marinette, Wisconsin.

- Don Weiss, Lester Public Library Board Trustee (County Representative) accepted a seat on the Manitowoc Calumet Library Board.

Library Foundation

- Library Foundation Book Sale brought in a total of \$615.00. After sales tax the library and Foundation each made \$292.85

Library Legislation – No Report

Activities

- 09/01/22 – Met with Lester Public Library Board of Trustees President, Stanley Palmer
- 09/02/22 – Toured Jason Ring, City Council Member and Two Rivers Main Street Director, through the library
- 09/06/22 – Presented library educational initiatives to the Two Rivers Rotary Club, at the Two Rivers Fire Department
- 09/06/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 09/08/22 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
- 09/13/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 09/13/22 – Met with Mike Mathis, Parks and Rec Director; Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator; and Sally Taylor, Public Relations, to work on the West Foundation Grant.
- 09/13/22 – Interviewed Public Works Director candidate with City Manager and Department Heads
- 09/13/22 – Lester Public Library Board Meeting
- 09/14/22 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
- 09/14/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
- 09/16/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting
- 09/16/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting
- 09/17/22 – Attended Ethnic Fest
- 09/19/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 09/20/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 09/21/22 – Community Conversation – Xanti Police Canine Officer
- 09/26/22 – Intellectual Freedom Special Interest Group – Dealing with Book Challenges
- 09/26/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 09/27/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 09/28/22 – Attended a Webinar on Conversation Cafes (similar to our Community Conversations)
- 09/28/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
- 09/28/22 – Attended the Manitowoc Calumet Library System Board Meeting, online
- 09/29/22 – Help Desk Shift
- 09/30/22 – City of Two Rivers Room Tax Commission Meeting
- 09/30/22 – Provided a tour of LPL for Karin Adams, the new Director of the Manitowoc Public Library

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