

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

**News**

- The library kicked off a new program series Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. It is a series in partnership with the City of Two Rivers Environmental Advisory Board entitled "Our Land. Our Water. Our Future" The Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> program was 'The Importance of Trees,' 6 pm, by the library fireplace, featuring Tracy Salisbury, regional urban forestry coordinator at Wisconsin DNR. Tracy will share how trees offer a tremendous range of impact that is often overlooked. Trees aid the economy, boost air quality, contribute multiple benefits to our health, foster a strong social community and support the overall health of the environment. Other programs scheduled for the series: **Green Infrastructure**, Jan. 12, 2023, 6 pm, presented by Julie Noordyk, water quality and coastal communities specialist at UW Sea Grant Institute. **Status of our Waters**, Feb. 7, 2023, 6 pm, presented by Titus Seilheimer, fisheries specialist at UW Sea Grant Institute. **Storm Water Runoff & Ponds**, March 9, 2023 6 pm, presented by Nick Vande Hey, senior municipal & water resources engineer and VP of McMahon Associates' environment & infrastructure division. The Environmental Advisory Board works closely with city departments and committees regarding natural resources and environmental issues, and in doing so, consults with a valuable network of experts. This infrastructure-meets-environment series features some of the committee's go-to consultants.
- LPL will offer a Banned Book Challenge on Beanstack beginning in January, 2023. This will raise awareness of books challenged across the country and right here in our own library system.
- Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator, provided training to the Manitowoc Calumet Library System (MCLS) member staff on LibraryAware software, November 30<sup>th</sup>. LibraryAware is software that helps libraries create 'next read' reading lists and appealing newsletters. LibraryAware is provided by MCLS to all member libraries and their staff.
- The new version of the MCLS Library System online catalog (Enterprise) went live Monday, November 28.
- Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) agreed to move forward with Solus, an app for the system's online catalog. This will replace the Bookmyne app. MCLS will pay for the implementation and subscription fees on behalf of member libraries. Looking to go live early 2023.

**Library Foundation**

- Lester Public Library Foundation received a \$2500.00 donation from the estate of Donald J. Schoenke

**Library Legislation** – No Report

## **Activities**

- 11/02/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
- 11/03/22 – Met with Lester Public Library Board of Trustees President, Stanley Palmer
- 11/04/22 – Met with Lester Public Library Board Trustee, Kate Gadd
- 11/07/22 – Help Desk Shift
- 11/07/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 11/08/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 11/08/22 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 11/09/22 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
- 11/10/22 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
- 11/11/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting
- 11/11/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting
- 11/16/22 – Manitowoc Area Chamber of Commerce Library Tour
- 11/16/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
- 11/17/22 – Attended the Two Rivers High School Peace Pole Dedication
- 11/17/22 – Community Conversation – Parks & Rec Director Mike Mathis
- 11/21/22 – Met with Joe Metzen, Finance and Development Officer, Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum
- 11/21/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 11/22/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 11/28/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 11/28/22 – City Council Work Session/2023 City Budget Hearing
- 11/29/22 – Help Desk Shift
- 11/30/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
- 11/30/22 – Two Rivers Environmental Advisory Board Presents, The Importance and Benefits of Trees

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