

**Lester Public Library
Director's Report
July 2023**

News

- Lester Public Library was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Two Rivers Rotary Club. The library proposed a “youth maker space” in the young adult area. This space offers a hands-on maker space for third to sixth graders for kids to team up and tackle STEAM activities – projects that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art and math. Different materials like PLUS PLUS puzzle blocks, KEVA planks, Magna-Tiles, Strawbees, and LEGO are at hand, offering endless building possibilities. Play-based learning with cognitive, physical, social, and emotional benefits. Rotary members will help assemble furniture, unbox materials and stage the area to further entice youth to explore, learn, and most importantly – play.
- The new StoryWalk® was installed along the Patrick Gagnon Memorial Trail in the Lester Public Library garden. The celebration at both the library and Zander Park is Wednesday, August 16th.
- The Explore Two Rivers calendar of events and blog continue to be updated and monitored out of the Lester Public Library. Sally Taylor, library staff member, maintains the site by posting events submitted and looking throughout the Two Rivers community for events of interest for inclusion. Sally presents the City on Explore Two Rivers in a consistent, pleasing, and respectful manner. Sally keeps the Explore Two Rivers work hours separate from library hours. The library submits quarterly invoices to the City Manager for reimbursement of Sally's hours.
- Schaus has received the replacement coils for the HVAC. They will schedule replacing the coils in September, avoiding shutting down the air conditioning during hot summer days during installation.

Library Foundation

- The Foundation met in July and reported the endowment fund balance just over \$1.3 million.
- The Foundation approved book bag vendor and design for Foundation Book Bags to sell at the library @ \$5 each.

Library Legislation – No Report

Activities

07/03/23 – Circulation Desk Shift

07/03/23 – Help Desk Shift

07/06/23 – Met with Stanley Palmer, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees

07/11/23 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting

07/11/23 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
07/12/23 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
07/12/23 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
07/13/23 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
07/15/23 – Schmitt Brothers Stage Dedication, Central Park West
07/16/23 – Central Park West 365, Park Dedication
07/17/23 – Conducted interviews for the open Customer Service Clerk position with Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator
07/17/23 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
07/18/23 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
07/18/23 – Lester Public Library Foundation Board Meeting
07/20/23 – Met with BMO Harris Bank Staff, Manitowoc Branch
07/26/23 – Met with Mike Mathis, Parks & Rec Director; Kevin Chaloupka, Public Works; and Terry Ehle on the Zander Park Site
07/26/23 – Met with and toured Linda Maurer, Mosinee School District (near Wausau), with Terry Ehle, through the library, Linda is bringing 150 6th graders to the World on the Move Exhibit.
07/26/23 – Manitowoc Calumet Library System Board Meeting, hosted here at the library
07/29/23 – Attended the LondonDairy Alpacas and Fiber Fun on the library lawn.

Jeff Dawson, Director, Lester Public Library 8/1/2023