

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

News

- On December 14, 2022, the West Foundation announced the winners of its first-ever Director's Choice Grants. Out of more than 50 applications received, one of the two grants awarded went to the Lester Public Library Foundation, for a collaborative Lester Library/Parks & Rec Department initiative that will put "Story Walks" on the Library grounds and at Zander Park, for the enjoyment of young readers and their parents/caregivers. In making the award announcements, West Foundation Board member John Jagemann commented on the Library/Parks project: "They are putting together a really interesting way to present reading to kids. They are building a space near the library, and also near one of the parks, they call Story Walk. They take books and laminate pages from them and you go on this walk through the forest or through the park and you read as you go."
- Chris Hamburg and Terry Ehle appeared on "Local 5 Live," the CBS affiliate WFRV, in Green Bay, to present books they recommend to adult and young readers. Terry wrapped up the segment by reminding viewers about the library's Above Average Reading Challenge.
- Beginning in January, 2023, the library returns to the monthly newsletter in paper form. Copies are available at the Senior Center, City Hall, and Library. The digital newsletter will continue as well.
- Repairs were made to a leaking water pipe near the Help Desk. This pipe drains the 'new' humidifier installed last year.
- Lester Public Library applied to the American Library Association (ALA) to host a traveling exhibition entitled World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration. The ALA Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the Smithsonian's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, invited applications from public libraries interested in hosting the traveling exhibition World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration. Announcement of the winning libraries (15) and itinerary of the traveling exhibition will be made mid-January, 2023.

Library Foundation - No Report

Library Legislation – No Report

Activities

12/01/22 – Met with Lester Public Library Board of Trustees President, Stanley Palmer
12/02/22 – Toured Cool City Brewery
12/05/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
12/08/22 – City of Two Rivers Room Tax Commission Meeting
12/09/22 – Help Desk Shift

12/13/22 – Help Desk Shift
12/13/22 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
12/14/22 – Help Desk Shift
12/14/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
12/15/22 – Attended ‘Soft’ Opening of Cool City Brewery
12/21/22 – Staff Holiday Pot Luck Breakfast
12/21/22 – Help Desk Shift
12/22/22 – Attended Police Chief Brian Kohlmeier’s Retirement Celebration, City Hall
12/22/22 – Attended the Swearing in and Pinning Ceremony for Incoming Chief of Police, Ben Meinnert, City Hall
12/28/22 – City Department Heads Meeting

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