

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

News

- Chris Hamburg added some new meeting type apps to the Tablet Station tablets. Both *Go to Meeting* and *Ring Central* (in addition to *Zoom* which was already there) are now available on the tablets for people to use if they need video conferencing here at the library. Each tablet has video and microphone software built in. Patrons should be able to checkout a tablet and then use one of the study rooms for their meeting.
- Shannon Berglund was the Winter Reading Program Prize Winner. Her prize is a \$25 Chamber Bucks gift certificate.
- The library along with all City Departments are now joining together in an effort to save money with a City-wide fire extinguisher recharging plan. This effort will reduce overall costs with lower recharging fees and travel costs.
- After a couple recent requests for adult materials in Spanish, we have reintroduced our Spanish language collection. Books will have a sticker on the spine that says "Spanish Espanol". Upon arrival, Spanish language books will go on the 'new book' shelf like regular fiction and then when they come off the 'new book' shelf they will (for now) go on the first section of shelving after the non-fiction Books on CD and before the mystery genre section of the collection.
- The Manitowoc Calumet Library System has agreed to upgrade our internet bandwidth with Spectrum. This comes at no cost to the library and more than doubles internet speeds for our public terminals and public wifi.
- The Manitowoc County Library Services Advisory Committee met May 19 and approved 2023 funding from Manitowoc County, \$171,638 to the Lester Public Library. This is up by \$2384 from 2022. During public comment there was discussion about the preview option for Overdrive materials found in the system's online catalog. The previews included graphic depictions of certain health related titles that some find offensive. After the meeting, the six library directors and interim directors decided to disable these previews. The materials are still available via Overdrive but the previews are not. Don Weiss and Jeff Dawson represented the Lester Public Library at the meeting.
- The library roof repair project was completed Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Heavy rainfall began shortly after Great Lakes Roofing left and we identified a couple of gutter adjustments needed.
- Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator, attended the Support Staff and Circulation Services One-Day Conference, May 26, at the Waunakee Public Library.

Library Foundation – No Report

Library Legislation – No Report

Activities

- 05/02/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 05/03/22 – City Fire Extinguisher Meeting
- 05/03/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 05/05/22 – Two Rivers Business Association Meeting
- 05/10/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 05/10/22 – Lester Public Library Board Meeting
- 05/11/22 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
- 05/11/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
- 05/13/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting
- 05/13/22 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting
- 05/16/22 – Attended and Photographed the Two Rivers Police Memorial at the 22nd Street Bridge, also known as the Law Enforcement Memorial Bridge.
- 05/16/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 05/16/22 – City of Two Rivers Room Tax Commission Meeting
- 05/17/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 05/18/22 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
- 05/18/22 – Met with Manitowoc County Representative to the LPL Board of Trustees, Don Weiss
- 05/19/22 – Lester Bentley Committee, delivered a Bentley painting to the new Main Street Offices on Washington Street
- 05/19/22 – Manitowoc County Library Services Advisory Committee Annual Meeting, with Don Weiss, County Representative and LPL Board of Trustees, Manitowoc Public Library
- 05/19/22 – Presented to the National Junior Honor Society, LB Clarke Library
- 05/24/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 05/24/22 – Met with Paula Ganyard, Director of the UW-Green Bay libraries and Jeff Ellair, Campus Librarian for UW-Sheboygan and UW-Manitowoc Campuses to discuss getting the popular Scholar for Life Series started again this fall.
- 5/25/22 – Manitowoc Calumet Library System Board Meeting

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