

**Lester Public Library
Director's Report
February 2025**

News

- Marco updated the library copiers, one for the public near the help desk and one for staff located in the back by administrative offices. The public copier is both color and black and white, we will continue to charge 10 cents per page for black and white copies and 25 cents per page for color copies. The staff copier, in the back, was upgraded to a black and white and color copier. This will allow staff to print color copies when needed, rather than make sure the copier for the public is available.
- During the elevator upgrade at City Hall, City Council meetings will be held in the Community Room of the library. The first meeting was a City Council Work Session held February 24. Other committee meetings will be held at the library in the Community Room and Webster Room, if they are available. The BIDC met in the Community Room, February 25.

Library Foundation – No Report

Library Legislation

- From Teresa Schmidt, Public Library Administration Consultant, Library Services Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI):

“On March 5-6, 2025, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) will sponsor Voices for Libraries, an event that invites library supporters and officials from every state to visit Washington, D.C., to talk with federal legislators about the importance of libraries. A delegation of Wisconsin library supporters is scheduled to talk with members of the Senate and House of Representatives about the significant work libraries are doing in our state and how federal funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, and in particular the LSTA Grants to States program, makes that work possible. Personal stories can help Congressional members better understand the invaluable impact libraries have in our communities. We want to share **your** stories with Wisconsin’s representatives! We are looking for as many personal and specific stories about Wisconsin libraries as we can gather. The work you do in your communities is the reason that legislators have been eager to support libraries in the past, so *any* stories you have about the positive impact of libraries are welcome. Please write a brief letter on your library’s letterhead to share your story.”

I submitted letters to Representative Grothman, Senator Baldwin, and Senator Johnson. The letters are included in the packet under communications.

Activities

- 02/03/25 – Met with Kassie Paider, City of Two Rivers Finance Director
- 02/03/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 02/04/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 02/10/25 – Two Rivers Historical Society, Lester Bentley Committee Meeting
- 02/11/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 02/11/25 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 02/12/25 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
- 02/12/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
- 02/14/25 – Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting with Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator, and Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator, Brillion Public Library Hosted the Meeting
- 02/14/25 – Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting, Brillion Public Library Hosted the Meeting
- 02/17/25 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 02/19/25 – Educational Horizons Foundation Board Meeting, Two Rivers School District Offices
- 02/20/25 – Marco installed two new photocopy machines, public and staff copiers
- 02/20/25 – Conducted three customer service clerk interviews with Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator
- 02/24/25 – Set up the Community Room for the City Council Work Session, attended the meeting in case it ran past closing time, 8:00 pm.
- 02/24/25 – Conducted a customer service clerk interview, with Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator
- 02/25/25 – Conducted a customer service clerk interview, with Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator
- 02/25/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 02/26/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
- 02/26/25 – Met with Greg Buckley, City Manager, Mike Mathis, Director Parks and Rec, and Joe Metzen, Director Explore Two Rivers to meet with a representative from SeeMyLegacy.com – a community engagement and fundraising platform.
- 02/28/25 – Met with David Pennefeather, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees

Jeff Dawson, Director, Lester Public Library 03/3/2025