

**Lester Public Library  
Director's Report  
May2024**

**News**

- Lester Public Library was nominated for the Progress Lakeshore annual Community Enhancement Award. The Community Enhancement Award recognizes a business or organization that has made a substantial impact on the quality of life in Manitowoc County by creating projects and initiatives to make Manitowoc County a more attractive place to live and work. The nomination was for our collaboration with the City of Two Rivers Parks & Recreation Department, Woodland Dunes Nature Center & Preserve, and Two Rivers High School Raider Manufacturing and Technology for the StoryWalks® and Zander Park project as a way for children and adults to enjoy reading and being outdoors. Through this collaboration, the library created a unique outdoor experience while restoring a vital wetland area, showcasing the library's dedication to community enrichment. The award went to the City of Two Rivers for their Project, Central Park West 365 at the annual Progress Lakeshore Awards Breakfast, May 7, 2024.
- Lester Public Library hosted United Way's Spring Volunteer Fair on Thursday, May 23. and to all the community members who stopped in to learn about their volunteer opportunities. Participants included – Maritime Museum, Felician Village, City of Two Rivers, In Courage, Hope House, and the United Way.
- Schaus identified leaks in the fifth cooling condenser coil on our HVAC. The library replaced the first coil in 2020, the second in 2022, and two coils in 2023.
- At the May 23 Manitowoc County Library Services Advisory Committee meeting the 2025 budget request to Manitowoc County for reimbursements for library services was approved. Manitowoc County will reimburse Lester Public Library \$220,094.00 for library service to Manitowoc County residents living outside a municipality that use Lester Public Library. That is up from last year's \$187,579.00 reimbursement, that translates to a 17% increase.
- There are two sets of book returns at the library, one set is low and the other is higher on the exterior wall. The doors on the lower set are not closing properly and pose a safety issue for patrons along with allowing rain into the drops and potentially damaging books and materials. We have closed the lower set and are relying on the other set for returns. There have been no comments from patrons and the book drops are handling all returns without issue.
- Final Zoom meeting for World on the Move with Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator – we met with Brian Russell, ALA; Em Gallaugher, ALA; Daniel Ginsberg, American Anthropological Association; and Maggie Thomann, Glen Ellyn Public Library. This was an opportunity to share our World on the Move experience with the Glen Ellyn Public Library (Chicago Suburbs) as they prepare to host in July 2024.

**Library Foundation** – No Report

## **Library Legislation** – No Report

### **Activities**

- 05/01/24 – Met with David Pennefeather, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees
- 05/01/24 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
- 05/02/24 – CPR Certificate Training with Lisa Krall at the Two Rivers Fire Department
- 05/02/24 – Two Rivers Business Association Meeting
- 05/02/24 – Presented the Lester Public Library to the three new City of Two Rivers City Council Members – Mark Bittner, Doug Brandt, and Shannon Derby
- 05/07/24 – Introduced the Two Rivers Environmental Advisory Board's program on recycling
- 05/10/24 – Gave new Library Board of Trustees City Council Representative, Shannon Derby, a tour and orientation with Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator
- 05/14/24 – Explore Two Rivers Board Meeting
- 05/14/24 – Met with Betty Bittner, Treasurer, Educational Horizons Board
- 05/14/24 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 05/15/24 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
- 05/15/24 – Attended the annual Police Memorial Ceremony on the Police Memorial Bridge (22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge)
- 05/15/24 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
- 05/16/24 – Joint Room Tax Commission and Explore Two Rivers Board Meeting
- 05/16/24 – Gave new City Council Member, Doug Brandt and his wife Wendy, a tour of Lester Public Library with Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator
- 05/17/24 – Met with Dee Dee Dirkman, City of Two Rivers Accounting Department, and Theresa Haupt, City of Two Rivers Fire Department and shared how we manage credit cards and cash payments via Square here at the library
- 05/20/24 – Explore Two Rivers Board Marketing Committee Meeting
- 05/20/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 05/21/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 05/23/24 – Zoom meeting for World on the Move with Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator – we met with Brian Russell, ALA; Em Gallagher, ALA; Daniel Ginsberg, American Anthropological Association; and Maggie Thomann, Glen Ellyn Public Library.
- 05/24/24 – Met Joe Fiatoa, Technology Advisor with Marco and Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator to review our copier needs
- 05/29/24 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
- 05/29/24 – MCLS Board Meeting
- 05/30/24 – Met with David Pennefeather, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees
- 05/30/23 – Attended Margie Verhelst's, MCLS IT/ILS Technician, retirement celebration with Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator and Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator

Jeff Dawson, Director, Lester Public Library 6/3/2024