

Lester Public Library
Director's Report
April 2023

News

- Terry Ehle, Youth Coordinator, was one of four panel members presenting a Wisconsin Library Association webinar: WLA Youth Services Section Presents: ***Teen Programming Inspiration***. Four amazing library staff working with teens shared their teen programming successes, failures, and words of wisdom to keep youth librarians across Wisconsin motivated to create teen programming. The other presenters: Kahlil Griffin, Branch Manager of Simmons and Uptown, Kenosha Public Library, Kenosha, WI; Abby Seymour, Teen Services Librarian at the E.D. Locke Public Library, McFarland, WI; and Laci Sheldon, Youth Services Director, McIntosh Memorial Library, Viroqua, WI.
- During a routine HVAC inspection, Schaus discovered another air conditioner compressor coil was leaking. Last year we replaced two leaking coils. Schaus is contacting the manufacturer to inquire why these coils are failing – in particular, this most recent failure happened over the winter when the air conditioner was not operating. In the meantime, Schaus has rerouted the compressors to run on the operational compressors.
- Arrowhead and Lakeshores Library Systems merged and are now officially Prairie Lakes Library System (PLLS), serving the counties of Racine, Rock, and Walworth. PLLS' main office is located in Waterford, WI with a satellite office and delivery hub in Milton, WI. There are now fifteen library systems in Wisconsin.
- The Beanstack contract has been extended by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) through April of 2025 for all interested Wisconsin public libraries and public-school libraries. This program is being offered through the DPI with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant. This is at no cost to our library. We utilize Beanstack for our reading challenges and summer reading program.

Library Foundation

- The Foundation Board met in April and designated the annual allocation to the library - \$50,710. This is an increase of \$3424, or 7.24% over the \$47,286 allocation in 2022.
- Officers elected for 2023/24 are: Collette Tegen, president; Teri Wagner, vice president; Bob Fay, treasurer; and Stephanie Carpenter, secretary.

Library Legislation – No Report

Activities

04/03/23 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting

04/04/23 – Help Desk Shift

04/05/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/05/23 – Educational Horizons Foundation Board Meeting, Two Rivers High School
04/06/23 – Two Rivers Business Association Meeting, Cool City Brewing Company
04/06/23 – Met with Lester Public Library Board of Trustees President, Stanley Palmer
04/06/23 – Introduced the Environmental Advisory Board program – *Green Infrastructure Design and Implementation*
04/10/23 – Circulation Desk Shift
04/11/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/11/23 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
04/12/23 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
04/12/23 – City Department Heads Meeting
04/13/23 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
04/13/23 – City of Two Rivers Room Tax Commission Meeting
04/14/23 – Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting at the Chilton Public Library
04/14/23 – Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting at the Chilton Public Library
04/17/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/17/23 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
04/18/23 – Lester Public Library Foundation Board Annual Meeting
04/19/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/19/23 – Introduced the Scholar for Life program – *Get Happy with Positive Psychology*
04/20/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/21/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/24/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/25/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/26/23 – Help Desk Shift
04/26/23 – City Department Heads Meeting
04/27/23 – Met with David Pennefeather, Vice President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees
04/27/23 – Introduced Scholar for Life program – *Dealing with Angry People*

Jeff Dawson, Director, Lester Public Library 5/1/2023