

**Lester Public Library
Director's Report
May 2023**

News

- The Explore Two Rivers Tourism Board was announced May 11th and the members are: Gina Krahn-Weyers, Cool City Brewery; John Wurostek, Friends of Point Beach; Joy Krieger, Renee's Chocolates; Laura Prelwitz, London Dairy; Nancy Nabak, Woodland Dunes; John Durbrow, Van Der Brohe Aboretum; Brenda Koprowski, Sister Cities; Tonya Prosser, Village Inn on the Lake. Mike Mathis, Director of Parks and Recreation and Jeff Dawson, Director of the Lester Public Library were named Permanent Advisory Members of the Board.
- Schaus Mechanical will be replacing the cooling coil at the regular price, but will not charge the library for the usual crane fee. Schaus had contacted the cooling coil manufacturer and could not get any recompense.
- The MCLS Mobile App (this is for our online catalog) is now live and ready for use across system libraries. This replaces the Bookmyne App. Patrons will be able to access the online catalog from tablets and phones.
- The Manitowoc County Library Services Committee confirmed the pending county reimbursement to the library's 2024 budget at \$187,579. This will be a 9% increase from \$171,638 received for 2023. The dollar amount is calculated according to the formula specified in the *Manitowoc County Agreement and Plan for Public Library Service*.

Library Foundation – No Report

Library Legislation

On May 24, 2023, Senators Andre Jacque and Steve Nass introduced 2023 Senate Bill 305. Text of the bill appears below:

2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

2023 SENATE BILL 305

May 24, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives ALLEN, BODDEN, BRANDTJEN, MAXEY, WICHGERS and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families.

AN ACT *to repeal* 944.21 (8) (b) 1. and 944.21 (8) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** protection from prosecution for employees of libraries and educational institutions possessing obscene materials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, it is a crime to import, print, sell, possess for sale, publish, exhibit, play, or distribute any obscene material; to produce or perform in any obscene performance; to require,

as a condition to the purchase of periodicals, that a retailer accept obscene material; to distribute, exhibit, or play any obscene material to a person under the age of 18 years; or to possess with intent to distribute, exhibit, or play to a person under the age of 18 years any obscene material. Obscene material means a writing, picture, film, or other recording that the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find appeals to the prurient interest if taken as a whole; that under contemporary community standards describes or shows sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; and that lacks serious literary, artistic, political, educational, or scientific value, if taken as a whole. Under current law, no person who is an employee, a member of the board of directors, or a trustee of certain educational institutions and libraries is liable to prosecution for an obscene materials violation for acts or omissions while in his or her capacity as an employee, a member of the board of directors, or a trustee of such an institution. This bill removes public elementary and secondary schools, private schools, and tribal schools from the list of institutions for which an employee is protected from prosecution for an obscene materials violation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 944.21 (8) (b) 1. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 944.21 (8) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on August 20, 2024.

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Activities

05/01/23 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting

05/02/23 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting

05/02/23 – MeeScan (our new self-check machines) virtual training session with Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator

05/03/23 – Provided a library tour for City Staff from City Hall and Water & Light

05/04/23 – Two Rivers Business Association Meeting, Cool City Brewing Company

05/05/23 – Help Desk Shift

05/08/23 – Circulation Desk Shift

05/09/23 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

05/09/23 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting

05/09/23 – City Department Heads Meeting

05/11/23 – Attended Explore Two Rivers Tourism Kick-off Event, hosted by the Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum

05/15/23 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting

05/15/23 – Attended Two Rivers Police Memorial Bridge Ceremony

05/16/23 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting

05/18/23 – Attended S.S. Badger's first crossing of their 70th anniversary, Manitowoc

05/18/23 – Introduced the Environmental Advisory Board Series Program, *Plant for Pollinators*

05/23/23 – Circulation Desk Shift

05/23/23 – Lakeshore Community Foundation Annual Meeting, Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc

05/24/23 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
05/24/23 – City of Two Rivers Room Tax Commission Meeting
05/25/23 – Help Desk Shift
05/25/23 – Manitowoc County Library Services Advisory Committee Meeting,
Manitowoc Public Library; LPL Trustees Stanley Palmer, President, and
Don
Weiss, County Representative were also in attendance
05/31/23 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library System Board Meeting

Jeff Dawson, Director, Lester Public Library 6/1/2023