

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

News

- Please welcome Kate Aupperle, Customer Service Clerk, to the library. Kate started working at the front desk April 7, 2025.
- Please welcome Kimberlina Seim, Youth & Reference Services Associate to the library. Kimberlina's first day was April 14, 2025.
- Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator, was honored by the Two Rivers Rotary Club at their annual dinner with the Paul Harris Fellow. The highest form of recognition a Rotary Club can bestow is the Paul Harris Fellow. It is presented to a Rotarian or a member of the community who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Library Foundation

- Lester Public Library Foundation Book Sale netted \$1238.50, after taxes the Foundation and library each received \$589.76.
- At the Annual Meeting, April 15, the Foundation Board approved the 2025/26 slate of officers: Teri Wagner, President; Tim Schroeder, Vice President; Bob Fay, Treasurer; and Sharon Sleger, Secretary.
- The Board also approved the 2025 annual allocation to the library of \$54,930.00.

Library Legislation

- From Ben Miller, Director of Library Services, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, dated April 29, 2025: I want to provide you with an update on the status of federal funding for Wisconsin library services through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States program administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. On April 23, IMLS awarded the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction partial LSTA 2025 Grants to States funding. The partial award is for \$1.6 million, roughly half of what IMLS granted to the DPI in 2024.

In their message, IMLS indicated plans for increasing the amount to a full award "subject to the availability of funds, IMLS discretion, and other actions." At this time, the DPI has not received a final allotment table indicating the amount of funding Wisconsin will receive.

This is not the typical fashion in which these funds are granted to states, but receiving a partial award provides some stability and relief in the short term. At this time, based on the uncertainty surrounding the amount and timing of future LSTA funds, Library Services is not planning to open grant subawards to library systems in Wisconsin in July as is typical. In order to continue to provide Wisconsin libraries state-wide service, the DPI will prioritize the Library Services salaries

and the tools necessary to do their jobs with this partial allotment. The team will reassess the viability of providing subawards once more is known about the future of IMLS and LSTA funding.

- In 2025, the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System is expected to receive \$499,217 in public library system state aid and **\$34,741** in **federal funding** through the Library Services and Technology Act

Federal funding is **7%** of the funds allocated to Manitowoc-Calumet Library System by DPI in 2025.

Activities

04/01/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
04/02/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
04/03/25 – Set up Lester Public Library Foundation Book Sale with library staff and volunteers
04/04/25 – Help Desk Shift
04/05/25 – Attended the Two Rivers Rotary Club Annual Dinner
04/07/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
04/08/25 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
04/09/25 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
04/10/25 – Attended the Two Rivers Environmental Advisory Board presentation, “Light Pollution: The Harm to Wildlife and Ecosystems,” hosted by the library
04/15/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
04/15/25 – Lester Public Library Foundation Board Meeting
04/16/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
04/16/25 – Educational Horizons Foundation Board Meeting
04/17/25 – Met with Jack Powalisz, Library Board Trustee, for tour and introduction to the library
04/21/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
04/22/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
04/23/25 through 04/25/25 – Vacation
04/26/25 – Attended the Arbor Day Celebration partnering with the Two Rivers Parks and Recreation Department
04/29/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
04/30/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
04/30/25 – Help Desk Shift

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