

**Lester Public Library
Director's Report
January 2024**

News

- The library closed early on Friday, noon, January 12, due to blizzard conditions.
- The library remained closed on Saturday, January 13, to allow city crews to dig out after a major snow event on Friday.
- Terry Ehle, Youth Coordinator and Tami Feuerstein, Early Literacy Specialist attended the state-wide summer reading workshop in Menasha, Friday, January 19. Terry led team discussions on escape room programming and innovative play spaces, such as our dramatic play area.
- Our 2023 programming attendance for youth programs was close to a 50% increase over 2022. 2022 was a very good year with around 8900 attendees compared to over 15,800 attendees in 2023. This coincides with a change in programming philosophy that targets getting youth and their families into the library for the dramatic play center, along with continuing our popular to-go pack offerings.
- Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator, continues to serve on the Wisconsin Public Library Consortia as a selector for the state-wide Overdrive service. As a committee member, Chris is involved as a voice for public libraries, not just Lester Public Library, in state-wide policy and standards for the service
- Marie Bonde, Customer Service Coordinator, has added three patrons to our home delivery service, for a total of 12 patrons served. Marie coordinates book selection along with deliveries with a dedicated volunteer for our homebound patrons. Marie also coordinates student volunteers to assist with book straightening and shelf cleaning.

Library Foundation

- The Lester Public Library Foundation 2024 allocation to the library will be \$54,088.00. This will be the 21st consecutive year that the Foundation's contribution has increased over the prior year. The increase is \$3,378.00, 6.7%, over the 2023 allocation.

Library Legislation – No Report

Activities

01/02/24 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
01/03/24 – Met with Stanley Palmer, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees
01/03/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
01/04/24 – Two Rivers Business Association Monthly Meeting
01/04/24 – Introduced Environmental Advisory Board Presentation, 'Invasive Species:

the Fight to Save Land and Water'

- 01/09/24 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 01/09/24 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 01/10/24 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
- 01/10/24 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
- 01/10/24 – Educational Horizons Foundation Board Meeting
- 01/15/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 01/16/24 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 01/16/24 – World on the Move Library Staff Meeting
- 01/16/24 – Lester Public Library Foundation Board Meeting
- 01/17/24 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
- 01/19/24 – Met with Joe Metzen, City of Two Rivers Tourism Director
- 01/24/24 – Met with World on the Move developers and administrators with Chris Hamburg
- 01/29/24 – Met with Brenda Koprowski, Lester Bentley Committee member
- 01/30/24 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 01/30/24 – World on the Move Library Staff Meeting
- 01/31/24 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting
- 01/31/24 – Manitowoc Calumet Library System Board Virtual Meeting

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