

**Lester Public Library  
Director's Report  
October 2022**

**News**

- LPL hosted Healthiest Manitowoc County Developmental Screening Day, Tuesday, October 18. Appointments lasted about an hour and were offered from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and 3:30-6:00 PM. Geared for children two months to five years of age. We had 18 registered and also accommodated walk-ins. The free screenings were conducted by trained developmental screeners.
- In Wisconsin Library System news: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – Milton, Wis. – Walworth County became the third and final county to approve the merger of Arrowhead Library System (ALS) and Lakeshores Library System (LLS). The newly merged entity, Prairie Lakes Library System (PLLS), will take effect on January 1, 2023, and will serve the counties of Racine, Rock, and Walworth. “This merger process has been years in the making, really, but the last 10 months have been an intense stretch of research, planning, and collaboration,” said Steve Platteter, director of Arrowhead Library System. **About Wisconsin Public Library Systems** - The creation of public library systems fostered the establishment of a strong network of resource-sharing and mutually beneficial interdependence. The creation and development of public library systems in Wisconsin were voluntary and gradual. No county or public library is required to be a member of a library system; yet, as of this writing, all of Wisconsin's 72 counties and more than 380 public libraries are library system members. Wisconsin's 16 public library systems developed in distinct ways in response to the needs of their member libraries and area residents. According to the statutes, two library systems may merge if approved by the System Boards of Trustees and the County Boards of Supervisors of the participating counties.
- Library staff responded to a reconsideration of library materials challenge for the book 'Tricks,' by Ellen Hopkins.
- The HVAC air handling unit for the air conditioner had two coils fail in August. Schaus Mechanical made the repairs early October.
- Eight cherry topped new board tables, funded via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$2824.00, arrived and are in the Webster Room.
- Ellerman Glass is estimating the front door repairs will be installed by Thanksgiving.

**Library Foundation**

- Lester Public Library Foundation met October 18<sup>th</sup>, Dawson put in the request for the annual allocation previously approved by the Foundation Board of \$47,286.
- The updated LPL Foundation webpage can be found on the library website under the 'About' tab - <https://www.lesterlibrary.org/about/library-foundation/>

**Library Legislation** – No Report

## **Activities**

- 10/03/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 10/04/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 10/06/22 – Two Rivers Business Association Meeting
- 10/06/22 – Presented the 2023 Library budget to the City of Two Rivers Personnel and Finance Committee
- 10/07/22 – Help Desk Shift
- 10/08/22 – Attended Applefest
- 10/10/22 – Met with Lester Public Library Board of Trustees President, Stanley Palmer
- 10/11/22 – Took photos of the Two Rivers Fire Department Staff and new ladder truck
- 10/11/22 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 10/12/22 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting
- 10/12/22 – City Department Heads Meeting
- 10/12/22 – Community Conversation – City Clerk Jamie Jackson, Voting in Two Rivers
- 10/13/22 – City of Two Rivers Safety Committee Meeting
- 10/17/22 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting
- 10/18/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting
- 10/18/22 – Lester Public Library Foundation Board Meeting
- 10/19/22 – Educational Horizons Board Meeting
- 10/20/22 – LPL participated in the Two Rivers Senior Health & Information Fair
- 10/24/22 – Was the guest on WOMT Radio's Be My Guest
- 10/25/22 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting

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