

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

**News**

- Mike Mathis, Parks and Rec Director, shared good news, Parks and Rec will be receiving the 2025 urban forestry grant. This will cover the cost of removal of the ash trees and replanting trees in the library parking lot. Mike's goal is to host an Arbor Day (April 26th) planting event at the library with educational activities. Terry Ehle, Youth Coordinator, Mike Mathis, and Jeff Dawson met to start planning the Arbor Day event and other youth programming outlined in the grant.
- Terry Ehle, Youth Coordinator, was named a mentor for the 2025 Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Mentorship Program. The WLA Mentorship Program, a free program for WLA members, is designed to provide encouragement, support, and guidance to library staff seeking professional growth through connections with experienced colleagues within a structured mentoring program. Mentees gain experience from knowledgeable library colleagues while becoming further involved in the statewide professional association. Mentors gain opportunities to give back to the profession, model volunteerism, and help influence the future of librarianship. Terry will be mentoring a youth librarian from the New Berlin Public Library.
- The Eric Carle Café Dramatic Play Center in youth services opened for business Monday, January 13, 2025. The dramatic play center is modeled after the works of Eric Carle, an American author, designer and illustrator of children's books. His picture book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, first published in 1969, has been translated into more than 66 languages and sold more than 50 million copies.
- After an opening on the Help Desk, staff posted for a part-time Youth Reference Associate at 25 hours per week with a starting wage of \$16.52/hr.
- After an opening on the Customer Service Desk, staff posted for a part-time Customer Service Clerk at 15 hours per week with a starting wage of \$13.06/hr.

**Library Foundation**

- The Lester Public Library Foundation Board approved Deb Braun as a new member. Deb's first meeting will be April 15, 2025.
- The Foundation approved contributing \$2,433.08 to the library's bulletin board/soundproofing project.

**Library Legislation** – No Report

**Activities**

- 01/03/25 – Met with Mike Mathis, Director of Two Rivers Parks and Recreation, and Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator  
01/06/24 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting

01/07/25 – Help Desk Shift  
01/08/25 – Help Desk Shift  
01/09/25 – Attended the Two Rivers Environmental Advisory Board program, ‘Great Lakes Fishes: Conservation, Management – and Recipes!’ presented by UW Sea Grant fisheries outreach specialist Dr. Titus Seilheimer  
01/14/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting  
01/14/25 – Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
01/15/25 – Lester Public Library All Staff Meeting  
01/15/25 – Met with Joe Fiatoa, Technology Advisor with Marco (we lease our photocopiers from Marco)  
01/15/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting  
01/15/25 – Educational Horizons Foundation Board Meeting, Two Rivers School District Offices  
01/16/25 – Help Desk Shift  
01/20/25 – Two Rivers City Council Meeting  
01/21/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting  
01/21/25 – Lester Public Library Foundation Board Meeting  
01/23/25 – Help Desk Shift  
01/27/25 – Assisted at the Circulation Desk  
01/27/25 – Toured Two New Two Rivers Police Officers through the Library  
01/28/25 – Lester Public Library Management Team Meeting  
01/29/25 – City of Two Rivers Department Heads Meeting  
01/30/25 – Participated in the Community Development Director Interview with City Manager and City Department Heads  
01/31/25 – Met with David Pennefeather, President, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees

Jeff Dawson, Director, Lester Public Library 02/3/2025