

125 years of service

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LIBRARY LINKS

Lester Public Library February 2016

125 Years...

1939

In February a report was presented to the library board about what constitutes a good book.

1939

In July, the drinking fountain that was located in front of the library was moved to Neshotah Park.

1939

In September, the library board discussed whether to remove the book "The Grapes of Wrath" by Steinbeck from the collection.

1939

In November, the library began its subscription to the New York Herald Tribune.

Direct from the Director

by Jeff Dawson

February is Library Lovers Month--a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. Research has shown that people continue to love and value their libraries, but, on the whole, don't think about them very much. Library Lovers Month was originally conceived as a promotional tool to remind people how much difference libraries make in their communities.

Wonderful, you say! An entire month set aside for our adoring community to show how much they care--why wouldn't libraries want to celebrate that? Well, not to detract from any outpouring of love, because we all can use some, but this February your local libraries would like to show just how much we value our devoted patrons.

Starting February first and running through the end of the month, the libraries in the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System--Lester Public Library, Manitowoc Public Library, Brillion Public Library, Kiel Public Library and New Holstein Public Library--are joining forces on a month-long "\$5.00 forgiveness" program designed to help patrons with large outstanding bills for lost materials clear their accounts and start fresh.

We understand that for some patrons, losing an item and getting billed for it means the loss of library privileges indefinitely. It's a sad fact that economic hardship sometimes prevents the people who need library services the most from using the library. As librarians, we need to be good stewards of funds and resources given to us by our cities and counties but we also need to be useful and supportive of our users. With that focus in mind, we'd like to make it easier on the pocketbook to clear away those old outstanding lost materials fees.

Here is how it works - for each book on your account that is lost we will

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LIBRARY HOURS

MON-THU
10:00-8:00 PM

FRI
10:00-5:30 PM

SAT
10:00-2:00 PM

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CLOSED

Direct from the Director cont'd...

accept a flat fee of \$5.00. Most materials cost well over \$5.00. For example, a typical hardcover book costs from \$26.00-\$35.00. So, if you have 4 lost items you might have a replacement charge of \$140.00 sitting on your account. For the entire month of February, come into a participating library and pay \$20.00 – \$5.00 per lost item—and you are ready to start using the library once again!

Please understand this forgiveness program is only available for items already marked lost on your card. You will not be able to claim that you have lost an item currently checked out to your account, pay five bucks and keep the materials. However, if you have a lost item from 2007, we will take the five bucks – no questions asked!

Our main goal here is to get patrons back in the library; we want you using our services! Currently, if you have over \$10.00 in fines and fees your account is blocked. There is no access to our print or digital books, movies, online databases or even computer use in our buildings. We'd like to do what can to make it possible for every citizen in the Manitowoc-Calumet service area to use any library service they want or need and we hope this will make it possible for patrons to do so.

February might be Library Lovers Month, but that love flows both ways!

125 Years...

1940

It was decided that a city council member and the superintendent should hold a position on the library board.

1941

In October, Miss Gertrude Schmeichel was hired as the children's librarian. She earned \$75 per month.

1942

The work week was established to be 40 hours per week but could be reduced to 35 at the librarian's discretion.

1942

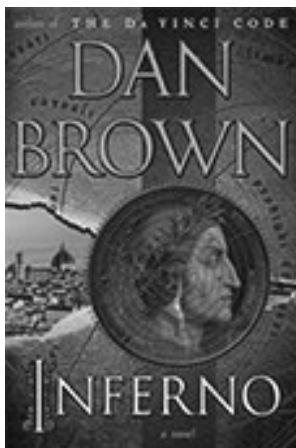
Librarian Miss Hamm gave a demonstration on the War Information Center. We were one of 1200 libraries chosen.

Strictly Fiction Book Club

Monday, February 1 6:30 PM

This book club focuses on genre fiction such as mystery, science fiction, fantasy, and romance. Open to all adults 18 years and older. If you would like to reserve a copy of the current month's selection please call (920)793-7113.

This month's selection:
Inferno by Dan Brown

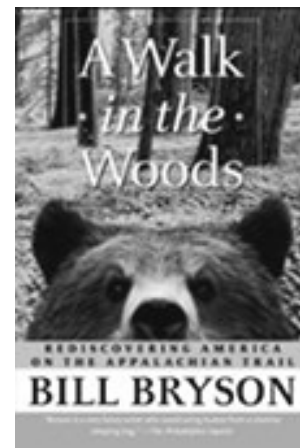


Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, February 3 4:00 PM

This book club reads a variety of fiction and nonfiction. Open to all adults 18 years and older. If you would like to reserve a copy of the current month's selection please call (920)793-7113.

This month's selection:
A Walk in the Woods
by Bill Bryson



Card Making Workshop

Monday, February 8 1:00-8:00 PM

Join instructor Carolee Crabb and create a variety of hand-made cards. Participants may drop in any time during the day. Cost is \$7.00 to cover the cost of materials. Participants are also asked to bring their own double stick tape and a pair of scissors.

No need to pre-register, simply pay at the door. For more information please call the Help Desk at (920) 793-7114.

Lakeshore Memory Café

Saturday, February 20 10:00 AM

The café offers a comfortable setting for persons with dementia, their families and caregivers to interact with and enjoy the company of others experiencing similar challenges. Activities offered include exercise, discussions, creative projects, games, music, dancing and guest speakers. This program is free and open to the public, no registration required. Anyone who requires assistance to participate must be accompanied by someone who can provide that support. For more information contact Kim at (920)683-4180.

1942

The reserve system allowing patrons to place items on hold was established. Patrons were notified by postcard when items were available.

1943

The library held a Victory Book Drive collecting 562 books for men in the armed forces.

1943

In February, a fire, resulting in \$1500 dollars of damage, caused the library to be closed for 3 weeks.

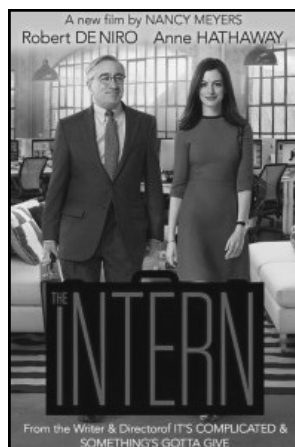
1943

Children's librarian Miss Schmeichel held 13 story times with a total attendance of 660 children.

LPL Flix: The Intern

Friday, February 5 1:00 PM

70-year-old widower Ben Whittaker has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity to get back in the game, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site, founded and run by Jules Ostin. No registration required, we'll provide the popcorn, bring your own beverage. This movie is rated R.



Foreign Film:

Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow

Tuesday, February 16 6:00 PM

Our foreign film series features movies produced outside of the U.S. Many are subtitled, and most are not rated by the American Academy of Motion Pictures, so anyone under the age of 18 who wishes to attend will need to be accompanied by a parent. No registration required, we'll provide the popcorn, bring your own beverage.





Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Want to win a prize for reading books you already want to read? In order to participate, adults ages 16 and up should sign up at either the front or help desk at the library. Make sure you get a coupon sheet from our sponsors! Read 5 books of your choice before April 1. Write a 2-3 sentence review for each book and bring the sheet back to the Help Desk to pick up your prize. Limit one prize per person.

Our sponsors:

Luigi's Italian Restaurant
Schroeder's Department Store
Two Rivers Clothing Company
Two Rivers Family Restaurant
Nicky's Good Eats & Treats
Quilt Shop of Two Rivers

Unique Flying Objects
Seeds N Beans Nature Store
Fatso's Sub & Pizza Shop
Inman Jewelers
Domnitz Flowers LLC
Broken Spoke Studio
The Medicine Shoppe

Dalebroux Jewelry
Intertwined Yarn Shop
Hamilton Wood Type
Museum
Homestead Outlet
Red Bank Coffeehouse
GJ's Coffee Bar & Café

125 Years...

1943

Librarians began creating book displays to entice readers.

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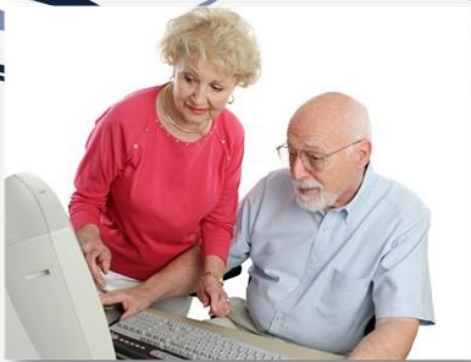
Library budget: \$8000

1944

The library had on display 1 original brick from Independence Hall.

1945

The library purchased an electric clock.



1-ON-1 COMPUTER

INSTRUCTION

**CALL (920)793-7114 TO
SET UP YOUR SESSION TODAY!**

A personal instructor will be on hand to help you set up an email or Facebook account, learn basic word processing skills, use your Nook or Kindle, or help get you started on the Internet.

Tailored to fit your specific needs, our instructors will work one-on-one with you.

Please call the Help Desk at (920) 793-7114 today to sign up for a time slot.

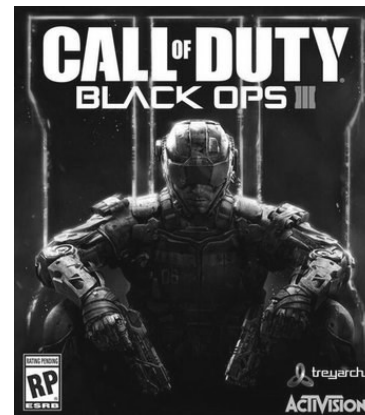
Teen Late Night
Friday, February 5
8:00-11:00 PM

Open to teens in 6th-12th grade only. Join us for an after-hours evening at the library. Computers, video games, snacks & hanging out with friends.

Permission slips may be picked up at the Help Desk one week prior to the late night. Only 40 spots available!

Teen Call of Duty Tournament
Monday, February 22
6:00-8:00 PM

For teens in 6th-12th grade only! Come check out the library's new PS4! Parents should be aware that Call of Duty Black Ops 3 is rated M for Mature. No registration required.



1945

The library answered 2,214 reference questions during the year.

1945

The library held a Robin Hood Summer Reading Club for children with 321 members. They read a total of 1,867 books.

1946

The library purchased an Underwood typewriter.

1946

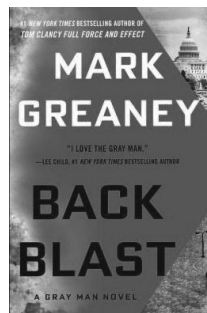
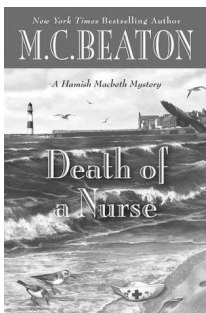
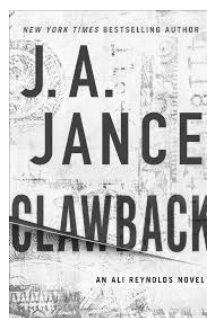
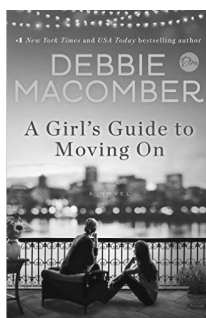
The library joined the American Library Association.

Coming Soon

To reserve your copy, visit our online catalog at www.lesterlibrary.org, call us at 793-7114 or email us at lesref@lesterlibrary.org with your full name and the titles you'd like to reserve. If you prefer large print or audiobook, please let us know that as well.

Want this list emailed to you each month? Send an email to lesref@lesterlibrary.org and simply tell us you'd like to join our Coming Soon monthly email list.

(You don't even have to be a LPL patron to use this service, so tell your friends and family to sign up too!)



Titles:

- Girls Guide to Moving On by Debbie Macomber
- She's Not There by Joy Fielding
- Death of a Nurse by M.C. Beaton
- Clawback by J. A. Jance
- Gangster by Clive Cussler
- Off the Grid by C. J. Box
- Steel Kiss by Jeffrey Deaver
- Friends We Keep by Susan Mallery
- Wedding Cake Murder by Joanne Fluke
- Back Blast by Mark Greaney

Babygarten (Ages Birth-18 Months)

Thursdays, January 14-February 18

10:15-11:15 AM & 6:30-7:30 PM

Babygarten is much more than a play group! Infants and their caregivers will share nursery rhymes, songs, and books but also get a chance to make fun projects that demonstrate the babies' developmental milestones - usually a homemade toy or a baby book item. Many projects and activities will emphasize the importance of reading to babies AND parents will learn how to do this most effectively.

Each instructor will also share insight about infant development and parenting. The class concludes with a free play period. The program meets once a week for 6 weeks. Babygarten is open to infants (birth to 18 months) and their caregivers. To register for this free program, call (920)793-7114.



1st Step (Ages 18 Months-Age 3)

Thursdays, February 25-March 31

6:30-7:00 PM

1st Step is a fun, interactive program for children 1½ to 3 years old and their caregivers. Toddlers will be exposed to a wide variety of research-based activities that focus on Every Child Ready to Read's 5 early literacy practices: Read, Sing, Play, Talk and Write. Instructors will also share books, songs, and activities to use at home. After class, participants are encouraged to stay and play in the library's youth room. Special activities for this age group will be provided. Caregivers should wear loose comfortable clothing and are strongly encouraged to be silly, sit on the floor, sing loudly and have fun! The program meets once a week for 6 weeks. Class size is limited to 15 toddlers. To register for this free program, please call (920)793-7114.

125 Years...

1946

Library Hours for
Adults:
M-F 9:00-5:30 &
6:30-9:00
10:00-5:30 & 7-9:00
Saturdays

1947

Librarian Miss Nimitz
was granted an 8 week
leave of absence to
attend library summer
school.

1947

The Fox River Valley
Library Association
held its meeting at
the Two Rivers Elks
Club.

1947

In July, \$2.00 was
spent on typewriter
ribbons.

Science with Professor Q

Wednesday, February 24

6:30 PM

Investigate the world around you through a variety of science experiments with Professor Q - hands-on fun for the whole family! No registration required. Professor Q is special guest district administrator Lisa Quistorf.

Open LEGO Build

Saturday, February 13

12:00-2:00 PM

BIG pile of LEGOs, LOTS of space to build. Open to LEGO fans of all ages. All LEGOs provided. Stay for the whole two hours or drop in for a short build. No registration required.

Jump Start (Ages 3-5)

Wednesdays, January 20-February 24

10:15-11:15 AM & 12:30-1:30 PM

Jump Start offers numerous fun activities that inspire imagination, encourage creativity and help children exercise problem-solving skills through language and literacy fun, songs, rhymes and music, as well as math, science, art, drama and social development activities. Activities throughout the class will use multiple intelligences for different learning styles and opportunities for scaffold learning through repetition and variety.

The program is open to children ages 3-5 and their caregivers, meeting once a week for 6 weeks. Please note that the one hour time frame is approximate. Class size is limited. To register for this free program, please call (920)793-7114.



Story Time (All Ages)

Tuesdays, February 2, 9 16 & 23

10:15-11:15 AM

Each Story Time program includes a variety of stories, music, finger plays, flannel board stories, movement activities, and puppets that enhance early literacy skills.

While stories are chosen with preschool children in mind, families with children of multiple ages are welcome to attend.

Story Time concludes with a simple process-based art project. This program is free and open to the public, no registration required.

Can't make it? Check out our story time bags with book suggestions, finger plays and art activities.

Learning to Read Begins at Birth!

Plant the seed to your child's success! Believe it or not, learning to read begins before kindergarten. Sharing books together strengthens your child's foundation for learning and creates a long lasting relationship with their favorite teacher-YOU! The library offers two programs for parents interested in growing a reader.

Babies Bloom

Encourages parents and caregivers to read 100 books to their child before the age of 1. Babies who participate in the program will receive a special bib and a record sheet to keep track of the books they read. After each milestone of 25 books, participants will receive a free book to add to their home library.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Register for the program at the Help Desk any time before your child enters 5-year-old kindergarten and receive a record sheet to keep track of the books you read. For every 100 books read you will receive a free book for your home library.

1948

Library Budget:
\$13, 209

1950

An ongoing used
book sale was
established—we still
have one today!

Bucks Reading Challenge

Score a point for each page you read from a book, magazine or newspaper. Score 250 points to earn a voucher for a free ticket to a Bucks home game at the Bradley Center. Stop by the Help Desk for your score card. For readers in grades 3 through 10. Program runs through Friday, February 19.



FEBRUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>1 10:15 & 11:00 1st Step</p> <p>6:30 Strictly Fiction</p>	<p>2 10:15 Story Time</p>	<p>3 10:15 & 12:30 Jump Start</p> <p>4:00 Book Club</p>	<p>4 6:30 Babygarten</p>	<p>5 1:00 LPL Flix</p> <p>8:00 Teen Late Night</p>	<p>6</p>
7	<p>8 10:15 & 11:00 1st Step</p> <p>1:00 Card Making Class</p>	<p>9 10:15 Story Time</p> <p>6:00 Library Board Mtg.</p>	<p>10 10:15 & 12:30 Jump Start</p>	<p>11 10:30 & 6:30 Babygarten</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 12:00 Open Lego Build</p>
14	<p>15</p>	<p>16 10:15 Story Time</p> <p>6:00 Foreign Film</p>	<p>17 10:15 & 12:30 Jump Start</p>	<p>18 10:30 & 6:30 Babygarten</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10:00 Lakeshore Memory Café</p>
21	<p>22 6:00 Teen Call of Duty Tournament</p>	<p>23 10:15 Story Time</p>	<p>24 6:30 Science with Professor Q</p>	<p>25 10:30 Babygarten</p> <p>6:30 Evening 1st Step</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
28	<p>29</p>	<div data-bbox="527 1528 792 1921" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>New DVDs</p> <p>Diary of a Teenage Girl The Martian A Girl Like Her The Transporter: Refueled A Walk in the Woods Infinitely Polar Bear Ted 2 Unrated The Visit</p> <p>Stung The Walk Heist Transylvania Hotel 2 Pan Pay the Ghost Hitman Agent 47 Trainwreck</p>				