

125 years of service

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LIBRARY LINKS

Lester Public Library January 2016

125 Years...

1890

Chatauqua Reading Circle holds public meeting at Turner Hall to establish a library and reading room in Two Rivers.

1891

In March of 1891, the first meeting of the Joseph Mann Library Association was held.



1891

December 17

Joseph Mann Library opens to the public on 16th Street.
Lizzie H. Yahnke
first librarian

1892

In its first year, 1,231 library books were loaned, 264 library cards were issued and 269 patrons visited the library.

Direct from the Director

by Jeff Dawson

Here at the Lester Public Library we are all about people using our services. Access to our collections and the wide variety of materials they contain is one of our many valuable services. We recognize, however, that sometimes things stand in the way of patrons' utilizing our materials. We might not be able to eliminate all barriers that stand in the way of people using our collections, but we're going to offer a special, one-time, promotion to help patrons who might not be using the library because they have lost materials or seriously overdue items.

Inevitably, there are times that folks accidentally turn in books and materials late, incurring overdue fines. Sometimes books get lost in moves, forgotten in lockers or otherwise misplaced—it happens to even the very best of patrons. While normally fines provide incentive to return materials in a timely manner for everyone to enjoy, sometimes they prevent people who really need the library from using our services.

On January 27, 2016, Lester Public Library is offering a one-time library amnesty day. It is a new year and we want to offer a fresh start to our library patrons. If you've got a book or movie that is just a little bit overdue, long overdue, or perhaps even so overdue you've been billed for it, amnesty day is for you.

Here's how it works for you. Bring your lost or overdue items to Lester

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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

SUN
CLOSED

Direct from the Director cont'd...

Public Library's front desk on January 27 and we will check your item in and waive any and all overdue fees and lost material fees—no questions asked, no excuses needed. The amnesty won't clear old bills from your card unless you actually return lost materials, but anything checked in that day will be fine free, no matter how overdue it is. There is one limited exception to this amnesty, if you've been sent to a collection agency for lost materials, you will still need to pay the collection agency fee to get your card back in good standing.

While you're here, we'll probably take a few minutes to update the information on your card, issue you a new card if you've lost the old one, and generally get you ready and in good standing so that you can start using all of our services, including our digital ones, again. Just a quick reminder, there are never any fines on ebooks since they are automatically returned to the digital collection when they're due.

If you've been too embarrassed to visit the library because you've still got that book that was due five years ago, here's your chance for a fresh start. Return your items anytime between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM to take full advantage of this program. We want you back to using your Lester Public Library.

125 Years...

1893

In January of 1893 the Joseph Mann Library Association deeded the library to the City of Two Rivers.

1894

April 19, 1894
The first annual Joseph Mann Library Association Ball was held.

1896

Library director Mary Lyman wrote an article in the March Chronicle explaining the "NEW" Dewey Decimal System.

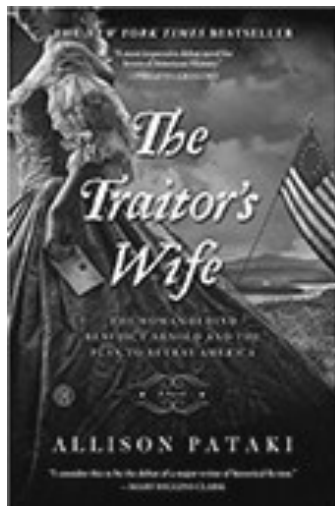
1898

The age at which children could withdraw books on their own was lowered from 14 to 10 years of age.

Strictly Fiction Book Club Monday, January 4 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:
The Traitor's Wife by Allison Pataki



Book Discussion Group Wednesday, January 6 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:
Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan



Lakeshore Memory Café

Saturday, January 16 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.

New DVDs

MI: Rogue Nation
The Man from U.N.C.L.E.
Ricki and the Flash
Terminator Genisys
Trash
American Ultra
Mr. Holmes
Paper Angels
Ant-Man
Fantastic 4
Southpaw
The Scorch Trials
Minions



1906

In November of 1906 the library called in all books and closed for a time due to a small pox outbreak.

1913

Joseph Mann Library Association received \$12,500 in Carnegie Funds to build a new library building.

1914

June 4, 1914
The new Joseph Mann Library opened on 16th Street - across the street from the old library.

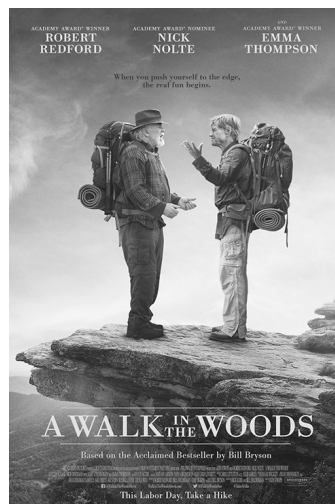
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It was decided that a librarian with formal professional training was needed.
B. Rosalie Beale was hired as director.

LPL Flix: A Walk in the Woods Friday, January 8 1:00 PM

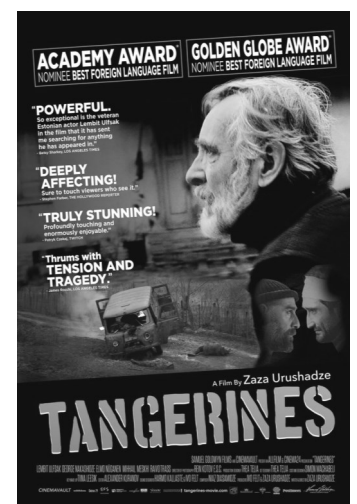
After spending 2 decades in England, Bill Bryson returns to the U.S., where he decides the best way to connect with his homeland is to hike the Appalachian Trail with one of his oldest friends.

No registration required, we'll provide the popcorn, bring your own beverage. This movie is rated R.



Foreign Film: Tangerines Tuesday, January 19 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...

1920

Because use of the library was growing so quickly, middle school children were forbidden to use the library during the evening.

1923

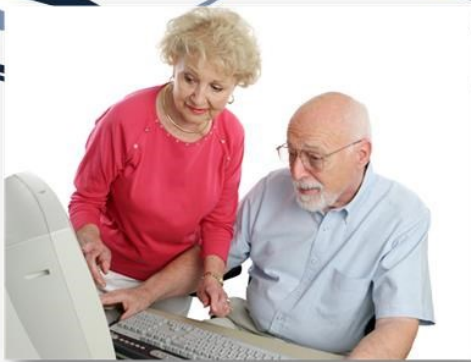
A string of library directors were hired:
Edith Hess
Mary E. Dow
Dena Lindley
All resigned after a few months.

1924

In July 1924, Bernice Hocking Knight was hired. She remained head librarian for almost 20 years.

1932

During the depression, librarians were asked to take a 10% decrease in salary. Hours were reduced to save on heat and light costs.



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, January 8 8:00-11:00 PM

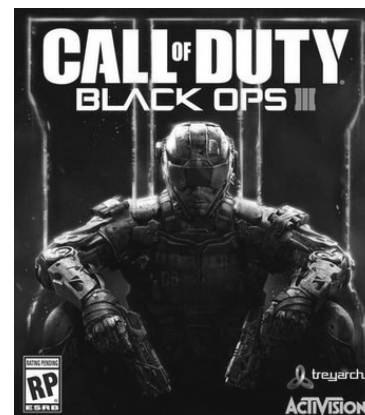
Open to teens in 6th-12th grade only. Join us for an after-hours evening at the library. Computers, video games, snacks & hanging out with friends.

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 Tuesday, January 26

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.



1934

A fire in the boiler room on March 6 caused \$2,000 in damages, closing the library for a week.

1935

The monthly bill for the library's telephone was \$2.75.

1935

In December of 1935, the library purchased the painting "The Beach" by Lester Bentley for \$100. It is currently displayed in the Webster Room.

1935

The library held 8,017 adult materials and 3,131 children's materials. Total circulation: 82,648!

Card Making Workshop Monday, January 11

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.



Health Insurance Marketplace

Healthcare Enrollment Assistance

Wednesdays, 1-4:00 PM January 13, 20 & 27

Get Informed! Ask Questions! Make good decisions for your healthcare in 2016 – we can help. Learn about options for Healthcare coverage using Marketplace and BadgerCare+. For more information contact Lawrence at Lakeshore Community Health Care by calling (920)686-2333.

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)

Mondays, January 4-February 8

10:15-10:45 AM & 11:00-11:30 AM

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...

1936

Mr. J. F. McGee passed away after serving on the library board for 32 years.

1936

The library assoc. petitioned the city for an addition and a proposed museum. The loan was denied.

1937

The library began carrying the Milwaukee Journal and the Sunday edition of the New York Times.

1938

The library tried again for an addition with a museum and had received a partial grant. The loan was denied again.

Preschool Drive-In

Friday, January 15 10:30 AM

Attention all Preschool Drivers! Come build a car and watch a movie at our drive-in. Popcorn provided. For children ages 3-5 and their favorite adult! We will be showing 2 SHORT book-based films after building a car to watch them in.

LEGO Expo

Saturday, January 30 10:30 AM

Show-off your LEGO building abilities. Bring a completed LEGO creation to the library's LEGO expo! All creations will be placed on display for others to enjoy during the program. Prizes for most creative, smallest, largest and most complex creations - voted on by participants. Registration required, stop by the Help Desk for an entry form.

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, January 19 & 26

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.

1939

A report was presented to the library board on what constituted a "good" book.

1939

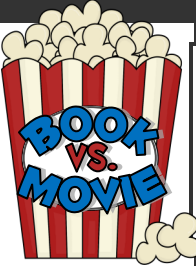
The drinking fountain in front of the library was moved to Neshotah Park.

Bucks Reading Challenge Coming in January!

Score a point for each page you read from a book, magazine or newspaper. You'll earn a voucher good 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.



JANUARY 2016

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|  | <p>Congratulations Book vs. Movie Winners! Brenda Krause, Kenneth Kuecker & Lisa Aden Thank you to all who participated!</p> | | | | 1 LIBRARY CLOSED | 2 LIBRARY CLOSED |
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