

125 years of service

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LIBRARY LINKS

Lester Public Library March 2016

125 Years...

1952

Artist Lester Bentley indicated he may at some future date consider hanging his collection somewhere in Two Rivers.

1952

The library board signed a contract for a 24' X 52' addition to the library.

1953

Library Budget for the year:
\$34,533

1953

The library paid Ms. Harvey Eisenmann \$20 for sewing 8 pairs of drapes for the library.

Direct from the Director

by Jeff Dawson

Lester Public Library is pleased to announce a new service for our library patrons: you can now check out the internet and take it home with you. How does it work? In the form of a device called a portable hotspot. The small device generates a wireless signal and will connect to any mobile-enabled device, a laptop, smartphone, tablet, and in some cases even PCs to the internet. The device is the size of a smartphone and can travel, meaning you can connect to the internet in your car, on the bus, at the beach anywhere there is an active Sprint 3G or 4G network.

Back in 2014 the Chicago Public Library launched their "Internet on the Go" program offering WiFi hotspots to the public. Since then, libraries of all sizes across the country have seen fit to include these WiFi hotspots in their circulating collections. Libraries have provided computer access and WiFi access in our buildings for years. Our Pocket WiFi device, as we're calling it, now places the internet directly in the hands of patrons outside our brick and mortar environment.

We understand there are still lots of folks who don't have internet at home, for a variety of reasons, and hope to give library patrons the opportunity to surf the net for work, job searching, or just for fun. Helping to remove the digital divide between those who "have" and those who "have not" in the digital world is very important to us and we hope this device will help meet that mission.

Pocket WiFi can be checked out at the circulation desk of the Lester Public Library. (Manitowoc residents are welcome to check it out as well, but you'll need to pick it up and return it to the Two Rivers library.) You must be 18 years of age or older with a current library card in good standing. The device can be checked out for 21 days (three weeks). The fine structure is similar to movies, with \$1.00 per day late fee; meaning if you keep it 10 days past the due date, you'll have a

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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...

\$10.00 fine; 25 days late \$25.00 fine—so to avoid that, please make sure you return it in a timely manner. Because the device is fragile, it must be picked up and returned to the LPL circulation desk and not be placed in the book drops. You can find the device in our online catalog under 'Pocket WiFi' if you'd like to place a hold.

Once you get it home, simply turn it on, go to wireless settings on your device, look for the open Sprint network, type in the password, and you're all set to surf. You can connect as many as six devices at a time, but they're all be using the same connection so expect it to be slower if you connect multiple devices. And feel free to download, upload, stream media whatever you like—we have an unlimited data plan so no one will be charged overage fees.

Should you need help using our Pocket WiFi or want to learn how to create your portable hotspot using your cellphone, the library offers 1-on-1 computer instruction to anyone wishing to learn more about their new computer or tablet, brush up on a piece of software, or learn more about social media. Instruction is provided free-of-charge by library staff members. Please call the Help Desk to check on available dates and times and to set up your appointment, (920)793-7114.

So now when we say come to the library and check out the internet, we mean it. Check it out and take it home!

125 Years...

1953

June 14;
Open house was held
so that patrons could
come and see the new
addition to the
library.

1953

The library was
insured for \$81,000
and included the
building and all of its
contents.

1953

The library began to
allow outside groups
to use the library's
meeting room
facilities at no charge.

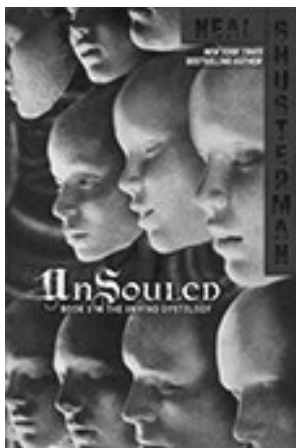
1953

Travel expenses for
the librarian to
attend the Wisconsin
Library Association
Annual Conference in
Milwaukee was
\$14.79

Strictly Fiction Book Club Monday, March 7 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:
Unsouled by Neal Shusterman



Book Discussion Group Wednesday, March 2 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:
Under the Wide and Starry Sky
by Nancy Horan



Card Making Workshop

Monday, March 14 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, March 19 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.

1954

The library did a direct mailing to the residents of Two Rivers with suggestions of books they might enjoy.

1954

Pictures of Joseph and Mary Mann were 'suitably and attractively framed' and hung in the library.

1954

Two Rivers City Council proposed creation of a new library board consisting of 8 community members.

1955

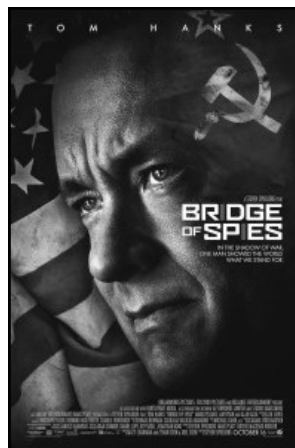
The new library board hired a law firm to help settle a dispute over who would ultimately make decisions for the library.

LPL Flix: Bridge of Spies

Friday, March 4 1:00 PM

During the Cold War, an American lawyer is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and then help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the Soviet captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

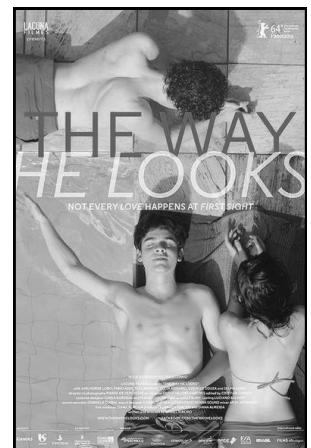
No registration required, we'll provide the popcorn, bring your own beverage. This movie is rated PG-13.



Foreign Film: The Way He Looks

Tuesday, March 15 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.



New DVDs

Paper Towns
War Room
The Intern
Big Stone Gap
The Last Witch Hunter
Man Up
Truth
Rock the Kasbah
Love the Coopers
Our Brand is Crisis
Spectre
MI-5

Flesh and Bone Season 1
Jem and the Holograms
The Games Maker
Me, Earl & the Dying
Girl



Adult Winter Reading Challenge Program Ends April 1!

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.

125 Years...

1955

The library board continued their court case to the Supreme Court against the City of Two Rivers.

1956

April 3:
The Supreme Court decided that only the library board could legally operate the library, not the city.

1957

Children's story hour had been suspended for a short time but would continue again with a high school girl as leader.

1958

The library board reaffirmed its policy that the library does not purchase materials suggested by the general public.



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.

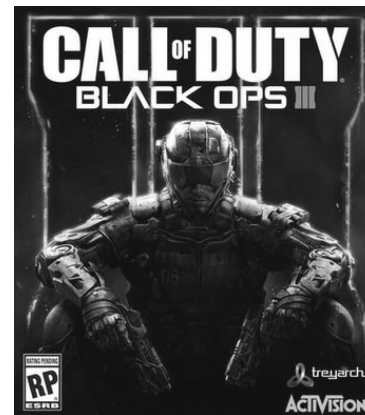
Teen Late Night
Friday, March 11
8:00-11:00 PM

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, March 21
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.



1958

A consultant from the Wisconsin Library Association was contacted in regards to obtaining a professional librarian for the library.

1959

A motion to keep the library open on Saturday afternoons, except during the summer, was passed.

1959

It was decided that non-residents would be charged \$1 a year to use the children's room and \$3 a year to use the adult's room.

1960

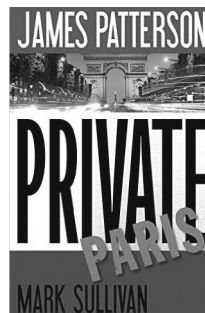
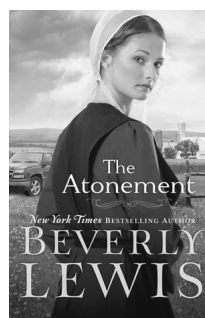
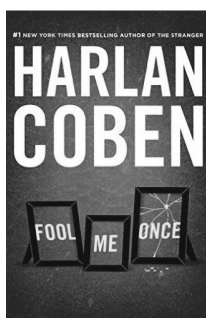
In May, 180 German and Polish books that were no longer being used, were removed to make space for other books.

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:

- Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben
- Private Paris by James Patterson
- Property of a Noble Woman by Danielle Steel
- Atonement by Beverly Lewis
- What We Find by Robyn Carr
- Family Jewels by Stuart Woods
- Obsession by Nora Roberts
- Most Wanted by Lisa Scottoline
- Miller's Valley by Anna Quindlen
- Two if by Sea by Jacquelyn Mitchard

Babygarten (Ages Birth-18 Months)

Thursdays, April 7–May 26

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, March 21–April 25

10:15 AM OR 11:00 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...

1961

It was decided that non-resident college students be allowed to use the library for free.

1961

\$17 was paid to librarian Miss Dunee for a Japanese doll purchased for the library.

1962

The lending period for new and popular materials was reduced to 7 days to help meet demand.

1962

The library disposed of its photo-viewers and photo-views. Some were given to the Rahr Museum.

Seuss-tastic Reading Challenge

Tuesday, March 1 - Friday, April 1

Stop by the Help Desk during the month of March to pick up your Seuss-tastic Reading Challenge sheet. Complete 5 activities in a row to earn a free book. Complete ALL of the activities and earn a coupon for a free 5" sub from the new Cousins Subs in Manitowoc. Open to all readers birth to 18!

Family Fort Night

Friday, March 18 6:00 PM

Bring your blankets, sheets & flashlights and come build a family reading fort at the library. S'mores, stories and lights out hide-n-seek! Doors open at 5:45 PM, all participants must be in the building by 6:15 PM. Participants should bring 2-3 lightweight sheets or blankets and a flashlight, all other supplies provided by the library. No registration required.

Jump Start (Ages 3-5)

Wednesdays, March 30–May 4
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, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
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.

1962

Library board decided to revoke borrower's privileges if they do not return a book after 60 days.

1962

During 1962 the library board worked on a plan to be reimbursed for services to county residents.

World Storytelling Day Event Wednesday, March 23 6:30 PM

Enjoy an evening of laughter, inspiration and more as we celebrate world storytelling day and the art of oral storytelling. Participants are encouraged to share a story, read a story, or challenge themselves by creating one on the spot. Audience members welcome, bring your family and friends! Free and open to the public, no registration required.

MARCH 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:15 Story Time	2 4:00 Book Club	3	4 1:00 LPL Flix	5
6	7 6:30 Strictly Fiction	8 10:15 Story Time 6:00 Library Board	9 6:15 Hungry for Change	10	11 8:00 Teen Late Night	12
13	14 1:00 Card Class	15 10:15 Story Time 6:00 Foreign Film	16 6:15 Hungry for Change	17	18 6:30 Family Fort Night	19 10:00 Lakeshore Memory Cafe
20	21 10:15 1st Step 6:00 Teen PS4 Night	22 10:15 Story Time	23 6:15 Hungry for Change 6:30 World Storytelling Day Event	24	25	26
27	28 10:15 1st Step	29 10:15 Story Time	30 10:15 & 12:30 Jump Start	31		

Hungry for Change - A 6 Week Course beginning Wednesday, March 9 6:15-7:30 PM

What we eat matters—the food choices we make every day have an impact on our planet. Hungry for Change helps participants explore the true meaning of the phrase “you are what you eat.”

- Learn about our roles as both consumers and as creators—of food, of systems, and of the world we live in.
- Discuss how food choices have an impact on a range of issues, including ecosystem health, factory and farm worker treatment, and our global economy.
- Participants will create personal action plans and discover how to create a healthy food environment.

Participants need to order a course book from www.nwei.org. Register at the Help Desk or call 793-7114.

