

125 years of service

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LIBRARY LINKS

Lester Public Library November 2016

125 Years...

1999

Library wins a Merit Award for architectural design.

1999

Library closes for three days to ensure that the catalog system is Y2K compliant.

2000

In June 2000, eBooks are first mentioned to the library board.

2000

CD-ROM drives were installed on all of the public computers.

Direct from the Director

by Jeff Dawson

This month I'm wrapping up the library funding series. In recent columns, I explained how the library is funded through a combination of city and county funding, private funding from our gift fund and funding from the Library Foundation. I talked about how you could help support the library by leaving estate gifts to the library or the Foundation. I also mentioned that the Library Foundation is trying to raise \$125,000 for its endowment this year in honor of 125 years of library service in Two Rivers.

Finally on this subject, I'll point out another way you can support the library: with your tax dollars. We are once again in the annual budget season, with city departments vying for tax dollars. This year, the library is no exception. For 2017, the library is asking City Council to consider a 2% increase in municipal funding. That 2% translates to an increase in the library's budget of \$11,437.

Over the course of the previous nine budgets, rather than asking for an increase in the city's tax dollar allocation, the library board has approved spending from the library's gift fund to supplement and balance our budget. Between 2008 and 2015, monies from the gift fund supplemented the budget on average \$102,540 per year. Depending on funding needs and any new estate gifts, this money may last only another three to seven years, and when it's gone, Lester Public Library will be facing significant budget shortages.

While this strategy meant the library didn't place additional demands on the city, it did have the downside of not keeping up with inflation in terms of funding needs. Looking back at the library budget during my tenure—2008 to 2016—we have seen a rise in municipal funding by \$20,578, or an increase of 3.7%. In the

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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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Direct from the Director cont'd...

meantime, the cumulative rate of inflation for that same period of time was 11.9%. The cost of a hardcover book rose from \$24 to \$28, but the materials budget didn't increase at all. In terms of municipal funding, to keep up with the rate of inflation, the library's budget should have increased by \$65,422.

So for 2017 the library is making a number of changes. First, we're asking for a 2% increase in municipal funding. Secondly, we'll be utilizing \$10,000 from the Lester Public Library Foundation's annual contribution for some of our fixed materials and programming costs--essentially taking these costs out of the city budget and transferring the costs to the Foundation. We're also working very hard to bring the gift fund spending requests down; this year we're planning on \$68,910 rather than the \$100,000+ requests of years past.

If you value having a library—if you enjoy attending the quality programs we offer, or like checking out materials, or if you use the thousands of e-books we help purchase for Wisconsin's Digital Library—**please tell your local city council representatives that you support the library's 2% increase in funding.** This is a small first step toward making the library less dependent on gift funds that may not be available in the future.

I hope this series of articles has helped everyone understand exactly how Lester Public Library is funded. I hope I've given you some food for thought about ways you can help contribute to the library's present and future needs. And mostly, I hope I've made clear that we stretch your dollars as far as possible to bring you some amazing services, collections and programs. I'll conclude this series by saying, as politicians frequently do in election years, "Thank you for your support!" But unlike so many politicians, my sentiment is sincere.

2000

The first adult summer reading program is offered.

2000

Friends of the Lester Public Library is established.

2000

The first edition of Library Links is published.

2000

The Lester Public Library website goes online.

Strictly Fiction Book Club Monday, November 7 6:30 PM

This book club focuses on genre fiction like mystery, science fiction, fantasy and romance. It meets the first Monday of each month. For adults 18 and older. To reserve a copy of the current title, call (920)793-7113.

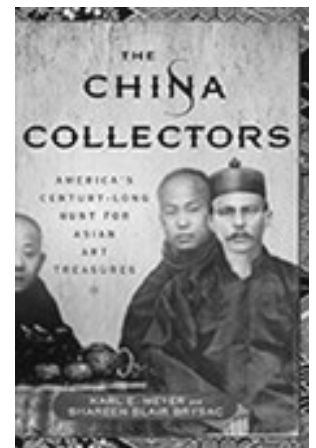
Nov: *Girls at the Kingfisher Club* by Genevieve Valentine
Dec: *The Double Comfort Safari Club* by McCall Smith



Book Discussion Group Wednesday, November 2 4:00 PM

Members of this group read both fiction and nonfiction. Discussions are held the first Wednesday of the month. For adults 18 and older. To reserve a copy of the current title, call (920)793-7113.

Nov: *The China Collectors* by Karl Meyer
Dec: *The Residence* by Kate Bower



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2001

The library joins a consortium with the Manitowoc Public Library. Patrons can now use both libraries with one library card.

2001

The library purchases a license to show movies at the library.

2002

For a short time, the library is forced to lock public restrooms and provide a key to patrons due to vandalism.

2002

Patrons are able to place holds on library items using the computer.

LPL Flix: Now You See Me 2
Friday, November 4 1:00 PM

After fleeing from a stage show, the illusionists known as the Four Horsemen find themselves in more trouble. A devious tech wizard forces them to steal a chip that can control all of the world's computers.

No registration required. Bring a beverage and we'll provide the popcorn. This movie is rated PG-13.



Foreign Film: Mustang
Tuesday, November 15 6:00 PM

Early summer in a village in Northern Turkey. Five sisters at the beach with their male classmates. Though innocent, a neighbor reports illicit behavior to the girls' family. They overreact. As the eldest sisters are married off, the younger ones bond together to avoid the same fate.

We'll furnish the popcorn; you bring the beverage.





The library will be closed Thursday, November 24.

Book drops are open 24/7.

Scholar for Life Series



2002

First color copier is installed.

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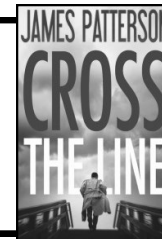
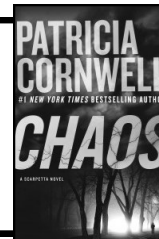
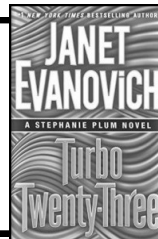
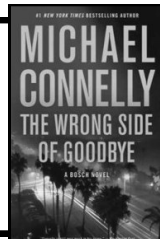
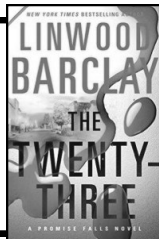
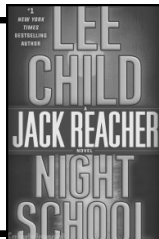
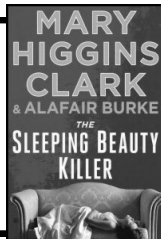
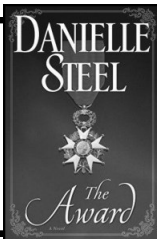
The library receives \$10,000 to begin purchasing DVDs.

2003

The library hosts a Captain Underpants party!

2003

The Manitowoc-Calumet Teen Battle of the Books begins.



Genealogy Club

Thursdays, November 3 & 17

10:15-11:45 AM

The search for our roots is fascinating; it helps us understand who we are and how we came to live in this part of the world. Budding genealogists meet every other Thursday to share research tips and to motivate each other in the quest to uncover stories about their ancestors. New members are welcome to join at any time. For more information call (920) 793-8888.

Card Making Workshop

Monday, November 14

1:00-8:00 PM

Join instructor Carolee Crabb to create handmade cards. Participants may drop in any time during the day. Cost is \$7 to cover the cost of materials. Participants are asked to bring double-stick tape and a pair of scissors.

No need to preregister, simply pay at the door. For more info, call the Help Desk at (920)793-7114.

“I Was the Lucky One”

Editing the WWII POW Memoir of Louis J. Van Slooten

Postponed until Wednesday, February 22 6:00 PM

Dr. Jessica Van Slooten will share her experience editing her grandfather’s memoir of his military service, capture, and escape from an Italian prison camp in WWII. She will also highlight key moments from her grandfather’s memoir that illustrate survival and hope despite dire circumstances.

This public lecture series is in partnership between UW-Manitowoc and the Lester Public Library. The series meets the mission of both institutions: in essence, providing access to lifelong learning that enhances our lives and community. No registration is required.

2003

The library hosts a 100 Books Before School reading program.

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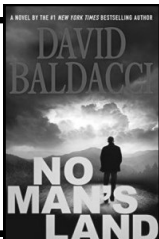
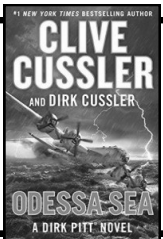
AED is purchased for the library.

2003

Strictly Fiction Book Club begins.

2003

Patrons begin receiving notices by email.



Coming Soon to the Lester Public Library!

To reserve your copy, visit our online catalog at www.lesterlibrary.org

Adult Coloring

Thursday, November 17

1:00 PM

Remember how much you liked to color as a child? Bring back the bliss when you join us for adult coloring at the library. We'll provide the coloring sheets and colored pencils; you create the masterpiece. A fun way to meet people and to relax.

Feel free to bring a snack, and we'll furnish the coffee and soda.

Lakeshore Memory Café

Saturday, November 19

10:00 -11:30 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. 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.

Babygarten (Ages Birth-18 Months)

Thursdays, October 27-December 8

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

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

The class concludes with a free play period. The program meets once a week for six weeks (excluding Thanksgiving). 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-3)

Mondays, November 14-December 19

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 are exposed to a wide variety of research-based activities that focus on Every Child Ready to Read's five early literacy practices: Read, Sing, Play, Talk and Write. Instructors also share books, songs and activities to use at home.

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, call (920)793-7114.

2004

The library tries an online book club for patrons.

2004

The library stops purchasing VHS tapes and cassettes.

2005

Digital audio books first become available in Wisconsin's Digital Library.

2005

The library grew its music collection by accepting donations in return for a raffle ticket to win an iPod.

1-on-1 Computer Instruction

All month long by appointment.

The library offers one-on-one computer instruction during the month of November. A personal instructor will be on hand to help you set up an email or Facebook account, learn basic word processing skills, use your 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, November 18

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!

MINI! Jump Start (Ages 3-5)

Wednesdays,

November 30-December 14

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

Jump Start offers 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 use multiple intelligences for different learning styles and opportunities for scaffold learning through repetition and variety.

The program is open to children ages three to five and their caregivers, meeting once a week for three 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, November 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 one. Babies who are registered for 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 five-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.



2006

Babygarten is offered for the first time.

2007

Lester Bentley Committee forms.

Pizza, Pizza Reading Program

October 1 - December 2

For children ages eight and younger! Pick up your pizza at the library's Help Desk. For each book you read, add a topping to your pizza.

When your pizza is full, bring it back to the library for a free personal pan pizza from Papa Murphy's and a special pizza bookmark!

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