

125 years of service

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LIBRARY LINKS

Lester Public Library September 2016

125 Years...

1982

The back offices of the library flooded. Back issues of periodicals had to be discarded as well as damage to carpet and floor tiles.

1982

Cable TV was installed at the library. LTC students were able to attend classes via cable at the library.

1982

A fire was set in the men's bathroom, luckily no damage was done.

1983

Filmstrips could be borrowed for up to 24 hours. A \$.25 fine was charged per hour for overdue films.

Direct from the Director

by Jeff Dawson

Taxes and the city services they fund are always an impassioned conversation, and funding for libraries is no exception. The recent alleged behaviors of one library director, taking the burden alone and in a misguided attempt to increase her library's budget with additional county funding, highlight the need for open, honest communication about our libraries' financial situation.

For Lester Public Library the breakdown of our 2016 budgeted income, \$813,850.00 in total, is – 70% from the City of Two Rivers; 17% from Manitowoc County; 4% from library fines and fees (copies, faxing, book sales); and 9% from private funding. The tax-based income from the city and county accounts for 87% of our budget and we are very appreciative of that vital funding and do our utmost to spend it responsibly. Looking ahead, toward the future of county funding for libraries, I am hopeful this one blemish on an otherwise perfect record will not have a long term negative impact on how the county funds the three libraries that serve Manitowoc County and that they continue to fund library services in the same manner they have in the past.

So what exactly is “private funding?” For Lester Public Library, this means the library's Gift Fund. In the past, several community members have left generous, unrestricted estate gifts directly to the library. The library board has invested these funds, and as needed, used these funds to stretch the library's budget. For example, over the last several years we have upgraded

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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...

our parking lot, made needed repairs to our HVAC system, and invested in a new telephone system, all are major expenses that would normally have necessitated approaching the city for a capital improvement project loan or cutting other services to pay for them. This fund allows the board to take care of such projects without having an impact on the tax payers of Two Rivers and Manitowoc County. It also allows the library to supplement its stagnant materials and programming budgets, employ experts like our Early Literacy Specialist and implement new technology as needed at the library.

This year we'll use approximately \$75,000 from the library Gift Fund to round out the 2016 budget. Without this funding to make ends meet, our library would most likely face serious cuts in staff and services. And while we've invested wisely and stretched this money to make it last as long as possible, it truly won't last forever. Depending on funding needs and any new estate gifts, this money may last another 3-7 years, but when it's gone LPL will also be facing significant budget shortages.

While I can't condone the lengths the other director went to supplement her budget; I can empathize with the need for additional funding to keep our libraries running with exceptional staff, plentiful materials and quality programming. We work hard to be a valuable, useful service to our community and judging from the comments I hear when I'm out and about, we think most of you are pleased with the results.

We understand that no one wants to pay more taxes than they absolutely have to, so in my next article, I'll be talking about ways you can help keep our library strong and vital and serving Two Rivers and the surrounding communities for another 125 years.

1983

Lester Public Library Foundation was established.

1983

Polaroid donated four cameras to the library for circulation to the public.

1983

In order to use the library's Apple II computer, patrons had to pass an orientation class.

1985

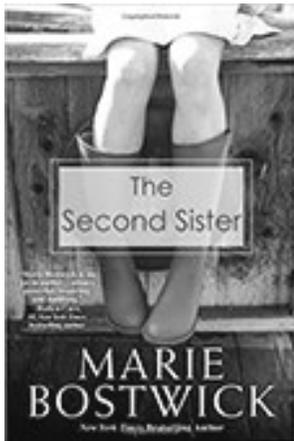
The library received a \$11,680 grant to start putting library titles into a database for future automation of the card catalog.

Strictly Fiction Book Club

Monday, September 12 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.

May: *Second Sister*
by Marie Bostwick
June: *Fevre Dream*
by George R. R. Martin

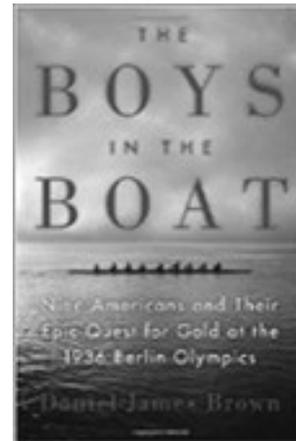


Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, September 7 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.

May: *The Boys in the Boat*
by Daniel James Brown
June: *All the Light We Cannot See*
by Anthony Doerr



Money Matters: A Parent's Guide to College Planning Tuesday, September 6 6:30 PM

Discover tips and tricks on how to save for college, as well as maximizing financial aid. If you've got children who have college in their future, this class is designed with you in mind. This Money Matters program is brought to you by financial advisor Miranda Bonde from Futurity First and Eric Sajdak Director of College Planning of Fox River Capital. No registration required.

New! Genealogy Club Thursdays, September 8 & 22 10:15-11:45 AM

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



LIBRARY CLOSED SATURDAY, SEPT 3-MONDAY, SEPT 5
Book drops are available 24/7 and are located at the back of the building.

1985

The library turned off the lights in the stacks five minutes before closing so that patrons would leave on time and no overtime would be paid.

1985

Videocassette use went from 5,000 checkouts in 1984 to 13,000 by the end of 1985.

1986

Paul Schmid developed a computer program for the library to help them deal with overdue materials.

1986

The library charged \$10 per hour for research work.

LPL Flix: Me Before You Friday, September 2 1:00 PM

Young and quirky "Lou" moves from one job to the next to help her family make ends meet. Her cheerful attitude is put to the test when she becomes a caregiver for Will, a wealthy young banker paralyzed from an accident two years earlier.

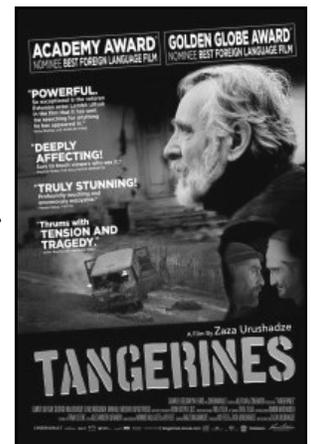
No registration required. Bring a beverage and we'll provide the popcorn. This movie is rated PG-13.



Foreign Film: Tangerines Tuesday, September 20 6:00 PM

War in Georgia, Apkhazeti region in 1990. An Estonian man Ivo has stayed behind to harvest his crops of tangerines. In a bloody conflict at his door, a wounded man is left behind, and Ivo is forced to take him in.

No registration required. We'll provide the popcorn; you bring the beverage.



Community Conversation Wednesday, September 14 6:00 PM

With policing controversies generating headlines across the country, it sparks concern locally about how our very own community is policed. Join Chief of Police Joseph Collins and Assistant Chief Brian Kohlmeier for a casual question and answer session to discuss national events and their impact on public safety in Two Rivers and to voice your questions and concerns. Open to all.

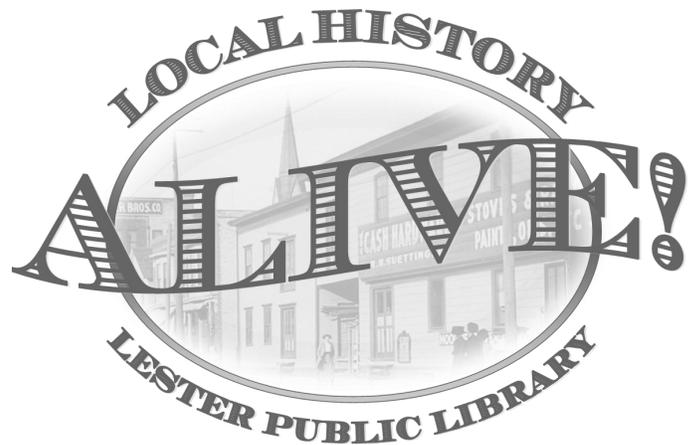
Card Making Workshop Monday, September 12 1:00-8:00 PM

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 pre-register, simply pay at the door. For more info, please call the Help Desk at (920)793-7114.

Two Rivers & Pro Football Wednesday, September 21 6:00 PM

Located less than 40 miles from Green Bay, Two Rivers' connection with professional football may seem inherent and obvious. But between 1939 and 1947 Two Rivers had a more intimate connection with the game as the pre-season training site for several teams.

This presentation examines the details of those years and those teams. Presented by Two Rivers native, Patrick Gagnon. Gagnon is a retired history instructor who spent most of his teaching career at Silver Lake College. He is currently a member of the Two Rivers City Council.



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

Adult Coloring

Thursday, September 15

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 provide the coffee and soda.

Lakeshore Memory Café

Saturday, September 17 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.

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.



Gender Gap in College & University Enrollments:

Where have all the young men gone...?

Wednesday, September 28 6:00 PM

In recent years, fewer and fewer young men have been enrolling in college. One statistician reported in *The Economist*, that at the current rate of decline in male college enrollments, the last male to receive a bachelor's degree in the US will be in 2068. What's causing this change? How does it affect higher education? What implications will it have to our future workforce? Understanding why men are not enrolling in colleges and universities is necessary if we are to make changes which should help to reverse these disturbing trends.

Presented by Dr. Mel Johnson, this public lecture, in partnership with UW-Manitowoc, provides access to lifelong learning that enhances our lives and community. This program is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Life & Legacy Planning

Wednesday, September 21

10:30 AM

Estate planning is a lifelong process, not a one-time decision. Learn the basics of estate planning documents including wills, trusts and powers of attorney.

We will discuss what you should be considering in your own estate planning documents and how you can best protect yourself and your family. Presented by Attorneys Kevin Davidson and Greg Vanevenhoven.

Kindness Rocks

Saturday, September 24

10:30 AM

The Kindness Rocks project began with one woman dropping painted rocks with inspirational messages along the beach where she walked. Her goal was to leave hopeful and encouraging thoughts for others. Anyone wishing to spread a little joy and inspiration along our bit lakeshore, or anywhere in our community, is invited to come and paint Kindness Rocks. Feel free to bring your own (bigger) rocks, or we'll provide some small ones to get you started. When you're done, take your rock with until you find the perfect place to set it free.

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 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, September 19-October 24

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

Thursdays, September 15-October 13

6:30-7:30 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.

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.

1986

A balloon launch was held in front of the library to celebrate National Library Week.

1986

Sign in Children's: area "Parents, the library assumes no responsibility for the care of your children. Thank You."

1986

In order to keep from overspending the budget, the library closed on Sat. and reduced hours during the week in Dec.

1988

Due to a decline in use of children's service, the area was closed at 6:00 PM except during the summer.

Families with STEAM: Paper Rollercoasters

Tuesday, September 27 6:30 PM

Become a roller coaster engineer by building an incredible paper roller coaster. Participants will fold, cut and tape their coasters together. How tall will your coaster be? STEAM nights are family oriented and geared for school-aged children, caregivers must attend with their children. No registration required.

What is STEAM & Why is it important?

STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Children in the US tend to score lower in STEAM skills than children in other parts of the world. When we engage children in these areas in a way that encourages them to explore, experiment and think for themselves, they will be more likely to engage in these areas when they are older and excel. Families with STEAM will emphasize the "Critical C's" of Collaboration, Cooperation & Communication through project-based learning, across all areas in a variety of fun & educational activities that are fun for the whole family.

Jump Start (Ages 3-5)

Wednesdays,

September 28-November 9

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, September 20 & 27

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.

1988

A gala was held for the opening of the Reading Readiness Center in the children's room.

1989

Library hours were reduced .
Mon-Thu 10-8:00 PM
Fri 10-5:30 PM
Sat 9-1:00 PM

1989

The board asked the director to compose a form letter to be used to respond to patron complaints about reduced hours.

1989

Library purchased and installed a photoelectric counter in order to count the number of visitors to the library.

Developmental Screening Event

Monday, September 26 Appointments from 9-12:00 PM & 3:30-7:30 PM

Don't play wait and see with your child's development. All screenings are free and open to the public. This event is geared for children ages 2 months to 5 years of age.

Screenings are provided by trained developmental screeners from Birth to 3, Lakeshore Family Resources, Manitowoc County Health Department, CESA #7 Head Start and Early Head Start, YMCA Child Care and Manitowoc Public Schools.

This program is sponsored by the Healthiest Manitowoc County Investing Early Coalition. To register your child for a screening call Terry at (920)793-7118.

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>New DVDs</p> <p>The Boss The Girl in the Book Demolition 10 Cloverfield Lane Colonia Badge of Honor High Strung The Von Trapp Family: A Life of Music Miracles From Heaven</p> <p>Criminal 11.22.63 Fathers & Daughters House of Cards Season 4 Magicians Season 1 Underdogs A Cinderella Story: If the Shoe Fits</p> <p>Great Courses: Museum Masterpieces: The Louvre, The Metropolitan Museum of Art</p> 					<p>2 Youth Summer Program Ends</p> <p>1:00 LPL Flix</p>	<p>3 Library Closed</p>
<p>4 Library Closed</p>	<p>5 Library Closed</p>	<p>6 6:30 Money Matters</p>	<p>7 4:00 Book Discussion Group</p>	<p>8 10:15 Genealogy Club</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 1:00 Card Class</p> <p>6:30 Strictly Fiction Book Club</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:00 Community Conversation</p>	<p>15 1:00 Adult Coloring</p> <p>6:30 1st Step</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10:00 Lakeshore Memory Cafe</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 10:15 & 11:00 1st Step</p>	<p>20 10:15 Story Time</p> <p>6:00 Foreign Film</p>	<p>21 10:30 Life & Legacy Planning</p> <p>6:00 Local History Alive</p>	<p>22 10:15 Genealogy Club</p> <p>6:30 1st Step</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10:30 Kindness Rocks</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 10:15 & 11:00 1st Step</p> <p>Development al Screening Event</p>	<p>27 10:15 Story Time</p> <p>6:30 Families with STEAM</p>	<p>28 10:15 & 12:30 Jump Start</p> <p>6:00 Scholar for Life</p>	<p>29 6:30 1st Step</p>	<p>30</p>	