

**Lester Public Library
Director's Report
November 2020**

News

- Terry Ehle, Youth Coordinator, created a Virtual Library where she provides video book reviews for kids. She has distributed the video link to the Two Rivers School District, the 4th-6th Grade teachers (within two days she had 49 book requests). She also created a second library for students in Grades 7-8. This will replace Terry's school visits and popular "Book Talks" at area schools during the pandemic. Here is a link to her Virtual Library (4th to 6th graders): <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1V5yl9Mvgft75IG3h9FnLkmnK58zba7kJo562fQNCZeA/present?usp=sharing> Students can click on a book to watch a short book talk. If they click on a book's bookmark it will take them to the catalog so they can put the book on hold. OR they can fill out a google form to have Terry deliver the book to school. The "virtual" library is listed on the Youth and Teen Program pages on our website. It will be on Facebook and has been sent to the Lighthouse Academy students as well. Terry is going to split the 4th-6th grade library into two: 4th grade and 5-6th grade. So in December there will be three virtual libraries. Terry plans to change titles on a monthly basis.
- The City of Two Rivers Plan Commission unanimously approved the library's request for a Conditional Use Permit for a drive-through service window. City Council set a public hearing for Monday, December 7, 2020 at the November 16th City Council meeting.
- Terry Ehle, Youth Coordinator, presented youth library services for the Children's Community Options Program (CCOP). The CCOP provides individual services and supports to families that include a child with severe disabilities. The program recognizes that meeting the needs of children who have severe disabilities may place hardships on a family's emotional, physical and financial resources. The program offers: information and help in finding services and maximizing community resources; limited funding to buy needed services and goods that can't be bought through other sources; and help in linking families with other families to strengthen natural supports. Terry's presentation encouraged the group to share the library's youth initiatives with those families in need. Attendees already using Lester Public Library services applauded our efforts and appreciate the To-Go packs we have been featuring throughout the pandemic.
- Ancestry.com has agreed to allow access to library patrons from home through December 31, 2020. Typically, this service is allowed via computers in the library only. Ancestry.com is accessed via the library's online catalog from the library webpage at lesterlibrary.org.
- Beginning January 1, 2121, MCLS member library patrons will be able to access Consumer Reports online. The subscription was made possible with LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funds.
- The mobile shelving units are slated for installation December 14 through 17.
- The carpet project is slated to begin December 1, 2020.

Library Foundation – No Report

Library Legislation – No Report

Activities

- 11/02/20 – City Council Meeting
- 11/06/20 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS) Participants Council Meeting
- 11/06/20 – Virtual Manitowoc Calumet Library System Directors Meeting
- 11/09/20 – City of Two Rivers Plan Commission Meeting
- 11/10/20 – Lester Public Library Board Meeting via Zoom
- 11/11/20 – Virtual City Department Heads Meeting
- 11/16/20 – City Council Meeting
- 11/17/20 – New photocopiers installed
- 11/18/20 – 11/28/20 Vacation
- 11/30/20 – City Council Work Session

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