



E-books for kids!

Tumblebooks is an online library of children's e-books, including animated / talking picture books, read-along chapter books, nonfiction books and videos, curated playlists, graphic novels, literary puzzles and games, and books in Spanish and French!

This is a great resource for tech-savvy children in grades K-6, and it teaches them the joy of reading in a format they'll love. Best of all, there are no checkout periods or wait lists; these online books are always available!

Tumblebooks is free for MCPL card holders, and it is accessible in the library and from home! Visit www.mcpl.us/tumblebooks to check it out.

Group visits

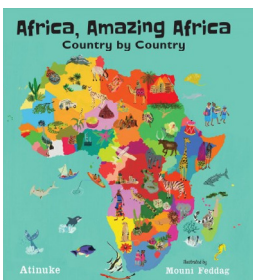
We would love to show your group all the library has to offer! We regularly welcome groups of grade school and college students, community organizations, and others.

Groups of 10 or more must contact the library at least two weeks prior to their visit. To be added to our tour schedule, call 715-261-7220 or complete the form at www.mcpl.us/groups.

Upcoming events

The library schedules a variety of fun and educational events for all ages every month! Check out the interior of this newsletter or visit www.mcpl.us/events for the latest info.

STAFF PICKS for children



"AFRICA, AMAZING AFRICA" ATINUKE; MOUNI FEDDAG

A fun way to get familiar with African geography! The author presents each African country with a short description and illustrations. This informative book is a reminder of how large the world really is.

Picked by Elizabeth L. Library Specialist



"THE YEAR WE LEARNED TO FLY" JACQUELINE WOODSON; RAFAEL LÓPEZ

A young brother and sister are stuck inside their apartment when their grandmother shares with them words of wisdom to help them spark their imagination and help them deal with their emotions.

Picked by Sarah M. Mosinee Branch Coordinator



Youth Media Award winners announced!

The Caldecott and Newbery award winners were announced by the American Library Association on Monday, January 30 as part of the annual Youth Media Awards. Prior to the announcement of the winners, Youth Services staff from MCPL Wausau predicted which books they thought would win at this year's ceremony. And now, the results are in!

The winner of the Randolph Caldecott Medal is "Hot Dog" by Doug Salati.

Runners up/honors books include:

"Ain't Burned All the Bright" by Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin

"Berry Song" by Michaela Goade

"Choosing Brave" by Angela Joy and Janelle Washington

"Knight Owl" by Christopher Denise.

"Freewater" by Amina Luqman-Dawson is the winner of the John Newbery Medal.

The three honor books are:

"Iveliz Explains It All" by Andrea Beatriz Arango

"The Last Mapmaker" by Christina Soontornvat

"Maizy Chen's Last Chance" by Lisa Yee

All of these titles can be checked out from MCPL!

To see the full list of award-winners, visit www.ala.org/news/node/18027.

Elizabeth Lutz / Library Specialist



Join the Friends of the Library!

Do you love the library? Consider making it official with a Friends of the Library membership! (Or, if you're already a Friend, don't forget to renew your membership.)

The Friends of the Marathon County Public Library is a nonprofit volunteer organization that promotes and improves library services in Marathon County through advocacy and fundraising.

Friends members support the library through their membership dues and (optional) volunteer commitments — including serving on the Friends board / committees and helping at book sales.

Friends memberships are \$10 per individual, or \$25 per family. Memberships are annual.

Friends membership applications are available at all MCPL locations, at the Friends book sales, and online: www.mcpl.us/friends.

The efforts of the Friends include:

Book Sales: The Friends accept donations of books and other materials that are sold at their book sales. Proceeds are used to enhance library programs.

Grants: The Friends solicit annual grant proposals to fund library programs and material purchases.

Art Purchases: The Friends purchase artworks that are displayed in the library and available for checkout.

Advocacy: The Friends attend community meetings and other events to show support for the library.

Specifically funded: Summer Reading Program; Central Wisconsin Book Festival; Grab & Go kits; Phyllis Donner Aquarium maintenance; "Book Pages" magazine; Children's Department enhancements and resupply of toys and games.



A book and a podcast: the perfect pairings

When you finish a book, librarians often have recommendations for what to read next. I'm going to take a slightly different approach and recommend podcasts based on books! The programs I recommend here are all free.

Book: "This Is What It Sounds Like: What the Music You Love Says About You" by Susan Rogers and Ogi Ogas

Podcasts: "Desert Island Discs" (available on BBC Sounds and Apple podcasts) and "Inheritance Tracks" on BBC Sounds.

Book: "The Lyrics" by Paul McCartney

Podcasts: "Paul McCartney: Inside the Songs" and "Give The Beatles Back to the Irish" on BBC Sounds

Book: "Everything Comes Next: Collected and New Poems" by Naomi Shihab Nye

Podcast: "Poetry Unbound" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher and most other podcast platforms

Book: "The Joy of Reading" by Donalyn Miller and Teri S. Lesesne

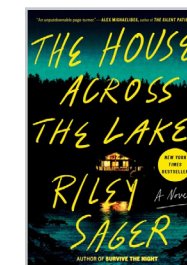
Podcasts: "Kids Ask Authors" and "Book Club for Kids" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher and most other podcast platforms

Book: "Plasticus Maritimus" by Ana Pêgo, Isabel Minhós Martins, and Bernardo P. Carvalho, translated by Jane Springer

Podcasts: "The Age of Plastic" and "Practical(ly) Zero Waste" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher and most other podcast platforms

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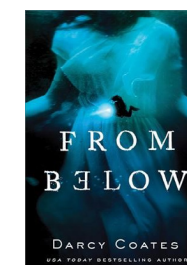
STAFF PICKS for adults



"THE HOUSE ACROSS THE LAKE" RILEY SAGER

I anticipated this to be a carbon copy of books with a similar plot, like "The Girl on the Train" and "The Woman in the Window." And while the plot is similar initially—an alcoholic, socially-isolated woman eschewing her past trauma believes she has witnessed a murder—the book veers off in a direction that is uniquely its own.

Picked by Dan R. Library Marketing Specialist



"FROM BELOW" DARCY COATES

What happened to the famous Arcadia, its passengers and its crew? 60 years later, Cove and her diving crew are about to find out. Not for the faint of heart, this deeply atmospheric novel pulled me under immediately.

Picked by Sarah M. Mosinee Branch Coordinator

READERS ARE WRITERS: TWEEN WRITING GROUP

KIDS & TEENS REGISTRATION DROP-IN Ages 8-14 are invited to participate in a virtual writing group with new activities each month! Register: www.mcpl.us/twg 3/1-5/31 @ Online

MONTH OF CRAFTS & COLORING

CHILDREN DROP-IN Stop by anytime for crafts and coloring, with different themes and activities! 3/1-3/31 @ MCPL Mosinee

CRAFTS & GAMES SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS DROP-IN Chat with others while playing games, working on knitting projects and more! Wed., 3/1, 1-3 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee Wed., 4/5, 1-3 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

CHILDREN Help us celebrate Read Across America Day with our favorite activity: reading! Thu., 3/2 @ MCPL Wausau

WAUSAU ART CLUSTER

CHILDREN DROP-IN View the artistic talent from Wausau's 4th- and 5th-grade students! 3/3-3/17 @ MCPL Wausau

LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

CHILDREN DROP-IN Children and their parents / caregivers are invited to get creative with LEGO blocks!

Sat., 3/4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

Mon., 3/20, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

Sat., 4/1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

2-SENTENCE STORY CONTEST

KIDS & TEENS DROP-IN Put your writing skills to the test! Submission forms available at the library. Winners' works will be illustrated by library staff. 3/8-4/29 @ MCPL Wausau

DIY LAVENDER GNOMES

ADULTS & TEENS DROP-IN Craft a lavender-scented, gnome-themed sachet! Wed., 3/8, 1-7 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

MCPL MOVIE NIGHT "THE WOMAN KING"

ADULTS & TEENS Join us for a free movie, and bring your snacks! PG-13 | 144 min. Thu., 3/9, 5:30-7:45 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CONSTELLATION LACING CARDS

CHILDREN DROP-IN Give your young ones a chance to create their own constellation-themed craft! Sat., 3/11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

WASHI TAPE BOOKMARKS

ALL AGES DROP-IN Create and take home your own bookmarks using colorful washi tape! 3/13-3/18 @ MCPL Athens

CRIBBAGE

ADULTS DROP-IN Grab your card decks and boards (or use ours) for an hour or so of cribbage! Tue., 3/14, 1:30-2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer Tue., 4/11, 1:30-2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

POKEMON CLUB

CHILDREN DROP-IN Calling all Pokemon fans! Gather with other fans for monthly activities. Tue., 3/14, 4-5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau Tue., 4/11, 4-5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

LET'S TALK! SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS Stop by the library to chat with others during this "round-table" social hour! Wed., 3/15, 1-2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau Wed., 3/15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau Wed., 4/12, 1-2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau Wed., 4/12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SPRING WINE BOTTLE VASES

ADULTS REGISTRATION Create your own vase using a recycled wine bottle and other simple supplies! Register: 715-446-3537 Wed., 3/15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

FINGER KNITTING

TEENS DROP-IN Learn the skill of finger knitting! Wed., 3/15, 6-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau Sat., 3/18, 10-11:30 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

FRIENDS OF MCPL MEMBERS-ONLY BOOK SALE

ADULTS DROP-IN The Friends of MCPL welcome its members to this exclusive monthly book sale! (Non-members can join on the spot.) Sat., 3/18, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau Sat., 4/15, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

PREHISTORIC FACTS WITH DINO CHRIS!

ALL AGES See fossils and fossil replicas from local dinosaur enthusiast, Dino Chris! Sat., 3/18, 1-2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

ESCAPE ROOM FAMILY ADVENTURE

ALL AGES REGISTRATION Put your problem-solving skills to the test to make it out of our escape room! Register: 715-446-3537 3/21-3/25 @ MCPL Hatley

CHILDREN'S MATINÉE "ENCANTO"

CHILDREN Watch the movie "Encanto" on the big screen during spring break! PG | 99 min. Tue., 3/21, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau Tue., 3/21, 1-2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SOCK BUNNY

ADULTS & TEENS Create a spring sock bunny craft! Tue., 3/21, 4-5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"LETTING PERSEVERANCE FINISH" WITH DR. OZALLE TOMS

ADULTS Dr. Ozalle Toms will talk about her inspiring book "Letting Perseverance Finish." Tue., 3/21, 6-7 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

EXTENSION GARDENING SERIES STARTING FROM SEED

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn all about starting seeds indoors with Janell Wehr! Register: 715-261-1230 Wed., 3/22, 10-11 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau Wed., 3/22, 6-7 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

FAMILY GAME DAY

CHILDREN DROP-IN It's game on at the library! Bring your own games or play any of ours. Wed., 3/22, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MARIO PARTY!

CHILDREN DROP-IN Participate in a variety of Super Mario-themed activities! 3/23-3/25 @ MCPL Wausau

HOW TO MAKE A PAWSOME FRIEND

CHILDREN Learn how to safely interact with dogs, in partnership with the Paper Cities Kennel Club! Thu., 3/23, 2-3 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

MANGA DRAWING

CHILDREN Calling all young and aspiring artists! Try your (drawing) hand at manga illustration! Tue., 3/28, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

ADULTS Drop off new or gently used craft supplies 3/20-3/25 to receive a ticket for the swap on 3/28! Tue., 3/28, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

HONOR FLIGHT MAIL CALL

ALL AGES DROP-IN Make cards and letter to be given to local veterans returning on the next Honor Flight! Wed., 3/29, 5:30-7 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

GLASS BAUBLE MAGNETS

ADULTS & TEENS DROP-IN Make your own colorful bauble magnets! Thu., 3/30, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

GRAB & GO NEEDLEPOINT BUTTERFLY MAGNETS

ADULTS DROP-IN What could be sweeter than a butterfly magnet? Pick up a kit to make this craft at home. 4/1-4/30 @ All MCPL Locations

GRAB & GO CREATE YOUR OWN STAMP

CHILDREN DROP-IN Pick up supplies and instructions to design and create your very own stamp! 4/1-4/30 @ All MCPL Locations

EARTH DAY STORY TIME

CHILDREN Help us celebrate our Earth with this special story time! Thu., 4/6, 10-11 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau Sat., 4/8, 10-11 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MCPL MOVIE NIGHT "THE FABELMANS"

ADULTS & TEENS Join us for a free movie at the library, and BYO popcorn! PG-13 | 151 min. Thu., 4/6, 5-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BRICK BUILDING BRAIN BREAK

KIDS & TEENS DROP-IN Join us to get creative with LEGO® bricks! 4/7-4/14 @ MCPL Stratford

NEEDLE FELTING

ADULTS Join us for a fun and easy needle felting session! 4/10-4/15 @ MCPL Athens

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPENCER?

ADULTS Spencer residents are invited to a chat with the village's Police Chief and Administrator! Tue., 4/11, 10-11 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

POETRY JOURNALS

TEENS Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating your own poetry journal! Wed., 4/12, 6-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau Sat., 4/15, 10-11:30 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

RAINBOW FISH

CHILDREN DROP-IN Create a colorful fish using a few simple craft supplies! Sat., 4/15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

EXTENSION GARDENING SERIES BLUEBERRIES ... IN CONTAINERS?

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn all about growing blueberries at home with Janell Wehr! Register: 715-261-1230 Wed., 4/19, 10-11 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau Wed., 4/19, 6-7 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

EARTH DAY CRAFTS

ALL AGES The public is invited to mark Earth Day with a couple of unique craft projects! Wed., 4/19, 1-5 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"A SONG IS A POEM IS A VOICE IS A STORY" WITH SCOTT LOWERY

ADULTS Join us for a celebration of words and music with singer/songwriter and poet Scott Lowery! Thu., 4/20, 6:30-7:45 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

THE BASICS OF BUNNIES & CHICKS

KIDS & TEENS Learn about taking care of rabbits and chickens with Marathon County 4-H! Sat., 4/22, 9:30-11 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

TEACHER APPRECIATION APPLES

KIDS & TEENS REGISTRATION Create a craft that shows how much you appreciate your teachers! Register: 715-446-3537 Sat., 4/22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

GENEALOGY BASICS WITH ANCESTRY

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn how to trace your family history using the library's Ancestry subscription! Register: 715-261-7230 Tue., 4/25, 1-2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

EXTENSION GARDENING SERIES INTRO TO COMPOSTING

ALL AGES Learn the best practices to turn organic waste into compost with Janell Wehr! Wed., 4/26, 2-3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

SPRING HAND BELL CONCERT

ADULTS The public is invited to a spring concert with the Spencer High School Hand Bell Choir! Thu., 4/27, 10-11 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

MACRAMÉ KEYCHAINS

ADULTS Adults are invited to the library to create their own key chains in the macramé style! Thu., 4/27, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

STORY TIMES

CHILDREN Introduce your child to the love of reading! Future story times are listed online at www.mcpl.us/storytime.

FAMILY STORY TIME

MCPL WAUSAU: Thursdays, 10 a.m.: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27

MCPL ATHENS: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

MCPL EDGAR: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18

MCPL HATLEY: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25

MCPL MARATHON CITY: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27

MCPL MOSINEE: Wednesdays, 1 p.m.: 3/8, 3/22, 4/12, 4/26

MCPL ROTHSCHILD: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/6, 4/18, 4/20

MCPL STRATFORD: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

PLAY & LEARN

Children of all ages are invited for stories, music and crafts, presented by Children's Wisconsin.

MCPL WAUSAU: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

TALES FOR TOTS

This story time for ages 2-4 is focused on fundamental knowledge—shapes, numbers, colors, rhyming and more.

MCPL WAUSAU: Mondays, 10 a.m.: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

BOUNCING BABIES

This "lap sit" story time for ages 0-1 features nursery rhymes, songs and board books.

MCPL WAUSAU: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25

BOOK CLUBS

ADULTS Discuss these books with your friends and neighbors! New members are always welcome. Future book clubs are listed online at www.mcpl.us/bookclubs.

"MAYBE YOU SHOULD TALK TO SOMEONE" LORI GOTTLIEB

Mon., 3/13, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

"THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD MOTHERS" JESSAMINE CHAN

Mon., 4/10, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

"BEFORE WE WERE YOURS" LISA WINGATE

Tue., 3/14, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"ANXIOUS PEOPLE" FREDRIK BACKMAN

Tue., 4/11, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME" LAURA DAVE

Tue., 3/14, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK" KIM MICHELE RICHARDSON

Tue., 4/11, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"THE WIVES" TARRYN FISHER

Tue., 3/14, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"THE NIGHT TIGER" YANGSZE CHOO

Tue., 4/11, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"DEAR EDWARD" ANN NAPOLITANO

Wed., 3/15, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"ALL ADULTS HERE" EMMA STRAUB

Mon., 4/17, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"THE READING LIST" SARA NISHA ADAMS

Mon., 3/20, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"HEARTBREAKER" JULIE GARWOOD

Mon., 4/17, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

"THE ORPHAN COLLECTOR" ELLEN MARIE WISEMAN

Mon., 3/20, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

"THE HENNA ARTIST" ALKA JOSHI

Wed., 4/26, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

"MAID" STEPHANIE LAND

Wed., 3/22, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

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