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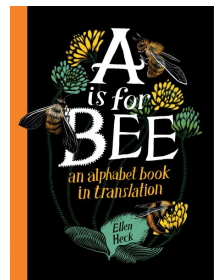
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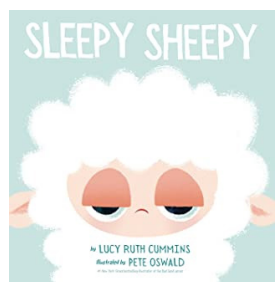
STAFF PICKS for children



“A IS FOR BEE”
ELLEN HECK

Come and explore the gorgeous variations in the ways we talk about familiar things, unified and illuminated through Ellen Heck’s eye-catching, graphic scratchboard details and hidden letterforms.

*Picked by Elizabeth L.
Library Assistant*



“SLEEPY SHEEPLY”
LUCY RUTH CUMMINS
& PETE OSWALD

Despite his name, Sleepy Sheepy is WIDE AWAKE, giving Ma and Pa Sheepy a run for their money as they try to get him to go to bed!

*Picked by Darla R.
Stratford Branch Assistant*



Story Times

Share the joy of reading with your child! Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. (Specially-scheduled story times are listed inside this newsletter.)

FAMILY STORY TIME

Stories, songs and more for children of all ages!

*** WAUSAU:** Tuesdays & Thursdays,
10 a.m.: 7/6, 7/11, 7/13, 7/18, 7/20, 7/25,
7/27, 8/1, 8/3, 8/8, 8/10, 8/15, 8/17

*** ATHENS:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 7/17, 8/7, 8/21

*** EDGAR:** Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 7/18, 8/1, 8/15

*** HATLEY:** Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 7/11,
7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29

*** MARATHON CITY:** Thursdays,
10:30 a.m.: 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27,
8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24

*** ROTHSCHILD:** Tuesdays,
10:30 a.m.: 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22

*** STRATFORD:** Wednesdays,
10:30 a.m.: 7/19, 8/16

PLAY & LEARN

Stories, music and crafts presented by Children’s Wisconsin!

*** WAUSAU:** Wednesdays, 9 a.m. & 10 a.m.:
7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30

** More events may be scheduled in this series.
This newsletter only includes events July–August.
For details, visit www.mcpl.us/story-time*



Help your child find their next favorite book!

Novelist K–8 is an online database of children’s books and authors, including lists of “recommended reads” by genre, book reviews, “read-alikes,” series lists, and more.

Novelist-generated information is also displayed automatically in the Library Catalog (V-Cat) when you view the details of an item owned by the library.

This is a great resource for parents who are looking for books their children may want to read next—and library staff use it, too (among other resources)! If you would like help finding reading recommendations, please ask MCPL staff on your next visit, or call [715-261-7220](tel:715-261-7220).

Novelist K–8 is free for Wisconsin residents, and it is accessible in the library and from home!

Visit www.mcpl.us/k8 to check it out.



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.



Free state park day passes are available at MCPL Wausau!

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and MCPL are thrilled to announce a program that makes free state park day passes available to library card holders!

The passes are valid for one 2023 date of your choice at any Wisconsin state park, forest or recreation area where admission is required.

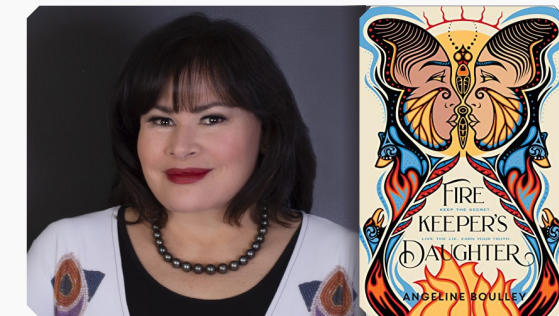
The program runs through December 31, 2023, or until our supplies run out! Five passes are available each week at the front desk. Passes cannot be reserved, mailed or sent to another location. Families may check out one pass per month.

Follow these easy steps to check out a state park pass at the library!

- (1) Come in person to MCPL Wausau with your library card and the date of your trip.
- (2) Library staff will write the date of your trip on a park pass. (You don’t need to return the pass.)
- (3) Display the pass on the inside left corner of your windshield during your trip. (The pass is good for anyone in the vehicle; bring the whole family!)
- (4) Enjoy a day full of adventure in the great outdoors!

This program is a collaborative effort between the DNR, Wisconsin Library Association’s Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries, Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction, and the C. D. Besadny Conservation Fund from the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. Thank you to our partners!

Katelyn Sabelko / Library Services Manager



Book Festival to host Angeline Boulley, author of “Firekeeper’s Daughter”

The Central Wisconsin Book Festival (CWBF) is excited to announce that Angeline Boulley—author of “Firekeeper’s Daughter” and the new release “Warrior Girl Unearthed”—will appear via Zoom on the evening of September 28 for a moderated discussion about her novels and an audience Q&A.

Also, CWBF is coordinating a community-wide read of “Firekeeper’s Daughter” through September. Marathon County Public Library, Portage County Public Library, and McMillan Memorial Library will have extra copies of this book available for checkout, and extra copies will be available through Wisconsin’s Digital Library (Libby / OverDrive). Each library will host discussions on “Firekeeper’s Daughter” in August and September.

“Firekeeper’s Daughter” is a groundbreaking young adult thriller about a Native American teen who must root out the corruption in her community. It is aimed at grades 10–12, and millions of adults have enjoyed it as well.

The Central Wisconsin Book Festival will be held September 28–October 1 at locations in Wausau, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids. All events are free.

More info can be found at mcpl.us/cwbf and facebook.com/cwbookfest, or call [715-261-7230](tel:715-261-7230).

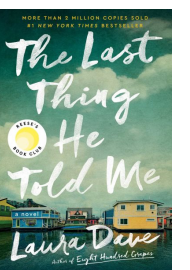
STAFF PICKS for adults



“THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY”
MATT HAIG

Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived.

*Picked by Jailin P.
Library Specialist*



“THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME”
JONATHAN FREEDLAND

After her husband disappears, Hannah Hall quickly realizes he isn’t who he said he was and that his 16-year-old daughter, who wants nothing to do with her, may hold the key to figuring out his true identity.

*Picked by Audrey K.
Spencer Branch Coordinator*

MAKE A MAGIC WAND

ALL AGES Calling all Harry Potter fans! Make your own custom magic wand!
 6/26–7/1 @ MCPL Marathon City
 7/3–7/8 @ MCPL Rothschild
 7/17–7/22 @ MCPL Hatley
 7/31–8/5 @ MCPL Mosinee

GRAB & GO FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

ADULTS **DROP IN** Pick up a free friendship bracelet kit to complete at home. It's a crafty way to show someone you care!
 7/1–7/31 @ All MCPL Locations

GRAB & GO FLOWERGRAM

CHILDREN **DROP IN** Create a special, one-of-a-kind flowergram that's both a lovely craft and a positive message for someone else!
 7/1–7/31 @ All MCPL Locations

LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

CHILDREN **DROP IN** Get creative with our vast collection of LEGO bricks!
 Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.:
 7/1, 8/5 @ MCPL Rothschild
 Fridays, 1–3 p.m.: 7/7, 7/14,
 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25
 @ MCPL Marathon City
 Thursdays, 3–5 p.m.: 7/13, 7/27,
 8/10, 8/24 @ MCPL Wausau

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

ALL AGES **DROP IN** Make colorful woven or braided bracelets for your friends and family!
 7/3–7/8 @ MCPL Edgar
 7/3–7/8 @ MCPL Mosinee
 7/17–7/22 @ MCPL Rothschild
 7/31–8/5 @ MCPL Wausau

GENTLE YOGA & MEDITATION

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** We're inviting patrons to be kind to themselves with gentle yoga and meditation!
 Register: 715-693-2144.
 Wed., 7/5, 10 a.m.
 @ MCPL Mosinee

CRAFTS & GAMES SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS **DROP IN** Play games, work on crafts and socialize with other adults!
 Thursdays, 1–7 p.m.: 7/6,
 8/3 @ MCPL Mosinee

MAGNET CRAFT

ALL AGES Create your own small decorative magnets to share with others or keep on your locker or refrigerator!
 7/10–7/15 @ MCPL Spencer
 8/7–8/12 @ MCPL Mosinee
 8/14–8/19 @ MCPL Rothschild
 8/14–8/19 @ MCPL Hatley
 8/21–8/26 @ MCPL Stratford
 8/21–8/26 @ MCPL Marathon City

STORY TIME AT THE PARKS!

CHILDREN Join us at Wausau-area parks for outdoor story times! We'll read books, sing songs and more!
 Mon., 7/10, 10 a.m.
 @ Alexander Airport Park (Wausau)
 Mon., 7/24, 10 a.m.
 @ 3M Park (Wausau)
 Mon., 8/7, 10 a.m.
 @ Sylvan Hill Park (Wausau)
 Mon., 8/21, 10 a.m.
 @ Riverlife (Wausau)

HISTORY OF THE FAIR

ADULTS & TEENS Talk about the fair with a presentation by the Marathon County Historical Society!
 Mon., 7/10, 5–6 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

KINDNESS ROCKS!

CHILDREN **DROP IN** Spread some kindness by creating inspirational painted rocks!
 7/11–7/12 @ MCPL Stratford
 7/10–7/15 @ MCPL Athens
 7/17–7/22 @ MCPL Edgar
 7/24–7/29 @ MCPL Marathon City

KEN LONNQUIST

CHILDREN Children's musician Ken Lonnquist returns for a series of summer concerts!
 Tue., 7/11, 10–11 a.m.
 @ Marathon Elementary (Marathon City)
 Tue., 7/11, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
 @ MCPL Stratford

STORIES & "TAILS" WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY

CHILDREN Join us for story time with a special guest from the Humane Society!
 Tue., 7/11, 2–3 p.m.
 @ MCPL Mosinee

POKEMON CLUB

CHILDREN **DROP IN** Gather with other Pokemon fans for activities and games!
 Tuesdays, 4–5 p.m.: 7/11,
 8/8 @ MCPL Wausau

LET'S TALK! SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS Stop to chat with others during a roundtable social hour.
 Wednesdays, 1–2 p.m.:
 7/12, 8/9 @ MCPL Wausau

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Read any book within the specified themes and discuss! Register: mcpl.us/tbc
 MYSTERY: Wed., 7/12, 1 p.m.
 @ MCPL Wausau
 NEWBERY AWARDS: Wed., 7/26,
 1 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
 NOVELS IN VERSE: Wed., 8/9,
 1 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BUTTERFLY HEADBANDS

TEENS **REGISTRATION** Surround yourself with butterflies with this fun craft!
 Register: mcpl.us/events
 Wed., 7/12, 1:30–3 p.m.
 @ MCPL Wausau

YOUTH OUTDOOR SKILLS

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Outdoorsman Jeremy Ray will teach skills from books like "The Hunger Games" and "Call of the Wild." Register: 715-446-3537 (Hatley) or 715-693-2144 (Mosinee)
 Wed., 7/12, 4–6 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley
 Tue., 7/18, 4–6 p.m.
 @ MCPL Mosinee

DIY PHOTO COASTERS

ADULTS & TEENS **DROP IN** Make one of these neat coasters for yourself or to give as a gift! You may bring your own photos.
 Wed., 7/12 @ MCPL Marathon City

PREHISTORIC FACTS WITH DINO CHRIS

TWEENS–ADULTS "Dino Chris" returns with this informative series! (7/25 we'll watch "Jurassic Park" [PG-13] and discuss.)
 SHARKS: Thu., 7/13,
 1–2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
 JURASSIC PARK: Tue., 7/25,
 1–4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
 T-REX: Tue., 8/22, 1–2 p.m.
 @ MCPL Wausau

ALL ABOUT ROCKETS

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Join us for a program presented by Marathon County 4-H about rockets! We'll also make our own craft rockets.
 Register: 715-261-7220.
 Sat., 7/15, 9:30 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BATHING SUIT HISTORY

ADULTS Join the Historical Society for a look back at a quintessential piece of summer clothing: the bathing suit!
 Tue., 7/18, 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

INTRO TO COMPOSTING

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Horticulture Educator Janell Wehr will show you the basics of composting!
 Register: 715-261-1230.
 Wed., 7/19, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 @ MCPL Wausau

BEE KIND STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time about kindness, with a special "bee kind" craft!
 Thu., 7/20, 10 a.m.
 @ MCPL Spencer

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE PARTY

CHILDREN Join us to celebrate the works of children's author Mo Willems!
 Thu., 7/20, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
 @ MCPL Marathon City

READ TO A THERAPY DOG

CHILDREN Practice your reading skills by sharing stories with these well-behaved dogs!
 Thursdays, 1–3 p.m.: 7/20, 7/27,
 8/3, 8/10 @ MCPL Wausau

POOL DAY

ALL AGES **DROP IN** Use your library card to gain free access to Wausau Pools on our annual Library Card Pool Day! One card works for the whole family.
 Thu., 7/20 @ Wausau Outdoor Pools

TIN CAN BUGS

KIDS & TEENS Create your own cute grasshoppers, bees and frogs using recycled tin cans!
 Wed., 7/26, 1–3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

RETRO FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS & PINS

TEENS & ADULTS Crafters are invited to make decorative bracelets and beaded pins to show what friends are for!
 Thu., 7/27, 1–3 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

OUTDOOR OBSTACLE COURSE

CHILDREN This obstacle course will get kids up and moving with fun and challenging physical activities.
 Thu., 7/27, 2–3:30 p.m. @
 River Park (Mosinee)

BOOK PAGE FLOWERS

ADULTS Create beautiful flower crafts using specially folded book pages!
 Thu., 7/27, 4–6 p.m.
 @ MCPL Rothschild

CHOOSE YOUR OWN TEEN MOVIE MATINÉE

TEENS What movie will we watch? That's for the audience to decide! We'll have seven to choose from.
 Fri., 7/28, 1–3 p.m.
 @ MCPL Wausau

DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS

CHILDREN If you love dinosaurs, you won't want to miss this amazing collection of realistic dinosaur puppets and an experience like no other!
 Wed., 8/2, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
 @ Gaska Park (Rothschild)
 Wed., 8/2, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
 @ MCPL Stratford

BOOK SALE

ALL AGES **DROP IN** Browse thousands of books, movies and other items for sale at great prices! Proceeds are used to support library programs.
 8/2–8/5 @ MCPL Wausau

FARM ANIMAL PUPPETS

CHILDREN **DROP IN** In honor of the Athens Fair, the library will host a craft week all about farm animals!
 8/7–8/12 @ MCPL Athens

CLOTHESPIN SUNFLOWER WREATHS

ADULTS Make your own sunflower craft, and since it's made of clothespins, it will stay bright and cheerful all year round!
 Mon., 8/7, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
 @ MCPL Hatley

MAGNETIC POETRY

TEENS Ages 12–18 are invited to create their own magnetic poetry set and write original poetry!
 Thu., 8/10, 1–2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

YOUNG FOODIES SALAD GALORE

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Join 4-H educator Jasmine for a fun and educational activity about MyPlate foods and make your own salad!
 Register: 715-261-7220.
 Sat., 8/12, 9:30–11 a.m.
 @ MCPL Wausau

SIDEWALK CHALK ART

CHILDREN **DROP IN** Help us decorate outside the library with chalk art!
 8/7–8/12 @ MCPL Marathon City
 Wed., 8/16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
 @ MCPL Stratford
 8/21–8/26 @ MCPL Hatley

CRAZY TEXTURES

CHILDREN Kids are invited to go (artistically) crazy using a variety of textured art supplies!
 Mon., 8/14, 10–11:30 a.m.
 @ MCPL Wausau

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

CHILDREN Bring your stuffed animals to the library for a sleepover! Drop them off 8/21 and pick them up the next day. We'll send you pics of their overnight shenanigans!
 Mon., 8/21, 1–6 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

SINK OR FLOAT?

CHILDREN Learn about what floats and what sinks with help from some of your favorite PBS Kids characters!
 Wed., 8/23, 2–3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

NO SEW BOOK BAGS

ADULTS **DROP IN** Learn how to make an easy and useful book bag that doesn't require any sewing!
 Thu., 8/24, 4–6 p.m.
 @ MCPL Rothschild

MASON JAR AQUARIUM

CHILDREN Create your own mini aquarium inside of a mason jar complete with plastic animals and plants!
 Mon., 8/28, 4–5 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

ANIME AFTER DARK

ADULTS Patrons age 18+ can join us for a screening of "Demon Slayer" and "Bloodivores."
 Thu., 8/31, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
 @ MCPL Wausau

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.

"WHERE'D YOU GO, BERNADETTE" MARIA SEMPLE
 Mon., 7/10, 5:45 p.m. @
 MCPL Marathon City

"THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ" L. FRANK BAUM
 Tue., 7/11, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"THE SILENT PATIENT" ALEX MICHAELIDES
 Tue., 7/11, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"IN FIVE YEARS" REBECCA SERLE
 Tue., 7/11, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"A WEEK AT THE SHORE" BARBARA DELINSKY
 Mon., 7/17, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"ROCK PAPER SCISSORS" ALICE FEENEY
 Wed., 7/19, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"GREENWOOD" MICHAEL CHRISTIE
 Sat., 7/22, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

"THE LIONESS" CHRIS BOHJALIAN
 Wed., 7/26, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB PREVIEW

(More book clubs may be planned soon.)

"MAID" STEPHANIE LAND
 Tue., 9/12, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"VERITY" COLLEEN HOOVER
 Tue., 9/12, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY" MATT HAIG
 Tue., 9/12, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"FIREFLY LANE" KRISTIN HANNAH
 Mon., 9/18, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"TAKE MY HAND" DOLEN PERKINS-VALDEZ
 Wed., 9/20, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD MOTHERS" JESSAMINE CHAN
 Wed., 9/27, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

"WESTERING WOMEN" SANDRA DALLAS
 Tue., 8/8, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"THE NIGHTINGALE" KRISTIN HANNAH
 Tue., 8/8, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"THE ORPHAN COLLECTOR" ELLEN MARIE WISEMAN
 Tue., 8/8, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"I'LL GIVE YOU THE SUN" JANDY NELSON
 Mon., 8/14, 5:45 p.m. @
 MCPL Marathon City

"EVVIE DRAKE STARTS OVER" LINDA HOLMES
 Wed., 8/16, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"MAYBE YOU SHOULD TALK TO SOMEONE" LORI GOTTLIEB
 Mon., 8/21, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"THIS TENDER LAND" WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER
 Wed., 8/23, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild