



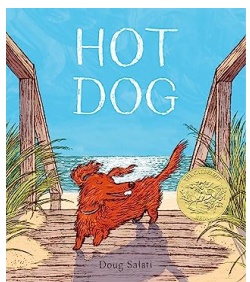
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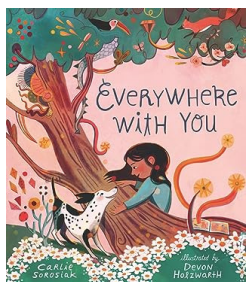
STAFF PICKS for children



"HOT DOG"
DOUG SALATI

A woman and her dog spend a morning running errands on a sweltering NYC day, the dog enduring the heat until he decides *No More*. Then his compassionate owner provides the remedy he needs: the refreshing air, water, and space of the shore.

Picked by Julie G.
Branch Assistant



"EVERYWHERE WITH YOU"
CARLIE SOROSIAK
DEVON HOLZWARTH

This a wonderful book for animal lovers, especially those with rescue pets who know the difference one person can make in an animal's life!

Picked by Katie E.
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

CHILDREN Children of all ages and their parents and caregivers are invited to join us for story times filled with books, songs and more!

* **WAUSAU:** *Thursdays, 10 a.m.:* 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

* **ATHENS:** *Mondays, 10:30 a.m.:* 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

* **EDGAR:** *Tuesdays, 11 a.m.:* 9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17

* **HATLEY:** *Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.:* 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31

* **MARATHON CITY:** *Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.:* 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

* **MOSINEE:** *Tuesdays, 2 p.m.:* 9/5, 10/3

* **ROTHSCHILD:** *Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.:* 9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17

* **STRATFORD:** *Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.:* 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25

PLAY & LEARN

CHILDREN Join us for a story, music, crafts and much more led by Children's Wisconsin!

* **WAUSAU:** *Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.:* 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1

TALES FOR TOTS

CHILDREN Join us for a fun and interactive story time geared for toddlers!

* **WAUSAU:** *Mondays, 10 a.m.:* 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9/23, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

BOUNCING BABIES

CHILDREN Babies and their caregivers are invited to the library for 20 minutes of lap-sit story time! What is lap-sit story time? Babies sit in a caregivers lap and enjoy songs and rhymes while bouncing along!

* **WAUSAU:** *Tuesdays, 10 a.m.:* 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31

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



Playaway Launchpads

No tablet? No internet? No problem! We have a collection of Playaway Launchpad tablets available for checkout, each preloaded with fun and educational content for kids.

Check out these devices at MCPL Wausau or visit www.mcpl.us/launchpad

Summer Program Recap

Our 2023 Reading Club was a success! This annual program encourages lifelong literacy and keeps children engaged with reading throughout the summer.

Throughout Marathon County, nearly **500 children participated** from June through mid-August. They read a variety of books and completed literacy-based challenges found in our summer activity booklet.

To acknowledge their efforts, more than **600 books were given away as rewards!**



Upcoming events

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STAFF PICKS for adults



"THE CANDY HOUSE"
JENNIFER EGAN

What is the price we pay for the convenience of the digital age and the allure of social networking? That is the question explored in this thoughtful and brilliantly written book. [...] The genre is fiction with some science fiction aspects, bouncing back and forth between the 1990s to the 2030s.

Picked by M.J. N.
Branch Coordinator



"THE DEAD ROMANTICS"
ASHLEY POSTON

Florence Day is a writer with a problem—she ghostwrites romance novels for a well-known author but has stopped believing in love. Oh, and she also sees ghosts.

Picked by Nikki F.
Branch Coordinator



Book Festival

The 7th annual **Central Wisconsin Book Festival (CWBF)** runs **September 28 through October 1**, and includes more than **20 free events** in Wausau, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids, and online virtual conferences!

2023 highlights include a virtual event with **Angeline Boulley**, author of the bestseller "Firekeeper's Daughter"; a reading and Q&A with **J. Ryan Stradal**, the acclaimed author of the new novel "Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club"; Wisconsin author and journalist **Patty Loew**; and Wisconsin novelist **Peter Geye**.

A complete list of CWBF events is included in this newsletter as an insert! All CWBF events are free, and most do not require advance registration (except as noted).

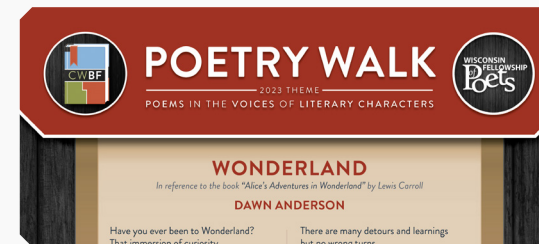
For more information, visit www.mcpl.us/cwbf or search for "Central Wisconsin Book Festival" on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.

Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

To celebrate, anyone who completes a new library card application and picks up their new card within the month of September will be entered in prize drawings for MCPL-branded t-shirts and tote bags, plus other literary-themed items!

To apply online, visit www.mcpl.us/apply. If you already have a library card, please encourage your friends and family members to apply!



Poetry Walk

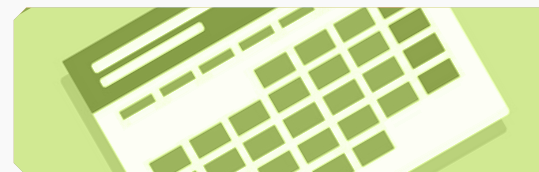
Take in some poetry while exploring downtown Wausau and Stevens Point! Part of this year's Central Wisconsin Book Festival (CWBF), the walk will be held from **September 1-30**.

Poets were asked to submit original poems in the voices of literary characters. **40+ poems** will be hung in storefronts of downtown Wausau and Stevens Point. There also will be live readings of some of these poems on Saturday, 9/23, 10 a.m., at the Portage County Public Library in Stevens Point.

There's also a Poetry Walk scavenger hunt that could earn you a prize!

Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet at the Marathon County Public Library, Janke Book Store (Wausau), Portage County Public Library, or Bound to Happen Books (Stevens Point). Turn in the completed sheet to any of these locations by 9/30.

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CENTRAL WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL

There are many author visits and literary-themed events planned for this year's book festival!

Sept. 28–Oct. 1 @ Multiple Locations
See the CWBF insert in this newsletter or visit www.mcpl.us/cwbf for details.

BACK TO SCHOOL (BUS) PHOTO FRAME

CHILDREN DROP-IN Children are invited to try a fun photo frame craft project!
Fri., 9/1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

PLANT SWAP

ADULTS & TEENS DROP-IN Take a plant or leave a plant—or even some seeds!
9/5–9/9 @ MCPL Mosinee
9/11–9/16 @ MCPL Marathon City

*** READ TO A THERAPY DOG**

CHILDREN DROP-IN Kids can practice their reading skills in front of a well trained dog!
Thu., 9/7, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild
Thu., 10/5, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

*** LEGO® PARTY**

CHILDREN DROP-IN Get creative while building with LEGO and other blocks!
Thursdays, 3–5 p.m.: 9/7, 9/11, 10/5, 10/19 @ MCPL Wausau
Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.: 9/9, 10/7 @ MCPL Rothschild

*** CRAFTS & GAMES SOCIAL HOUR**

ADULTS DROP-IN Adults are invited to play games, work on crafts and socialize!
Thu., 9/7, 1–7 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Thu., 10/5, 1–7 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

*** CRIBBAGE**

ADULTS DROP-IN Grab your card decks and boards (or use ours) as the library welcomes patrons for an hour or so of cribbage!
Tuesdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m.: 9/12, 10/10 @ MCPL Spencer

TORNADOES, WEATHER & YOU w/ BRAD MILLER

CHILDREN Channel 9 meteorologist Brad Miller presents this series of weather-themed afterschool programs!
Tue., 9/12, 4–5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Thu., 9/14, 4–5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Wed., 9/27, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City
Wed., 10/4, 4–5 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley
Thu., 10/12, 4–5 p.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

*** POKEMON CLUB**

CHILDREN DROP-IN Join us for Pokemon-themed activities and card trading!
Tuesdays, 4–5 p.m.: 9/12, 10/10 @ MCPL Wausau
Mondays, 4–5 p.m.: 9/18, 10/16 @ MCPL Edgar
Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.: 9/20, 10/18 @ MCPL Rothschild
Thu., 10/19, 4–5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

FALL WREATH w/ 4-H!

CHILDREN REGISTRATION Marathon County 4-H representatives will help participants create fall wreaths!
Register: 715-261-7220
Tue., 9/12, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

RAIN OR SHINE STORY TIME w/ JUSTIN LOEW

CHILDREN Channel 9 meteorologist Justin Loew will join us for special weather-themed story times!
Wed., 9/13, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Thu., 9/21, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Tue., 9/26, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Hatley
Thu., 9/28, 10:30 a.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City
Tue., 10/3, 10:30 a.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

*** CRAFTS & DRAGONS**

TEENS REGISTRATION Calling all teen Dungeons & Dragons fans! We're starting a D&D-themed craft program.
Register: 715-261-7220
Thu., 9/14, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

FRIENDS MEMBERS-ONLY * BOOK SALE

ADULTS DROP-IN Members of the library's Friends group are invited to this exclusive book sale! (If you're not a member, you can join on the spot.)
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.: 9/16, 10/21 @ MCPL Wausau

DIY LIBRARY CARD HOLDER

KIDS & TEENS Celebrate National Library Card Sign Up Month by making your own library card holder!
Tue., 9/19, 3–5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

EXTENSION GARDENING SUSTAINABLE LAWN CARE

ADULTS REGISTRATION Would you like to learn more about growing a "green" lawn (the environmentally friendly kind of green)? Join us for this free class!
Register: 715-261-1241
Wed., 9/20, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

COMPUTER BASICS KEYBOARD & MOUSE

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learning to use a computer can be challenging, but it doesn't have to be! Join us for these free classes for absolute beginners.
Register: 715-261-7230
Wednesdays, 1:30–3 p.m.: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4 @ MCPL Wausau

PAINTING w/ BUTTONS

ADULTS Create a unique work of art using just paint and buttons!
Mon., 9/25, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

GROCERY STORES OF MARATHON COUNTY

ADULTS Have you ever thought about the history of how food is sold? Join Gary Gisselman to learn more about the history of local grocery stores!
Tue., 9/26, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

TWO SENTENCE HORROR STORY CONTEST

ALL-AGES DROP-IN Show us how scary you can be in just two sentences! Email to contest@mcpl.us, or ask for an entry form at the library. Deadline: 10/23. Winners announced on Halloween!
10/1–10/23 @ All MCPL Locations

GRAB & GO FALL GARLAND

CHILDREN DROP-IN Stop by any MCPL location in October to get a free take-home garland craft kit!
10/1–10/31 @ All MCPL Locations

GRAB & GO RIBBON BOOK MARKS

ADULTS DROP-IN Stop by any MCPL location in October to get a free take-home bookmark craft kit!
10/2–10/31 @ All MCPL Locations

DIY HOMEMADE WREATHS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Join us for a perfect fall craft project that will last throughout the year: your own wreath!
Register: 715-693-2144
Tue., 10/3, 3–5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

PUMPKIN PARTY STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for pumpkin themed stories and crafts at this special family story time!
Thu., 10/5, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Sat., 10/7, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

FIRE SAFETY STORY TIME

CHILDREN Children are invited to a special story time presented by the Hatley Area Fire & Ambulance District!
Tue., 10/10, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Hatley

CRAFT SWAP

ALL-AGES Do you have too many craft supplies? Looking to try a new craft? Stop by our craft swap! Donations for the swap may be dropped off the week prior.
Sat., 10/14, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

DIY WORRY MONSTER

CHILDREN DROP-IN All week kids will have a chance to create a cute, fun craft with a more important purpose: a place to put all their worries!
10/16–10/21 @ MCPL Mosinee

LEARN TO KNIT

ADULTS & TEENS REGISTRATION If you've ever wanted to learn how to knit, here's your chance! We just ask that participants bring their own needles.
Register: 715-446-3537
Mon., 10/16, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Hatley

EXTENSION GARDENING PREPARING FOR WINTER

ADULTS REGISTRATION Make sure your lawn and garden are ready for a cold Wisconsin winter with this free class!
Register: 715-261-1241
Wed., 10/18, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS * ONE-SHOTS

TEENS REGISTRATION Teens with D&D experience are invited to join us for games every other month throughout the school year!
Register: 715-261-7200
Thu., 10/19, 5:30–7:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

TRICK OR TRIUMPH ESCAPE ROOM

ALL-AGES REGISTRATION Will you be tricked or will you triumph in our spooky escape rooms?
Register: 715-687-4420
10/20–10/23 @ MCPL Stratford

FRAUD WATCH

ADULTS Join us for a presentation by the AARP on warning signs of fraud and how to avoid getting ripped off.
Tue., 10/24, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

FIZZY ART

CHILDREN You may know that mixing baking soda and vinegar can create a bubbly mixture similar to an overflowing volcano, but did you know you can also make art with it?
Tue., 10/24, 3:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Mosinee

DIY WINE CORK PUMPKINS

ALL-AGES REGISTRATION Learn how to create a unique fall-themed craft!
Register: 715-446-3537
Wed., 10/25, 3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

MARIO PARTY SCAVENGER HUNT & CRAFTS

CHILDREN DROP-IN Stop by any time for a Mario-themed scavenger hunt and craft project!
10/25–10/28 @ MCPL Wausau

MARIO PARTY "THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE"

CHILDREN Join us for a free screening of the new Mario movie! (2023 | PG)
Wed., 10/25, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau
Fri., 10/27, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MARIO PARTY LEGO BUILDING

CHILDREN DROP-IN Stop by any time for a Mario-themed LEGO challenge!
Thu., 10/26, 1:30–4 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau
Fri., 10/27, 1:30–4 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

BOOKS ON THE BUS

CHILDREN We're taking our stories on the road! Join us for a special story time on a Wausau city bus as we travel around town!
Thu., 10/26, 9:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

ANIME AFTERNOON

TEENS Teens are invited to a screening of two different anime series: "Boku no Hero Academia" and "Flying Witch."
Thu., 10/26, 1–3:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

TREASURE IN THE ATTIC BREAKOUT BOX ADVENTURE

CHILDREN REGISTRATION A mysterious locked box found in the attic. Can you solve the mystery ... all in 45 minutes?
Register: 715-359-6208
Thu., 10/26, 12–6 p.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

"COCO" & DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

CHILDREN REGISTRATION Kids and their families are invited to learn more about the Day of the Dead holiday and watch the movie "Coco."
Register: 715-261-1244
Sat., 10/28, 2–4:30 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.

"PROJECT HAIL MARY" ANDY WEIR
Mon., 9/11, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

"MEXICAN GOTHIC" SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA
Mon., 10/9, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

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

"PRACTICAL MAGIC" ALICE HOFFMAN
Tue., 10/10, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

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

"LEAVING TIME" JODI PICOULT
Tue., 10/10, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

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

"THE PARIS APARTMENT" LUCY FOLEY
Tue., 10/10, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

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

"ONCE THERE WERE WOLVES" CHARLOTTE MCCONAGHY
Mon., 10/16, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"HONEY BUS" MEREDITH MAY
Mon., 9/18, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

"ONE TRUE LOVES" TAYLOR JENKINS REID
Mon., 10/16, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

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

"MARMEE" SARAH MILLER
Wed., 10/18, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"ZAHRAH THE WINDSEEKER" NNEDI OKORAFOR
Sat., 9/23, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

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

"THE CHRISTIE AFFAIR" JESSAMINE CHAN
Wed., 10/25, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER BOOK CLUB PREVIEW

(More book clubs may be planned soon.)

"THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME" LAURA DAVE
Mon., 11/13, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"TUCK EVERLASTING" NATALIE BABBITT
Tue., 11/14/23, 2–3 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"THERE, THERE" TOMMY ORANGE
Mon., 11/13, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

"LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY" BONNIE GARMUS
Wed., 11/15, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

"ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL" JAMES HERRIOT
Tue., 11/14, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"TAILSPIN" JOHN ARMBRUSTER
Wed., 11/15, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"ONE PLUS ONE" JOJO MOYES
Tue., 11/14, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER" ANGELINE BOULLEY
Mon., 11/20, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer