



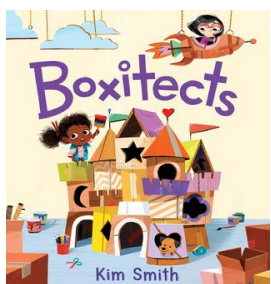
# Marathon County Public Library

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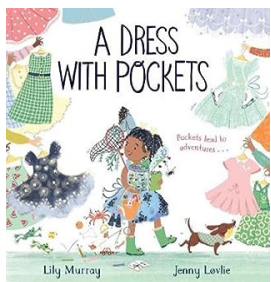
## STAFF PICKS for children



“BOXITECTS”  
KIM SMITH

Meg loves to create and build, and boxes are her favorite medium. From tiny house to marvelous castles, she loves her self-appointed role as “Boxitect.” Her mom is very proud of her skills and decides Meg should expand them by attending Maker School.

Picked by Mary Jo N.  
Branch Coordinator



“A DRESS WITH POCKETS”  
LILY MURRAY; JENNY LØVLIE

This cute picture book shows it’s possible to love fashion *and* getting messy! The rhyming words and colorful illustrations make this a fun book for any kid who loves to explore the world around them.

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.: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14*

\* **ATHENS:** *Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11*

\* **EDGAR:** *Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 11/7, 11/21, 12/5, 12/19*

\* **HATLEY:** *Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19*

\* **MARATHON CITY:** *Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21*

\* **MOSINEE:** *Tuesdays, 2 p.m.: 11/7, 12/5*

\* **ROTHSCHILD:** *Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 11/7, 11/21, 12/5, 12/19*

\* **STRATFORD:** *Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13*

### PLAY & LEARN

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

\* **WAUSAU:** *Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.: 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27*

### TALES FOR TOTS

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

\* **WAUSAU:** *Mondays, 10 a.m.: 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11*

### 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.: 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12*

\* *More events may be scheduled in this series. This newsletter only includes events November-December.*



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

We are challenging parents to read more books with their children!

Our “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program introduces children to a wide range of literature, encourages families to spend **quality time** together, and promotes “pre-literacy” so children enter school ready to read, listen and learn.

We also offer incentives for program participants! Young readers can earn stickers, books and a book bag at various milestones.

To register online, visit [www.mcpl.us/1000bbk](http://www.mcpl.us/1000bbk) or download the **Beanstack** app, available for Apple and Google devices. Be sure to use the “register a child” option to join the “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” challenge.

To register in person, visit your local MCPL.

We also have a similar program for high school students! “100 Books Before Graduation” is also available using the Beanstack app. Rewards are earned at the 20, 50, 70 and 100 book milestones, and include a book bag, books and a gift card.

For more information, call [715-261-7220](tel:715-261-7220), or ask for details at your local MCPL.

Allycia S., Marketing Specialist

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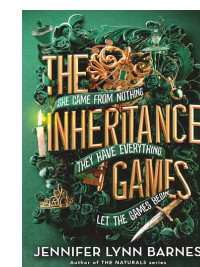
## STAFF PICKS for young adults



“I’M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE DARK”  
RISS M. NEILSON

What would it be like if your dreams were full of ghosts, gray worlds and dead things? Aria Cayetano knows what it’s like all too well. Love, family secrets, supernatural abilities, and a unique mystery were all rolled into one fantastic read!

Picked by Sarah M.  
Branch Coordinator



“THE INHERITANCE GAMES” JENNIFER LYNN BARNES

This is a fast-paced Cinderella story with mysteries, scavenger-hunts and a love triangle! Avery is an orphan whose life is upturned when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves her his fortune.

Picked by Robin W.  
Branch Assistant



## Career Connection

Library staff can help you find your next job!

### Services available to local job seekers:

Collections of books on finding jobs and the application process, available via the library catalog.

Databases for finding jobs and improving job-related skills.

Proofreading of resumes, cover letters and other job-related documents.

Limited job application assistance while at your local MCPL (subject to staff availability), and extended assistance via “Tech Time” appointments at MCPL Wausau.

Study room usage for virtual job interviews (applicants only), applying for jobs and similar activities.

Call [715-261-7230](tel:715-261-7230) or visit your local MCPL for more information!



## Holiday Hours

All MCPL locations will be closed all day on 11/23, 12/1, 12/24, 12/25, 12/26 and 1/1.

Locations in Wausau, Edgar, Hatley, Marathon City, Rothschild and Spencer will close early at 5 p.m. on 11/22.



## MCPL Strategic Plan

“Dream Big with MCPL,” our new strategic planning process, kicked off in September!

### What is Strategic Planning?

Strategic planning is dedicated time to review data and information about the library and, alongside the community, to explore opportunities and future priorities for the library.

There will be opportunities to contribute your own voice and ideas throughout this process, and we are excited to have you join us!

### Dream Big includes three major phases:

- (1) data and information gathering;
- (2) analysis and theming;
- (3) plan implementation and activation.

We hope to share the strategic plan with the public in 2024.

### To participate and follow along:

Complete our community survey and add your ideas to our “Community Q&A” boards. These will be available in the near future at all MCPL locations.

For updates, watch the MCPL Blog ([mcpl.us/blog](http://mcpl.us/blog)), sign up for our e-newsletter ([mcpl.us/subscribe](http://mcpl.us/subscribe)), or pick up future issues of this newsletter.

Contact us at [info@mcpl.us](mailto:info@mcpl.us) with any questions you might have, and get ready to Dream Big with us!

### READ TO A THERAPY DOG

**CHILDREN** Young patrons are invited to practice their reading skills in front of a willing (and furry) audience!

*Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.:  
11/2, 12/7 @ MCPL Rothschild*

### \* LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

**CHILDREN** **DROP-IN** Get creative w/ LEGO and other blocks!

*Thursdays, 3–5 p.m.:  
11/2, 11/16 @ MCPL Wausau*  
*Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.:  
11/4, 12/2 @ MCPL Rothschild*

### \* CRAFTS & GAMES SOCIAL HOUR

**ADULTS** **DROP-IN** Adults are invited to play some games, work on crafts and socialize!

*Thursdays, 1–7 p.m.:  
11/2, 12/7 @ MCPL Mosinee*

### FRIENDS OF MCPL \* BOOK SALE

**ALL AGES** **DROP-IN** Stop by the library during our Friends of MCPL sale and you just might find your next treasured item: a book, a movie or something else from the wide variety of materials available!

*11/1–11/4 @ MCPL Wausau*

### MEDICARE 101

**ADULTS** Learn the basics of Medicare during this program at the library w/ a licensed health and life insurance agent.

*Mon., 11/6, 10:30 a.m.  
@ MCPL Stratford*  
*Wed., 11/8, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar*

### CREATE A CIRCUIT TURKEY

**TEENS** Want a fun and unique fall craft? Stop at the library and create a cute lil' buzzing turkey w/ simple supplies and a closed circuit!

*Mon., 11/6, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley*

### COMMUNITY COOKBOOK & RECIPE SWAP

**ADULTS** Looking for some new recipes? Willing to share a few of your favorites?

Join us for a recipe swap! Patrons also can submit recipes any time for inclusion in our community cookbook.  
*Mon., 11/6, 5–6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar*

### \* SOCIAL HOUR

**ADULTS** **DROP-IN** A library encouraging people to talk? Yes, and the public is invited! Stop by for this round-table social hour.

*Wednesdays, 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.:  
11/8, 12/13 @ MCPL Wausau*

### SLIMY FALL STORY TIME

**CHILDREN** Join us for a special story time featuring books, activities and a chance to make your own slime!

*Wed., 11/8, 5:30–6:30 p.m.  
@ MCPL Spencer*

### FAMILY GLOW NIGHT

**CHILDREN** Get in on the glow-in-the-dark fun at this unique family event w/ stories and crafts!

*Wed., 11/8, 5:30–7 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### 10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S

**ADULTS** Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia. Learn the early signs in this informative presentation.

*Thu., 11/9, 10–11 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer*

### PREHISTORIC FACTS WITH DINO CHRIS

**ALL AGES** See fossils and fossil replicas from local dinosaur enthusiast, Dino Chris!

*Sat., 11/11, 1–2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau*

### \* CRIBBAGE

**ADULTS** **DROP-IN** Grab your card decks and boards (or use ours) for an hour or so of cribbage!

*Tuesdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m.:  
11/14, 12/12 @ MCPL Spencer*

### "BADGER ACES" WITH MIKE O'CONNOR

**ADULTS** Author Mike O'Connor will discuss his book about ace Wisconsin fighter pilots throughout history.

*Tue., 11/14, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford*  
*Thu., 11/16, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer*

### \* POKEMON CLUB

**CHILDREN** **DROP-IN** Calling all young Pokemon fans! Join us for Pokemon-themed activities and card trading.

*Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 11/14,  
12/12 @ MCPL Wausau*  
*Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.: 11/15,  
12/20 @ MCPL Rothschild*

*Thursdays, 4 p.m.: 11/16,  
12/21 @ MCPL Mosinee*

*Mondays, 4 p.m.: 11/20,  
12/18 @ MCPL Edgar*

### THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF MOSINEE

**ADULTS** Learn more about a unique event in Mosinee history when the entire city staged a mock takeover by Communists! Presented by the Marathon County Historical Society.

*Tue., 11/14, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee*

### MOVIE NIGHT "BARBIE"

**ADULTS & TEENS** Join us for a free movie screening, and bring your own snacks! PG-13 | 2023

*Tue., 11/14, 5:45–7:45 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### EXTENSION GARDENING WILDLIFE DAMAGE

**ADULTS** **REGISTRATION** Learn how to handle wildlife damage to your lawn and garden at this informative program by Extension Marathon County.

**Registration required: 715-261-1241**  
*Wed., 11/15, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### GENTLE YOGA & MEDITATION

**ADULTS** **REGISTRATION** Join us for yoga and meditation w/ local yoga instructor Mandy Roberts! **Registration required: 715-693-2144**

*Wed., 11/15, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee*  
*Wed., 12/13, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee*

### GENEALOGY BASICS WITH ANCESTRY

**ADULTS & TEENS** **REGISTRATION** Discover a new online resource while learning more about how to trace your family history! **Registration required: 715-359-6208**

*Thu., 11/16, 3–4:30 p.m.  
@ MCPL Rothschild*

### \* CRAFTS & DRAGONS

**TEENS** **REGISTRATION** Calling all teen Dungeons & Dragons fans! Join us for D&D-themed craft projects!

**Registration required: [mcpl.us/dd](http://mcpl.us/dd)**  
*Thu., 11/16, 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.)

*Sat., 11/18, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

*Sat., 12/16, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### 3D PAPER SCULPTURES

**CHILDREN** **DROP-IN** Join us on these "no school" days to make some paper sculptures! Supplies provided.

*11/22–11/25 @ MCPL Wausau*

### BAD ART NIGHT

**TEENS** **DROP-IN** Instead of a guided, structured activity, teens are invited to let their imaginations run wild and make the best "bad" art they can!

*Tue., 11/28, 4–6 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee*

### 4-H FOODIE

**CHILDREN** **REGISTRATION** Younger patrons (grade 3+) are invited to learn basic kitchen skills and create healthy snacks w/ the help of Marathon County 4-H!

**Registration required: 715-261-1230**  
*Tue., 11/28, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau*

### SNOW GLOBE STORIES & FUN!

**CHILDREN** Kids and families, join us for snow globe stories and crafts as we welcome the winter season!

*Thu., 11/30, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau*  
*Sat., 12/2, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau*

### CROCHET BASICS

**CHILDREN** **REGISTRATION** Learn all about crochet w/ Marathon County 4-H! **Registration required: 715-261-1230**

*Mon., 12/4, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau*

### WINTER GNOMES

**ALL AGES** Create your own cute little yarn gnome for winter!

*Wed., 12/6, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley*

### BOOK FOLDING ART

**ADULTS & TEENS** Learn how to fold the pages of (recycled) books to make decorative words and other designs—no cutting involved!

*Wed., 12/6, 5:30 p.m. @  
MCPL Rothschild*

### WINTER BOOK NOOK

**ADULTS & TEENS** Create your own unique wintry book nook at the library!

*Wed., 12/6, 6–7:30 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### ALICE IN DAIRYLAND

**ALL AGES** "Alice in Dairyland" Ashley Hagenow will talk about Wisconsin agriculture and her role its ambassador!

*Thu., 12/7, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer*

### HOO-TENANNY STORY TIME & CRAFTS

**CHILDREN** An owl-themed story time w/ crafts!

*Fri., 12/8, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau*

### PUT A BOW ON IT! CRAFT WEEK

**ALL AGES** **DROP-IN** Stop by the library to make homemade bows using beautiful scrapbook paper (provided)!

*12/4–12/9 @ MCPL Stratford*

### MEDICAID 101

**ADULTS** Learn more about Medicaid, the federal health coverage for low-income individuals and families!

*Mon., 12/11, 10:30 a.m.  
@ MCPL Stratford*

*Wed., 12/13, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar*

### DIY FABRIC CRAFTS

**ADULTS & TEENS** Learn fun projects that can be done w/ leftover fabric—including headbands and more!

*Tue., 12/12, 3–5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee*

### TIN LID ORNAMENTS

**ALL AGES** Create your own unique winter ornaments using tin can lids!

*Mon., 12/18, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley*

### STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

**CHILDREN** Young patrons are invited to this special story time and drop off their stuffed animals for a sleepover!

*Tue., 12/19, 10:30 a.m. @  
MCPL Rothschild*

### EXTENSION GARDENING ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS

**ADULTS** **REGISTRATION** Learn how to care for these beautiful flowers w/ a free class from Extension Marathon County! **Registration required: 715-261-1241**

*Wed., 12/20, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### ANIME AFTER DARK

**ADULTS** Join us for a screening of the first three episodes of "Tokyo Ghoul" and "Another."

*Wed., 12/20, 5:30–7:45 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

#### \* ONE-SHOTS

**TEENS** **REGISTRATION** Teens w/ D&D experience are invited to join us for games every other month throughout the school year!

*Thu., 12/21, 5:30–7:45 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### ESCAPE ROOMS

**ALL AGES** Kids and families can use their problem-solving and intuition skills to escape! (Easier and harder options available.)

*Fri., 12/22 @ MCPL Hatley*

### ANIME AFTERNOON

**TEENS** Join us for a screening of the first three episodes of "Fruits Basket," and "Youkai Apartment no Yuuga na Nichijou."

*Wed., 12/27, 1–3:30 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### WRECK THIS JOURNAL

**TEENS** Fans of Keri Smith's journal work are invited to "Wreck" their own journal!

*Fri., 12/29, 2:30–3:30 p.m.  
@ MCPL Wausau*

### NEWSPAPER ANIMAL COLLAGE

**ALL AGES** **DROP-IN** Visit the library during winter break to create this fun craft!

*12/27–12/30 @ MCPL Rothschild*

### WIZARDING WANDS & MORE!

**CHILDREN** **DROP-IN** Visit the library during winter break to experience the magic of Harry Potter!

*12/27–12/30 @ 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](http://www.mcpl.us/bookclubs).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**"STARFISH"** LISA FIPPS  
*Mon., 12/11, 5:45 p.m. @  
MCPL Marathon City*

**"THE CHRISTMAS BOOKSHOP"** JENNY COLGAN  
*Tue., 12/12, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar*

**"WHITEOUT"** KEN FOLLETT  
*Tue., 12/12, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley*

**"THE CHILDREN'S BLIZZARD"** MELANIE BENJAMIN  
*Tue., 12/12, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens*

**"A CHRISTMAS LEGACY"** ANNE PERRY  
*Wed., 12/13, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford*

**"THE SECRET OF SNOW"** VIOLA SHIPMAN  
*Mon., 12/18, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer*

### JANUARY–FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB PREVIEW

*(More book clubs may be planned soon.)*

**"DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY"** ERIK LARSON  
*Mon., 1/8, 5:45 p.m. @  
MCPL Marathon City*

**"THE CHILBURY LADIES' CHOIR"** JENNIFER RYAN  
*Tue., 1/9, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar*

**"WINTER GARDEN"** KRISTIN HANNAH  
*Tue., 1/9, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley*

**"THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SAM HELL"** ROBERT DUGONI  
*Wed., 1/17, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford*

**"THE FOUR WINDS"** KRISTIN HANNAH  
*Mon., 1/22, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee*

**"THE GUEST LIST"** LUCY FOLEY  
*Wed., 1/24, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild*

**"PEOPLE WE MEET ON VACATION"** EMILY HENRY  
*Mon., 2/12, 5:45 p.m. @  
MCPL Marathon City*

**"JUST LAST NIGHT"** MHAIRI MCFARLANE  
*Tue., 2/13, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar*

**"SMALL GREAT THINGS"** JODI PICOULT  
*Tue., 2/13, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley*

**"ONE TRUE LOVES"** TAYLOR JENKINS REID  
*Mon., 2/19, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee*

**"WEST WITH GIRAFFES"** LYNDIA RUTLEDGE  
*Mon., 2/19, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer*

**"HORSE"** GERALDINE BROOKS  
*Wed., 2/21, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford*

**"THE MARTIAN"** ANDY WEIR  
*Wed., 2/28, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild*