



Marathon County Public Library YOUTH SERVICES

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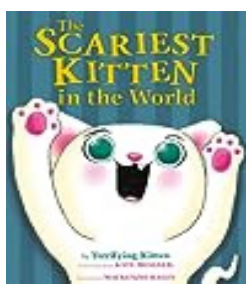
STAFF PICKS for children



"THE MORE YOU GIVE"
MARCY CAMPBELL;
FRANCESCA SANNA

In this beautifully illustrated picture book, readers follow along as a grandmother shares her wisdom, love and her awe of nature with her grandson, who watches a beautiful tree grow along with him.

Picked by Sarah M.
Branch Coordinator



**"THE SCARIEST KITTEN
IN THE WORLD"**
KATE MESSNER;
MACKENZIE HALEY

This interactive picture book is full of cute illustrations in what seems to be a spooky package. Readers enter into a haunted house to find what's supposed to be a terrifying kitten—but is it?

Picked by Sarah M.
Branch Coordinator

Story Times

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

FAMILY STORY TIME

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

* **WAUSAU:** Thursdays, 10 a.m.: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29

* **ATHENS:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

* **EDGAR:** Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 1/2, 1/16, 2/6, 2/20

* **HATLEY:** Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

* **MARATHON CITY:** Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29

* **MOSINEE:** Wednesdays, 11 a.m.: 1/3, 2/7

* **ROTHSCHILD:** Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 1/2, 1/16, 2/20

* **STRATFORD:** Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

PLAY & LEARN

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

* **WAUSAU:** Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.: 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

TALES FOR TOTS

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

* **WAUSAU:** Mondays, 10 a.m.: 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

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.: 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

* *More events may be scheduled in this series.*
This newsletter only includes events January–February.



Youth Advisory Committees

Two MCPL locations will give youth a voice and leadership opportunities starting in 2024: Wausau's Young Adult Library Leaders (YALL) and Mosinee's Teen Advisory Group (TAG)!

YALL is open to students in grades 6–12. Members will meet at MCPL Wausau to share their ideas on events for teens, the teen area, book displays, and purchase suggestions. There also will be time to discuss favorite books and other media, plus a short activity afterward. No application or registration is required. **YALL's first meeting will be 2/6, 6–7 p.m.** Call 715-261-7220 for more information.

TAG is open to students in grades 7–12 from the Mosinee area. TAG members will advise MCPL Mosinee staff on programs for teens, as well as plan and conduct some of these programs themselves. TAG applications are available at the library and online. **TAG's first meeting will be 1/16, 4–5 p.m.** Apply to join at www.mcpl.us/tag, or call 715-693-2144 for more information.

Additionally, MCPL Stratford's Youth Library Team will continue to meet in 2024. Call at 715-687-4420 for more information.

In addition to giving library staff feedback on what youth want at their local libraries, members of these groups can boost their college applications or job resumes with this leadership opportunity. It's also a great opportunity to connect with other teens!

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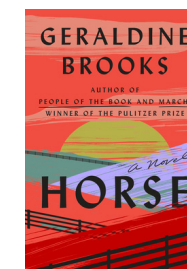
STAFF PICKS for adults



"HIDDEN PICTURES"
JASON REKULAK

Fresh out of rehab, Mallory takes a job as a babysitter of five-year-old Teddy. Teddy is sweet and shy, and his drawings are typical five-year-old drawings — until they become increasingly disturbing.

Picked by Lisa H.
Branch Coordinator



"HORSE"
GERALDINE BROOKS

I found this to be a beautiful love story about a boy and his horse, with a cast of captivating characters. It tells a dramatic and important story that encompasses the history of horse racing, African American horsemen, enslavement, and the Civil War.

Picked by M.J. N.
Branch Coordinator



MCPL Athens has moved!

MCPL Athens opened to the public at its new Alfred Street location on November 13, 2023!

A lot of work was done in the short time the branch was closed for the move. Library Director Leah Giordano praised staff efforts, saying, "Athens branch staff Kitty and Shahara have done a fantastic job in getting our new home moved in and ready for patrons."

This new building location provides a lovely place for folks in the Athens community to read, study and gather for library events.

Of the building, Giordano says, "We are beyond excited about the Athens Branch library moving along with the Village to their new location on Alfred Street! The building and interior are beautiful, with natural wood design features and grand ceilings."

Drop in to see the new MCPL Athens during its regular hours of operation, or call 715-257-7292 for more information.



Holiday Hours

All MCPL locations will be closed all day on 12/24, 12/25, 12/26, 1/1 and 1/15.



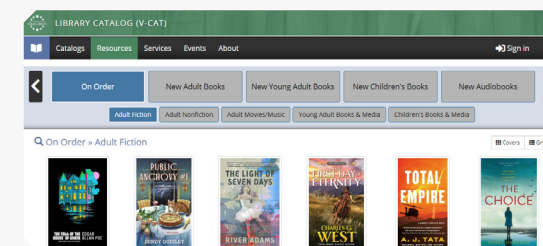
Mango Languages

Resolve to learn a new language in 2024!

It's easy to practice reading and speaking in other languages using Mango, an award-winning online language learning program that is available to MCPL patrons for free.

Mango offers courses in more than 70 world languages! Some of the most popular available languages are Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese and English.

To get started, visit www.mcpl.us/mango and sign up for an account, or install the Mango app on your smartphone or tablet.



Get the scoop on new items!

We've added a new "On Order" display to the Library Catalog (V-Cat) so you can preview and request newly acquired library items before they hit the shelves!

"On Order" categories include fiction, nonfiction, movies and music for adults, young adults, and children.

To view these items, use the carousel at the top of the catalog's homepage, or visit www.mcpl.us/ordered.

* LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

CHILDREN DROPIN Get creative with LEGO® and other blocks!

Tuesdays, 1–7 p.m.: 1/2, 2/6 @ MCPL Mosinee

Thursdays, 3–5 p.m.: 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15 @ MCPL Wausau

Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.: 1/6, 2/3 @ MCPL Rothschild

Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.: 1/13, 2/10 @ MCPL Edgar

PENGUIN STORY TIME

CHILDREN Waddle on down (or just walk) and join us for a fun winter story time all about penguins!

Wed., 1/3, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

3D KIRIGAMI SNOWFLAKES

ALL AGES Join us for the perfect winter craft as we make creative snowflakes!

Wed., 1/3, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

LONG-TERM CARE 101

ADULTS Establishing a care plan to care for a loved one (or yourself) can be a daunting task. Join us for a presentation on the basics of long-term care.

Mon., 1/8, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Stratford

Wed., 1/10, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

* CRIBBAGE

ADULTS DROPIN Grab your card decks and boards (or use ours) for an hour or so of cribbage at the library!

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.: 1/9, 2/13 @ MCPL Spencer

WINGS OF FIRE PARTY

CHILDREN Fans of the popular “Wings of Fire” book series are invited for related crafts and more!

Tue., 1/9, 3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

* POKEMON CLUB

CHILDREN Join us for Pokémon-themed activities, crafts and card trading.

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 1/9, 2/13 @ MCPL Wausau

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.: 1/17, 2/21 @ MCPL Rothschild

Thursdays, 4 p.m.: 1/18, 2/15 @ MCPL Mosinee

Mon., 2/19, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

* SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS DROPIN 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.: 1/10, 2/14 @ MCPL Wausau

* AFTER SCHOOL ART

KIDS & TEENS DROPIN Kids and teens are welcome to get creative with their own art projects!

Wednesdays, 3–5 p.m.: 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28 @ MCPL Edgar

DIY TERRARIUM

ADULTS Patrons are invited to create their own mini terrariums! Register: 715-693-2144

Thu., 1/11, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

HOMEMADE JOURNALS & NOTEBOOKS

ALL AGES DROPIN We’re bringing back this fun craft so you can start the new year organized and engaged in self-care!

1/2–1/13 @ MCPL Mosinee

EXTENSION GARDENING NEW PLANTS FROM KITCHEN SCRAPS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn how to start new plants from kitchen scraps — and get a free kit to try it at home! Register: 715-261-1241

Tue., 1/16, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

* TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

TEENS REGISTRATION DROPIN Mosinee-area teens are invited to hang out with other teens, help plan library events and more! Register: 715-693-2144

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 1/16, 2/20 @ MCPL Mosinee

GENTLE YOGA

ALL AGES Join us for a soft and gentle yoga session with an experienced instructor.

Wed., 1/17, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

* BOARD GAME NIGHT

ALL AGES DROPIN Bring friends or make new ones while playing board games!

Thursdays, 5:30–7 p.m.: 1/18, 2/15 @ MCPL Athens

* CRAFTS & DRAGONS DECORATE A HEALTH POTION

TEENS REGISTRATION Join us for this D&D-themed craft program! Register: 715-261-7220

Thu., 1/18, 5:30–7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CITY SPOTLIGHT WAUSAU POLICE CHIEF

ADULTS Police Chief Matthew Barnes will talk about current events and take your questions!

Thu., 1/18, 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BOOK BOWL: THE PREQUEL

CHILDREN Students can get a jump on the competition with fun games based on this year’s Book Bowl selections!

Sat., 1/20, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

WINE BOTTLE SNOWMAN

ADULTS Join us to create a cute, unique craft perfect for the winter season!

Wed., 1/24, 2–4 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

NARWHAL TALES

CHILDREN Celebrate a beloved Arctic animal, the narwhal, with special stories and crafts!

Thu., 1/25, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

Sat., 1/27, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MCPL & 4-H

LEDS & CIRCUITS

CHILDREN REGISTRATION Have some fun while learning more about circuits and LED lights! Register: 715-261-7220

Sat., 1/27, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

FRIENDS MEMBERS-ONLY * BOOK SALE

ADULTS DROPIN 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.: 1/27, 2/17 @ MCPL Wausau

PLAY & LEARN

IT’S FROSTY INSIDE

KIDS & ADULTS Have fun with your child and connect with others during this event led by Children’s Wisconsin!

Mon., 1/29, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Stratford

MAGAZINE ANIMAL COLLAGE

CHILDREN Let’s re-purpose cardboard and old magazines to create works of art!

Tue., 1/30, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

INTRO TO LIBBY & THE WORLD OF E-BOOKS!

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn how to access thousands of e-books and audiobooks on your computer, tablet or phone! Register: 715-359-6208

Wed., 1/31, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

* READ TO A THERAPY DOG

CHILDREN Young readers are invited to practice their reading skills with Buddy the therapy dog!

Thu., 2/1, 3:30–4:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

WHAT’S IT WORTH? ANTIQUES APPRAISAL

ALL AGES REGISTRATION Expert Mark Moran will tell you how much your antiques may be worth! Spectators welcome. Register: 715-261-7230

Sat., 2/3, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

YARN ART!

CHILDREN Make artistic creations with yarn! Available any time during regular library hours.

1/29–2/3 @ MCPL Mosinee

* BOOK SALE

ALL AGES DROPIN Browse thousands of books, movies and other items for sale at great prices! Proceeds are used to support library programs.

Friends Members Only: Wed., 1/31, 5–7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

Open to Public: 2/1–2/3 @ MCPL Wausau

* STEAM LAB

KIDS & TEENS Discover the world of technology with fun experiments!

Mon., 2/5, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SNOW PLOW STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time about plowing snow, and kids can get an up-close look at a real municipal snow plow!

Tue., 2/6, 10:30 @ MCPL Rothschild

PAPER HEART SPINNER

ALL AGES DROPIN We’ll provide the supplies and instructions for this cute craft that will add to your Valentine’s Day decor!

Tue., 2/6, 1–7 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

Wed., 2/7, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

* YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY LEADERS (YALL)

TEENS YALL is a new teen advisory and leadership group at the library for grades 6–12. You can help plan library programs and more! Meets monthly.

Tue., 2/6, 6–7 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

YOGA STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time that incorporates light yoga for kids (and adults, too)!

Wed., 2/7, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

HONOR FLIGHT MAIL CALL

ALL AGES DROPIN Make cards and letters to be given to local veterans returning on the next Honor Flight!

Wed., 2/7, 5:30–6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT MARATHON CO. SHERIFF

ADULTS Sheriff Chad Billeb will discuss local law enforcement issues and trends, and take your questions!

Thu., 2/8, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MCPL & 4-H

NO-BAKE DELIGHTS

CHILDREN REGISTRATION A hands-on workshop to create some easy and delicious no-bake treats to give as gifts this Valentine’s Day! Register: 715-261-7220

Sat., 2/10, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS DROPIN Community members are invited to bring their own historical items to share and discuss with others!

Mon., 2/12, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

HEARTS & CRAFTS

ALL AGES During this time of year when candy hearts abound, join us to learn how the actual heart works, make your own heart model, and more!

Mon., 2/12, 4–6 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

WOVEN HEART CRAFT

ALL AGES Create your own woven heart using yarn and a homemade loom! All supplies and instructions provided.

Mon., 2/12, 4:30–6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

CAT LOVER CRAFTS & SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS & TEENS Calling all cat lovers! Join us for a craft-filled social hour!

Tue., 2/13, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

ANTI-VALENTINE’S PARTY

TEENS Make black heart-shaped piñatas, black duct tape roses, and sarcastic heart magnets. There also will be cookies, trivia, music and more!

Tue., 2/13, 6–7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

COMPUTER BASICS MOUSE & KEYBOARD

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard and how to connect with friends and family online! Register: 715-261-7230

Wed., 2/14, 1–3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT “CHARADE”

ADULTS & TEENS Join us for a free screening of this 1963 classic starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn!

Thu., 2/15, 4:30–6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

I HEART ART

CHILDREN Create some wonderful heart themed art projects on this no-school day!

Fri., 2/16, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

EXTENSION GARDENING GROWING CITRUS INDOORS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Join us for this free class on how to raise citrus plants indoors! Register: 715-261-1241

Tue., 2/20, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

COMPUTER BASICS FILES, DESKTOP & WINDOWS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn how to use a computer’s desktop, windows, and file system. Register: 715-261-7230

Wed., 2/21, 1–2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

EMBROIDERY 101

ADULTS If you’ve ever wanted to learn the art of embroidery, here’s your chance! We’ll teach and demonstrate the basics.

Wed., 2/21, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

PETE THE CAT CELEBRATION

CHILDREN Celebrate the grooviest cat around with Pete the Cat stories, activities and crafts!

Thu., 2/22, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

Sat., 2/24, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

PLAY & LEARN STAMPIN’ FUN

KIDS & ADULTS Have fun with your child and connect with others during this event led by Children’s Wisconsin!

Mon., 2/26, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Stratford

WAX PAPER STAINED GLASS LANTERN

CHILDREN Brighten the day with a DIY wax paper lantern! All supplies and instructions provided.

Tue., 2/27, 5–6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

COMPUTER BASICS INTERNET BASICS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn how to access the internet using a web browser, and learn basic safety and searching techniques. Register: 715-261-7230

Wed., 2/28, 1–2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

NEUROGRAPHIC ART

ADULTS Learn the basics of “neurographic art” and practice mindfulness through this unique process!

Wed., 2/28, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

ART CLUSTER EXHIBIT

ALL AGES DROPIN Visit the library to see art created by students from the Wausau School District!

2/6–2/28 @ MCPL Wausau

FOLDED PAPER BRACELETS

KIDS & TEENS Tweens and teens are invited to make colorful bracelets by folding strips of paper!

Thu., 2/29, 4–5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

BOOK CLUBS

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

“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 MAID” NITA PROSE

Tue., 1/9, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

“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

“TAKE MY HAND” DOLEN PERKINS-VALDEZ

Tue., 2/13, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

“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