

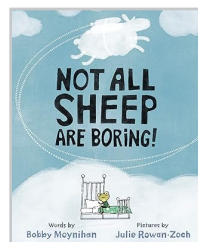


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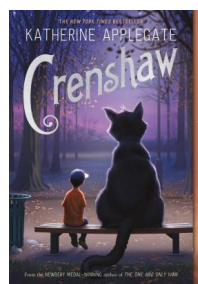
STAFF PICKS for children



“NOT ALL SHEEP ARE BORING!”
BOBBY MOYNIHAN;
JULIE ROWAN-ZOCH

Need help falling asleep? Count sheep! That must mean sheep are terribly boring right? WRONG! This book introduces you to a group of silly, wacky, and mysterious sheep who will have you rethinking counting sheep to fall asleep!

*Picked by Hannah D.
Branch Coordinator*



“CRENSHAW”
KATHERINE APPLEGATE

Crenshaw is a giant black and white cat. He was Jackson’s invisible friend back when he was just a little kid of seven. But now that Jackson’s going into 5th grade, surely he doesn’t need an invisible friend any more...or does he?

*Picked by Julie G.
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 w/ books, songs and more!

- * **WAUSAU:** *Thursdays, 10 a.m.:*
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25
- * **ATHENS:** *Mondays, 10:30 a.m.:*
3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29
- * **EDGAR:** *Tuesdays, 11 a.m.:* *3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16*
- * **HATLEY:** *Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.:*
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30
- * **MARATHON CITY:** *Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.:*
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25
- * **ROTHSCHILD:** *Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.:*
3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16
- * **STRATFORD:** *Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.:*
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

PLAY & LEARN

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

- * **WAUSAU:** *Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.:*
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 4/10, 4/17, 4/24
- * **STRATFORD:** *Mondays, 10:30 a.m.:* *3/25, 4/22*

TALES FOR TOTS

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

- * **WAUSAU:** *Mondays, 10 a.m.:*
3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29

BOUNCING BABIES

CHILDREN Babies and their caregivers are invited to this “lap-sit” story time—where babies sit in their caregivers’ laps to enjoy songs and rhymes!

- * **WAUSAU:** *Tuesdays, 10 a.m.:*
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30

* *More events may be scheduled in this series.*
This newsletter only includes events March–April.



YOLO @ MCPL Stratford

“YOLO” at the library’s Stratford branch stands for YOUTH Library Opportunities! In 2023, this group of students in grades 5–12 helped with the Summer Library Program, decorated the library, and planned a variety of events for tweens and teens.

These fun opportunities continue in 2024!

New this year at MCPL Stratford is a monthly, informal drop-in called “Third Thursdays” where members can discuss favorite books and movies, play games, brainstorm future library events, and help with small library projects.

The next YOLO event is **Creative Journal Making on April 2**. Interested Stratford-area youth can call 715-687-4420 to learn more and get involved.

Allycia S., Marketing Specialist

Lactation Pod @ MCPL Wausau

Breastfeeding, pumping or nursing parents seeking comfort and privacy now have a convenient option at MCPL Wausau!



In January, the library installed a Mamava lactation pod. A lactation pod is a freestanding, enclosed structure that provides a private, safe, peaceful and clean space for nursing parents. It also has easy-to-access outlets for pumping equipment.

MCPL Wausau’s lactation pod is located on the first floor by the entrance to Youth Services. The pod is free to use and can be accessed with the free Mamava app, or by getting a code from Youth Services or the Main Desk.

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Book Clubs

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

“SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE LAKESIDE SUPPER CLUB”
ADULTS *Mon., 3/11, 5:45 p.m.*
@ MCPL Marathon City

“THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB”
ADULTS *Mon., 4/8, 5:45 p.m.*
@ MCPL Marathon City

“THE DUTCH HOUSE”
ANN PATCHETT
ADULTS *Tue., 4/9, 12 p.m.*
@ MCPL Edgar

“SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES”
CAITLIN DOUGHTY
ADULTS *Tue., 3/12, 12 p.m.*
@ MCPL Edgar

“SPARE”
PRINCE HARRY
ADULTS *Tue., 3/12, 1 p.m.*
@ MCPL Hatley

“BLACK CAKE”
C. WILKERSON
ADULTS *Tue., 3/12, 2 p.m.*
@ MCPL Athens

“WE WERE LIARS”
E. LOCKHART
YOUNG ADULTS *Thu., 3/14, 5:30 p.m.*
@ MCPL Stratford

“BEFORE & AGAIN”
BARBARA DELINSKY
ADULTS *Mon., 3/18, 2 p.m.*
@ MCPL Mosinee

“THE STORIED LIFE OF A. J. FIKRY”
ADULTS *Mon., 3/18, 3 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.*
@ MCPL Spencer

“THE MAGNIFICENT LIVES OF MARJORIE POST” ALLISON PATAKI
ADULTS *Wed., 3/20, 1 p.m.*
@ MCPL Stratford

“BECOMING MRS. LEWIS”
ADULTS *Wed., 3/27, 11 a.m.*
@ MCPL Rothschild

“THE BOOK OF LOST NAMES” K. HARMEL
ADULTS *Tue., 4/9, 1 p.m.*
@ MCPL Hatley

“ROSEMARY” KATE CLIFFORD LARSON
ADULTS *Tue., 4/9, 2 p.m.*
@ MCPL Athens

“FIREKEEPER’S DAUGHTER”
ANGELINE BOULLEY
YOUNG ADULTS *Thu., 4/11, 5:30 p.m.*
@ MCPL Stratford

“HIDDEN”
FERN MICHAELS
ADULTS *Mon., 4/15, 2 p.m.*
@ MCPL Mosinee

“THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS”
RUTH HOGAN
ADULTS *Mon., 4/15, 5:45 p.m.*
@ MCPL Spencer

“DEMON COPPERHEAD”
BARBARA KINGSOLVER
ADULTS *Wed., 4/17, 1 p.m.*
@ MCPL Stratford

“I’M GLAD MY MOM DIED” JENNETTE MCCURDY
ADULTS *Wed., 4/24, 11 a.m.*
@ MCPL Rothschild

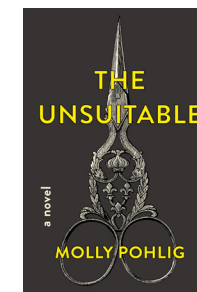
STAFF PICKS for adults



“THE KILLING KIND”
JANE CASEY

Ingrid Lewis is no stranger to dangerous people. A barrister in London, she’s defended all sorts of clients. One she will never forget? John Webster. Acquitted of stalking after Ingrid defended him, he grew obsessed with her and destroyed everything in her life.

*Picked by Sarah M.
Branch Coordinator*



“THE UNSUITABLE”
MOLLY POHLIG

Iseult Wince is getting too old. Soon, she’ll be a spinster. Iseult is a bit odd, and her father dislikes her. His goal is to find her a suitable husband (i.e. any man who will take her). This book was rather graphic but highly entertaining. The humor is dark and clever. It is about complex familial relationships, making your own choices, and claiming who you are.

*Picked by Hannah D.
Branch Coordinator*

CRAFTS & COLORING

CHILDREN DROP-IN Celebrate National Craft Month w/ new crafts at the children's table all month long!
3/1–3/30 @ MCPL Mosinee

* LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

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

Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.: 3/2, 4/6 @ MCPL Rothschild
Tuesdays, 1–7 p.m.: 3/5, 4/2 @ MCPL Mosinee
Thursdays, 3–5 p.m.: 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18 @ MCPL Wausau
Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.: 3/9, 4/13 @ MCPL Edgar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!!

CHILDREN Stop by any time for Dr. Seuss-themed activities and stories!
Sat., 3/2 @ MCPL Hatley

STEAM LAB

KIDS & TEENS Explore technology w/ devices like Ozobots, Spheros, and more!
Mondays, 4 p.m.: 3/4, 4/1 @ MCPL Wausau

YARN WALL HANGING

ADULTS Create an easy and fashionable wall hanging using donated yarn!
Mon., 3/4, 6–7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

EXTENSION GARDENING START SEEDS INDOORS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn how to start your garden inside this year! **Registration required: 715-687-4420**

Tue., 3/5, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

* YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY LEADERS

TEENS “YALL” is a teen advisory and leadership group for grades 6–12. Help plan library programs and more!
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.: 3/5, 4/2 @ MCPL Wausau

BREAKFAST STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for a story time about the most important meal of the day!
Wed., 3/6, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

COMPUTER BASICS MOUSE & KEYBOARD

ADULTS REGISTRATION Join us for this computer class for absolute beginners! **Registration required (call the branch).**
Wed., 3/6, 1–2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Wed., 4/10, 1:30–3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPENCER?

ADULTS Chat w/ the new village administrator and the village police chief about current events. Bring questions!
Thu., 3/7, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

* READ TO A THERAPY DOG

CHILDREN Kids are invited to practice their reading skills w/ Buddy the dog!
Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.: 3/7, 4/4 @ MCPL Rothschild

SEE THE SUN IN A NEW LIGHT!

ALL AGES Before the April solar eclipse, safely view the sun w/ a solar telescope and sunoculars!

Sat., 3/9, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CITY SPOTLIGHT FIRE CHIEF JEREMY KOPP

ADULTS Fire Chief Jeremy Kopp will discuss the Wausau Fire Department and related topics. Bring questions!

Tue., 3/12, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

* CRIBBAGE

ADULTS DROP-IN Play cribbage w/ friends and neighbors!
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.: 3/12, 4/9 @ MCPL Spencer

COMMUNITY CRAFT SWAP

ADULTS Get rid of unwanted craft supplies, and/or pick up some new ones for free!
Tue., 3/12, 4–6 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Mon., 3/18, 4–6 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

* POKEMON CLUB

CHILDREN Join us for Pokémon-themed activities, crafts and card trading.
Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 3/12, 4/9 @ MCPL Wausau
Mondays, 4 p.m.: 3/18, 4/15 @ MCPL Edgar
Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.: 3/20, 4/17 @ MCPL Rothschild
Thursdays, 4 p.m.: 3/21, 4/18 @ MCPL Mosinee

* SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS DROP-IN Make some new friends at this round-table social hour!
Wednesdays, 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.: 3/13, 4/10 @ MCPL Wausau

COMPUTER BASICS DESKTOP, FILES & WINDOWS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Join us for this computer class for absolute beginners! **Registration required (call the branch).**
Wed., 3/13, 1–2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Wed., 4/17, 1:30–3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

AFTER SCHOOL ART

KIDS & TEENS DROP-IN Stop by the library to get creative w/ art projects!
Wednesdays, 3–5 p.m.: 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24 @ MCPL Edgar

ACRYLIC POURED PAINTING

ADULTS REGISTRATION Create unique art using the acrylic pouring technique! **Registration required: 715-659-3996**
Wed., 3/13, 5:15–6:15 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

CRAFTS & DRAGONS

TEENS REGISTRATION Calling all teen Dungeons & Dragons fans! Join us to create your own player notebook.
Thu., 3/14, 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.: 3/16, 4/20 @ MCPL Wausau

EXTENSION GARDENING LETTUCE BOWLS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn to grow your own lettuce, and get a free take-home kit! **Registration required: 715-261-1241**
Tue., 3/19, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

* TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

TEENS REGISTRATION DROP-IN Socialize w/ other teens, help plan library events, and more! **Registration required: 715-693-2144**
Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 3/19, 4/16 @ MCPL Mosinee

* GENTLE YOGA & MEDITATION

ADULTS We're encouraging patrons to be kind to themselves and practice yoga and meditation!
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: 3/20, 4/17 @ MCPL Mosinee

COMPUTER BASICS INTERNET BASICS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Join us for this computer class for absolute beginners! **Registration required (call the branch).**
Wed., 3/20, 1–2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Wed., 4/24, 1:30–3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

DINOSAUR STOMP STORY TIME

CHILDREN Stomp, roar, and growl at this family story time!
Thu., 3/21, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Sat., 3/23, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

* BOARD GAME NIGHT

ALL AGES DROP-IN Bring friends (or make new ones) and play some board games!
Thursdays, 5:30–7 p.m.: 3/21, 4/18 @ MCPL Athens

WATCH IT GROW!

CHILDREN This craft will have you plant seeds and watch them grow at home!
Fri., 3/22, 2:30–4:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MCPL & 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS

TEENS REGISTRATION Interested in photography? Learn the basics! **Registration required: 715-261-7220**
Sat., 3/23, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

PREHISTORIC FACTS WITH DINO CHRIS

CHILDREN See fossils and learn more about prehistoric creatures with local dinosaur enthusiast, Dino Chris!
Sat., 3/23, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

YARN ART

CHILDREN DROP-IN Kids can stop by any time to make a unique craft w/ cardboard and yarn!
3/25–3/27 @ MCPL Wausau

ESCAPE ROOMS

ALL AGES REGISTRATION Kids and families can use their problem-solving and intuition skills to escape from our pop-up escape rooms! **Registration required: 715-359-6208**
3/25–3/30 @ MCPL Hatley

BEADED KEYCHAINS

CHILDREN Create a bead craft in the shape of an animal or other character!
Mon., 3/25, 4–6 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

THE 1919 SOLAR ECLIPSE WITH DR. AARON STEFFEN

ADULTS & TEENS Join us for a talk by Dr. Aaron Steffen on this historic eclipse!
Wed., 3/27, 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SOLAR ECLIPSE CHALK ART

ALL AGES Create a “corona chalk art” masterpiece!
Thu., 3/28, 1–3 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Tue., 4/2, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley
Wed., 4/3, 4–5 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar
Wed., 4/3, 1–7 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon
4/1–4/6 @ MCPL Mosinee
4/1–4/6 @ MCPL Rothschild

LIVE CLUE GAME

ADULTS & TEENS REGISTRATION How did Mr. Boddy meet w/ his demise? Join us to find out during this live “Clue” game! **Registration required: 715-359-6208**
Thu., 3/28: 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

CD ECLIPSE ART

TEENS Transform discarded CDs into stunning eclipse-inspired works of art!
Thu., 3/28, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

“HONOR IN THE AIR” DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

ADULTS Watch this documentary about Wisconsin soldier/aviator Capt. Scott Alwin, and stay for a Q&A w/ the film's writer and director!
Sat., 3/30, 1–3 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BEACH PARTY!

CHILDREN Join us for beach-themed activities and crafts during spring break!
3/28–3/30 @ MCPL Wausau

SPRING CRAFT WEEK

CHILDREN DROP-IN Celebrate spring by creating some colorful spring crafts!
3/25–3/30 @ MCPL Marathon City

ECLIPSE SCAVENGER HUNT

ALL AGES DROP-IN Prior to the April 8 solar eclipse, visit the library to complete an eclipse-themed scavenger hunt!
4/1–4/6 @ MCPL Athens, MCPL Hatley, MCPL Rothschild, MCPL Spencer, MCPL Stratford

JOURNAL MAKING

TWEENS & TEENS Make your own journal w/ fun supplies and a binding machine!
Tue., 4/2, 1:30–3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

EARTH DAY STORY TIME

CHILDREN Celebrate Earth Day w/ this story time about caring for our planet!
Wed., 4/3, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

HERE COMES THE SUN!

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time all about the sun, and more!
Thu., 4/4, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

DIY ECLIPSE VIEWER

CHILDREN Get ready for the April 8 solar eclipse! Create an eclipse viewer using a cereal box and other supplies!

Thu., 4/4, 3–5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Thu., 4/4, 3–5 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

THIMBLE BOUQUET PENDENT

ADULTS April showers bring spring flowers—and a fun bouquet craft!
Thu., 4/4, 6–7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

PETE THE CAT PARTY

CHILDREN Fans of Pete the Cat are invited to a special story time w/ all sorts of groovy cat-themed activities!
Tue., 4/9, 3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

MCPL & 4-H ALL ABOUT DAIRY!

CHILDREN REGISTRATION Learn all about dairy and combine ingredients to create a grilled cheese sandwich! **Registration required: 715-261-1230**
Wed., 4/10, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

LEARN TO KNIT

ALL AGES REGISTRATION Learn knitting skills at this special two-part program! **Registration required: 715-446-3537**
Mon., 4/15, 4:30–6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

GENEALOGY BASICS WITH ANCESTRY

ADULTS REGISTRATION Learn how to trace your family history using the library's free access to Ancestry databases! **Registration required: 715-443-2775**
Mon., 4/15, 5:30–7 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

EXTENSION GARDENING NO MOW MAY

ADULTS REGISTRATION Discover the benefits of not mowing your lawn in May. **Registration required: 715-261-1241**
Tue., 4/16, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SPRING WREATH

CHILDREN Let spring bloom w/ flowers made out of re-purposed egg cartons!
Tue., 4/16, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

GRATITUDE JOURNALS

ADULTS REGISTRATION Join local wellness advocate Mandy Roberts to discuss ways to grow gratitude, and take home a free journal! **Registration required: 715-693-2144**
Wed., 4/17, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

COLOR MASH!

CHILDREN What happens when you mix different colors? Find out at this special story time!
Thu., 4/18, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Sat., 4/20, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

ADULTS In recognition of National Public Health Week, learn more about environmental health w/ the Marathon Co. Health Department!
Thu., 4/18, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH POETRY READING & OPEN MIC

ADULTS Join us at Whitewater Music Hall for a celebration featuring former Wisconsin Poet Laureate Max Garland, Wausau Poet Laureate Tiffany Rodriguez-Lee, and an open mic session!
Thu., 4/18, 7–9 p.m. @ Whitewater Music Hall (Wausau)

NATURE WIND CHIMES

CHILDREN Join us for an Earth Day celebration and create a neat wind chime craft!
Mon., 4/22, 2–4 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

DITCH DEMENTIA

ADULTS Julie St. Pierre from the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter will discuss the brain/body connection and ways to keep the mind sharp as we age!
Tue., 4/23, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT HEALTH OFFICER LAURA SCUDIERY

ADULTS Learn more about the county health department, and we'll have time for audience questions as well!
Tue., 4/23, 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

HAND BELL CONCERT

ALL AGES Join us for a spring concert performed by the Spencer High School Hand Bell Choir!
Thu., 4/25, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

SHARPIE® TIE-DYE

TWEENS & TEENS Make colorful tie-dye creations using permanent markers!
Thu., 4/25, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

MEDICAID BASICS

ADULTS Learn more about Medicaid, the federal health coverage for low-income individuals and families.
Thu., 4/25, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

STAMP & STICKER PARTY

CHILDREN DROP-IN Visit the children's area to get creative with stickers and stamps!
4/26–4/27 @ MCPL Wausau

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

TEENS Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to join us for a Mario Kart tournament on Nintendo Switch!
Sat., 4/27, 2–4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau