



Marathon County Public Library

YOUTH SERVICES

MAY-JUNE 2024

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2024 Summer Program

Join us for an adventure this summer at your local library! We are celebrating the “Adventure Begins At Your Library” theme through our book displays, activity book, BINGO reading cards, summer performances, county wide programs, and Story Times in the Park! Our summer programming has something for all ages but is especially geared for school-age children and tweens/teens.

Visit your library beginning June 1st to pick up an activity book! Inside you'll find a complete county wide listing of our summer programs and performances. The activity book also includes multiple puzzles, a coloring page, and our summer reading program BINGO cards for early and school-aged readers. Complete the prompts on your BINGO card and you can earn up to two free books! We'll also have BINGO cards for young adults!



Be sure to include some of our summer performance dates and locations on your family calendar! We are pleased to welcome back Tom Pease in June! Tom will sing songs, make you laugh, and more during his concert. Or if animals are your thing, check out Zoozort, Snake Discovery, or Animal Acrobats!

We also have exciting programs for teens! Anyone going into grades 6-12 are welcome to attend our summer teen events. In Wausau, we'll get colorful making tie-dye tote bags in June, get competitive in the Amazing Race in July, and get creative making neon lights in August. The fun doesn't stop there! Teens can also visit the library every Tuesday during the summer for Dungeons & Dragons adventures.

For teens interested in forensic science and detective work, we have a new program just for you! Teen Forensics 101, put on in collaboration with Marathon County 4-H, will be happening throughout the summer in Wausau on the fourth Thursday of the month. Join us as we do hands-on experiments and discuss intriguing mystery-related media!

Summers are meant to be celebrated and filled with memories! Families can plan to make some when they visit their local library.

More information: 715-261-7220 | www.mcpl.us/slp



Story Times

Share the joy of reading with your child! Children attending story time must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

STORY TIME BREAK

To prepare for the Summer Program, all MCPL locations will take a break from regularly scheduled story times in early May. Those that will resume these story times in June are listed below; other locations will resume their story times in September.

FAMILY STORY TIME

CHILDREN Young patrons six years old and younger are invited to join us for stories, songs and more!

WAUSAU: Thursdays, 10 a.m.: 5/2, [story time break], 6/6, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29

ATHENS: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 5/6, [story time break], 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12

EDGAR: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 5/7, [story time break], 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 8/6, 8/20

MARATHON CITY: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: [story time break], 6/6, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22

ROTHSCHILD: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: [story time break], 6/4, 7/2, 7/16, 8/6, 8/20

PLAY & LEARN

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

WAUSAU: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.: 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28

STRATFORD: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/24, 7/22, 8/26

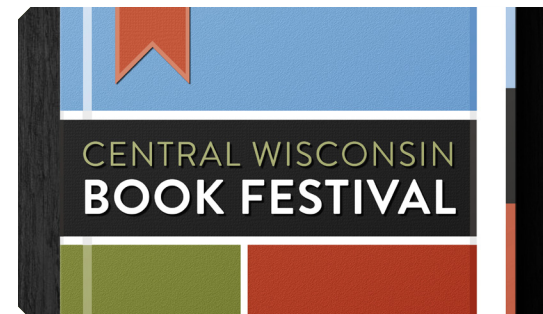
Please note: Additional specially-scheduled story times are listed inside this newsletter and online at www.mcpl.us/storytime.

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2024 Book Festival

Save the dates! The eighth annual Central Wisconsin Book Festival will take place around Sept. 26-29!

While we might add a day or two (or three?) to the main dates, book lovers and festival-goers should mark their calendars for the last weekend in September. We're already working on this year's lineup, and we look forward to sharing all the great events with you in the coming months at www.mcpl.us/cwbf.

Are you an author interested in joining us? First, thank you for your interest! We're an annual festival, so feel free to email cwbf@mcpl.us with info about yourself and your book(s), contact info, and ideas for your event.

Would you like to receive (occasional) updates about the Book Festival? Visit bit.ly/cwbf-updates to sign up, and while you're there, feel free to give us some feedback about future festivals.

If you or your organization wish to donate to our festival, you can contact us at cwbf@mcpl.us or 715-261-7235. For a full list of those who help make the festival possible, visit www.mcpl.us/cwbf/supporters.

We can't thank you enough for your support of the literary arts in Central Wisconsin—as a writer, as a patron, or as a financial supporter!



Holiday Hours

All MCPL locations will be closed all day Saturday-Monday, May 25-27.



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.

“THE BOOK THIEF”
MARKUS ZUSAK
ADULTS & TEENS Thu., 5/9,
5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

“THE PRIZE WINNER OF DEFIANCE, OHIO”
TERRY RYAN
ADULTS Mon., 5/13, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

“STILL ALICE”
LISA GENOVA
ADULTS Tue., 5/14, 12 p.m.
@ MCPL Edgar

“REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES”
SHELBY VAN PELT
ADULTS Tue., 5/14, 1-2 p.m.
@ MCPL Hatley

“A FLICKER IN THE DARK”
STACY WILLINGHAM
ADULTS Tue., 5/14, 2 p.m.
@ MCPL Athens

“THINGS I WISH I TOLD MY MOTHER”
SUSAN PATTERSON; SUSAN DILALLO; JAMES PATTERSON.
ADULTS Wed., 5/15, 1 p.m.
@ MCPL Stratford

“THE BOARDWALK BOOKSHOP”
SUSAN MALLERY
ADULTS Mon., 5/20, 2 p.m.
@ MCPL Mosinee

“THE GIRL WHO WROTE IN SILK”
KELLI ESTES
ADULTS Mon., 5/20, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Spencer

“ECHO MOUNTAIN”
LAUREN WOLK
ADULTS Wed., 5/22, 11 a.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

“SPARE”
PRINCE HARRY
ADULTS Mon., 6/10, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

“NEVER LET ME GO”
KAZUO ISHIGURO
ADULTS Tue., 6/11, 12 p.m.
@ MCPL Edgar

CHOOSE YOUR OWN READ
ADULTS Rather than discuss a specific book, we're inviting participants to share a new favorite!
Tue., 6/11, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

“MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN”
RANSOM RIGGS
ADULTS & TEENS Thu., 6/13,
5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

“THE HEIRLOOM MURDERS”
CHLOE ERNST
ADULTS Mon., 6/17, 2 p.m.
@ MCPL Mosinee

“LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY”
BONNIE GARMUS
ADULTS Wed., 6/19, 1 p.m.
@ MCPL Stratford

“RECKLESS GIRLS”
RACHEL HAWKINS
ADULTS Wed., 6/26, 11 a.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

“FUTURE HOME OF THE LIVING GOD”
LOUISE ERDRICH
ADULTS Mon., 7/8, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

“A WRINKLE IN TIME”
MADELEINE L'ENGLE
ADULTS Tue., 7/9, 12 p.m.
@ MCPL Edgar

“A DEATH IN DOOR COUNTY”
ANNELISE RYAN
ADULTS Tue., 7/9, 1 p.m.
@ MCPL Hatley

“THE FIVE-STAR WEEKEND”
ELIN HILDEBRAND
Mon., 7/15, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

*** 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.
Friends Members Only: Wed., 5/1, 5-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Open to Public: 5/2-5/4 @ MCPL Wausau

GRAB & GO WIND CHIME

CHILDREN Create a wind chime using just a few supplies but with more material to make it your own!
5/1-5/31 @ All MCPL Locations

PRESSED FLOWER LANTERNS

ADULTS & TEENS Make your own pressed flower lanterns that are beautiful, and really easy to put together!
Wed., 5/1 @ MCPL Marathon City

*** READ TO A THERAPY DOG**

CHILDREN | DROP IN Young readers are invited to practice their skills reading aloud to a therapy dog!
Thu., 5/2, 3:30-4:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild
Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.: 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 @ MCPL Wausau
Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.: 6/6, 6/20 @ MCPL Rothschild

*** LEGO® BLOCK PARTY**

CHILDREN | DROP IN Get creative with LEGO and other blocks!
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: 5/4, 6/1 @ MCPL Rothschild
Tue., 5/7, 1-7 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m.: 5/15, 5/29, 6/5, 6/19 @ MCPL Wausau
Fridays, 1-3 p.m.: 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28 @ MCPL Marathon City

YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY LEADERS

TEENS YALL is a teen advisory and leadership group at the library for anyone in grades 6-12. Help plan library programs and so much more!
Tue., 5/7, 6-7 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

GEOLOGY OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

ADULTS Join us for a talk by Katherine Bober about the world of fossilized plants at NPS units, including the Ice Age Trail!
Tue., 5/7, 6-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS | DROP IN A library encouraging people to talk? Yes, and the public is invited! Chat with others during our social hour.
Wed., 5/8, 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CITY SPOTLIGHT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR LIZ BRODEK

ADULTS Learn about Wausau's Community Development Department, which covers housing, economic and community development, planning and redevelopment. Bring your questions!
Thu., 5/9, 6-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

COMMUNITY PLANT SWAP

ADULTS | DROP IN Green thumbs—aspiring and experienced—are invited to drop off and give plants to others or pick up something new to grow and care for at home!
5/13-5/18 @ MCPL Edgar
5/13-5/18 @ MCPL Marathon City
6/3-6/8 @ MCPL Mosinee
6/17-6/21 @ MCPL Hatley

CRIBBAGE

ADULTS | DROP IN Grab your card decks and boards (or use ours) for a game of cribbage with other community members!
Tue., 5/14, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer
Tue., 6/4, 3-5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

*** POKÉMON CLUB**

CHILDREN Calling all Pokemon Trainers! Several MCPL locations will be offering our popular Pokemon Club each month this winter and spring!
Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 5/14, 6/4 @ MCPL Wausau
Wed., 5/15, 4:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild
Thu., 5/16, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee
Mon., 6/17, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

MCPL & 4-H MEMORIES RE-IMAGINED

CHILDREN | REGISTRATION Youth in grades 3 and up will create new wall hangings using older, antique frames and other materials!
Register: 715-261-7220.
Tue., 5/14, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

GENTLE YOGA & MEDITATION

ADULTS We're encouraging patrons to be kind to themselves and practice yoga and mediation!
Wed., 5/15, 10-11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

POWER OF ATTORNEY BASICS

ADULTS Learn more about "power of attorney" designations, both medical and financial.
Wed., 5/15, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar
Thu., 5/23, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

GEOCACHING 101

ADULTS & TEENS Want to go on a real-world, outdoor adventure? We'll learn the basics of geocaching and head outside to find our own geocache!
Thu., 5/16, 5-6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

BOARD GAME NIGHT

ALL AGES | DROP IN Bring your friends or make new ones while playing board games!
Thu., 5/16, 5:30-7 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

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.: 5/18, 6/15 @ MCPL Wausau

PARK STORY TIME & SCAVENGER HUNT

CHILDREN Join us for a special outdoor story time and scavenger hunt!
Tue., 5/21, 11 a.m. @ Oak Street Park (Edgar)
Mon., 6/24, 10:30 a.m. @ Athens Park

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

TEENS | REGISTRATION | DROP IN Mosinee area teens are invited to hang out with other teens, help plan library programming and more!
Register: 715-693-2144.
Tue., 5/21, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

TRAIL TALES

CHILDREN | DROP IN Families are encouraged to walk through Oak Island Park and enjoy picture books along the way!
6/1-8/31 @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)

RIB MOUNTAIN STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for story time atop Rib Mountain in the picnic area by the concessions stand during their Free Fun Weekend!
Sat., 6/1, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. @ Rib Mountain (Wausau)

*** MY SUMMER ADVENTURE BOOK**

CHILDREN Kids and tweens can create a book filled with summer memories and adventures!
6/3-6/8 @ MCPL Hatley
6/17-6/22 @ MCPL Stratford

*** BACKPACK BUDDIES**

CHILDREN | DROP IN Do you like stringing beads? Stop in to create a "Backpack Buddy!"
6/3-6/8 @ MCPL Stratford
6/17-6/22 @ MCPL Rothschild

*** SUNFLOWER WEAVING**

CHILDREN Kids can learn weaving techniques to make their own sunflower craft!
6/3-6/8 @ MCPL Mosinee
6/17-6/22 @ MCPL Spencer

*** DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

TEENS | REGISTRATION Join us weekly for D&D games run by library staff!
Register: 715-261-7200.
Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25 @ MCPL Wausau

*** CAT LOVER CRAFT & SOCIAL HOUR**

ADULTS Cat lovers are invited to this crafty social hour!
Tue., 6/4, 5-6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

MAP PENDANT

ADULTS Make a unique pendant using recycled maps!
Wed., 6/5, 6-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CAMPING STORY TIME

CHILDREN Kick off the summer with a camping-themed story time!
Thu., 6/6, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

MOVIE MATINÉE "MIGRATION"

CHILDREN Join us for a free movie screening! Bring your own snacks. Rated PG.
Fri., 6/7, 2-4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

DIY SUN VISOR

CHILDREN | DROP IN Decorate your own unique sun visor!
6/10-6/15 @ MCPL Spencer

*** MINI PAPER KITES**

CHILDREN | DROP IN Create a fun, travel-size mini kite!
6/10-6/15 @ MCPL Stratford
6/24-6/29 @ MCPL Marathon City

DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS

CHILDREN Do your kids love dinosaurs? Join us for this fun, interactive puppet show!
Mon., 6/10, 10:30 a.m. @ Memorial Park (Athens)
Mon., 6/10, 1:30 p.m. @ River Park (Mosinee)

INTRO TO SPREADSHEETS WITH MICROSOFT EXCEL

ADULTS | REGISTRATION Join us to learn more about creating and using spreadsheets!
Register: 715-261-7230.
Mon., 6/10, 3-4:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

OUTDOOR STORY TIME

CHILDREN Bring your family to enjoy outdoor story times!
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/11, 6/25 @ MCPL Hatley

TOM PEASE

CHILDREN Children's entertainer Tom Pease is back with his unique mix of music and humor!
Tue., 6/11, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)
Tue., 6/18, 10 a.m. @ Marathon Elementary (Marathon City)
Tue., 6/18, 1:30 p.m. @ Oak Street Park (Edgar)

MOVIE NIGHT "AMERICAN FICTION"

ADULTS Join us for a free movie screening! Bring your own snacks. Rated R.
Tue., 6/11, 6-7:45 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SUMMER ADVENTURE STORY TIME

CHILDREN Celebrate our summer theme—"Adventure Begins at Your Library!"—with fun books, games and activities.
Wed., 6/12, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Stratford

THE MAGIC OF ISAIAH

CHILDREN Join us for a combination of magic and laughter with Isaiah Foster!
Wed., 6/12, 10:30 a.m. @ George Street Park (Rothschild)
Wed., 6/12, 1:30 p.m. @ Lions Park (Spencer)
Tue., 6/25, 10:30 a.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)
Tue., 6/25, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

ZOOZORT

CHILDREN This fun and interactive show features a wallaby, armadillo and other animals in a safe, family-friendly environment!
Wed., 6/12, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

TIE-DYE FOR TEENS

TEENS Join us for a vibrant afternoon of tie-dye fun!
Wed., 6/12, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MEDICARE 101

ADULTS Learn the basics of Medicare from a licensed health and life insurance agent.
Wed., 6/12, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar
Thu., 6/20, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

SNAKE DISCOVERY SNAKE, RATTLE, & ROLL

CHILDREN Learn about reptiles and amphibians found in Wisconsin!
Thu., 6/13, 10 a.m. @ Marathon Elementary (Marathon City)
Thu., 6/13, 1:30 p.m. @ George Street Park (Rothschild)
Thu., 6/13, 6 p.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)

MARATHON COUNTY SHERIFF CHAD BILLEB

ADULTS Sheriff Chad Billeb will introduce himself and talk about some of the issues in Marathon County. Bring your questions!
Thu., 6/13, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

MOVIE MATINÉE "MEAN GIRLS" (2024)

TEENS Grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a free movie screening! Bring your own snacks. Rated PG-13.
Fri., 6/14, 2-4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

PIZZA BOX SOLAR OVEN STEM PROJECT

KIDS & TEENS Learn how to make a solar oven with a pizza box and a few other supplies, plus receive a free s'mores kit!
6/17-6/22 @ MCPL Athens

*** STORY TIME IN THE PARK**

CHILDREN Join us for a special outdoor story time!
Mon., 6/17, 10 a.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)

ALL ROADS LEAD SOMEWHERE

ADULTS Join us for a presentation by the Historical Society on major roads from the Marathon County's past!
Tue., 6/18, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

GARDENING STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time about flowers and gardening, presented by a Master Gardener!
Tue., 6/18, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild
Thu., 6/20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

FLOATING CHALK PRINTS

CHILDREN Young kids and tweens are invited to create a fun and colorful print on paper using flecks of chalk and water!
Tue., 6/18, 2-3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CELEBRATE THE MCPL BOOKMOBILE

ADULTS & TEENS Remember when the library had a bookmobile? Join us for a fun presentation about the bookmobile from its beginning in 1949 to its 50th anniversary and beyond!
Wed., 6/19, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Thu., 6/20, 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

GARDENING FOR POLLINATORS

ADULTS | REGISTRATION Celebrate National Pollinators Month with this free class led by Extension Marathon County!
Register: 715-443-2775.
Wed., 6/19, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

DUCT TAPE WATER BOTTLE HOLDER

KIDS & TEENS Tweens and teens can stay hydrated in style by making their own water bottle holder out of duct tape.
Thu., 6/20, 12-3 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

HACK THAT PAINTING

TEENS Stretch your creativity and artistic skills with this painting program!
Thu., 6/20, 3-5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

GENEALOGY BASICS WITH ANCESTRY

ADULTS Discover a new online resource learning more about how to trace your family history using Ancestry databases!
Mon., 6/24, 1-3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

ANIMAL ACROBATS

CHILDREN How do animals move in the wilderness? Find out with naturalist Stephanie Feuerstein during this interactive program—and meet a few critters!
Tue., 6/25, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Hatley
Tue., 6/25, 1:30 p.m. @ River Park (Mosinee)

*** YOGA STORY TIME**

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time that incorporates yoga!
Wed., 6/26, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

*** MCPL & 4H TEEN FORENSICS 101**

TEENS | REGISTRATION Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for activities related to detective work and forensic science!
Register: 715-261-1240.
Thu., 6/27, 3 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau