



Marathon County Public Library

YOUTH SERVICES

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Online resources for kids!

The following resources are available for free to patrons at any MCPL location or from home using the links provided at www.mcpl.us/research. If you need assistance, please visit your local library, or call 715-261-7220.

TUMBLEBOOKS – INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S BOOKS

TumbleBooks is a collection of interactive children's e-books and related learning activities. This collection includes more than 1,100 titles for grades K-6, and includes animated "talking" picture books, read-along chapter books, nonfiction books and videos, curated playlists, graphic novels, and more!



There are **no checkout limits or wait lists**; the books in this collection are always available! It's a great resource for tech-savvy kids, and teaches them the joy of reading in a format they'll love.

It also includes a section with resources for parents and teachers.

Note: This resource is provided via the Marathon County Public Library (MCPL).

NOVELIST K-8 – CHILDREN'S BOOK RESEARCH



Novelist K-8 is a database of book recommendations for children, teens, parents and educators. It includes a variety of ways to discover new books, including:

- "Unique story elements"—such as appeal, genre, and theme—to help you find books that are just your style.
- "Read-alike" recommendations help you find books similar to the ones you already enjoy.

- Reading level information—Accelerated Reader, Lexile, or both.
- Series information—explore which books to read next within thousands of series.

Note: This resource is provided via BadgerLink.

BRITANNICA LIBRARY – QUALITY ENCYCLOPEDIA CONTENT

Britannica Library is an online encyclopedia for learning about any topic, for all ages and learning abilities!

Britannica's highly reputable editorial team expertly creates authoritative and wide-ranging content to support patrons at every age level: young children, children, young adult, and reference center (adult).



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Story Times

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

FAMILY STORY TIME

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

WAUSAU: Mondays, 10 a.m.: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

ATHENS: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11

EDGAR: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

HATLEY: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 11/26, 12/10

MARATHON CITY: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

MOSINEE: Wednesdays, 11 a.m.: 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4

ROTHSCHILD: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

STRATFORD: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11

PLAY & LEARN

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

WAUSAU: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.: 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

STRATFORD: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 9/23, 10/21, 11/18

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

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CHILTON LIBRARY – CAR REPAIR DATABASE



This resource provides authoritative and up-to-date service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles, including:

- Maintenance and specification tables.
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures, plus a labor estimating tool.
- Wiring diagrams to help explain system operation.
- Close-up photographs and illustrations.
- ASE test prep quizzes for the most popular certification exams.

Note: This resource replaces Auto Repair Source / Auto Repair Reference Center and AutoMate. It is provided via BadgerLink.

GALE PRESENTS: UDEMY – ONLINE LEARNING

This resource—curated from Udemy.com—includes thousands of video-based courses in business, technology, leadership and personal development. It is designed for adults who want to upskill for a new job, advance in their current profession, or deepen a personal interest.



Udemy can be used to teach users how to code, prep for certifications, sharpen leadership skills, increase office productivity, tap into their creativity, and much more.

Note: This resource replaces Gale Courses and LearningExpress. It is provided via Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS).

PROQUEST HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS – WISCONSIN COLLECTION



Search and view 100+ years of digitally archived Wisconsin newspapers in full detail—including:

- Wausau Daily Herald (1907 onward)
- Stevens Point Journal (1895 onward)
- Marshfield News Herald (1921 onward)
- The Daily Tribune (Wisconsin Rapids, 1890 onward)

Each archive includes the complete paper, cover to cover, with full page images in easily downloadable PDF format.

Note: This resource is provided via the Marathon County Public Library (MCPL).



Central Wisconsin Book Festival

Mark your calendars for the eighth annual **Central Wisconsin Book Festival**, September 26-28 — featuring 20+ authors in Wausau, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids!

Our dedicated group of festival organizers has worked throughout the year to put together what we think will be a fantastic lineup of guests. Fiction and non-fiction, sci-fi/fantasy, children's, poetry ... this year's festival has so much to offer!

Our headline event features internationally bestselling author **David Wroblewski**, who will discuss his new novel "Familiaris" and sign copies of his books Saturday, September 28 at the Dreyfus University Center, UW-Stevens Point.

Other events include:

Fiction author **Andrew Graff** reading from his newest novel (set in Wisconsin), "True North," at MCPL Wausau.

Wisconsin author **Hannah Morrissey**—whose work has drawn rave reviews from the likes of C. J. Box—will appear at the Portage County Public Library.

Fiction author **Lindsay Starck**, who calls Minnesota home, will share her new novel, "Monsters We Have Made," during an event at the McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids.

We've also partnered with the **Center for the Visual Arts** in Wausau on the reception for one of their newest exhibits, an art and poetry mash-up titled "Gathering."

For a full list of these **free events**, visit www.mcpl.us/cwbf, or look for the printed Central Wisconsin Book Festival schedule, available in early September at your local MCPL.



CENTRAL WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL

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

SEPTEMBER 26-28 @ MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

For the full schedule, see the CWBF insert to this newsletter (available soon) or visit www.mcpl.us/cwbf.

***MINI MAKERS**

CHILDREN DROP IN

Explore process art w/ different projects available at five different MCPL locations!

Tuesdays, 3-4:30 p.m.: 9/3, 10/1 @ MCPL Mosinee

Wednesdays, 1-7 p.m.: 9/4, 10/2 @ MCPL Marathon City

9/2-9/7 & 10/7-10/12 @ MCPL Athens

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: 9/11, 10/9 @ MCPL Rothschild

9/9-9/14 & 10/14-10/19 @ MCPL Spencer

***CRIBBAGE**

ADULTS & TEENS DROP IN

Bring your friends and play together or come by yourself to meet and play others!

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.: 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 @ MCPL Wausau

*FALL CRAFT CLUB

ADULTS & TEENS

Join us for fall-themed crafts! 9/5 will be bookmarks, and 10/3 will be paper crafts.

Thursdays, 5 p.m.: 9/5, 10/3 @ MCPL Mosinee

LEARN ART W/ PICTURE BOOKS

CHILDREN

Learn about different art techniques using picture books as examples and using the principles of process art.

Tue., 9/10, 3-5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

***POKÉMON CLUB**

CHILDREN DROP IN

Join fellow Pokémon fans to trade cards and discuss all things Pokémon!

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 9/10, 10/8 @ MCPL Wausau

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.: 9/18, 10/16 @ MCPL Rothschild

MICROSOFT WORD BASICS

ADULTS REGISTRATION

Learn more about word processing at this free class! Register: 715-261-7230

BASICS: Wed., 9/11, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

FORMATTING: Wed., 9/18, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

EDITING: Wed., 9/25, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

COMMUNITY PLANT SWAP

ADULTS DROP IN

Drop off plants for others, and/or pick up a new plant for yourself!

9/9-9/14 @ MCPL Mosinee

9/16-9/21 @ MCPL Marathon City

STORY TIME W/ A FIREFIGHTER!

CHILDREN

Join us for a special story time w/ firefighters from the Riverside Fire Dept.!

Tue., 9/17, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

BLUEY EXTRAVAGANZA

CHILDREN

Calling all fans of the book and TV character Bluey! Join us for Bluey-themed crafts and activities.

Tue., 9/17, 2-4 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

***READ TO A THERAPY DOG**

CHILDREN

Young patrons are invited to practice their reading aloud skills in front of a well-trained dog!

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: 9/17, 10/15 @ MCPL Mosinee

SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE BASICS GETTING READY FOR RETIREMENT

ADULTS REGISTRATION

The Aging & Disability Resource Center will present the basics of Social Security and Medicare. Register: 715-257-7292

Thu, 9/19, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

GENEALOGY BASICS W/ ANCESTRY

ADULTS

Learn the basics of tracing your family history and how to use the library's free access to Ancestry.com!

Thu., 9/19, 5:30-7 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

Mon., 9/30, 10-11:30 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

INTRO TO SPREADSHEETS W/ MICROSOFT EXCEL

ADULTS REGISTRATION

Learn more about creating spreadsheets w/ this free class! Register: 715-261-7230

Sat., 9/21, 2-3:30 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! (You can join on the spot.)

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: 9/21, 10/19 @ MCPL Wausau

***NEEDLEWORK SOCIAL HOUR**

ADULTS DROP IN

Join us to socialize and work on your needlework! All techniques welcome.

Mondays, 4-6 p.m.: 9/23, 10/28 @ MCPL Edgar

MANAGING CAREGIVER STRESS

ADULTS REGISTRATION

The Aging & Disability Resource Center will present a variety of ways to manage the tough task of providing care for others.

Thu., 9/26, 3 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

***MEDICARE 101**

ADULTS

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

Thu., 9/26, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

Wed., 10/2, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

Tue., 10/22, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

FLEXTANGLES

CHILDREN DROP IN

Kids and tweens are invited to make flexangles—a fun paper fidget! Stop by any time we're open during this no-school day!

Fri., 9/27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MORSE CODE BRACELETS

TEENS

Learn a bit about Morse Code and create a top-secret accessory!

Mon., 9/30, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

STORY TIME W/ POLICE OFFICERS

CHILDREN

Join us for a special story time w/ officers from the Mountain Bay Police Department!

Tue., 10/1, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

GOURDGEOUS & TUBERLAR NO-CARVE CREATIONS

KIDS & TEENS

Start October right w/ a fun afternoon of art creation using pumpkins and potatoes - no carving required! Pieces will be displayed for a contest, w/ winners announced Oct. 31!

Tue., 10/1, 3:30-6 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

PUTTING THE GARDEN TO BED

ADULTS REGISTRATION

Attend this free class to learn ways to prepare your garden and lawn for winter! Register: 715-261-1241

Wed., 10/2, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE BASICS UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE

ADULTS REGISTRATION

The Aging & Disability Resource Center will present the basics of Social Security and Medicare. Register: 715-257-7292

Thu, 10/3, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

FRIEND OR FOE? CLAY CREATIONS

KIDS & TEENS

Create a little buddy out of clay, or make a foe in the form of a monster! Come back any time we're open on 10/11 to paint them (once they're dried)!

Mon., 10/7, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

CAT CRAFT PARTY

CHILDREN

Young cat lovers are invited to this cat-themed craft and game extravaganza!

Tue., 10/8, 3-5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

EXTENSION GARDENING WILDLIFE DAMAGE

ADULTS REGISTRATION

Gardeners are invited to this free program on mitigating wildlife damage to lawns and gardens. Register: 715-261-1241

Tue., 10/8, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

ATHENS HISTORY AT ERBACH HOUSE

ADULTS

Join us for a special history presentation at the Black Creek Inn just outside of Athens, originally built for the Erbach family.

Wed., 10/9, 1-2:30 p.m. @ Black Creek Inn (Erbach House) (Athens)

ALBUM COVER ART

ADULTS REGISTRATION

Create unique album cover art using existing sleeves, records, or blank canvases! Register: 715-261-7230

Thu., 10/10, 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CRAFT SWAP

ADULTS & TEENS DROP IN

Join us for our second annual craft swap! Drop off materials 10/7-10/11, and come back 10/12 to pick up and pick out new craft supplies!

Sat., 10/12, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

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***GENEALOGY MEET UP**

ADULTS

Genealogy enthusiasts are invited to join us for an informal chat and to learn about genealogical resources!

Mon., 10/14, 1-2:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

GENTLE YOGA & MEDITATION

ADULTS

Join us for yoga and meditation sessions led by local experienced guide Mandy Roberts.

Wed., 10/16, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

EXTENSION GARDENING FORCING BULBS

ADULTS REGISTRATION

Join us for this free class on growing flowers indoors to brighten your winter! Register: 715-261-1241

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

FALL LEAF LANTERNS

ADULTS & TEENS

Create your own beautiful fall leaf lanterns! They're really easy to make.

Wed., 10/16, 3-6 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

HAUNTED HEARTLAND

ADULTS & TEENS

The Wausau Paranormal Research Society will share some of their investigations around Central Wisconsin and beyond!

Thu., 10/17, 5:30-7 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE BASICS MAINTAINING YOUR COVERAGE

ADULTS REGISTRATION

The Aging & Disability Resource Center will present the basics of Social Security and Medicare. Register: 715-257-7292

Thu, 10/17, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

COMPUTER BASICS MOUSE & KEYBOARD

ADULTS REGISTRATION

Join us to learn the basics about using a computer, starting w/ how to use a mouse and keyboard. Register: 715-352-3155

Mon., 10/21, 1:30-3 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

SPOOKY MOVIE MARATHON

CHILDREN

Visit the library to vote for your favorite scary movies (all rated G & PG), and we'll watch them on these dates!

Wed.-Fri., 10/23-10/25, 2-4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CHERISHED CHAPELS CHURCHES OF MARATHON COUNTY

ADULTS

Join us for a presentation on churches of Marathon County, led by Gary Gisselman from the Historical Society.

Wed., 10/23, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

ZENTANGLE ART

ALL AGES

Join us to learn a fun, relaxing way to create beautiful images using this structured technique, and make your own artwork on the spot!

Wed., 10/23, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

RIBBON BOOKMARK

ADULTS & TEENS

Join us to create your own special bookmark using ribbon.

Wed., 10/23, 6-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONE SHOT

TEENS REGISTRATION

Experienced D&D players are invited to a one-time gaming session on this no-school day! Register: 715-261-7230

Thu., 10/24, 2-5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

CALENDAR CONFUSION BREAKOUT BOX

KIDS & TEENS REGISTRATION

Tweens and teens are encouraged to test their problem-solving skills to unlock a breakout box and save the school schedule!

10/24-10/25 @ MCPL Rothschild

FRANKEN-PUMPKINS

CHILDREN DROP IN

We'll have assorted facial features and fun shapes for you to decorate a pumpkin cutout!

10/23-10/25 @ MCPL Wausau

CAT LOVER CRAFT & SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS

Cat lovers are invited to this crafty social opportunity!

Tue., 10/29, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

FALL CRAFT WEEK

CHILDREN DROP IN

Drop in any time the library is open to create a variety of fall-themed crafts!

10/28-11/2 @ MCPL Marathon City

BOOK CLUBS

ADULTS

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

"LOST & FOUND BOOKSHOP"

SUSAN WIGGS

Mon., 9/9, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

"THE NIGHT CIRCUS"

ERIN MORGENSTERN

Mon., 9/9, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

GASTON LEROUX

Tue., 9/10, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"I'M GLAD MY MOM DIED"

JENNETTE MCCURDY

Tue., 9/10, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"TOM LAKE"

ANN PATCHETT

Tue., 9/10, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER"

ANGELINE BOULLEY

Mon., 9/16, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN"

LISA SEE

Wed., 9/18, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"ANXIOUS PEOPLE"

FREDRIK BACKMAN

Wed., 9/25, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

"BURIAL RITES"

HANNAH KENT

Tue., 10/8, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"THE PARIS APARTMENT"

LUCY FOLEY

Tue., 10/8, 1 p