



Marathon County Public Library

YOUTH SERVICES

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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

The Marathon County Public Library is challenging parents to read more books with their children!



The “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” initiative is meant to introduce children to a wide range of literature, encourage families to spend quality time together and promote pre-literacy and learning so children enter school ready to read, listen and learn.

1,000 books may sound like a huge number, but consider this: If you read one book a day—or the same book day after day—you could finish

in less than three years. Ten books per week? Less than two years. We'll give you tips and suggestions, too.

Please visit your local MCPL to register and receive a free starter package. Incentives — stickers, books and more — are available as well!



For more information, visit your local MCPL or call the Wausau youth services desk at 715-261-7220.

This program is sponsored by the Marathon County Public Library Foundation: www.mcpl.us/foundation

Autumn Word Search

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H	A	R	V	E	S	T	G	K	
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TREE
LEAF
PUMPKIN
CORN
HARVEST
COLD
WINDY
FALL
SNOW



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.:
11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

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

EDGAR: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

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

MARATHON CITY: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.:
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

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

ROTHSCHILD: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 11/19, 12/3

STRATFORD: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.:
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.:
11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

STRATFORD: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 11/18, 12/16

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

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NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024



Join the Friends!

Now is a great time of year to become a Friend of the Library—or to give a Friends membership as a gift!

The Friends of the Marathon County Public Library is a nonprofit volunteer organization that seeks to promote and improve library services in Marathon County. These goals are funded via donations, membership fees, book sales and special fundraising events.

The Friends carry out their mission through:

Grants — Annually, the Friends award grants to fund projects and events for the library.

Material & equipment purchases — Friends donate and help purchase items to benefit the library.

Art purchases — During the Festival of the Arts, Friends purchase artworks for patrons to check out.

Special program sponsorships — e.g. the Summer Library Program, Central Wisconsin Book Festival and other events.

Advocacy — The Friends attend community events to show support for the library.

To join the Friends, complete a Friends Membership Application, available at all MCPL locations, every book sale, and online at www.mcpl.us/friends.

▼ You also may use the form provided below. ▼



FRIENDS OF THE MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION • JANUARY–DECEMBER

___ New Member ___ Renewing Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

___ \$10 Individual ___ \$15 Family (Dues are tax deductible to the extent of the law.)

I'm willing to help:

- ___ Sort / Shelf Books
- ___ Book Sale Worker
- ___ Serve on Friends Board

Send form and check payable to:

Friends of MCPL
300 N. 1st St.
Wausau, WI 54403



New “Memory Kits”!

The library’s new Memory Kit collection includes themed sets of library materials centered on simple, positive themes intended for the enrichment of elderly community members who are experiencing memory loss or dementia.

This is a form of “**reminiscence therapy**” that provides opportunities for loved ones and caregivers to engage with the person affected by memory loss, and to stimulate their mind, body and emotions.

Shelved at the library’s Wausau headquarters on the second floor near the large print fiction, each kit includes books, a CD, a DVD, themed activities, and a caregiver resources sheet.

There are three kits in the collection so far: “On the Farm”; “Colorful Classics”; and “No Place Like Home.” Patrons may borrow one kit for two weeks at a time.

The Memory Kit initiative was funded by the Friends of the Library! Visit the library for more details, or place a hold online: www.mcpl.us/memory-kits



Holiday Hours

All MCPL locations will be closed all day Thu.–Fri., 11/28–11/29, Tue.–Wed., 12/24–12/25, and Tue.–Wed., 12/31–1/1.

Additionally, MCPL locations in Wausau, Edgar, Hatley, Marathon City, Rothschild and Spencer will close early at 5 p.m. on Wed., 11/27.

MINI MAKERS

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Explore process art w/ different projects at multiple locations!

Wednesdays, 1–7 p.m.: 11/6, 12/4
@ MCPL Marathon City
11/4–11/9 & 12/2–12/7 @ MCPL Athens

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.:
11/13, 12/11 @ MCPL Rothschild
11/11–11/16 & 12/9–12/14
@ MCPL Spencer
Tue., 12/3, 3 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

MEDICARE 101

ADULTS Learn the basics of Medicare w/ a licensed health & life insurance agent.

Wed., 11/6, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar
Tue., 11/19, 4 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

*BOOK SALE

ALL AGES **DROP-IN** Browse thousands of books, movies & other items for sale at great prices! Proceeds are used to support library programs.

Friends Members Only: Wed., 11/6,
5–7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Open to Public: 11/7–11/9
@ MCPL Wausau

MEET A FIREFIGHTER!

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time w/ members of the village's fire department!

Thu., 11/7, 10:30 a.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

FALL CRAFT CLUB

ADULTS & TEENS Try crafts using a variety materials. Keep your creations!

Yarn Art: Thu., 11/7, 5 p.m.
@ MCPL Mosinee

Essential Oils: Thu., 12/5,
5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

AUTHOR VISIT ROBERT PETERSEN

ADULTS & TEENS Author & veteran Robert Petersen will share his book, "12,400 Miles to Green Bay," about his time as a pilot in the Vietnam War.

Thu., 11/7, 5:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

STUFFED ANIMAL EMERGENCY ROOM

ALL AGES Join us for this unique program to learn basic "surgery" to repair your stuffies! No sewing experience necessary.

Thu., 11/7, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

DINO CHRIS TRICERATOPS

CHILDREN Learn more about the dinosaur whose skeleton is on display at the library!

Sat., 11/9, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH MYSTERY IN THE STACKS

ADULTS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Work as a group to solve an original murder mystery! Sessions run every 90 minutes. Register: 715-261-7230

Sat., 11/9, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

AUTHOR VISIT KELLY NELSON

KIDS & ADULTS Join us for a special Veterans Day story time w/ Kelly Nelson, who will talk about her new book "Brownie the War Dog."

Mon., 11/11, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

ADULTS **DROP-IN** Veterans & their families are invited to this resource fair w/ the Marathon Co. Veterans Service Office!

Mon., 11/11, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

*GENEALOGY MEET UP

ADULTS Enthusiasts are invited to this informal chat to learn more about genealogical resources.

Mondays, 1 p.m.: 11/11, 12/16
@ MCPL Wausau

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Your stuffed animal is invited to a sleepover! (Pickup the following day.)

Drop-off: Mon., 11/11, 1–6 p.m.
@ MCPL Edgar

Drop-off: Tue., 12/17, 10 a.m.–
4 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

EXTENSION GARDENING UW GARDENING RESOURCES

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Discover the many gardening resources available through UW Madison! Register: 715-261-1241

Tue., 11/12, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

*CRIBBAGE

ADULTS & TEENS **DROP-IN** Bring your friends for a game of cribbage, or come by yourself to meet & play others!

Tuesday, 1:30–3 p.m.: 11/12,
12/10 @ MCPL Spencer

Tuesdays, 3–5 p.m.: 11/12, 11/19, 11/26,
12/3, 12/10, 12/17 @ MCPL Wausau

WINGS OF FIRE PARTY

CHILDREN Fans of the popular "Wings of Fire" book series are invited for crafts, games & more!

Tue., 11/12, 3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

*POKÉMON CLUB

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Join fellow Pokémon fans to trade cards & discuss all things Pokémon!

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 11/12, 12/10
@ MCPL Wausau

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.: 11/20,
12/18 @ MCPL Rothschild

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH BOARD GAMES

ALL AGES **DROP-IN** Try out some board games w/ friends & neighbors!

Tuesdays, 5–7 p.m.: 11/12,
11/26 @ MCPL Wausau

GENTLE YOGA & MEDITATION

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

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: 11/13,
12/11 @ MCPL Mosinee

PUZZLE COMPETITION

ADULTS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Assemble your team, sign up, & see how fast you can put together a puzzle!

Register: 715-693-2144

Thu., 11/14, 3–5 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

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.:
11/16, 12/21 @ MCPL Wausau

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH OREGON TRAIL LIVE!

ALL AGES **REGISTRATION** We're hosting a live version of the popular Oregon Trail video game! Bring your own group, or sign up alone to join others! Sessions every 30 minutes all day long. Register: 715-261-7230

Sat., 11/16 @ MCPL Wausau

BEGINNING COMPUTERS

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Learning to use a computer can be challenging! Join us to learn the absolute basics. Register: 715-352-3155

Part 1: Mon., 11/18, 1:30–
3 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

Part 2: Mon., 11/25, 1:30–
3 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

*READ TO A THERAPY DOG

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

Tuesdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.: 11/19,
12/17 @ MCPL Mosinee

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH CARD GAMES

ALL AGES **DROP-IN** Play an assortment of card games & socialize w/ others!

Tue., 11/19, 5–7 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO MUSIC BINGO

ALL AGES **REGISTRATION** Join Wisconsin Public Radio to show off your knowledge of Wisconsin music & classical music at this family-friendly combo of trivia & BINGO.

Session 1: Wed., 11/20, 4 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

Session 2: Wed., 11/20,
5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

*LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

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

Thursdays, 3–5 p.m.: 11/21,
12/19 @ MCPL Wausau
Sat., 12/7, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH MAGIC: THE GATHERING

ADULTS & TEENS **DROP-IN** Play the Magic fantasy card game w/ others! Games last 20–30 minutes, so stop by any time during the day to participate.

Sat., 11/23, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

*NEEDLEWORK SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS **DROP-IN** Step out for an evening of socializing & needlework!

Mondays, 4–6 p.m.: 11/25,
12/23 @ MCPL Edgar

MOVIE MATINÉE "THE LAND BEFORE TIME"

CHILDREN Join us for a free movie screening, & bring your own snacks! G | 69 min. | 1988

Wed., 11/27, 2–4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

DINOSAUR BOOKMARKS

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Create a playful prehistoric pal to keep your place while reading!

Wed., 11/27, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

GENEALOGY BASICS W/ ANCESTRY

ADULTS Discover a new online resource (free at the library) while you learn how to trace your family history.

Mon., 12/2, 1:30–3 p.m.
@ MCPL Edgar

TALES & TAILS WITH HUMANE SOCIETY

CHILDREN Join us for story time w/ the Humane Society & a furry guest!

Wed., 12/4, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

FAKE SNOW SENSORY PLAY

KIDS & TWEENS Join us for a different kind of play time w/ fake "snow" & toys & tools to experience different shapes & textures!

Wed., 12/4, 3–5 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

PAPER BAG SNOWFLAKES

ADULTS Learn how to create a beautiful snowflake decoration using recycled paper bags.

Wed., 12/4, 5:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Rothschild

PAINTED WOOD ORNAMENTS

ADULTS Create unique wooden ornaments just in time for the holidays!

Mon., 12/9, 5 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

NAVIGATE MEDICARE & MAINTAIN COVERAGE

ADULTS Join us for a program on Medicare, including options, avoiding scams & more. Led by the Aging & Disability Resource Center.

Tue., 12/10, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

EXTENSION GARDENING MICROGREENS

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Learn about microgreens, & take a kit home to try growing some yourself this winter! Register: 715-261-1241

Tue., 12/10, 6–7 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau
Thu., 12/12, 10–11 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MOVIE NIGHT "THE HOLDOVERS"

ADULTS Join us for a free movie screening, & bring your own snacks! R | 133 min. | 2023

Tue., 12/10, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SNOWMAN ORNAMENTS

ALL AGES **DROP-IN** Create your own decorative snowman ornaments!

Wed., 12/11, 3–6 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONE-SHOT ADVENTURE

TEENS **REGISTRATION** D&D players are invited to a winter-themed quest! Experience required, & you must come w/ a Level 5 character.

Register: 715-261-7230

Thu., 12/19, 4:30–7:30 p.m.
@ MCPL Wausau

UPCYCLED GINGERBREAD HOUSES

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Stop by any time the library is open to make a small gingerbread-themed decorative house!

12/23, 12/26–12/28 & 12/30
@ MCPL Wausau

WINTER BREAK CRAFT BREAK

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Stop by any time the library is open to create a winter hat art piece!

12/23, 12/26–12/28 & 12/30
@ MCPL Rothschild

MOVIE MATINÉE "HOME ALONE"

CHILDREN Join us for a free movie screening, & bring your own snacks! PG | 102 min. | 1990

Mon., 12/23, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MOVIE MATINÉE "FROZEN"

CHILDREN Join us for a free movie screening, & bring your own snacks! PG | 108 min. | 2013

Thu., 12/26, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MOVIE MATINÉE "DESPICABLE ME 4"

CHILDREN Join us for a free movie screening, & bring your own snacks! PG | 94 min. | 2024

Fri., 12/27, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MOVIE MATINÉE "INSIDE OUT 2"

CHILDREN Join us for a free movie screening, & bring your own snacks! PG | 100 min. | 2024

Mon., 12/30, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BOOK CLUBS

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

"SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES"

CAITLIN DOUGHTY
Mon., 11/11, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

"THE GOLDEN SPOON"

JESSA MAXWELL
Tue., 11/12, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"IT ENDS W/ US"

COLLEEN HOOVER
Tue., 11/12, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"HOUSE OF SECRETS"

TRACIE PETERSON
Mon., 11/18, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

"HOMECOMING"

KATE MORTON
Mon., 11/18, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"THE MEASURE"

NIKKI ERLICK
Wed., 11/20, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

"THE WORLD PLAYED CHESS"

ROBERT DUGONI
Wed., 11/20, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"CARRIE SOTO IS BACK"

TAYLOR JENKINS REID
Mon., 12/9, 5:45 p.m.
@ MCPL Marathon City

"WINTER STREET"

ELIN HILDERBRAND
Tue., 12/10, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"ONE PERFECT DAY"

LAURINE SNELLING
Tue., 12/10, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"JAMES PATTERSON"

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Mon., 12/16, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

"CURIOUS CHARMS OF ARTHUR PEPPER"

PHAEDRA PATRICK
Wed., 12/18, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford