

Marathon County Public Library Newsletter

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Summer 2005

Readers of the Realm: Summer Library Program at MCPL

By Linda Gau, Librarian

Readers of all ages are invited to become Readers of the Realm this summer at the Marathon County Public Library. Join the fun and have a chance to win terrific prizes. No matter what you read, whether Harry Potter, Dan Brown, or if someone reads books to you; keep track of how much you've read on reading tickets. Once filled out, these tickets become entries for prizes. The Grand Prize for the summer reading program is a 2-day stay at the Lodge at Cedar Creek for a family of four which includes the water park. Readers are also eligible for many other prizes donated by local businesses and organizations.

Throughout the summer there will be programs for children, teens, and adults.

Come and enjoy the Kick-Off Day in Wausau on June 14 with singer Ken Lonnquist. More great performers include singer Randy Peterson, The Traveling Lantern Theater presenting *The Sword in the Stone*, David Dall with stories and songs, Doug the Jug performing juggling and magic, Reid Miller with dragon games, songs, riddles and tales, the Raptors Education Group, Dino Tlachac of Nature's Niche with a Scales and Tales reptile program, and Gerald Morris, local author of books based on the Arthurian legends.



Readers of the Realm

And don't forget Library Night at the Wisconsin Woodchucks Game on July 24.

Ongoing library programs include Book Babies, Tales for Twos, Preschool Storytimes and adult book clubs. Once again, children will have the opportunity to read to dogs to practice their reading skills.

For more detail on these programs, log on to www.mcpl.lib.wi.us or call your local library.

Take part in these enriching programs with your family and friends. See you there!

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Special points of interest:

Go online to check for updates on MCPL Events and Happenings

For the most accurate and up-to-date listing of Library events and happenings, visit us at: www.mcpl.lib.wi.us/events.html



Hatley Branch Is Open!

*By Inese Christman,
Direct Services Team Manager*

The community of Hatley and the surrounding area has a new branch of the Marathon County Public Library. The branch library in Hatley opened on Wednesday, June 1, 2005. This is exciting news for all of the avid readers out in this area. Many residents have been long term customers of the library's bookmobile service. This new branch library will offer more hours, a bigger collection, and programs for all ages.

As with any project of this size and importance, many library staff has been working on planning the new facility. It takes many months of preparation to open a new branch library. Library staff have been selecting and ordering the furnishings, as well as a wide variety of materials ranging from adult fiction, non-fiction, DVDs, children's books, music on CD to popular magazines that will be available at this new location.

The new library will be opening in the new Hatley Community Center at 435 Curtis Avenue. This library will have a children's area and

comfortable seating around a fireplace. Story times will be in the community room on a regular basis. Other improvements in service will be the availability of computers with Internet access and word processing. The public will be able to do leisure reading, ask reference questions, and have the library available to them at more convenient times. We are really looking forward to providing many new programming ideas and services in the future.

The staff at the library will be Sharon Luebbe, Karen Jacobson & Kristy Balliett.

The Hatley Branch hours will be:

Monday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Story time	10:30 am
Wednesday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	(winter months)

This summer we have some special summer reading programs scheduled for the Hatley Branch

Library. Here is a list of some of the highlights: On June 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., we will have Reid Miller's "Dancing with Dragons," a program with dragon games, songs, and riddles.

On July 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., the Traveling Lanterns Theater will present "The Sword in the Stone". This is the wonderful story about the young Arthur and Merlin the beloved old sorcerer.

On August 9, 2005 at 2:00 pm the raptors are coming! The Raptor Education Group, Inc. is coming to Hatley to help us learn more about these birds and how we can protect them for future generations.

Doesn't this sound like an exciting adventure into the world of the "Readers of the Realm"? The Summer Reading Program has something for all ages including a reading challenge. The more you read the more tickets you can enter in the drawing for some wonderful prizes from over 80 community sponsors. Please come and join the fun! Watch for the grand opening of the new community center this fall.

Summer Reading Suggestions

By Gary Gisselman, Librarian

The summer of 2005 will bring us great excitement in the world of books. J.K. Rowling's "*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*" will prove to be the publishing event of the summer and for the entire year. This sixth installment has a printing of over ten million copies. Get in line at your favorite library or bookstore to continue with this enchanting story of Harry Potter. If you have not been following the adventures of Harry Potter, you may want to start with the first volume "*Harry Potter and Sorcerer's Stone*".

For non-fiction readers the Pulitzer Prize winning historian David McCullough will be on the book shelves with his new book "*1776*". McCullough continues his study of the America's Revolutionary War era with

this study of this monumental year in the history of America. He brings all the hallmarks that have graced his previous books, most notably "*John Adams*" solid research, stirring prose, and a subject matter that is close to all Americans – the Revolutionary War. A wonderful summer read.

For a little lighter reading this summer, Janet Evanovich is back with her eleventh Stephanie Plum mystery "*Eleven on Top*". With her usual sense wit, adventure and a suspenseful yarn of a mystery, Evanovich will be a good mystery to read on the beach or on the front porch.

Something enchanting, something monumental and a light murder mystery, all ingredients for a summer full of reading.

Announcing the 2005 Marathon County Reads

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Watch for details in fall 2005 (Kate DiCamillo will be in Wausau 11/6/05)

Older Americans' Day – Wausau

Monday, August 29, 10:15 - Sarah Danson will talk about her experiences as a foreign exchange student in Israel

Your Library Is a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility

The Library Staff have been designated by the U.S. State Department as U.S. Passport Acceptance Agents.

The Wausau Library offers passport service during regular open hours.

Adults applying for a new passport must apply in person and provide the following:

- Certified birth certificate
- Current proof of identity (Driver's License or Government ID Card)
- Or Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship)
- Two 2" x 2" passport photographs.

Passport fees:

Adults (age 16 and older) - \$55.00 passport fee, plus a \$12.00 security surcharge fee (check or money order only) payable to U.S. Department of State, and \$30.00 execution fee (cash, check or money order) payable to the Marathon County Public Library.

Children (under age 16) - \$40.00 passport fee, plus a \$12.00 security surcharge fee (check or money order) payable to U.S. Department of State, and \$30.00 execution fee (cash, check or money order) payable to the Marathon County Public Library.

Citizens wishing to renew their U.S. Passport, which was issued less than 15 years ago may pick up the renewal form at the Library and submit it through the mail.

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For more information on passport service call the Marathon County Public Library's Reference Desk at 261 7230 or visit the Passport Office's website, <http://www.travel.state.gov/>

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JUNE 2005

6/13 10:00 – Introduction to MS Office
6/14 10:30 & 2:00 – Summer Library Program: Kickoff with Ken Lonnquist
6/15 10:30 – Family Story Time
6/16 1:00 – Reading to Royal Dogs
6/20 10:00 – Introduction to Word
6/21 2:00 – Storyteller, Reid Miller
6/21 6:30 – Introduction to Computers
6/22 1:30 – Family Story Time
6/22 2:00 – Book Club for Grades 5-8
6/23 1:00 – Reading to the Royal Dogs
6/27 10:00 – Introduction to the Internet
6/28 2:00 – Scales and Tales by Nature's Niche
6/28 6:30 – Introduction to MS Office

JULY 2005

7/5 6:30 – Introduction to Word
7/6 2:00 – Raptors of the Realm
7/11 10:00 – Introduction to Email
7/12 2:00 – Gerald Morris, author & storyteller
7/12 6:30 – Introduction to the Internet
7/18 10:00 – Introduction to Computers
7/18 2:00 – The Sword in the Stone
7/19 6:30 – Internet: Beyond the Basics

7/25 10:00 – Introduction to MS Office
7/26 6:30 – Introduction to Email
7/26 1:00 - 3:30 – Create Medieval Fun
Computer classes continue in August

ATHENS 257-7292

JUNE 2005

6/9 6:30 – Book Discussion
6/14 2:00 – Medieval Faire

JULY 2005

7/12 2:00 – David Dall
7/19 2:00 – Reid Miller

AUGUST 2005

8/10 1:00 – A Company of Fools & Poisons

EDGAR 352-3155

JUNE 2005

6/7 4:00 – Book Discussion
6/22 2:00 – Randy Peterson

JULY 2005

7/5 4:00 – Book Discussion
7/20 2:00 – Scales & Trails by Nature's Niche

AUGUST 2005

8/10 3:00 – A Company of Fools & Poisons

HATLEY 446-3537

JUNE 2005

6/21 10:00 – Reid Miller

JULY 2005

7/12 10:30 – Castle Capers
7/18 10:00 – The Sword in the Stone

AUGUST 2005

8/9 2:00 – Raptures of the Realm

MARATHON 443-2775

JUNE 2005

6/29 – Craft Day

JULY 2005

7/20 10:00 – Raptures of the Realm

MOSNEE 693-2144

JUNE 2005

6/6, 13, 20, 27 – Craft Mondays
6/22 10:00 – Randy Peterson

JULY 2005

7/11-7/16 – Dragon Scavenger Hunt
7/20 10:00 – Scales & Trails by Nature's Niche

AUGUST 2005

8/17 10:00 – Stars, Wells & Magical Spells

ROTHSCHILD 359-6208

JUNE 2005

6/16 1:30 – Scales and Tales by Nature's Niche

6/22 10:15 – Family Story Time

JULY 2005

7/14 1:30 – Randy Peterson

7/20 10:15 – Family Story Time

AUGUST 2005

8/9 1:30 – A Company of Fools & Poisons
8/17 10:30 – Family Story Time

SPENCER 659-3996

JUNE 2005

6/7 9:00 – Older Americans Day
6/28 10:00 – Doug the Jug (@ the park shelter)

JULY 2005

7/5 9:00 – Older Americans Day - Games
7/12 10:00 – David Dall

AUGUST 2005

8/2 9:00 – Older Americans Day - Games
8/9 10:00 – A Company of Fools & Poisons

STRATFORD 687-4420

JUNE 2005

6/15 – Kick Off With Crafts Day
6/20 1:00 – Book Discussion

JULY 2005

7/13 6:30 – Doug the Jug
7/18 1:00 – Book Discussion

7/19 10:00 – Reid Miller

AUGUST 2005

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