

# Marathon County Public Library

## FALL NEWSLETTER

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### TEEN READ WEEK: "LOL @ YOUR LIBRARY"

TRISTAN KELLY — CUSTOMER SERVICES

The Marathon County Public Library will be joining thousands of other libraries across the country to participate in Teen Read Week this October 14th through the 20th!

Teen Read Week is a teen literacy initiative aimed at reminding teens, educators, families, and libraries about the importance of reading. We will be continuing this tradition, since this will be the 10th year since the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has created the event.

The importance of teen literacy is the possibilities it can create. Words can take you anywhere. If teens read, they can discover, explore, be entertained, and learn. The library can help create these possibilities by hosting events, celebrating, and encouraging participation in Teen Read Week.

The theme of Teen Read Week this year is "LOL @ your Library." (For those not familiar with text-messaging lingo, "LOL" stands for "Laugh Out Loud.")

Teen Read Week at the Wausau Library includes fun events that are centered on reading, entertainment, and technology. Please come join us as we "LOL @ MCPL!"



### TEEN READ WEEK EVENTS:

- **Gaming Nights** (October 17 & 18)

Board Games & Nintendo Wii, plus free pizza & soda!

- **Reading Rewards** (October 14 - 20)

Check out five or more books and get a free prize! Just bring your check-out receipt to the Information Desk!

- **Goofy Graphic Contest** (October 14 - 20)

Submit your own funny photos or artwork for display in the library! The winning submission will be added to the library's collection.

- **Teen Advisory Board** (October 17, 4 pm)

Come discuss new program ideas for teens, with teens! Shape the future of your library! Free snacks provided.

*(For more information, please call the Wausau Library at (715) 261-7200, or ask at the Wausau Library Information Desk.)*

### THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MARY BETHKE — LIBRARY DIRECTOR



#### THANK YOU!

This is my last article for the newsletter because I will be retired as of August 24. In leaving the Library, I knew that I would have many people to thank for the career, opportunities, and help I have received — particularly as Director — since 1996.

As Friends of the Library you have been tremendous in your support for the Library. By funding many projects and special items, you helped me to make our libraries special for everyone using them.

I, of course, will continue to be a library customer here in Marathon County. It will be fun to watch how the next Director and the next generation of library employees take the Library into the future.

As Friends and community members you have done an outstanding job in helping all of us as staff to create a library that fits the people who use it. Thank you for all of your hard work, fun times, and great ideas.

See you at the Library!

## THE BIG READ: MARATHON COUNTY READS *MY ÁNTONIA* BY WILLA CATHER

LINDA GAU — REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

*"There seemed to be nothing to see; no fences, no creeks or trees, no hills or fields. If there was a road, I could not make it out in the faint starlight. There was nothing but land... I had never before looked up at the sky when there was not a familiar mountain ridge against it. But this was the complete dome of heaven."*

— from *My Ántonia*

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has awarded the Marathon County Public Library a Big Read partnership grant to expand and build on the successes of the public library's previous "Marathon County READS" community-wide reading programs.

This October, the Library encourages adults and teens to read *My Ántonia*, Willa Cather's classic novel of American migration and settlement. We also invite you to participate in a variety of related events. Additionally, children are encouraged to read companion titles on the themes of pioneer life and immigration to America and to attend events for children and families throughout the month of October.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

**(1)** Read *My Ántonia* in which the spirited daughter of a Bohemian immigrant family plans to farm the untamed Nebraska land. Then join neighbors and friends in book discussions of *My Ántonia* throughout Marathon County.

**(2)** Pick up an illustrated reader's guide to *My Ántonia* in early October at your local public library.

**(3)** Attend *My Ántonia* events at your library and other local venues. A calendar and descriptions of events is on our website, and printed materials will be offered at all public library locations.

**Key events include:** a Pioneer Picnic at the Wausau Library with folk music by Sloppy Joe, insights into Willa Cather's works presented by Cather scholar Andrew Jewell, a Read-A-Thon at the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County, a Pioneer History

Day for ages 8-12, a panel presentation on early immigration to Marathon County at the Marathon County Historical Society, and celebrations of ethnic identity for German, Polish and Hmong immigrants throughout the county.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment.

In addition to the \$5,000.00 grant, the NEA is providing free materials for the library to distribute, including reader's guides illustrated with photos, timelines and other images, and teacher's guides for high school teachers who request them. These materials are also available online at [NEABigRead.org](http://NEABigRead.org).

For more information about Marathon County Reads *My Ántonia*, contact your local library, or call the Marathon County Public Library Reference Desk at (715) 261-7230.

You may also visit us online at [mcpl.lib.wi.us/bigread](http://mcpl.lib.wi.us/bigread) for additional information, an up-to-date events calendar, reading & discussion resources, and our book discussion blog.

*In addition to the National Endowment for the Arts, our Big Read program sponsors include the Marathon County Public Library Foundation, the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, and the WK Kellogg Foundation.*

### Major Big Read Events:

October 6, Saturday @ 1:00 p.m.

**"PIONEER PICNIC"** - Food, folk music, and activities for children.

(@ the Wausau Headquarters Library)

October 13, Saturday @ 1:00 p.m.

**"WILLA CATHER: A LIFE"** - Willa Cather scholar Andrew Jewell will give a book talk and presentation on *My Ántonia*.

(@ the Wausau Headquarters Library)

October 18, Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

**"PANEL DISCUSSION: EARLY MARATHON CO. IMMIGRATION"**

(@ the Marathon Co. Historical Society)

October 20, Saturday @ 1:00 p.m.

**"JR. HISTORY DAY: PIONEERS"** - Pioneer activities for children ages 8-12: candlemaking, ice cream making, circle games, and crafts. Refreshments served.

(@ the Marathon Co. Historical Society)

October 24, Saturday @ 12 noon

**"MY ÁNTONIA READ-A-THON"** -

Read *My Ántonia* from start to finish in a single sitting. Participants will take turns reading aloud, or just follow along.

(@ UW-Marathon County, Terrace Room)

October 27, Saturday @ 2:00 p.m.

**"FAMILY FILM"** - A public showing of the movie *Sarah, Plain & Tall*.

(@ the Wausau Headquarters Library)

Other events can be found online via our Big Read website: [mcpl.lib.wi.us/bigread](http://mcpl.lib.wi.us/bigread).

## WELCOME TO THE STRATFORD BRANCH LIBRARY

JANICE PANKRATZ — BRANCH SUPERVISOR



The Stratford Library began in 1930 when the Stratford Woman's Club volunteered their time cataloging books and working in the library which was housed in the Knights of Columbus Hall and later in the back of the post office. In 1947 the library was moved to the Village Council Chambers where it remained until construction of the new library in 1995.

The first story hours were held in 1947 and best sellers were rented out for 10 cents per week in 1948. The Stratford Library joined the county library system in 1949 and has been a part of this

system ever since.

In 1995 a new library was built on land where the old railroad tracks once ran. The land was donated by the Stratford School District and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the county wide building program and fund raising from the Stratford area made the new library possible. It was designed to resemble a depot structure with red brick and a peaked black roof. The new library has over 3,000 square feet compared to 750 in the old library.

Customers can now access more than 1 million items on our shared V-Cat online catalog. The Stratford Library offers weekly preschool story times on Wednesdays at 10:15. Monthly family story nights the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Adult book clubs are held the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the community room. Special programs are Older American's Day, Book Sales, and a Summer Reading Program.

High speed internet service, fax machine and a copier machine are available for public use. A community room is available for special events and meetings. These are a few of the services offered for all ages at our library.

The Stratford Library is located at 400 North Fourth Avenue in Stratford.

Stop in to participate in our many programs, check our materials, or just sit a spell in our friendly library.

For more information about the Stratford Branch Library, please call (715) 687-4420.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join or renew your Friends membership during the month of October and you will be entered in a drawing to receive one of many great prizes!

This month only, you may also sponsor another person or family at no additional cost. The person or family you sponsor will also be entered in the prize drawing. Memberships are valid through December of 2008.

### Prizes include:

- Gift Certificate to Barnes & Noble
- Gift Certificate to Janke Book Store
- Gift Certificate to Waldenbooks
- MCPL 100-Year Anniversary Items

Application forms may be picked up at the library or may be downloaded from the Marathon County Public Library website: [www.mcpl.lib.wi.us](http://www.mcpl.lib.wi.us).

## REMINDERS FROM MCPL—WAUSAU HEADQUARTERS

- The TeenZone has been moved to the second floor of the library.
- New Fiction has been moved to shelving in the Adult Fiction area.
- The WISCAT interlibrary loan service has been replaced by OCLC.
- Short stories (formerly filed under 808.83 in Non-Fiction) is now in Adult Fiction along the west wall.
- Your PIN number is the last four digits of your phone number. You will need this for self-check-out and accessing your account online.

## BOOK SALE REPORT

BOB REID — LIBRARY FRIEND

The August book sale was a 3-day sale, one day short of the normal 4-day sales in Nov., Feb., & Apr. due to being closed on Sundays in the summer.

It was a very successful sale despite the shorter time span thanks to a great turnout of buyers.

Gross sales totaled \$4,553, less advertising of \$300, for a net profit of \$4,253. Comparably, the net profit for the August 2006 sale was \$2,270.

Additionally, seven people joined the Friends of the Library.

Buyers came from at least 14 cities around Wisconsin, including Oshkosh and Port Edwards, plus there was a man from Laurium, Michigan who purchased 125 books and CD's.

Thanks to everyone who supported the sale by buying items and volunteering their time as workers.

### Remaining 2007 Book Sales:

Wausau HQ ..... November 1 - 4

\*\*\* (Nov. 1 is a special "Members Only" preview sale)

\*\*\* (Nov. 4 is a special "Bag Sale" - \$5 per bag)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY™

(FOR THE VERY LATEST EVENTS INFORMATION, CHECK OUR ONLINE CALENDAR AT [WWW.MCPL.LIB.WI.US/CALENDAR/](http://WWW.MCPL.LIB.WI.US/CALENDAR/))

\*\*\* For more information about events listed here, please call the library hosting the event in which you are interested.

\*\*\* Big Read Events are marked by their dates in orange.

NOTE: Winter Hours effective Sept. 4!

CLOSED: early at 5pm on Nov. 21, and all day on Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving

### ATHENS (715) 257-7292

Oct. 4 - "Almost Beyond Description" Wisconsin Program @ 12 noon

Oct. 11 - *My Antonia* book discussion, 6:30 pm

Oct. 18 - 100 Year Birthday Party, 1-5 pm

### EDGAR (715) 352-3155

Oct. 2 - *My Antonia* book discussion @ 4 pm

Oct. 6 - 100 Year Birthday Party, 9 am

Oct. 10 - "Fighting the Flames" @ 2 pm

Oct. 18 - Teen Book Club, *My Antonia* book discussion @ 11:30 am

### MARATHON (715) 443-2775

Oct. 25 - *My Antonia* book discussion @ 1 pm

### HATLEY (715) 446-3537

Book Club, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, 2-3 pm

Oct. 9 - *My Antonia* book discussion @ 2 pm

### MOSINEE (715) 693-2144

Book Club, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 @ 1 pm

Oct. 2 - "Pioneer Pastimes" K-6th grade after school program, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Oct. 14 - "Polish Heritage Celebration: Polka-Fest," music by the Marie Sisters & Company, 1-3 pm at the Bergen Town Hall

Oct. 15 - *My Antonia* book discussion @ 1 pm

Oct. 18 - Teen Book Discussion, on the book *Crossing the Wire*, 6:30-7:30 pm

### ROTHSCHILD (715) 359-6208

Book Club, 4th Wed. every month, 11-12 pm

Sept. 24 - Author Mary E. Schueller will discuss her book, *Soldiers of Poverty*.

Oct. 11 - "Pioneer Pastimes" K-6th grade after school program, 4- 5 pm at the Village Hall

Oct. 24 - *My Antonia* book discussion, 11 am

### SPENCER (715) 659-3996

Book Club, 10/22, 11/26 @ 6:30 pm, and 9/20, 10/25, 11/29 @ 1:30 pm

Oct. 2 - Book Discussion on *The Lone Pine Remembers* w/ WI author Joan Kempf @ 9 am

Oct. 10 - *My Antonia* book discussion @ 6 pm

### STRATFORD (715) 687-4420

Book Club, 10/15 @ 1:00 pm

Oct. 9 - "Pioneer Pastimes" K-6th grade after school program @ 3:30 pm

Oct. 15 - *My Antonia* book discussion @ 1 pm

Oct 16 - Author C.J. Hribal will talk about his book, *The Company Car*, @ 1 pm

Nov. 7 - 100 Year Birthday Party, 10 am

### WAUSAU (715) 261-7200

Women's Night Out Book Club, 6:30 pm

[ Oct. 15, Nov. 19]

Classic Book Club, 12 noon

[ Oct. 24 & 31, Nov. 28, Dec. 27]

Friends of the Library Book Sale

[ Nov. 2 & 3, 9:30-4:30; Nov. 4, 1:00-4:00 ]

Oct. 4 - "Pioneer Pastimes" K-6th grade after school program, @ 3:30 pm

Oct. 6 - "Pioneer Picnic," music, food, and games, starting at 1:00 pm.

Oct. 13 - "Willa Cather: A Life," presentation on *My Antonia* and its author @ 1 pm

Oct. 15 - Women's Night Out, special *My Antonia* book discussion @ 6:30 pm

Oct. 18 - Panel Discussion on Early Marathon County Immigration, 7pm at the Marathon County Historical Society.

Oct. 21 - German Heritage Celebration, "Pomeranian Dance" performance @ 3 pm

Oct. 22 - *My Antonia* book discussion, 1 pm at Janke Book Store.

Oct. 22 - *My Antonia* "Read-A-Thon," 12pm @UW-Marathon County.

Oct. 27 - Family Film, *Sarah, Plain & Tall*, 2pm

Oct. 28 - Hmong Heritage Celebration, performance of traditional dances @ 2 pm