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TAX FORMS @ MCPL

MIKE O'CONNOR—REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

As the saying goes... "There are two things certain in life: Death, and Taxes."

With tax season looming, MCPL is offering its customary mix of Federal and Wisconsin state tax forms for our customers.



Located on the 2nd Floor at the MCPL Wausau HQ, we have tables bulging with all of the basic forms: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, Form 1, Form 1A, WI-Z, etc.

Other forms not supplied to MCPL can be downloaded and printed from the IRS or Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue websites, as referenced below:

- www.irs.gov/formspubs/
- www.dor.state.wi.us/html/formpub.html

For help finding the right forms and other tax resources, visit the Reference Desk, call (715) 261-7230, or email ref@mcpl.us.

LEARN A LANGUAGE...

... w/ "TELL ME MORE™" !

Thanks to a generous three-year donation from the Siebecker Foundation, MCPL is offering a free online language learning service for all Marathon County Public Library card-holders!

"Tell Me More" is accessible entirely online, and is a self-paced language-learning tool for anyone interested in learning Spanish, French, German, Italian, Dutch, or English (ESL).

For more info. and access to "Tell Me More," use the following link:

www.mcpl.us/research/auralog/

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www.mcpl.us

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

YOUR OPINIONS & SUGGESTIONS MATTER TO US!

Comments or questions, good or bad, minor or monumental, MCPL wants to hear from you!

Feedback from our customers is one of best ways we can gauge our strengths and weaknesses as an institution. Your input is taken very seriously and given due consideration in all cases.

Feedback forms are available at all MCPL locations, or use our online form at www.mcpl.us/about/contact

If you have a good experience at the Library or would like to complement a particular staff member, let us know! If your experience wasn't the best it could have been, tell us what we can do to improve. Or, if you're simply wondering why things are done a certain way, we'll try our best to explain!

Thanks for your input; we look forward to hearing from you!



USING LIBRARY RESOURCES TO FIND A JOB

RACHEL CORNELIUS—LIBRARY CUSTOMER SERVICES

Does a new year mean a new job for you? Come to the Marathon County Public Library to search for jobs online, update your resume, and check out materials on honing your interviewing skills and making your resume stand out from the crowd!

Each of our customers gets an hour of computer and internet time per day, and our computers are equipped with Microsoft Word in case there are any adjustments you need to make to your resume. We also have the rest of the Microsoft Office Suite, in case you need to brush up on your knowledge of workplace software.

We also have many books that you can take home for reference when preparing for job interviews or writing your resume. You can search our library catalog while you're at the library, or from home via the internet. If you can't find what you're looking for, just ask the Reference Desk staff!

When it comes to your job search, we're happy to help you in any way we can!



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

PHYLLIS CHRISTENSEN—LIBRARY DIRECTOR



New Year's Resolutions for library users:

Become an advocate for libraries. As budgets at all levels of government get tighter, it is vital that libraries are not swept aside. It's time to let those who impact library funding know that

you consider libraries vital to our communities. If you don't know the name and address of your County Supervisor, State Legislators, or Governor, call the Library for that information!

Expand your reading repertoire. Read a book by an author that you haven't read before. MCPL's online resource NoveList™ can guide you to fiction authors who are similar to ones you are familiar with.

Move out of your musical comfort zone. Listen to an artist or genre that you are unfamiliar with. CD's are available from the Library, or you can download music—in addition to books and videos—from Overdrive. Visit the Library webpage at www.mcpl.us to access OverDrive under "Catalogs."

Give a gift to the Library Foundation. The Foundation is building an endowment to support the Library now and into the future. Gifts can be given to memorialize someone or to honor someone on their birthday, anniversary, or other significant day.

Learn a new technology skill. The Library offers classes on several popular computer programs, using Google, working with digital photographs, and other topics

Volunteer at the Library. Some of the things that volunteers do include helping to shelve items, preparing materials for or assisting with craft programs, and selecting and delivering materials to homebound people,

Come to the library more often to check out material, attend a program, use a computer, or use your laptop on the wireless network

Use your Library from the comfort of your home. Many of the library's online resources can be accessed from any computer. Browse the catalog and request materials to be held for you. Ask staff a reference question online or on the phone.

Tell us what we can do to better serve you!

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Happy New Year!

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF MCPL

ANYONE & EVERYONE IS INVITED!

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Friends of MCPL on Sunday, January 25, 2009 in the Wausau Room at MCPL Wausau HQ!

1:30 p.m. — Social Time

2:00 p.m. — Program by John Bates, Naturalist & Author

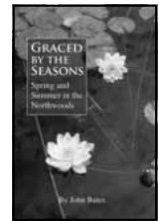
3:00 p.m. — Annual Meeting

3:15 p.m. — Meet the Author; Book Signing
(books will available for purchase)

Come and see what the Friends are all about!

Please RSVP by January 22 by phone at (715) 261-7217 or by email: Eileen.Fox@co.marathon.wi.us

(The Friends regular monthly board meeting will be held on January 26, 2009 at 4p.m.)



NOVEMBER '08 BOOK SALE "DID WELL..."

BOB REID—FRIENDS OF THE MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

As the November 6-9 Friends of the Library Book Sale closed on Sunday, Book Sale chairman, Ken Srozinski, said, "I think we did well." His "thoughts" proved to be very prophetic, as the net profit of \$7,929 was the highest net since at least April, 2004.

The best sale since April 2004 (prior to the 2008 November sale) was February 2006 when the net was \$1,256 less than the November 2008 sale. The previous November sale netted \$2,827 less than the '08 November sale.

Just prior to, during, and just after the sale, 109 new or renewed memberships were also received, which also could be a record.

Forty-six individual, couple, or family Friends members shopped the opening Thursday night, and shoppers from 19 Wisconsin cities wrote checks during the 4-day sale. Thirteen "Book Bucks" were used, and

people donated \$183 in the two large glass donation jars on the cashier tables.

Thanks to everyone involved—shoppers, donors of books, and the volunteers who sorted books and staffed the sale.



The next Friends book sale will be Thursday through Sunday, February 5-8, 2009.

Visit the following webpage for all '09 MCPL Book Sale dates/times:

www.mcpl.us/services/booksale

Get the MCPL Newsletter via Email!



Sign up to receive the quarterly MCPL Newsletter via email using the form at www.mcpl.us/about/newsletter

Back-issues of the newsletter (going back to 2005) are also available at this address.

MCPL EDGAR: 2008 IN REVIEW, LOOKING FORWARD TO 2009 / DEB GAUERKE—BRANCH SUPERVISOR

The Edgar Branch Library has had a very exciting year!

Like all libraries throughout Marathon County, we facilitate monthly book clubs, perform storytimes for pre-schoolers, have Older American's Day programs, and put on a fantastic Summer Reading Program for all ages!

We have an author come to at least one book club a year; in 2008, it was Cindy Conway, author of *Essential Lies*. Cindy is a local person with a unique story.

The Teens have requested a book group, and they have had more than enough fun this year with Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series.

The storytimes for 3-5 year olds have been all about the ABC's, with Mrs. A having lots of fun telling stories.

Our "Older Americans" have learned all about the DTV transition that will be happening in Feb 2009.

Now for the "Catch the Reading Bug" Summer Library Program and the worm story....

There were fantastic programs for all this summer, from "Animals in the Library" to stories and activities about all kinds of bugs! The kids of the Edgar Branch were treated (thanks to funds donated by local merchants) to worms (gummy ones) every time they entered the library and said the magic SLP words (which are still being said to this day)! We passed out more than 60 pounds of worms!!! Now that's a lot of worms! What fun we had. There was also a fishing program that was attended by almost 300 kids. We even



made cement bugs! What a wild and crazy summer.

So what does 2009 hold for the Edgar Branch, you ask? Mmm... good question...let's see....

We do know that the Book Club on the first Tuesday at 4pm will continue, the Teen Book club is set to be on the 2nd Tuesday every month at 4pm, and the Storytimes for preschoolers will continue on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

The Summer Library Program is looking like it will be a great one; the theme for 2009 is "Be Creative"! We have been in contact with some awesome performers, storytellers, and even some local artists, so hang on to your hats to see what happens here!

We have also received a grant to redo some things in our teen area, like getting some new chairs, posters, and lots more books.

It looks like we are in for another wild and exciting year with programs for everyone. We are also looking forward to getting more ideas from our patrons!

(...and what are we going to have them say to get a treat *this* summer?)

GREAT WINTER DISTRACTIONS!

RACHEL CORNELIUS—CUSTOMER SERVICES

Long winter nights got you down? Come to the library for some distraction! We've got the information you need to start a new hobby, catch up on past seasons of your favorite TV shows, or read the latest bestseller. You can learn computer basics in our free computer classes, or volunteer at the library to help things run smoothly.

Our non-fiction collection is full of books to help you learn new hobbies such as knitting or crocheting, scrap-booking, sewing, cooking and baking, and so much more. We also have great books on exercise and fitness!

Come in or go online at mcpl.us to search for your favorite TV shows and movies on DVD. We have new releases and many of your all-time favorites available for checkout. Each DVD is checked out to you for two weeks at no charge, with a dollar a day overdue fine. Winter is a great time to catch up on any episodes you missed from past seasons of great TV shows!

If you are looking for a good book, look no further. We have a great collection of new and old fiction and non-fiction for every age. Check our catalog for your favorite author or subject or give us a call. We also have a great resource called NoveList, which can lead you to author read-alikes. NoveList can be accessed online from home or in the library.

Our winter computer classes will be starting soon and are free to the public. Please call 261-7230 for more details and to reserve your spot.

And if you are looking for somewhere to spend your time we can always use your help! Volunteering at the library is a rewarding way to help your community. For more information about volunteering check out our website or call Eileen Fox at 261-7217.

Teen Tech. Week 2009 | "Press Play @ Your Library!"

Calling all teens! March 8-14 is this year's annual Teen Tech. Week, with the theme "Press Play @ your Library," featuring an Online Scavenger Hunt, cool prizes, and more!

Visit www.mcpl.us/teenzone in February and March for additional updates!

... and while you're waiting, you might want to download some music from OverDrive, our digital downloads catalog. Did we mention it's free? Link to Overdrive at www.mcpl.us, under "Catalogs."



Don't let Winter get you down. Come on in to the Library to break up the long cold nights!

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ALL MCPL LOCATIONS:

CLOSED ALL DAY: 4/12/09 (Easter)

ATHENS (715) 257-7292

2/12—Book Club, title TBA, 6:30pm

EDGAR (715) 352-3155

1/13—Teen Book Discussion, "Sold" by Patricia McCormick, 4pm
2/3—Book Club, title TBA, 4pm
3/3—Book Club, title TBA, 4pm
4/7—Book Club, title TBA, 4pm

HATLEY (715) 446-3537

1/13—Book Club, "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See, 2pm
4/22-25—Book Sale

MARATHON CITY (715) 443-2775

1/29—Book Club, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, 1pm
2/26—Book Club, "Loving Frank" by Nancy

Horan, 1pm
3/26—Book Club, "Bridge of Sighs" by Richard Russo, 1pm
4/30—Book Club, "Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Sawtelle, 1pm

MOSINEE (715) 693-2144

1/19—Book Club, "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See, 1pm
2/16—Book Club, "From the Heart" by Robbin Roberts, 1pm
3/16—Book Club, "90 Minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper, 1pm
4/20—Book Club, "Songs Without Words" by Ann Packer, 1pm

ROTHSCHILD (715) 359-6208

1/28—Book Club, "A New Earth" by Eckhart Tolle, 11am
2/25—Book Club, "Kabul Beauty School" by Deborah Rodriguez, 11am
3/25—Book Club, "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingsolver, 11am
4/22—Book Club, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson, 11am

SPENCER (715) 659-3996

1/19 & 22—Book Club, "Balzac & the Chinese Seamstress" by Sijie Dai, 1/19 @ 6:30pm, 1/22 @ 1:30pm
2/16 & 2/19—Book Club, "The Sea Captain's Wife" by Martha Hodes, 2/16 @ 6:30pm, 2/19 @ 1:30pm
3/23 & 3/26—Book Club, "The Boy in Striped Pajamas" by John Boyne, 3/23 @ 6:30pm, 3/26 @ 1:30pm
4/20 & 4/23—Book Club, "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert, 4/20 @ 6:30pm, 4/23 @ 1:30pm

STRATFORD (715) 687-4420

1/19—Book Club, "Moon Over Madeline Island" by Jay Gilbertson, 1pm
2/16—Book Club, "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" by Mohsin Hamid, 1pm
3/4-6—Book Sale
3/16—Book Club, "Wings of Refuge" by Lynn Austin, 1pm
4/20—Book Club, "Born on a Blue Day" by Daniel Tammet, 1pm

WAUSAU (715) 261-7200

1/19—Women's Night Out Book Club, "Beautiful Boy" by David Sheff, 6:30pm
1/25—The Friends Annual Meeting, 1:30pm
1/28—Classic Book Club, "Appointment in Smarra" by John O'Hara, 12pm
2/5-8—Book Sale
2/16—Women's Night Out Book Club, "Escape" by Carolyn Jessop, 6:30pm
2/19—Mystery Book Club, "Presumption of Death" by Perri O'Shaughnessy, 7pm
2/25—Classic Book Club, "Oil" by Upton Sinclair, 12pm
3/8-14—Teen Tech. Week, Events TBA
3/19—Mystery Book Club, "The Bottoms" by Joe Lansdale, 7pm
3/25—Classic Book Club, "Secret Agent" by Joseph Conrad, 12pm
3/30—Older Americans Day, TBA, 10:15am
4/16—Mystery Book Club, "Death du Jour" by Kathy Reichs, 7pm
4/22—Classic Book Club, "History of Tom Jones, a Foundling" by Henry Fielding, 12pm
4/23-26—Book Sale