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THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RALPH ILICK — LIBRARY DIRECTOR

First of all, I want to thank all of the people who have been so warm and welcoming to me during my first days here as the new Director of the Marathon County Public Library. It has been a pleasure to meet so many committed and passionate library staff, library users and community members from MCPL, Wausau, and the other wonderful communities that we serve.



My personal background includes more than 20 years of working in library service, most of it in public libraries. I began my career as a library aide in the Orlando Public Library, the Main Library of the Orange County Library System. I had the privilege of working alongside dedicated and experienced librarians and staff, serving in one of the largest libraries in the Southeastern United States. I have worked in public, academic, branch, law, medical, community and special libraries. I always loved the feeling of being surrounded by books and information, and believe that equal access to information is the cornerstone of a free, enlightened society.

During the coming months I will be getting to know the staff, the facilities, and the communities that we serve here at MCPL. I know that we all recognize the challenges that lie ahead during these difficult economic times, and I take very seriously our responsibility to provide the best possible library service for all Marathon County citizens in the most effective and efficient ways possible. We understand how important it is to our customers that we provide a community center where they can experience various ways to learn and grow intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. I've seen libraries change so many lives for the better, and I'm deeply

committed to promoting and preserving the role of the library as a community center. I've also been pleased to see that these values are shared by our most important and valuable asset here at MCPL—our staff.

We have lots of exciting things going on at your local libraries these days, so be sure to look for more in this newsletter and on our website for details. It is my pleasure to be a part of this library system and this community, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our libraries in the very new future.

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visit the library online:
www.mcpl.us

Mango: Online Language Learning!

Sharyn Heili — Customer Services Librarian

Learn a new language this year!

It's easy with Mango Languages, the new online language learning program that is available to you for free with your library card.



29 foreign languages for English speakers are available, including Arabic, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), Croatian, Czech, Dari, Dutch, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Pashto, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Vietnamese. There are also language lessons for learning English as a second language!

To use Mango, just log in with your 14-digit library card number. You also have the option to create your own unique user ID using your library card, email address, and password, which enables you to track your progress.

Mango will get you conversing in a foreign language in no time with its emphasis on vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and culture!

You may access Mango at www.mcpl.us/research/languages (or, from our homepage, look under "Research" and "Online Resources")

MCPL's Quick Tips: Invest in the Library's future! Donate to the "Marathon County Public Library Foundation" at your local MCPL, or online at www.mcpl.us/about/donate

Access Wisconsin Newspapers Online! The *Wausau Daily Herald* is archived 1999—present, and 235 other WI newspapers are archived from April 2005—60 days ago. Visit www.mcpl.us/research/online and look under "Wausau Daily Herald" or "Wisc. Newspapers" for access. (Card # Required)



REMAINING 2011 BOOK SALES

MOST ITEMS ARE ONLY 50 CENTS!

MARCH 2011 | MCPL Stratford

- Wed., 3/2, 10am-8pm
- Thu., 3/3, 1-5pm
- Fri., 3/4, 1-5pm



APRIL 2011 | MCPL MOSINEE

- Mon., 4/4, 12-4pm
- Tue., 4/5, 12-4pm
- Wed., 4/6, 12-4pm

APRIL 2011 | MCPL Wausau

- Thu., 4/28, 5-8pm | Members-Only Sale *
- Fri., 4/29, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Sat., 4/30, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Sun., 5/01, 1-4pm | Bag Sale! / \$5 per bag

AUGUST 2011 | MCPL Wausau

(TBA... check back later for updates)

AUGUST 2011 | MCPL Edgar

- Wed., 8/3, 10am-7pm
- Thu., 8/4, 9am-2pm

AUGUST 2011 | MCPL Spencer

- Thu., 8/4, 9am-6pm
- Fri., 8/5, 9am-3pm

SEPTEMBER 2011 | MCPL Athens

- Thu., 9/8, 1-5pm
- Fri., 9/9, 1-5pm | Bag Sale! / \$5 per bag

OCTOBER 2011 | MCPL Hatley

- Wed., 10/12, 10am-6pm
- Thu., 10/13, 10am-8pm
- Fri., 10/14, 1-5pm
- Sat., 10/15, 10am-2pm

NOVEMBER 2011 | MCPL Wausau

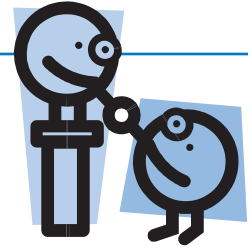
- Thu., 11/3, 5-8pm | Members-Only Sale *
- Fri., 11/4, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Sat., 11/5, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Sun., 11/6, 1-4pm | Bag Sale! / \$5 per bag

DECEMBER 2011 | MCPL Rothschild

- Mon., 12/5, 10am-8pm
- Tue., 12/6, 10am-8pm
- Wed., 12/7, 10am-8pm

THANK-YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND!

BARB RITCHIE — FRIENDS OF MCPL



Your membership and support of our book sales provided over \$27,000 for library programs in 2010 and has already paid ½ of the Library programming grant for 2011.

Throughout March there is another fundraiser. Collaborating with Perkins Restaurant (Schofield location), 10% of sales will be given to The Friends. Ask for a Perkins letter at your local MCPL.

You can support the Friends and your library by becoming a member, donating gently used books, puzzles, games, and DVDs for our sales and purchasing materials at our sales.

Welcome new and returning Friends to the Friends of the Library Board of Directors in 2011: Jeannette Goede, Myrna Pospychalla and Ken Srozinski. Soon, two teen representatives will join. By this time we will have elected a new president, vice president and secretary. It has been an honor serving as your president. Thank you.

— *Barbara Ritchie / Outgoing President, Friends of MCPL*

NEW! FREE E-BOOKS FOR YOUR SMART-PHONE!



OverDrive, the Library's free digital download service, has added support for many Android, Apple, Blackberry, and Windows smart-phones and other mobile devices! Just find the appropriate app ("application") in your device's app store (search for "OverDrive"), or point your browser to www.overdrive.com/software/omc

To check compatibility, visit www.mcpl.us/catalogs/overdrive

OverDrive is a free service offered via the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC), and offers free downloads of e-books, audiobooks, music, and video for Library card-holders. In addition to smart phones, items may be downloaded to your computer, mp3 player, or e-reader. Items may be checked out for 7 or 14 days.

Additionally, over 15,000 "Public Domain" e-books are now available, thanks to Project Gutenberg! These items are not subject to check-out limits, and they are yours to keep!

For access and more info., visit www.mcpl.us/catalogs/overdrive

Join us for our Second Annual Teen Magazine Release Party!

MCPL's Teen Magazine, Pixels & Pages 2011, will be unveiled on Thu., April 14, 6:30pm at the Wausau Library, where Marathon County teens whose writing and artwork are featured in the magazine will be presenting and reading from their creative work. Over the past year, as part of our Teen Publishing Project, area teens have sent us over 200 submissions, all of which are featured on our website at www.mcpl.us/teenzone. Teen and staff judges have selected a variety of pieces to be featured in the Library's very own teen magazine.

The Teen Publishing Project encourages creative writing and visual arts, and is made possible by a grant from the Friends of the Library. A special thank-you to students from the Wausau East High School Graphic Communications III class, who prepared the material for publication.

**Pixels
&
Pages**
an MCPL TeenZine

TEEN TECH WEEK: MARCH 6-12, 2011

KATIE ZIMMERMANN — TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

To provide all teens the opportunity to explore the world of e-books, apps and mobile technology, this March, the Library is hosting demonstrations of a variety of new media! Teens will have the opportunity to learn, ask questions, and try out new devices, many of which are compatible with the Library's digital content offered via OverDrive.



Gaming Day | Mon., 3/7, 3:30-6:30pm

We'll kick off the week with an afternoon of gaming! Play Wii, Xbox 360, PC games, and awesome new board games!

Nook E-Reader Demo. | Tue., 3/8, 3:30-6:30pm

Featuring the Nook and Nook Color from Barnes & Noble.

Apple Products Demo. | Wed., 3/9, 3:30-6:30pm

Featuring Apple devices courtesy of Happy Mac of Wausau.

Android Devices Demo. | Thu., 3/10, 3:30-6:30pm

Presented by Wireless Solutions of Merrill.

Online Scavenger Hunt | March 1-31

Throughout the month, Teens can learn about technology resources at the Library and have a chance to win a \$50 Best Buy gift card by completing our Teen Tech Week Online Scavenger Hunt! Visit mcpl.us/teenzone for details.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN POLICY CHANGES

Effective January 1st, 2011 -- Due to budgetary constraints, requests for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) items will be limited to 5 requests per customer per month.

Please Note: This only includes requests using the Interlibrary Loan catalog (OCLC) for items owned by libraries outside of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service. In short, if you are requesting items from the regular Library Catalog (V-Cat), this limit does not apply.

The following items are no longer available via ILL:

- Items published in the current or previous calendar year.
- Feature films and TV series on DVD.
- Computer or video games in any format.
- Materials published more than 75 years ago.
- Print items valued at under \$10.
- Periodicals (entire issues); photocopies of specific articles may be requested instead.

If an item is not available for you to borrow, please consider submitting a **Purchase Suggestion** at your local MCPL or online at www.mcpl.us/account/suggest

If you have any ILL-related questions, please call us at (715) 261-7244, or send an email to ill@mcpl.us

THE BEST BOOKS OF 2010

LOOKING BACK: GREAT BOOKS, AVAILABLE Now!

In case you missed them, here are just a few of the most popular books of 2010! We've compiled the "Best Books" lists of the New York Times, Publisher's Weekly, NPR, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon.com, and listed the top books here for your consideration. Visit www.mcpl.us/bestbooks or contact us to request any of these books **today!** [F = Fiction | NF = Nonfiction]

- ***Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen** — (F) When Patty and Walter Berglund's teenage son moves in with their conservative neighbors and their perfect life in St. Paul begins to unravel, out spill family secrets—clandestine loves, lies, compromises, failures.
- ***The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson** — (NF) An epic and intimate scholarly portrait of the Great Migration of southern African Americans to the North, 1915-1970, via oral histories, newspaper articles, and other historical sources.
- ***A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan** — (F) Interlocking narratives circle the lives of Bennie Salazar, an aging former punk rocker and record executive, and Sasha, the troubled young woman he employs.
- ***Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand** — (NF) The inspiring true story of a man who lived through a series of catastrophes almost too incredible to be believed: Louie Zamperini—a juvenile delinquent-turned-Olympic runner-turned-World War II POW and war hero.
- ***The Big Short* by Michael Lewis** — (NF) An excavation of the financial crisis of 2007-'08, scrutinizing the personal histories of several Wall Street outsiders who were betting against the grain, to shed light on the macrocosmic tale of greed and fear.
- ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot** — (NF) She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells — taken without her knowledge — became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today.
- ***Just Kids* by Patti Smith** — (NF) Smith's evocative, honest, and moving coming-of-age story reveals her extraordinary relationship with artist Robert Mapplethorpe. Part romance, part elegy, "Just Kids" is about friendship in the truest sense, and the artist's calling.
- ***The Surrendered* by Chang-rae Lee** — (F) Lee's masterful fourth novel bursts with drama and human anguish as it documents the ravages and indelible effects of war. It's a harrowing tale: bleak, haunting, often heartbreaking—and not to be missed.
- ***Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War* by Karl Marlantes** — (F) An epic, dense, vivid narrative spanning many months in the lives of American troops in Vietnam as they trudge across enemy lines, encountering danger from opposing forces as well as on their home turf.
- ***Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff** — (NF) The Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer brings to life the most intriguing woman in the history of the world: Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt.
- ***The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer* by Siddhartha Mukherjee** — (NF) A sweeping epic of obsession, brilliant researchers, dramatic new treatments, euphoric success and tragic failure, and the relentless battle by scientists and patients alike against an equally relentless, wily, and elusive enemy.
- ***The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest* by Stieg Larsson** — (F) The final volume of the best-selling "Millennium" trilogy by the late Swedish author, Stieg Larsson. Read *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and *The Girl Who Played with Fire* before tackling this mystery-thriller.

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Upcoming Events

at the Marathon County Public Library (MCPL)



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ALL MCPL LOCATIONS:

4/24 | **CLOSED ALL DAY**, Easter Sunday
5/28-30 | **CLOSED ALL DAY** for Memorial Day Weekend
(Our "Summer Hours" start immediately thereafter.)

MCPL WAUSAU

(715) 261-7200 | 300 N. 1st St., Wausau, WI

Preschool Storytimes | Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30am
Family Storytimes | Saturdays, 10:30am
Tales for Twos | Tuesdays, 9:45am & 10:30am
Book Babies | Mondays, 9:45am & 10:30am
3/1-3/31 | **Online Scavenger Hunt** (for Teens), get started at mcpl.us/teenzone, win \$50 Best Buy gift card!
3/5 | **WSD Art Cluster Reception**, 11am
3/5 | **Children's Matinee** (G), 1pm (83min)
3/7 | **Teen Tech Wk: Teen Gaming Day**, 3:30-6:30pm
3/8 | **Teen Tech Wk: Nook EReader Demo.**, 3:30-6:30pm
3/9 | **Teen Tech Wk: Apple Product Demo.**, 3:30-6:30pm
3/9 | **Movie Night** (PG-13), 6:30pm (100min)
3/10 | **Teen Tech Wk: Android Device Demo.**, 3:30-6:30pm
3/17 | **Mystery Book Club**, *Water's Lovely* by R. Rendell, 1pm
3/17 | **Operation Plum: America Strikes Back Against Japan**, WWII presentation / author visit, 6:30pm
3/21 | **Women's Book Club**, *The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir* by Kao Kalia Yang, 6:30pm
3/21 | **Library Board Meeting**, public welcome, 12pm
3/23 | **Classic Book Club**, *The Great Gatsby*, 12pm
3/23 | **Movie Night** (PG-13), 6:30pm
3/28 | **Fraud Prevention**, presented by AARP, 10:15am
3/28 | **Friends of the Library Meeting**, 3:30pm
3/30 | **Children's Matinee** (PG), 11am (96min)
3/31 | **Children's Matinee** (PG), 11am (82min)
4/1 | **Children's Matinee** (PG), 11am (100min)
4/17 | **Women's Book Club**, Title TBA, 6:30pm
4/18 | **Library Board Meeting**, public welcome, 12pm

4/20 | **Mystery Book Club**, Title TBA, 1pm
4/25 | **Friends of the Library Meeting**, 3:30pm
4/27 | **Classic Book Club**, Title TBA, 12pm
4/28 | **Book Sale: Friends Members Only**, 5pm
4/29-5/1 | **Book Sale**, (open to the public)

MCPL ATHENS

(715) 257-7292 | 221 Caroline St., Athens, WI

Family Storytimes | Tuesdays, 10:00am
3/17 | **Book Club**, *In the Heart of the Canyon* by Elisabeth Hyde, 6:30pm
4/14 | **Book Club**, Title TBA, 6:30pm

MCPL EDGAR

(715) 352-3155 | 224 S. Third Ave., Edgar, WI

Family Storytimes | Thursdays, 9:30am
3/1 | **Book Club**, Title TBA, 4pm
4/5 | **Book Club**, Title TBA, 4pm

MCPL HATLEY

(715) 446-3537 | 435 Curtis Ave., Hatley, WI

Family Storytimes | Mondays, 1pm & Tuesdays, 10:30am
3/1 | **Hatley Seniors**, potluck social, 12pm
3/8 | **Book Club**, *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay, 2pm
4/5 | **Book Club**, Title TBA, 2pm
4/6 | **Hatley Seniors**, potluck social, 12pm

MCPL MARATHON CITY

(715) 443-2775 | 515 Washington St., Marathon City, WI

Preschool Storytimes | Thursdays, 10:30am
Tuesday Tales w/ Take-Out | Tuesdays, all day
3/24 | **Book Club**, *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry, 1pm

MCPL MOSINEE

(715) 693-2144 | 123 Main Street, Mosinee, WI

Preschool Storytimes | Wednesdays, 10:30am
Family Storytimes | 2nd Mon. monthly, 6:30pm
Tales for Twos | Tuesdays, 10:30am
3/17 | **Book Club**, *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls, 1pm
4/4-4/6 | **Book Sale**, 12-4pm

MCPL ROTHSCHILD

(715) 359-6208 | 211 Grand Ave., Rothschild, WI

Preschool Storytimes | Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30am
3/23 | **Book Club**, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, 11am

MCPL SPENCER

(715) 659-3996 | 105 Park St., Spencer, WI

Family Storytimes | Wednesdays, 10:00am
3/1 | **Author Visit: Brett Champan**, 9am
3/21 | **Book Club**, *Dead Renegade* by Victoria Houston, 6:30pm
3/24 | **Book Club**, *Dead Renegade* by Victoria Houston, 1:30pm

MCPL STRATFORD

(715) 687-4420 | 400 N. 4th Ave., Stratford, WI

Family Storytimes | Wednesdays, 10:15am
3/21 | **Book Club**, *Carry Me Home* by Sandra Kring, 1pm
3/2-3/4 | **Book Sale**

Events Are Being Added All The Time!

Browse to www.mcpl.us/events, call (715) 261-7200,
or visit your local MCPL for the latest information!