

Marathon County Public Library NEWSLETTER

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Sierra: Our New Library Catalog!

Amy Ryan — Library Services



On January 9, 2013, the Marathon County Public Library transitioned to new library catalog software as part of an upgrade coordinated by the Wisconsin Valley Library Service. The new software looks different

from what patrons are used to, but has many new features that will help patrons more easily find the materials they need.

The new software, known as "Sierra," offers simplified searching options that allow patrons to search for an author, subject or title from the same search box, much like how Google works. Patrons also do not need to know exact spellings of author names or titles to find books; Sierra offers search suggestions that will help patrons find exactly what they're looking for. Sierra also offers keyword searching, meaning you don't need to know the exact library classification to find materials in the library.

With Sierra, patrons can save the books they've checked out to a reading list, so with the click of a mouse they can see if they've already read a book or which book they last read in a series.

Although WVLS libraries currently use phone messages and email messages to let people know when their materials are ready to be picked up or if they have overdue items, Sierra gives patrons the option of getting text alerts for materials.

This is a big change and more than likely there will be some bumps in the road, but the end result will mean a better library experience for everyone.

If you have any questions about the new system, please call us at 715-261-7200.

(www.mcpl.us/catalogs)

Holiday Hours

All MCPL locations will be closed on Sun., March 31, 2013. To view future holiday closings and the hours of all locations, visit www.mcpl.us/about/locations.

Updates: Friends of the Library

Bill Dovenbarger — President, Friends of the Marathon County Public Library

The location of the book sale room is still in limbo and will depend on Library planning for the future. As part of that planning, several board members and the library director toured libraries in Janesville and Madison to see their facilities for book sales. Our November book sale netted more than \$9,000.

In regards to financial support for Library programs, we continue to fund the Summer Library Program, book discussion kits, free copies of *Book Pages* and activities. We recently agreed to fund a portion of the Wausau aquarium maintenance costs and an annual volunteer recognition program.

Lately, we have completed taking over administrative duties previously performed by library staff. To accomplish that, we purchased a computer and printer for our use.

The Friends Annual Meeting was held on January 27, 2013. New officers are Ed Cohen, president; Gail Cain, vice president; Joan Cohen, secretary; Mike Brunt, treasurer. New board members include Mary Landwehr and Sharon Harder.

We will continue with our mission to support and promote the Marathon County Public Library. All who use and appreciate the library are encouraged to join the Friends and help us in that mission.

(www.mcpl.us/friends)

Ongoing Changes at MCPL Locations

Mike O'Connor — Library Services

In 2012, patrons of the Marathon County Public Library saw changes at all MCPL locations. Those changes and others will continue into the New Year. Public libraries need to change with the times to stay relevant, vital and attractive.



- Sharp-eyed patrons may have noticed many outdated and no-longer-popular books have been removed from the nonfiction and fiction collections of all MCPL locations. New titles are being purchased to update these collections.
- More public seating — particularly, laptop-friendly seating — soon will be added at MCPL Wausau to make it a more inviting destination.
- The new 650-gallon saltwater aquarium in the Wausau Headquarters' children's department has proven to be a must-see fixture. In 2013, the aquarium will be further developed with more and different fish.
- Passport services at MCPL Wausau now are provided at the first floor Main Desk by appointment only. Call 715-261-7200 to sign up.
- There have been a few story time changes. "Tales for Twos" now is called "Tales for Tots" and is intended for children two and three years of age. MCPL Wausau's "Book Babies" now meets Mondays at 10:00am. MCPL Wausau story times will not occur 2/24-3/9 and 4/28-6/30.

Watch the library website for further updates! (www.mcpl.us)

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Locations in Wausau, Athens, Edgar, Hatley, Marathon City, Mosinee, Rothschild, Spencer, Stratford
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Marathon County Public Library UPCOMING EVENTS

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Featured Events

C=Children | T=Teens | A=Adults | S=Seniors ... Events are free, no registration required, unless otherwise noted.

Book Club: "Defending Jacob" by William Landay / Thu., 1/31, 1:00pm @ MCPL Marathon City [A]

Family LEGO® Club / Sun., 2/3, 1:30pm - 3:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Children of all ages and their families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO and DUPLO® blocks! Blocks provided. [C]

Book Talk: "Holy Heifer Tales!" / Tue., 2/5, 9:00 - 10:00am @ MCPL Spencer — Everyday life on a Wisconsin dairy farm, as told by Alora Lynn, farm wife and author of the book "Holy Heifer Tales!" [A]

Movie Night / Tue., 2/5, 6:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Contact us for the title. Rated PG-13 | 101 min. [A]

Book Sale: Friends Members Only / Thu., 2/7, 5:00-8:00pm — Memberships available at the door. [A]

Book Sale / Fri., 2/8 - Sun., 2/10 @ MCPL Wausau — Hundreds of gently-used books available for low prices! Purchases help support the library. [CTAS]

WinterFest 2013 / Sat., 2/9, 10:30am - 3:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Wintry, snowy stories at 10:30am and crafts 11:00am - 3:30pm. [C]

Children's Matinee / Sat., 2/9, 12:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Contact us for the title. Rated PG | 107 min. [C]

Tween LEGO® Club / Tue., 2/12, 6:30 - 8:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Build creative structures using LEGO blocks! For grades 3-5 only. Blocks provided. [C]

Heart Smart! / Wed., 2/13, 2:00 - 3:00pm @ MCPL Edgar — Cathy Joswiak, a registered nurse with the United Way of Marathon County, will discuss how to achieve and maintain a healthy heart. [AS]

Book Club: "Defending Jacob" by William Landay / Mon., 2/18, 1:00pm - 2:00pm @ MCPL Mosinee [A]

Book Club: "Red Weather" by Pauls Toutonghi / Mon., 2/18, 1:00pm - 2:00pm @ MCPL Stratford [A]

Red Fred! / Mon., 2/18, 6:00 - 7:00pm @ MCPL Edgar — A special story time with storyteller Kathy Anderson and her puppet friend, Red Fred! [C]

Book Club: "The Samurai's Garden" by G. Tsukiyama / Mon., 2/18, 6:30pm - 7:30pm @ MCPL Spencer [A]

Women's Book Club: "The Invisible Wall" by Harry Bernstein / Mon., 2/18, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau [A]

Movie Night / Tue., 2/19, 6:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Contact us for the title. Rated PG-13 | 102 min [TA]

Book Club: "The Samurai's Garden" by Gail Tsukiyama / Thu., 2/21, 1:30pm @ MCPL Spencer [A]

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration! / Sat., 2/23, 10:30am - 12:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss and his wacky creations with stories, songs, crafts and birthday! [C]

Children's Matinee / Sat., 2/23, 12:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Contact us for the title. Rated PG | 86 min. [C]

Duct Tape Palooza! / Tue., 2/26, 6:30 - 8:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Tweens (grades 3-5) are invited to make a variety of duct tape creations, including wallets, flowers, coasters and more! [C]

Book Club: "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck / Wed., 2/27, 11:15am @ MCPL Rothschild [A]

Book Club: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet" by J. Ford / Thu., 2/28, 1:00pm @ MCPL Marathon City [A]

Art Cluster Reception / Sat., 3/2, 11:30am @ MCPL Wausau — See artwork created by students in the Wausau School District's 'Art Cluster.' Artwork will be on display throughout the month of March. [C]

Family LEGO® Club / Sun., 3/3, 1:30pm - 3:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Children of all ages and their families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO and DUPLO® blocks! Blocks provided. [C]

What's It Worth? An Antiques Appraisal Roadshow / Sat., 3/9/13, 9:00am - 4:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Antiques expert Mark Moran will evaluate items such as toys, clocks, lamps, costume jewelry, vintage photographs and glassware. Call 715-261-7234 to register (required) or for more info. \$10 per item. [AS]

Tween LEGO® Club / Tue., 3/12, 6:30 - 8:00pm @ MCPL Wausau — Build creative structures using LEGO blocks! For grades 3-5 only. Blocks provided. [C]

Book Club: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet" by Jamie Ford / Wed., 3/13, 12:00pm @ MCPL Edgar [S]

Let's Celebrate Spring! / Wed., 3/13, 2:00pm @ MCPL Edgar — As the weather begins to get warmer, it's time to enjoy what spring has to offer! [S]

Book Club: "New Mercies" by Sandra Dallas / Mon., 3/18, 1:00pm - 2:00pm @ MCPL Stratford [A]

Book Club: "What Alice Forgot" by Liane Moriarty / Mon., 3/18, 1:00pm - 2:00pm @ MCPL Mosinee [A]

Spring is Here! | Family Fun Night / Mon., 3/18, 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ MCPL Edgar — Children and their families are invited for a variety of spring-themed stories, crafts and other activities. [C]

Women's Book Club: "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson / Mon., 3/18, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau [A]

Book Club: "Minding Frankie" by Maeve Binchy / Mon., 3/18, 6:30pm - 7:30pm @ MCPL Spencer [A]

Book Club: "Chasing Fireflies" by Charles Martin / Thu., 3/21, 1:00pm @ MCPL Marathon City [A]

Book Club: "Minding Frankie" by Maeve Binchy / Thu., 3/21, 1:30pm - 2:30pm @ MCPL Spencer [A]

Mother Goose on the Loose! / Sat., 3/23, 10:00am - 12:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — A Mother Goose-themed family story time featuring rhymes, crafts and activities for children and their families. [C]

Book Club: "Magic Hour" by Kristin Hannah / Wed., 3/27/13, 11:15am - 12:15pm @ MCPL Rothschild [A]



Story Times

Enhance your child's learning with stories, sing-alongs, crafts and more! Story times recur weekly at all MCPL locations.

Family Story Time (all ages)

- MCPL Wausau - Sat., 10:30am
- MCPL Athens - Tue., 10:00am
- MCPL Edgar - Thu., 9:30am
- MCPL Hatley - Tue., 10:30am
- MCPL Marathon City - Thu., 10:30am
- MCPL Mosinee - Wed., 10:00am
- MCPL Rothschild - Wed. & Fri., 10:30am
- MCPL Spencer - Wed., 10:00am
- MCPL Stratford - Wed., 10:15am

"Play & Learn" Family Story Time

- MCPL Wausau - Fri., 9:30am

Preschool Story Time (3-5 years old)

- MCPL Wausau - Wed. & Thu., 10:30am

Tales for Tots (2-3 years old)

- MCPL Wausau - Tue., 9:45am & 10:30am

Book Babies (0-23 months old)

- MCPL Wausau - Mon., 10:00am

Schedule Exceptions: Wausau story times will not occur 2/24-3/9 and 4/28-6/30.

Sweet Dreams Story Time has ended as of December and will resume this summer.

Day Care Groups should call 715-261-7220 to schedule a special story time for their kids.

(www.mcpl.us/childrens)

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