

Marathon County Public Library NEWSLETTER

JANUARY-MARCH, 2014



Parenting series

Starting in February, several Marathon County Public Library locations will host programs aimed at promoting positive parenting skills, Internet safety and encouraging quality family time.

Our MCPL Parenting Series begins with a presentation by Aaron Ruff of the Marathon County Health Department about The Real Happy Hour, a multi-agency effort to share resources and ideas that promote and encourage families to spend quality time together.

Other programs cover safety, both online and at home. The “Raising Safe Kids” program, held at both the Rothschild and Wausau MCPL locations and presented by staff from Marathon County Social Services, covers personal and traffic safety, and tips on how to stay safe when home alone. Angela Diener of the Boys & Girls Club of Wausau will present “NetSmartz for Tweens” at our Wausau and Stratford locations, which covers cyberbullying, safe use of emails and instant messaging, identity theft and other online security topics.

Becky Mroczenski of the Marathon County Health Department will lead a presentation on childhood vaccines in March, and in April, Linda Salzman from the Family Resource Center will share ways to communicate with and discipline children without yelling.

Check the reverse side of this newsletter for event dates through mid-March, or call 715-261-7220 for more information.

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Director's notes

We've had a very busy year here at the library, and it has been a pleasure for all of us at MCPL to serve the community. As we move into 2014, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe winter season with friends and family. I would like to personally thank all of those who work here, as well as the countless volunteers, members of the Friends of the Marathon County Public Library, and the MCPL Foundation for their tireless efforts to make this library such a wonderful asset to Marathon County.



This fall we asked you to help us to better serve you by answering a survey about the services we provide. Those responses have given us great input for furthering our mission to connect people with information, ideas, and one another. In the coming months I want to encourage all of our library patrons to talk with the staff members who serve you about what you hope to see from your library in the future. We have the opportunity to make improvements to each facility, and we are committed to making this library one that we can all cherish and enjoy for years to come. Please stop by one of our branches or the main library in Wausau soon to let us know what's on your mind. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

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Is this your lucky day?

Patrons of the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters — and soon patrons at other MCPL locations — have a chance to get lucky and check out hotly anticipated new releases of books, music and movies — with no waiting list!

MCPL Wausau recently started a “Lucky Day” shelf on which we put one or more copies of popular new releases. These are items that can't be reserved; once they are on the shelf, they are up for grabs.

Are you one of the hundreds who request James Patterson's or Janet Evanovich's newest novels? Keep an eye on the first-come, first-served Lucky Day shelf, and you may not have to wait. And, with some patrons finding that lucky copy, the wait for other patrons on a book or DVD request list should be reduced.

Call 715-261-7200 for more information.



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Marathon County Public Library UPCOMING EVENTS

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Featured events

C = Children's event | T = Teen event | A = Adult event

Protect Your Possessions and Yourself / Tue., 2/4, 9am @ MCPL Spencer - Shaun Bauer, Spencer police chief, will share ways to prevent theft and avoid dangerous situations. A

Fish Tales / Tue., 2/4, 4pm @ MCPL Wausau - Ocean-related stories followed by an aquarium activity, experiment or craft. Grades K-2. Meets bi-weekly: 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29. C

Noteworthy: Beatles Invasion! / Tue., 2/4, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau - Lawrence University music instructor Carl Rath will present the Beatles' early days. A

Book Sale @ MCPL Wausau - Your purchases help support the library! Hours: Thu., 2/6, 5-8pm (Friends only); Fri., 2/7, 9:30am-4:30pm; Sat., 2/8, 9:30am-4:30pm; Sun., 2/9, 1-4pm (Bag Sale). A

The Real Happy Hour / Thu., 2/6, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau - Aaron Ruff of the Marathon Co. Health Department will discuss ways for families to spend quality time together. A

Winter Fest 2014 / Sat., 2/8, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau - Children of all ages are invited for snowy stories followed by winter crafts until 4pm. C

Finding the Middle Way / Sat., 2/8, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau - A screening and discussion of a documentary about the Hmong in central Wisconsin. A

Family LEGO® Club / Tue., 2/11, 3:30pm @ MCPL Marathon City - Children and their families are invited to build creative LEGO projects! Blocks provided. Meets monthly: 2/11, 3/11. C

Movie Night / Tue., 2/11, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau - Rated PG-13. 130 min. Call 261-7200 for title. A

Exploration Station: Math / Wed., 2/12, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau - Registration req.: 715-261-7220. C

Troutsmith: An Angler's Tales & Travels / Sat., 2/15, 1pm @ MCPL Wausau - Kevin Searock, author of "Troutsmith," will read from his book, share photos, and answer questions. A

iPad Basics / Mon., 2/17, 10:30am @ MCPL Hatley - Registration required: 715-446-3537. A

Family Fun Night / Mon., 2/17, 6pm @ MCPL Edgar - Children can make a Valentines Day booklet! C

Family LEGO® Club / Tue., 2/18, 3:30pm @ MCPL Stratford - Children and their families are invited to build creative LEGO projects! Blocks provided. Meets monthly: 2/18, 3/18. C

NetSmartz for Tweens / Wed., 2/19, 6pm @ MCPL Stratford OR Thu., 2/20, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau - A nationally-recognized program on Internet safety for tweens (grades 3-5) and their parents. C

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! / Sat., 2/22, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau OR Tue., 3/4, 10:30am @ MCPL Rothschild - Join us for Seuss-themed stories, arts & crafts, and other children's activities! C

Internet Basics / Mon., 2/24, 10:30am @ MCPL Hatley - Registration required: 715-446-3537. A

Book clubs

"Neverwhere" by Neil Gaiman / Mon., 2/10, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

"The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak / Tue., 2/11, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley A

"Full Moon Over Madeline Island" by Jay Gilbertson / Thu., 2/13, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

"A Land More Kind Than Home" by Wiley Cash / Thu., 2/13, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens A

"Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes / Mon., 2/17, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford A

"The Gods of Gotham" by Lyndsay Faye / Mon., 2/17, 3pm @ MCPL Mosinee A

"The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain / Thu., 2/20, 1:30pm OR Mon., 2/17, 6:30pm @ MCPL Spencer A

"The Twelve Tribes of Hattie" by Ayana Mathis / Wed., 2/26, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild A

"Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand / Mon., 3/10, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

"To Heaven and Back" by Mary C. Neal / Tue., 3/11, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley A

"Footprints in the Sand" by Mary Jane Clark / Thu., 3/13, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

"Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline / Thu., 3/13, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens A

"Firefly Lane" by Kristin Hannah / Mon., 3/17, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford A

"Eighty Days" by Matthew Goodman / Mon., 3/17, 3pm @ MCPL Mosinee A

"Full Moon Over Madeline Island" by Jay Gilbertson / Thu., 3/20, 1:30pm @ MCPL Spencer A

"Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly / Wed., 3/26, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild A

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Movie Night / Tue., 2/25, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau - 109 min. Call 261-7200 for title. A

Raising Safe Kids / Thu., 3/6, 4:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild OR Thu., 3/6, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau - Marathon Co. Social Services will discuss child safety issues, including personal safety, traffic safety, stranger interactions and home safety. A

Art Cluster Reception / Sat., 3/8, 11:30am @ MCPL Wausau - Join us for a reception in honor of young artists in our community! CTA

Duct Tape Palooza / Tue., 3/11, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau - Tweens (grades 3-5) are invited to make a variety of duct tape creations! Supplies provided. C

Exploration Station: Science Activities / Wed., 3/12, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau - Registration required: 715-261-7220. C



Story times

Recurring weekly:

Family Story Time (all ages)

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

Preschool Story Time (4-5 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., 10am

"Play & Learn" Story Time

- MCPL Wausau — Fri., 9:30am

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Divergent Fan Fest / Fri., 3/14, 3pm @ MCPL Athens - Teen activities and trivia based on Veronica Roth's Divergent book series. T

Family Fun Night: Time Travel / Mon., 3/17, 6pm @ MCPL Edgar - Explore history through stories and crafts! C

Women of Wausau: Historic Slideshow / Thu., 3/20, 6:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild - Gary Gisselman of the Marathon Co. Historical Society will present a slideshow on influential women in Marathon County during the 19th and 20th centuries. A

Tangled Tales and Other Adventures! / Sat., 3/22, 10:30am - 12pm @ MCPL Wausau - Children and their families are invited for a morning of 'fractured' fairy and folk tales, followed by arts and crafts. C

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