

# Marathon County Public Library NEWSLETTER

MARCH-MAY, 2014



## Celebrate National Library Week!

National Library Week (NLW) is upon us, and it's more than a chance to celebrate all that your library means to you (although we are grateful for your appreciation).

This year's NLW theme is "Lives Change @ Your Library," and we've scheduled a number of events through the week, which runs April 13 to April 19. From something as simple as obtaining a passport to hearing about environmentally friendly travel to Randy Peterson's "Big Dreams Begin with Books," we have programs that could change your life. We know that's a bold statement, but part of our mission is to provide materials, programming and assistance that make a big difference in the lives of our patrons and in our communities.

Maybe we've already helped change your life in some positive way, and we can't guarantee we'll do so in the future. But National Library Week is a time for all of us to celebrate the importance of libraries across the country.

### National Library Week events:

- **Big Dreams Begin with Books!** / Sun., 4/13, 1:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- A family event featuring children's musician and storyteller Randy Peterson!
- **Passport Event** / Mon., 4/14, 3pm @ MCPL Edgar -- Apply for your U.S. passport! Details: 715-261-7200.
- **A Guide To Green Travel** / Tue., 4/15, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Travel writer Mary Bergin will share some eco-tourism hotspots and tips.
- **Teen Literature Day** / Thu., 4/17, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Teens can discover books that have been made into movies and watch one of these movies (call us for the title).
- **No Yelling!** / Thu., 4/17, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Discover ways to communicate with and discipline your children without yelling.
- **Multicultural Story Time** / Sat., 4/19, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau -- Families are invited to experience stories, songs and crafts from other cultures!

[www.mcpl.us/nlw](http://www.mcpl.us/nlw)

## Beyond the printed page

Although 2014 is well underway, we'd like to not only take a brief look back at 2013, but also put the past in the context of our future here at the Marathon County Public Library (MCPL).

We're happy to say that more than 3,000 new people became registered patrons of our libraries in 2013. We welcome all of you, and we want you to know that we'll do whatever we can to make your library experience as positive and fulfilling as possible.

Nearly every day, we help patrons use Wisconsin's Digital Library (aka OverDrive) for electronic books and audiobooks. We've fully embraced the electronic format of reading material, and more than 10,000 titles were added to this catalog in 2013. Supply has followed demand: MCPL patrons' use of e-books and e-audiobooks more than doubled last year to about 50,000 checkouts.

Have we abandoned the printed page? Absolutely not. At nearly quarter of a million, the number of print books in the MCPL system is still far larger than our online collections – and does not include the hundreds of thousands more print books available from other libraries in our V-Cat lending network.

To meet the myriad needs of our patrons, we provide access to online resources that not only incorporate books, but also research material, foreign language lessons, job training and even home and vehicle repair. Many people are surprised at the extent of our online resources, and if you are not familiar, we'll give you a virtual tour.

At our Wausau headquarters, we celebrate our communities and state with a large collection of Wisconsin-specific material, and recognize our diversity with collections dedicated to Hmong and Spanish language – the extent of which also surprises some people.

All of this comes down to our efforts to meet your needs, whether they be educational or entertainment. As always, please share your thoughts with us if we can better serve you.

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## Spring holiday hours

- Closed Sunday, April 20. (Affects MCPL Wausau.)
- Closed Saturday-Monday, May 24-26. (Affects all MCPL locations.)

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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

**DIY Crafts** / Mon., 3/31, 11am - 4pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Fun and educational craft projects! **C**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters** / Tue., 4/1, 9am @ MCPL Spencer -- Discover BBBS services and volunteer opportunities. **A**

**Tween Tech Tuesday** / Tue., 4/1, 1pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Grades 3-5 are invited to experiment with computer programming! **C**

**Tween Survival Night** / Tue., 4/1, 6pm @ MCPL Rothschild -- Grades 3-5 are invited for wilderness survival trivia and to make a paracord bracelet. **C**

**Poetry Slam** / Tue., 4/1, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Bring your original poems to this friendly poetry-reading competition! Contact us for details. **AT**

**Wear Your Words** / Tue., 4/1, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Teens! Join us and the Woodson Art Museum for an art project that aims to present topics of 'social action' via the medium of clothing. **T**

**Children's Matinee** / Wed., 4/2, 10am AND 1pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Call us for the title. **PG** | 102 min. **C**

**Bookmark Bash!** / Thu., 4/3, 11:30am @ MCPL Wausau -- Children are invited to make their own decorative bookmarks! Stop by any time before 4pm. **C**

**Spring Break LEGO® Club** / Fri., 4/4, 11:30am - 4pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Children can build creative projects using LEGO and DUPLO® blocks! **C**

**Money-Smart Kids** / Sat., 4/5, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau -- A special story time and activities about money management and coin recognition. **C**

**Family LEGO® Club** / Tue., 4/8, 3:30pm @ MCPL Marathon City -- Children can build creative projects using LEGO and DUPLO® blocks! Also meets 5/13. **C**

**Movie Night** / Tue., 4/8, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Call us for the title. **PG-13** | 134 min. **A**

**Attracting Birds and Butterflies** / Tue., 4/8, 6pm @ MCPL Stratford -- Learn how to attract butterflies, birds and other desirable creatures to your backyard! **A**

**Tween LEGO® Club** / Tue., 4/8, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Grades 3-5 can build creative projects using LEGO blocks! **C**

**Exploration Station: Reading Activities** / Wed., 4/9, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau -- Hands-on activities for ages 4-6. Registration: 715-261-7220. **C**

**Family LEGO® Club** / Tue., 4/15, 3:30pm @ MCPL Stratford -- Children can build creative projects using LEGO and DUPLO® blocks! Also meets 5/20. **C**

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** / 4/13 - 4/19 -- See the other side of this newsletter for NLW events!

**Family Fun Night: Animal Babies!** / Mon., 4/21, 6pm - 7pm @ MCPL Edgar **C**

**Celebrate Earth Day!** / Tue., 4/22, 10:30am @ MCPL Rothschild -- Books, songs and crafts about the earth and protecting the environment! **C**

**Earth Day Documentary & Discussion** / Tue., 4/22, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau -- View and discuss an ocean-themed documentary. Call us for the title. (94 min.) **A**

**Earth Day Demolition!** / Tue., 4/22, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Grades K-5 will learn about recycling followed by an Angry Birds-style structure demolition! **C**

**NetSmartz for Tweens** / Thu., 4/24, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Grades 3-5 and their parents can learn about Internet safety. **C**

**Stepping Stones** / Mon., 4/28, 6pm @ MCPL Mosinee -- Families can integrate memorable items into a keepsake stepping stone. Registration: 715-693-2144. **C**

**Karaoke Poetry!** / Tue., 4/29, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Share your favorite poems with others by reading them aloud! **AT**

**Rick Riordan Celebration** / Thu., 5/1, 6pm @ MCPL Rothschild -- Grades 3-5 can design flags and test their knowledge of Riordan's books and mythology. **C**

**Mother's Day DIY Spa Gifts** / Sat., 5/3, 1:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Teens can create homemade "spa gifts" for Mother's day! **T**

**Attracting Birds and Butterflies** / Tue., 5/6, 9am @ MCPL Spencer -- Learn how to attract butterflies, birds and other creatures to your backyard! **A**

**David LaRoche** / Sat., 5/10, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau -- Children's author/illustrator David LaRoche will read from his books and lead a children's craft activity! **C**

**Bicycle Wausau Rodeo & Safety Day** / Sat., 5/10, 1pm @ MCPL Wausau -- All ages are invited to learn about bike safety. Bring your bike! **ATC**

**Bicycle and Road Safety** / Tue., 5/13, 10:30am @ MCPL Rothschild -- A bicycle-themed story time, plus a bike safety presentation. **C**

**Rainbow Loom® Fun!** / Tue., 5/13, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Grades 3-5 can make colorful, woven rubber band artwork! **C**

**Mosinee Book Sale** / Wed.-Fri., 5/14 - 5/16 @ MCPL Mosinee -- Hundreds of gently-used books are available for low prices! **ATC**

**Family Story Time in the Park** / Wed., 5/14, 10:15am @ MCPL Stratford **C**

**Banning DDT** / Thu., 5/15, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau -- Bill Berry will discuss his new book, "Banning DDT: How Citizen Activists in Wisconsin Led the Way." **A**

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## Book clubs

**"Gone Girl"** by Gillian Flynn / Tue., 4/8, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley **A**

**"Dark Storm"** by Christine Feehan / Wed., 4/9, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau **A**

**"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"** by Betty Smith / Thu., 4/10, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens **A**

**"The Art of Racing in the Rain"** by Garth Stein / Mon., 4/14, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City **A**

**"The Paris Wife"** by Paula McLain / Mon., 4/21, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford **A**

**"The Round House"** by Louise Erdrich / Mon., 4/21, 3pm @ MCPL Mosinee **A**

**Women's Club: "Love Anthony"** by Lisa Genova / Mon., 4/21, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau **A**

**"Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake"** by Anna Quindlen / Wed., 4/23, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild **A**

**"The Language of Flowers"** by Vanessa Diffenbaugh / Thu., 4/24, 1:30pm AND Mon., 4/21, 6:30pm @ MCPL Spencer **A**

**Teen Book Club: Fantasy** / Sat., 4/26, 1pm @ MCPL Wausau **T**

**"In the Shadow of the Banyan"** by Vaddey Ratner / Thu., 5/8, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens

**"Catcher in the Rye"** by J. D. Salinger / Mon., 5/12, 5:45pm - 7pm @ MCPL Marathon City **A**

**"Beautiful Ruins"** by Jess Walter / Tue., 5/13, 2pm - 3pm @ MCPL Hatley **A**

**"Styx"** by Sherrilyn Kenyon / Wed., 5/14, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau **A**

**"The End of Your Life Book Club"** by Will Schwalbe / Mon., 5/19, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford **A**

**"The Aviator's Wife"** by Melanie Benjamin / Mon., 5/19, 3pm @ MCPL Mosinee **A**

**Women's Club: "Wild"** by Cheryl Strayed / Mon., 5/19, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau **A**

**"The Kitchen Counter Cooking School"** by Kathleen Flinn / Mon., 5/19, 6:30pm @ MCPL Spencer **A**

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## Weekly story times

**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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