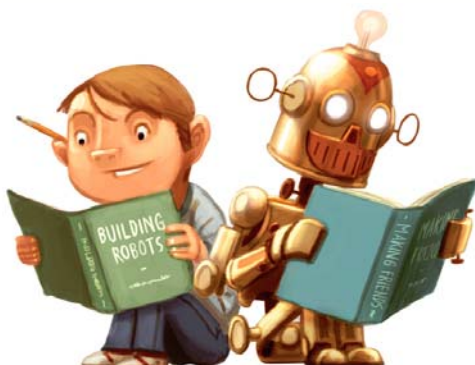


Marathon County Public Library NEWSLETTER

MAY-JULY, 2014



Fizz! Boom! Read!

This year's Summer Program has a science theme!

We've planned a variety of fun and educational events for all ages — children, teens and adults — at MCPL locations throughout the county!

For complete details, pick up a Summer Program brochure at your local MCPL, or visit our website. The reverse side of this newsletter summarizes library events through mid-July.

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

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Extended library hours

Four Marathon County libraries have extended hours this summer! Additional weekend hours for the libraries in Wausau, Hatley, Marathon City and Rothschild were approved by the library board in March.

Hatley, Marathon City and Rothschild will remain open Saturdays, 10am-2pm. (Previously, these locations were closed all weekend during the summer.)

Wausau will remain open Saturdays, 9am-5pm and Sundays, 1-5pm. (Previously, this location was closed Saturdays at 1pm and Sundays during the summer.)

The Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees extended summer hours based on a 2013 patron survey that called for a more consistent schedule, rather than separate hours for summer. Increasing operating hours is a low-cost option to provide additional patron service.

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Interact with your child for healthy development!

Your child needs positive human interaction to fully develop physically, mentally and emotionally. Human interaction includes simple tasks such as talking, singing, playing, writing and reading — the five suggested practices to get your child ready to read! Through human interaction, your child's brain will develop to its fullest potential and he or she will feel loved and be more willing to learn, listen and grow.

How can you interact with your child?

- **Play** with your child outside, or play make-believe inside.
- **Talk** with your child about his or her day, favorite color, or anything you can think of!
- **Sing** favorite songs, sing sentences in books, or make up silly songs that rhyme.
- **Write** your child's name, allow him or her to scribble with chalk, or draw pictures together.
- **Read** books together, and point out the letters in different signs you see outside.



Wordless picture books are a great way to promote parent-child interaction. Books without words may seem intimidating and strange, but have your child tell the story based on the illustrations and ask different questions as you move through the story. Using wordless picture books will encourage your child to talk, interpret pictures, and use his or her imagination. Below is a list of wordless (or near-wordless) picture books that will encourage interaction through talking.

- **"Banana!"** by Ed Vere
- **"Hug"** by Jez Alborough
- **"Where's Walrus?"** By Stephen Savage
- **"Good Night, Gorilla"** by Peggy Rathmann
- **"Bow-Wow Bugs a Bug!"** by Mark Newgarden

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Looking for more great parenting resources and advice?

Visit www.RaiseGreatKids.org, one of the Marathon County Public Library's community partners.

Summer holiday hours

The following closings affect all MCPL locations:

- **Closed Friday, July 4** (Independence Day)
- **Closed Sat.-Mon., August 30-September 1** (Labor Day weekend)

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Our mission: To enrich lives by promoting lifelong learning, and actively providing the community with access to ideas, information, and opportunities to connect.



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Locations in Wausau, Athens, Edgar, Hatley, Marathon City, Mosinee, Rothschild, Spencer and Stratford.

Marathon County Public Library UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY-JULY, 2014

Featured events

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

Read to a Therapy Dog! — Children can practice reading to some well-behaved dogs! C

- Tue., 6pm @ MCPL Rothschild: 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29
- Tue., 2pm @ MCPL Mosinee: 6/10, 6/24, 7/15, 7/29
- Thu., 1pm @ MCPL Wausau: 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31

Sci-Fi Saturday / Sat., 6/7, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — PG | 137 min. Contact us for the title. A

Family LEGO® Club — Build your creativity! C

- Sun., 1:30pm @ MCPL Wausau: 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27
- Thu., 1pm @ MCPL Marathon City: 6/12, 7/10
- Fri., 1pm @ MCPL Rothschild: 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25
- Tue., 3:30pm @ MCPL Stratford: 6/17, 7/15

World Oceans Day / Sun., 6/8, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Aquarium expert Darren Lettner will discuss the importance of oceans, with children's activities to follow. C

Design Your Book Bag! / Tue., 6/10, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Tweens (grades 3-5) will design book bags using cloth paint, markers and more! C

Tom Pease — Music, humor and audience participation for children of all ages! C

- Wed., 6/11, 10am @ MCPL Athens
- Wed., 6/11, 1:30pm @ MCPL Mosinee
- Tue., 6/17, 10:30am & 2pm @ MCPL Wausau
- Tue., 7/8, 10am @ MCPL Spencer
- Wed., 7/9, 10:30am @ Edgar Elementary
- Wed., 7/9, 1:30pm @ MCPL Stratford
- Thu., 7/10, 11am & 1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild
- Tue., 7/15, 10:30am @ MCPL Hatley
- Wed., 7/16, 10am @ Marathon Elementary

Nature's Niche — Children of all ages will discover how different creatures have been important to new scientific discoveries. C

- Wed., 6/11, 10:30am @ Edgar Elementary
- Wed., 6/18, 10am @ MCPL Spencer
- Wed., 6/18, 1:30pm @ MCPL Stratford
- Thu., 6/19, 10am @ Marathon Elementary
- Wed., 6/25, 10am @ MCPL Athens
- Wed., 6/25, 1:30pm @ MCPL Mosinee
- Thu., 6/26, 11am & 1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild
- Tue., 7/15, 10:30am & 2pm @ MCPL Wausau
- Tue., 7/22, 10:30am @ MCPL Hatley

Spy School — Secret messages, fingerprinting and more! For grades K-5. C

- Wed., 6/18, 11am @ MCPL Mosinee
- Wed., 7/23, 10am @ MCPL Spencer
- Wed., 7/30, 2pm @ MCPL Edgar

Meet the Medical Examiner! — Wed., 6/18, Adults: 1pm & Teens: 2pm @ MCPL Mosinee — Jessica Blahnik, Medical Examiner for Marathon Co., will explain the science that's part of her job. TA

Soda Pups / Thu., 6/19, 11am & 1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild — Meet the Soda Pups, Pomeranian dogs that will perform amazing tricks! C

Hour of Code / Thu., 6/19, 3pm @ MCPL Wausau — Teens and tweens can learn the basics of computer programming! Also meets 7/17 and 8/14. CT

Balloon Rockets / Thu., 6/19, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Grades K-5 can learn how rockets work and construct their own from straws and balloons. C

Robot Rampage — Tweens (grades 3-5) can create model robots using recyclable materials! C

- Fri., 6/20, 1pm @ MCPL Athens
- Wed., 7/16, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau

Sci-Fi Saturday / Sat., 6/21, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Rated R | 126 min. Contact us for the title. A

7 Days of Harryhausen @ MCPL Wausau — Films featuring Ray Harryhausen's stop-motion effects! A

- Mon., 6/23, 6:30pm — Contact us for the title.
- Tue., 6/24, 6:30pm — Contact us for the title.
- Wed., 6/25, 6:30pm — Contact us for the title.
- Thu., 6/26, 6:30pm — Contact us for the title.
- Fri., 6/27, 2pm — Contact us for the title.
- Sat., 6/28, 2pm — Contact us for the title.
- Sun., 6/29, 2pm — Contact us for the title.

Craft Day! — Science-themed arts and crafts. C

- Tue., 6/24, 10am @ MCPL Marathon City
- Tue., 7/15, 1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild
- Tue., 7/22, 10am @ MCPL Marathon City

Weird Science Show — Interactive science for children presented by "Doc Ron"! C

- Tue., 6/24, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau
- Tue., 6/24, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau
- Wed., 6/25, 10:30am @ Edgar Elementary
- Wed., 6/25, 1:30pm @ MCPL Stratford
- Wed., 7/16, 10am @ MCPL Athens
- Wed., 7/16, 1:30pm @ MCPL Mosinee
- Thu., 7/17, 11am & 1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild

Hands-On Science Exploration / Tue., 6/24, 1pm @ MCPL Hatley — Science activities for kids! C

Tween Science — Tweens (grades 3-5) are invited to learn about chemical reactions! C

- Tue., 6/24, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
- Thu., 7/24, 6pm @ MCPL Rothschild

Art with Heat! / Tue., 6/24, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Teens (grades 6-12) can create melted crayon art and ice candles! T

Science of Canning and Preservation / Tue., 6/24, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Discover the science behind preserving fruits and vegetables. A

Volcano Science / Tue., 7/1, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Grades K-5 can learn how volcanoes work and create model volcanoes out of clay! C

Sci-Fi Saturday / Sat., 7/5, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Rated PG | 115 min. Contact us for the title. CA

Industrious Mr. Franklin — Meet Benjamin Franklin in this performance by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company! C

- Tue., 7/8, 10:30am & 2pm @ MCPL Wausau
- Wed., 7/9, 10am @ MCPL Hatley
- Wed., 7/9, 1:30pm @ MCPL Mosinee

Summer Story Time / Thu., 7/10, 11am @ MCPL Marathon City — Pack a picnic lunch! C

Mindful Meditation / Mon., 7/14, 6pm @ MCPL Mosinee — Teens (grades 6-12) can learn about meditation and create their own mala bracelet. T

Build a Terrarium / Tue., 7/15, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Teens (grades 6-12) can create terrariums using recycled materials! T

Sci-Fi Saturday / Sat., 7/19, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Rated G | 131 min. Contact us for the title. A

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Book clubs

"Bitter Sweet" by LaVyrle Spencer / Tue., 6/10, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley A

"Dark Lover" by J. R. Ward / Wed., 6/11, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

"The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh / Thu., 6/12, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

"Fairy Tale Interrupted" by RoseMarie Terenzio / Thu., 6/12, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens A

"The Round House" by Louise Erdrich / Mon., 6/16, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford A

Women's Club: "The Trial Of Fallen Angels" / Mon., 6/16, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

"And The Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini / Wed., 6/25, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild A

Literary Elements: Food / Thu., 6/26, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Read any food-themed fiction or nonfiction book! Call 715-261-7230 for info. A

"The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty / Tue., 7/8, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley A

"The Logging Road Gang" by Buzz Humke / Thu., 7/10, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

"Necessary Lies" by Diane Chamberlain / Thu., 7/10, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens A

"Divergent" by Veronica Roth / Mon., 7/14, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

Women's Club: "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline / Mon., 7/21, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

Literary Elements: Nature / Thu., 7/24, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Read any nature-themed fiction or nonfiction book! Call 715-261-7230 for info. A

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Weekly story times

Please note: (1) Story times occasionally are replaced by concurrent special children's events. (2) No story times will be held in Wausau through 6/7.

Family Story Time (all ages)

- MCPL Wausau — Sat., 10:30am
- MCPL Athens — Tue., 10am
- MCPL Hatley — Tue., 10:30am
- MCPL Rothschild — Tue., 10:30am

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
- MCPL Hatley — Thu., 10am
- MCPL Mosinee — Wed., 10:30am

"Sweet Dreams" Story Time

- MCPL Wausau — Mon., 6:30pm

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