



Marathon County Public Library NEWSLETTER

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2014



Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead!

Sharyn Heili—Youth Services Librarian

Beginning this fall, together with our usual literacy offerings, we are incorporating more S.T.E.A.M. into our children's programs!

What's S.T.E.A.M.? It is an approach to education that focuses on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics by providing kids with lots of hands-on activities and experiments. Each program will be designed to engage the imagination and stimulate the curiosity of our future computer programmers, scientists, mathematicians, artists and engineers.

S.T.E.A.M. Exploration Stations are planned for preschool children (ages 3-5) at 10:30am on the second Wednesday and the following Saturday of each month at our Wausau headquarters. Occasionally, other Preschool Story Times will feature S.T.E.A.M. experiments and activities, too.

Additionally, monthly S.T.E.A.M. programs are being planned for school-age children (grades K-5), including events for tweens (grades 3-5) specifically.

We are following national recommendations by expanding our educational opportunities for children and providing additional activities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. These free programs are intended to be fun, engaging and beneficial for your children as they grow into successful teens and adults.

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Holiday hours

All MCPL locations will be closed August 30 through September 1 during Labor Day weekend. However, there will be no seasonal change to the regular hours of any MCPL location. Our hours now remain the same year-round.

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Reference services

Kathleen Kosiec—Library Specialist

As summer winds down and your thoughts turn to more studious matters (whether you're going back to school or starting a new project), don't forget the library offers these useful resources!

Online databases

Your library card gives you online access to product reviews and comparisons from Consumer Reports, stock reports from Value Line, foreign language learning tools from Mango Languages, repair manuals from the Auto Repair Reference Center, and many other helpful research databases. Visit any of our locations and use one of our public computers or connect to our free Wi-Fi to access these databases at www.mcpl.us/research. You can also access most of these databases from home.



Genealogy resources

Research your family history using Ancestry: Library Edition and our microfilm collection. Accessible only while you are in the library, Ancestry: Library Edition is a special version of Ancestry.com, a popular subscription-based site which offers access to a large collection of resources about family histories. The Wausau headquarters also offers access to the microfilm records of The Wausau Daily Herald (and the four papers that preceded the Herald) for those looking for obituaries or other articles about their ancestors.

Study rooms and internet access

The library's Wausau headquarters and Marathon City branch have study rooms available for nonprofit or educational purposes free of charge. Visit the library or call us with questions about study room availability. All of our locations offer free Wi-Fi and public computer access.

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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

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

- Thu., 1pm @ MCPL Wausau: 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21
- Tue., 2pm @ MCPL Mosinee: 7/29, 8/12
- Tue., 6pm @ MCPL Rothschild: 7/29, 8/5, 8/12

Spy School — Grades K-5 can engage their undercover curiosity with fun activities, secret messages, fingerprinting and more! C

- Wed., 7/30, 2pm @ MCPL Edgar
- Thu., 8/14, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau

Visit our booth at the fair! / 7/29-8/3, 12-8pm @ Wisconsin Valley Fair — Activities for all ages! C

Pom Pom Pups / Tue., 7/29, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Grades 3-5 can design their own puppy made of large poms! Supplies provided. C

Be a Productive Part-Time Writer / Thu., 7/31, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Author and blogger Kourtney Heintz will share tips and techniques on becoming a writer while maintaining a day job. A

Sci-Fi Saturday: "The Dark Crystal" / Sat., 8/2, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Rated PG | 93 min. C

Pool Party / Tue., 8/5, 1-7:50pm @ Wausau Outdoor Pools — Bring your library card for free admission! CT

Robot Rampage / Tue., 8/5, 1pm @ MCPL Marathon City — Grades 3-5 can create their own model robots using recycled materials! C

Teen Advisory Group Meeting / Tue., 8/5 AND 9/2, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — A great volunteer opportunity for students in grades six through twelve. Contact us for details. T

Tiny Treasures and STAMP Exhibits / 8/6-9/26 @ MCPL Wausau — A special exhibit of tiny works of art created by members of the Wisconsin Regional Artists Association (WRAA)! A

Author Visit: B. C. Kowalski / Sat., 8/9, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Author/journalist B. C. Kowalski will discuss his first novel, "Robot Awareness," his writing process and self-publishing experiences. A

Free Canner Safety Test / Tue., 8/12, 4:30pm @ MCPL Hatley — Get your dial-gauge canner's safety tested for free! A

Read & View: "Ender's Game" / Tue., 8/12, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau — Teens are invited to watch "Ender's Game" and discuss the book on which it was based. Rated PG-13 | 114 min. T

Introduction to Canning and Food Preservation / Tue., 8/12, 6pm @ MCPL Hatley — An overview of canning procedures and the science behind them. Registration requested: 715-446-3537. A

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

Library Board Meeting / Mon., 8/18 AND 9/15, 12pm @ MCPL Wausau — Members of the public are invited to attend. Meetings recur monthly on the third Monday. A

Creating Tiny Treasures / Thu., 8/14, 6pm OR Sat., 8/23, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Members of the Wisconsin Valley Art Association will show you how to create miniature art! CTA

Sci-Fi Saturday: "Fahrenheit 451" / Sat., 8/16, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau — Unrated | 112 min. A

Summer Readers Party / Wed., 8/20, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau — Children and their families are invited to a party at the end of this year's Summer Library Program! C

Find your next book on Facebook! / Mon., 8/25, 4-7pm @ Facebook (Online) — Tell us the last two books you've read, and we'll recommend which book you should read next! Visit www.mcpl.us/fynb during the event. TA

Back to School Bracelet Making / Thu., 8/28, 2:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Teens are invited to create the perfect back to school accessory: the bracelet! Supplies provided. T

Knit Night / Thu., 9/4, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — A social event for knitters at any level of experience. Patterns, ideas and basic supplies provided. Bring your own supplies if you have them. A

Flu Clinic / Tue., 9/9, 1pm @ MCPL Spencer — Patrons six months and older can get flu shots at the library courtesy of Aspirus VNA Home Health. They bill insurance or take cash. CA

Exploration Station: Engineering / Wed., 9/10 OR Sat., 9/13, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau — Hands-on activities for ages 3-5. C

Teen Movie: "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones" / Sun., 9/14, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau — Rated PG-13 | 130 min. T

Memories, Rituals and Stepping-Stones / Mon., 9/15, 6pm @ MCPL Edgar — Families can create a beautiful keepsake stepping-stone! Bring special or meaningful items to put in your stone. All other supplies provided. C

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Book clubs

"Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson / Mon., 8/11, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

"The Art Forger" by Barbara Shapiro / Tue., 8/12, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley A

"Kiss the Dead" by Laurell K. Hamilton / Wed., 8/13, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

"Wild" by Cheryl Strayed / Thu., 8/14, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

"Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn / Mon., 8/18, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford A

Women's Club: "The Things That Keep Us Here" by Carla Buckley / Mon., 8/18, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

"A Long Way Gone" by Ishmael Beah / Thu., 8/21, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens A

"Sweet Tooth" by Ian McEwan / Wed., 8/27, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild A

Weekly story times

Please note: (1) Several story times have been "on break" for the summer and will resume in September as noted below. (2) Wausau story times will not meet 8/17 through 9/2, except for "Play & Learn."

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 Rothschild — Thu., 1:30pm **
- MCPL Spencer — Wed., 10am **
- MCPL Stratford — Wed., 10:15am **

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., 10am ***
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"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 ***

* Starting the first week in September.

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*** Discontinued after August.

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Literary Elements: Science / Thu., 8/28, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau — Read any science-themed fiction or nonfiction! 715-261-7230 for info. A

"The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green / Mon., 9/8, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

"Home Song" by LaVyrle Spencer / Tue., 9/9, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley A

"Outlander" by Diana Gabaldon / Wed., 9/10, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

"The Snow Child" by Eowyn Ivey / Thu., 9/11, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens

"The Butler" by Wil Haygood / Thu., 9/11, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

"The Forgotten Garden" by Kate Morton / Mon., 9/15, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford A

"Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline / Mon., 9/15, 6:30pm OR Thu., 9/18, 1:30pm @ MCPL Spencer A

Women's Club: "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin / Mon., 9/15, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

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