Creative events for adults!

Chad Dally – Library Services

Each month, library staff make efforts to provide hands-on craft activities for children at all nine MCPL locations. But in 2016, we’re planning to give adults more opportunities to get creative as well!

In Wausau, this includes our monthly “Knit Night” and “Inside the Lines” coloring parties, as well as other, one-time craft activities. Many of our branches are offering craft events for adults as well, such as Hatley’s “Needle Arts Night,” Stratford’s “Quilting in the Afternoon,” Spencer’s “Crocheting 101” and additional “Inside the Lines” events at Mosinee and Stratford.

We will, of course, continue to offer craft events for kids, and we don’t expect anything at these adult craft events to be inappropriate for young ones. But sometimes it’s nice to leave the kids with a spouse or a sitter and enjoy some adults-only time.

Finally, if you have an idea for an interesting craft event, please share it with your local library staff!

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Director’s Report

Ralph Illick – Library Director

As we reflect on the past year, we have so much to be thankful for and even more to look forward to here at MCPL. During the past several months, we have had the architectural firm Engberg Anderson working with us on planning and visioning the future of your library. This has been an exciting project that allowed us to listen to our public, our staff, and our partners in the community. I am very pleased with the results of their study, and I look forward to implementing many of their suggestions as our board prioritizes their findings.

I am also especially pleased to report the partnership we are building with the Children’s Museum of Marathon County, a well-organized non-profit organization that has expressed its desire to occupy the library’s third floor in downtown Wausau.

Their goal is to develop a high-tech experiential venue for children emphasizing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) that will serve children and families throughout the entire county. The library would then provide facilities at all nine of our locations for traveling exhibits that will inspire children and help spur their interest in meaningful learning that will serve them for the rest of their lives.

As you might imagine, we will need all of the help available from our supporters in the community. Our foundation and friends groups will be helping us greatly in the process of developing our plan and in seeking the funds needed for these much-needed improvements. As we move forward, I respectfully ask that you help us reach our goals by talking with your county board supervisor about the importance of having a library that is able to meet the 21st Century needs of our beautiful community. Tell your friends and neighbors that we need their support as well.

Together, we can do something very special at your library.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Q: What has been your favorite project at MCPL?

Q: If you could witness any historical event, what would you go see?
A: I should probably say the Moon landing, the signing of the Declaration of Independence or something like that. But I think I’d use my time machine to go to old rock, soul and jazz concerts.

Q: What’s playing in your car right now?
A: Thin Lizzy - “Live and Dangerous.”

Q: What is one thing you want patrons to know about MCPL?
A: It’s not just about books on the shelves. We have a staggering amount of information, tutorials and other resources available online, free and accessible from anywhere with a library card.

Q: Finish this sentence: “Before I die, I would like to ___________.
A: Travel through Spain.

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

MCPL’s mission: To enrich lives by promoting lifelong learning, and actively providing the community with access to ideas, information, and opportunities to connect.
Featured events ............................................ www.mcpl.us/events

Social Hour: Winter Fun / Mon., 1/4, 3pm @ MOS - Make paper snowflakes and socialize! A
Journey Through Spencer’s Past / Tue., 1/5, 9am @ SPE - Presented by Ronald Draeger. A
Free Classes: Wisconsin's Digital Library / Tue., 2/2, 1:30pm; Wed., 2/2, 1:30pm; Thu., 2/3, 1:30pm @ AU - Register req.: 715-621-7230. A
Teen Advisory Group / Tue., 2/2, 7pm: 1/2 @ WAU - Visit www.mcpl.us/tag to join. T
LEGO Club / Thu., 2/3, 3:30pm: 1/14, 1/16, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 @ ATH C
Knit Night / Thu., 6/30pm: 1/7, 2/4 @ WAU A
LEGO Club / Sat., 11:30am: 1/9, 2/13 @ ROT C
LEGO Night / Mon., 6pm: 1/11, 2/8 @ WAU C
Make Your Own Greeting Cards / Mon., 1/11, 6pm @ SPE - Registration req.: 715-659-3996. A
Stress Relief / Tue., 1/12, 6pm @ ROT A
America’s Economic Prosperity Forum / Tue., 1/15, 6pm & Tue., 2/2, 6pm @ WAU - Register req.: 715-261-6368. A
Writing Contest: Love in Six Words / 1/1-2/10 @ All MCPL Locations - Express what love means to you in six words and send to love@mcpl.us.
Celebrate Diversity Day! / Sat., 1/16, 10:30am @ WAU - Stories, crafts. C
Needle Arts Night / Mon., 3pm: 1/18, 2/15 @ HAT - Knit, crochet, etc., with friends! A
Family Fun Night: Gingerbread and More! / Mon., 1/18, 6pm @ EDG C
LEGO Club / Tue., 3/30pm: 1/19, 2/16 @ MAR C
LEGO Club / Tue., 3/30pm: 1/19, 2/16 @ STR C
Twen STEAM: Learn Cribbage & Other Card Games / Tue., 1/19, 4pm @ WAU Tw
History of Sherlock Holmes / Tue., 1/19, 6pm @ WAU - Presentation by Jeff Verona, UW sys. A
Ocean Science / Thu., 1/21, 6:30pm @ WAU C
Music Explorers / Sat., 1/23, 10:30am @ WAU C
Building Adventures / Sat., 1:30pm: 2/23, 2/20 @ WAU - Activity w/ blocks and more! C
Messy Mondays / Mon., 10:30am: 1/25, 2/29 @ WAU - Tactile activities for kids 0-23 months. A
Washi Tape DIY / Mon., 1/25, 12pm @ WAU Tw
Anime Afternoon / Mon., 1/25, 1pm @ WAU C
LEGO Club / Mon., 6pm: 1/25, 2/22 @ SPE C
Building Adventures / Tue., 1/26, 12pm @ WAU C
Quilting in the Afternoon / Tue., 1:30pm: 1/26, 2/23 @ STR A
Inside the Lines: Adult Coloring Party! / Tue., 6pm: 1/26, 2/23 @ WAU C
Broadband Internet Panel Tour / Tue., 1/26, 6pm @ HAT - Discuss local Internet improvements.
Introduction to Essential Oils / Thu., 1/28, 6:30pm @ ATH A

Monthly book clubs ............................................ www.mcpl.us/bookclubs

YA for Adults: “The Coldest Girl in Coldtown” / Thu., 1/7, 7pm @ WAU - By Holly Black. A
“A Man Called Ove” / Mon., 1/11, 5:45pm @ MAR - By Fredrik Backman. A
“Angela’s Ashes” / Tue., 1/12, 2pm @ HAT A
“A Week in the Winter” / Thu., 1/14, 11:30am @ WAU - By Maeve Binchy. A
“The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry” / Thu., 1/14, 6:30pm @ ATH - By Gabrielle Zevin. A
“Gone Girl” / Mon., 1/18, 1pm @ MOS A
“Ordinary Grace” / Mon., 1/18, 1pm @ STR A
“All The Light We Cannot See” / Mon., 1/18, 6:30pm @ SPE - By Anthony Doerr. A
Women’s Night Out: “Big Little Lies” / Mon., 1/18, 6:30pm @ WAU - By Liane Moriarty. A
“Leaving Time” / Wed., 1/27, 11am @ ROT - By Jodi Picoult. A

Family Fun Night: Let’s Celebrate the Veterans! / Mon., 2/1/5, 6pm @ EDG C
Twen STEAM: Scratch Programming / Tue., 2/16, 4pm @ WAU Tw
A Day in the Past / Sat., 1/30, 10am @ WAU - Medieval crafts and demos. CT
Winter Fest / Sat., 1/30, 10:30am @ WAU - Crafts, stories. C
Social Hour: DIY Romance / Mon., 2/1, 3pm @ MOS - Make cards & hearts. A
Crocheting 101 / Mon., 2/1, 6pm @ SPE - Registration req.: 715-659-3996. A
Medicare Health Services / Tue., 2/2, 9am @ SPE - Info for seniors. A
Book Sale / Thu., 2/4, 5pm - Sun., 2/7, 4pm @ WAU - Used books for low prices. Sales help support the library! CTA
A Day in the Past / Sat., 1/30, 10am @ WAU - Medieval crafts and demos. CT

“Downey Abbey” Teacup Candle & Trivia / Sat., 2/27, 1pm @ WAU - Registration req.: 715-261-7230. A

Weekly story times ............................................ www.mcpl.us/storytimes

Note: All story times take a break for the holidays and resume the week of 1/3-1/9.

Family Story Time .......... (all ages) Play & Learn ................. (all ages)
WAU Sat. 10:30am WAU Fri. 9:30am
ATH Tue. 10am HAT Thu. 10am
EDG Thu. 9:30am MOS Wed. 10:30am
HAT Tue. 10:30am Preschool Story Time .......... (3-5 yrs.)
MAR Thu. 10:30am WAU Wed. 10:30am
MOS Wed. 10am WAU Thu. 10:30am
ROT Tue. 10:30am Tales for Tots ............... (2-3 yrs.)
ROT Thu. 2:30pm WAU Tue. 10am
ROT Wed. 1:30pm WAU Tue. 10:30am
SPE Wed. 10am
STR Wed. 10:15am
Spanish Story Time .......... (all ages) Book Babies .......... (0-23 mos.)
WAU Wed. 10am WAU Mon. 10am

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