DIY “Stained Glass” Votive Candle Holder

With the holiday season now behind us, you may have a little extra time on your hands. On December 7, we offered a do-it-yourself craft event at MCPL Wausau during which attendees had the opportunity to adorn a plain glass votive candle holder with a decorative stained glass effect. If you were unable to attend that event (or want to do it again and forgot the steps), follow the instructions below and make one for yourself!

**Supplies:**
- Tissue paper (any color), cut into various shapes and sizes of your choosing
- Mod Podge (matte finish) or Elmer’s glue (thin either option with a little water)
- Foam brush
- Clear glass votive candle holder
- Metallic paint marker

**Instructions:**
Wash and thoroughly dry the glass holder. Using the foam brush, apply a thin layer of the Mod Podge or glue onto one section of the holder. Add a piece of tissue paper to the area and gently brush the top of the tissue paper with more Mod Podge or glue. Cover additional sections of the glass holder until it is completely covered. Allow the Mod Podge to dry completely. Using the marker, trace around the border of each piece of tissue paper to add the appearance of solder. Use with any tea light or votive candles, though flameless candles are recommended.

Dan Richter, Library Marketing Specialist

**Director’s Report**

I should take this opportunity to shoulder the blame for December’s polar vortex and extreme cold. Foolishly, I was complaining only two weeks earlier about being shortchanged by the temperate weather we had thus far enjoyed. Please know that I have learned my lesson, and will hereafter avoid any such future musings.

With the onset of our much more recognizable seasonal weather, I hope you and yours enjoy a happy and healthy New Year.

Here at MCPL, we are well underway with renovations in the basement garage and on the second floor. The new book sale room for the Friends of the Marathon County Public Library will be completed later in January, providing a new and dynamic space for the Friends to use for their fundraising book sales. Also later in January, look for a much-needed, fully-updated large meeting room to replace the Wausau Room on the third floor. This new space will have the capacity to hold meetings with approximately one hundred attendees. It will also be adaptable to open up for larger groups, such as those summer programs that often attract two hundred or more children and families.

Please visit us later in 2017 to check out these new library features that have been designed to improve library services in your community!

Ralph Illick, Library Director

**Upcoming Events**

Did you know the library schedules a variety of fun and educational events for all ages every month? Check out the interior of this newsletter or visit www.mcpl.us/events for the latest information!
Library Learning: Wisconsin’s Digital Library
Tue., 1/17, 5:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
Wed., 1/18, 2pm @ MCPL Rothschild
Thu., 2/9, 10:30am @ MCPL Mosinee
Learn how to use your smartphone, tablet or laptop to access free e-books, audiobooks and videos! Registration required: 715-261-7230. A

Advanced Snowflakes for Adults
Mon., 1/19, 6pm @ MCPL Edgar
Adults are invited to tap into their inner child at our Edgar Branch and make some intricate snowflakes! A

Polio, Scourge of the 1950s and Beyond
Mon., 1/19, 6pm @ MCPL Mosinee
Join us for a historical look at the polio virus and how it affected residents of Marathon County and across the world! A

Home School Huddle
Weekly on Tue., 1pm (Jan.-May) @ MCPL Edgar
Home school families can hear stories, read and participate in various STEAM-themed activities. You’ll also pick up some great ideas to incorporate into your curriculum at home! C T A

Random Moments of Verse
Thu., 1/12, 6-8pm @ MCPL Wausau
Poets around central Wisconsin are invited to share their work and the work of others at this open poetry night hosted by Wisconsin poet Aj. Binash! A

Hobbies and Crafts Night
Mondays, 3-8pm: 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15 @ MCPL Hatley
Hobby and craft enthusiasts are welcome to join us for a night of creating and socializing! C T A

Ring in the New Year with Relaxation!
Wed., 1/18, 2-4pm @ MCPL Mosinee
Make coconut oil salt scrubs with essential oils! All supplies provided. A T

Library Learning: Internet Basics
Tue., 1/24, 2pm; Wed., 1/25, 5:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
Are you interested in using the Internet but aren’t sure where to start? Let us help you learn! Registration required: 715-261-7230. A

Employers Mutual’s Workplace Revolution
Wed., 1/25, 5:30pm @ MCPL Marathon City
Did you know Wausau is home to the nation’s first workers compensation insurance company? A

Movie Night: “The Girl on the Train”
Thu., 1/26, 6-8pm @ MCPL Wausau
Bring a friend, a date or just yourself and join us for this screening of “The Girl on the Train!” A

Quilting and Beyond in the Afternoon
Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30pm: 1/31, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25 @ MCPL Stratford
Quilters of all ages and experience levels are invited to gather, learn, create and share. We will be hand quilting. Please bring your own supplies. A

MCPL DIY: Intro to Cardmaking
Wed., 2/1, 1:30pm & 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
Learn the fundamentals of making a greeting card! All supplies provided. A

Cribbage Meet-Up
Sundays, 1:30pm: 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19 @ MCPL Wausau
Join us for a game of cribbage! We'll provide the boards, cards and rules. Just bring yourself! A

Create a Valentine!
2/6-2/10, during open hours @ MCPL Stratford
2/6-2/1, during open hours @ MCPL Hatley Mon., 2/6, 3-5pm @ MCPL Mosinee
Patrons of all ages are invited to create a special valentine for friends or family members! C T A

Sears Catalog Traveling Trunk
Tue., 2/7, 9am @ MCPL Spencer
Remember looking through the Sears catalog? Take a trip down memory lane with Sandy Block from the Marathon County Historical Society! A

Library Learning: Introduction to Gmail
Tue., 2/7, 2pm; Wed., 2/8, 5:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
Create a free email account and learn the basics of using Gmail, Google’s web-based email service! Registration required: 715-261-7230. A

Kayaking the Wisconsin River
Thu., 2/16, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
We are happy to welcome back John E. Van Barriger to tell more tales of his kayaking adventures! A

Movie Night: “The Light Between Oceans”
Thu., 2/23, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau
Bring a friend, a date or just yourself and join us for a free film screening! A

Needle Arts at the Library
Tue., 2/28, 3-6pm @ MCPL Rothschild
Knitters, crocheters, and crafters of all ages and experience levels are invited to gather for an afternoon of creating and socializing! C T A

The History of The Beatles
Thu., 3/2, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
An entertaining overview of the “Fab Four” by Lawrence University music professor Carl Rath! A

Library Learning: Intro to Microsoft Word
Tue., 3/14, 2pm @ MCPL Wausau
Microsoft Word isn’t just for letters but also for resumes, invitations, signs and more! Registration required: 715-261-7230. A

“The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins
Thu., 3/16, 6:30pm @ MCPL Mosinee A

“Her Name Is Guinevere” by Joan Aiken
Fri., 3/17, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

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C = Children | Tw = Tweens (grades 4-6) | T = Teens (grades 6-12) | A = Adults

BOOK CLUBS

“The 13th Gift” by Joanne Huist Smith
Thu., 1/12, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

“The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency” by Alexander McCall Smith
Thu., 1/12, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens A

“Lake of Sorrows” by Erin Hart
Mon., 1/16, 1pm @ MCPL Mosinee A

“Cold Mountain” by Charles Frazier
Mon., 1/16, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford A

“The Butterfly and the Violin”
Mon., 1/16, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

“The Beautiful Mystery” by Louise Penny
Mon., 1/16, 6:30pm @ MCPL Spencer A

Women’s Night Out: “The Cherry Harvest”
Mon., 1/16, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau A

“At the Water’s Edge” by Sara Gruen
Wed., 1/25, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild A

“Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom” by Lynda Blackmon Lowery
Thu., 2/9, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

“Vinegar Girl” by Anne Tyler
Thu., 2/9, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens A

“At the Water’s Edge” by Sara Gruen
Mon., 2/13, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

“The Bride’s House” by Sandra Dallas
Tue., 2/14, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley A

“Cold Sassy Tree” by Olive Ann Burns
Thu., 2/23, 1:30pm & Mon., 2/20, 6:30pm @ MCPL Spencer A

“The Shoemaker’s Wife” by A. Trigiani
Mon., 2/20, 1pm @ MCPL Mosinee A

“The Red Tent” by Anita Diamant
Mon., 2/20, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford A

“The Oregon Trail” by Rinker Buck
Wed., 2/22, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild A

“Truck: A Love Story” by Michael Perry
Thu., 3/9, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar A

“My Name is Lucy Barton” by E. Strout
Thu., 3/9, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens A

“One Summer: America 1927” by Bill Bryson
Mon., 3/13, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

“Big Little Lies” by Liane Moriarty
Mon., 3/13, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City A

“Dead Wake” by Erik Larson
Tue., 3/14, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley A
Grades 4-6 are invited to discuss the book of the month and participate in a Tween Book craft and challenges.

Outside the Lines: A Family Coloring Party
Sat., 10:30am: 2/14, 3/4 @ MCPL Hatley
Bring the whole family for a relaxing afternoon of coloring! All supplies provided.

Milwaukee Bucks Reading Challenge
1/9-2/24 @ All MCPL Locations
Grades 3-10 can complete a reading log for a chance to win cool basketball-themed prizes!

Crazy 8 Math Club
Weekly on Mon., 4pm (Jan.-May) @ MCPL Edgar
See how fun math can be! Kids will discover the math behind some of their favorite activities and work on craft and building projects that incorporate math.

Grossology!
Thu., 1/12, 4pm @ MCPL Wausau
Grades K-5 are invited to learn about all of the gross things the human body does through demonstrations and experiments!

Sensory Story Time
Sat., 10:30am: 2/10, 3/4 @ MCPL Hatley
Saturdays, 1:30pm: 2/4, 3/4 @ MCPL Wausau
Bring the whole family for a relaxing afternoon of coloring! All supplies provided.

Tweens are invited to watch episodes from "Fairy Tale," "The Disappearance of Nagato Yuki-Chan," "Steins; Gate" and "Fullmetal Alchemist."

Learn about creating games using Scratch, a free visual programming language created by MIT! Students will create a series of games using a step by step process.

A reception celebrating young local artists! Wausau School District students have created beautiful Tiffany-style artwork on display at the library.
NEW: Sensory Story Time!

Autism is one of the fastest-growing developmental disorders in the United States, affecting 1 in every 68 children, according to Autism Speaks, a nationwide nonprofit autism advocacy organization. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can be a broad diagnosis, encompassing folks with various levels of functioning. Common characteristics of ASD include difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors, with the most obvious signs becoming apparent around ages 2-3.

MCPL will begin offering a brand-new 30-minute story time designed with children with ASD and Sensory Processing Disorder in mind, as well as typically-developing children and kids who may have difficulty sitting still. This monthly story time, which kicks off January 14, engages all of your child’s senses through movement, stories, music and play time. Typical activities will include reading stories, singing interactive songs, blowing bubbles, stretching Thera-Bands, parachute play, flannel board activities and walking on a tactile balance beam. Parents and kids are also encouraged to socialize, play and bond after the story time as well.

Sensory Story Time is best suited for children ages 3-6, with a parent or caregiver in attendance. Registration is also required. For more information about this program or to register, call 715-261-7220.

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Events for Kids and Teens

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