**Story Times: Fall-Winter**

Introduce your child to the joy of reading! Our weekly story times feature standards-based storytelling, songs, games, puppetry and fingerplays.

**Family Story Time**
- Wausau — Saturdays, 10:30am (year-round) (will not meet 8/21, 9/4)
- Athens — Tuesdays, 10am (year-round) (will not meet 9/5, 9/12)
- Edgerton — Thursdays, 9:30am (Sept.-May)
- Hatley — Tuesdays, 10:30am (year-round)
- Marathon City — Thursdays, 10:30am (year-round) (will not meet 8/31, 9/7)
- Mosinee — Wednesdays, 10am (Sept.-May)
- Rothschlid — Tuesdays, 10:30am (year-round)
- Rothschild — Thursdays, 2:30pm (Sept.-May)
- Spencer — Wednesdays, 10am (Sept.-May)
- Stratford — Wednesdays, 10:15am (Sept.-May) (will not meet 9/5)

**Play & Learn Story Time**
- Wausau — Fridays, 9:30am (year-round)
- Athens — Tuesdays, 10am (year-round)
- Edgar — Thursdays, 10am (year-round)
- Hatley — Thursdays, 10am (year-round)
- Mosinee — Wednesdays, 10:30am (Sept.-May)
- Rothschlid — Tuesdays, 11am (year-round starting 9/12)
- Spencer — Monthly, second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30am (Sept.-May)
- Stratford — Wednesdays, 10:45am (Sept.-May)

**Preschool Story Time**
- Wausau — Wednesdays, 10am (year-round) (will not meet 8/21, 9/4)
- Wausau — Thursdays, 10:30am (year-round) (will not meet 8/21, 9/4)

**Tales for Tots**
- Wausau — Tuesdays, 10am (year-round) (will not meet 8/21, 9/4)
- Wausau — Tuesdays, 10:30am (year-round) (will not meet 8/21, 9/4)

**Book Babies**
- Wausau — Mondays, 10am (year-round) (will not meet 8/21, 9/4)

**Daycare Story Time**
Call 715-261-7220 to add your group to the schedule.

**Pennies for a Cause**

We've recently completed our months-long Pennies for a Cause campaign at the library’s Wausau Headquarters! The campaign, which ran 6/12-8/12 in the children’s area, gave kids and parents the chance to donate coins to be given to a local charitable organization. With each donation, folks also voted for which organization they wanted to receive the money. And now, the votes are in!

Nearly $100 was raised throughout the summer and will be donated to the Humane Society of Marathon County, which garnered the most votes, with a total of 56! Runners up include New Life Pet Adoption Center, which received 43 votes, and Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center, with 29 votes.

MCPL sincerely thanks all of the generous children and adults who donated to this campaign throughout the summer and helped us build a better world!

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**Director’s Report**

I hope that all of our readers have enjoyed this pleasant, temperate summer season. We have seen a lot of changes at MCPL, and I would like to share some news about more changes you will see in the near future.

To begin, we have been using the new Wausau Community Room on the second floor of our Wausau Headquarters, and the public loves it! There is easy access via stairs or elevator, and the reviews have been very positive. If you have a need for a meeting of your nonprofit group or club, please consider using the meeting room for your next gathering of twenty or more people. Remember that all meetings at the library must be open to the public.

Next, I am deeply saddened to announce that our longtime Friend of the Library, Ken Srozninksi, passed away last month. Ken was the smiling face of the book sale for many years, and he is sorely missed by us all. We will remember Ken and his easy laugh, and his overall support of all of us who work for the Library.

Lastly, we have been asked by the Village of Weston to develop a plan to add a library branch at the proposed new municipal building for the village. The hope would be to open a new facility during the 2019-2020 time frame, depending upon many variables that could affect the building process. In order to understand the needs of the community we serve, and to best understand how to develop our branch services during the coming years, we hired the consulting firm Library Strategies for an assessment.

**Holidays Closing**

All MCPL locations will be closed for Labor Day weekend, Sat.-Mon., 9/2-9/4, and for a staff development day, Fri., 9/29.

**Events for Kids and Teens**

Did you know the library schedules a variety of fun and educational events for children and teens every month? Check out the interior of this newsletter or visit www.mcpl.us/events for the latest information!

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**Upcoming Events**

**Central Wisconsin Book Festival September 29-30**

The festival begins Friday night with “Fact or Fiction,” a live and interactive storytelling event at the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) in Wausau. Other events include, but aren’t limited to, a presentation on early childhood literacy from Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, a conversation with comic writer and artist Tim Seeley and a discussion about Alzheimer’s disease with former Wisconsin governor Martin Schreiber, who recently co-authored a book on Alzheimer’s care and whose wife is battling the disease.

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**Picked by Taylor W.**
- **Children’s Librarian**

**Picked by Sharyn H.**
- **Children’s Librarian**

**Picked by Elizabeth L.**
- **Children’s Librarian**

**Picked by Dan R.**
- **Library Marketing Specialist**

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Unless stated otherwise, all events are free, open to the public, do not require registration, and have all necessary supplies provided.