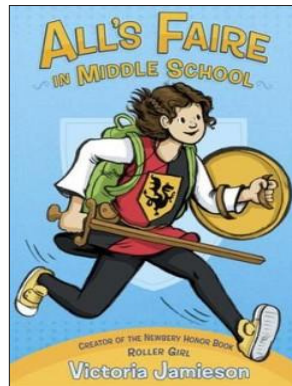




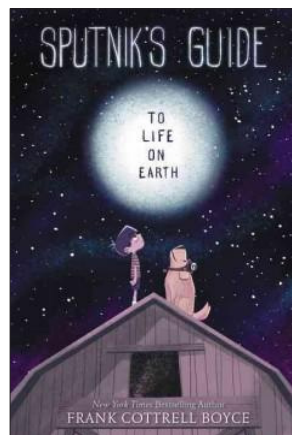
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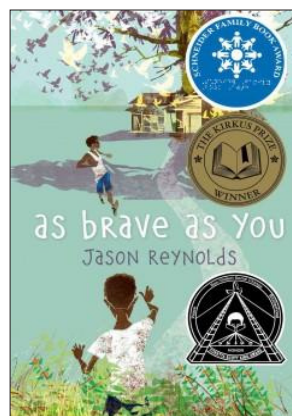
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Make your own maracas!

Last month, MCPL celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with bilingual story times and activities where kids could make crafts reflecting the cultures of various Spanish-speaking countries. If you missed out on that program, you can still make maracas, one of the featured crafts, by following the directions below!

Maracas are musical instruments traditionally used throughout the Caribbean and some Latin American countries. Originally, they were made out of dried gourds and dried seeds. To make your own homemade maracas, you will need:



- 1 plastic egg
- masking tape
- popcorn kernels
- markers
- 2 plastic spoons

1. Open your plastic egg and fill it about halfway full with popcorn kernels. Close the egg.
2. Place a plastic spoon on either side of the egg (see picture). Fasten the spoons to the sides of the egg using masking tape.

3. Using markers, draw a fun design on the masking tape. Then, your maracas are ready to shake!

Dan Richter, Library Marketing Specialist

TumbleBooks!

Your library card provides free access to TumbleBooks, an online collection of animated, talking picture books that teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love! Includes a section with teacher resources. For access, visit www.mcpl.us/tumblebooks.



Write a Letter to Santa!

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and MCPL is helping kids and families get in the spirit by bringing back our popular Letters to Santa program!

Beginning 11/20, kids can pick up a special writing template from our Wausau, Edgar, Hatley, Marathon City, Rothschild, Spencer and Stratford locations. (Kids can also skip the template and use their own paper if they wish.)

Completed letters can then be dropped in Santa's mailbox at any of the aforementioned locations by 12/15 (or 12/20 in Wausau), and we'll send the letters up to the North Pole where Santa and his elves will write their responses. Kids can expect to receive replies by mail by mid-December.

For more information, call 715-261-7230.

Dan Richter, Library Marketing Specialist

Story Time Breaks

Several MCPL locations will be taking breaks from their regularly-scheduled story times at the end of December and early January. For the latest information, see the interior of this newsletter, call your local MCPL or visit www.mcpl.us/storytimes.

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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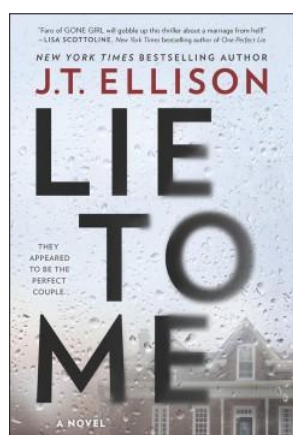
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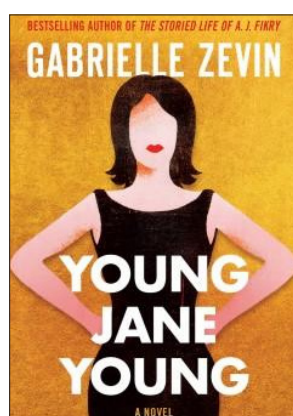
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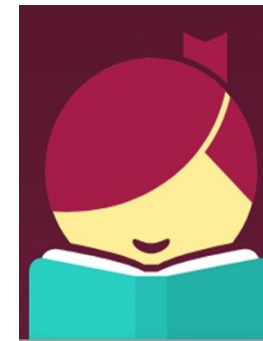


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Meet Libby!

Many library users with smartphones and tablets use the OverDrive app to check out e-books and audiobooks for free via Wisconsin's Digital Library. Recently, OverDrive unveiled a new app for accessing this digital catalog, and its name is Libby!



As with the OverDrive app, patrons only need a valid MCPL library card to access free materials. Libby also offers a more simplistic design; it often just takes one tap to jump from the library catalog to your loans page or to your wait list. Additionally, Libby offers many of the same features as the OverDrive app, plus some additional ones, such as automatically downloading titles for offline usage, the ability to add multiple library cards within the app, and more freedom to control mobile data usage when Wi-Fi isn't available.

Libby currently is available as a free download in the Apple App Store, Google Play and Microsoft Store; however, it is not yet available in the Amazon App Store for Kindle tablets. While OverDrive will continue to support and update both the OverDrive app and Libby for the foreseeable future, their current intent is to transition all users to Libby eventually.

MCPL staff will show folks how to get started with Libby during a series of free classes coming up in early December and January (see Events inside). For more information, or to register for one of these classes, call 715-261-7230.

Dan Richter, Library Marketing Specialist

Holiday Closings

All MCPL locations will be closed:

- Wed., 11/22 by 5pm
- Thu., 11/23 all day
- Sun., 12/24 all day
- Mon., 12/25 all day
- Tue., 12/26 all day
- Mon., 1/1 all day

Book Clubs

"The Finest Hours"
by Michael Tougias
Thu., 11/9, 11:30am @ Edgar

"Redeployment" by Phil Klay
Thu., 11/9, 6:30pm @ Athens

"The Casual Vacancy"
by J.K. Rowling
Mon., 11/13, 5:45pm @ Marathon City

"Dear Daughter"
by Elizabeth Little
Tue., 11/14, 2pm @ Hatley

"Before the Fall"
by Noah Hawley
Wed., 11/15, 11am @ Rothschild

"The Silver Star"
by Jeanette Walls
Thu., 11/16, 1:30pm @ Spencer

Tween Book Club:
"Wonder" by R.J. Palacio
Thu., 11/16, 4pm @ Wausau

"A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler
Mon., 11/20, 1pm @ Mosinee

"The Martian" by Andy Weir
Mon., 11/20, 1pm @ Stratford

"The Silver Star"
by Jeanette Walls
Mon., 11/20, 6:30pm @ Spencer

Women's Night Out: **"The Green Road"** by Anne Enright
Mon., 11/20, 6:30pm @ Wausau

Readers of Classic Lit: **"The American Dream" / "Zoo Story"** by Edward Albee
Wed., 11/22, 12pm @ Wausau

"Greenglass House"
by Kate Milford
Mon., 12/11, 5:45pm @ Marathon City

"The Underground Railroad" by C. Whitehead
Thu., 12/14, 11:30am @ Edgar

"Silent Night" by Stanley Weintraub
Thu., 12/14, 6:30pm @ Athens

"The Christmas Shoes"
by Donna VanLiere
Mon., 12/18, 1pm @ Mosinee

"The 13th Gift"
by Joanne Smith
Mon., 12/18, 1pm @ Stratford

"A Season of Angels"
by Debbie Macomber
Mon., 12/18, 6:30pm @ Spencer

Readers of Classic Lit: **The Short Stories of O. Henry**
Wed., 12/20, 12pm @ Wausau

"A Season of Angels"
by Debbie Macomber
Thu., 12/21, 1:30pm @ Spencer

Tween Book Club: **"Tuck Everlasting"**
Thu., 12/21, 4pm @ Wausau

"1984" by George Orwell
Mon., 1/8, 5:45pm @ Marathon City

"The Christmas Dog"
by Melody Carlson
Tue., 1/9, 2pm @ Hatley

"The Zookeeper's Wife"
by Diane Ackerman
Mon., 1/15, 1pm @ Stratford

Upcoming Events

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