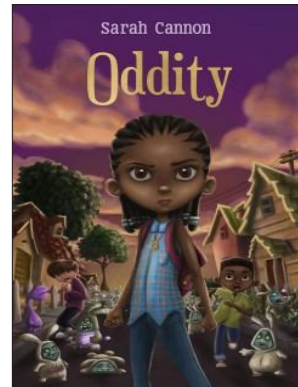




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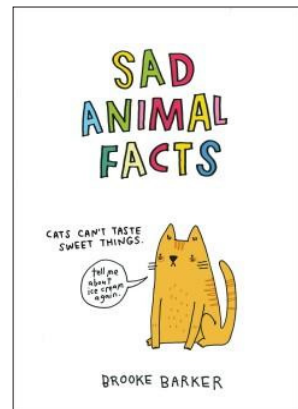
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Story Times

FAMILY STORY TIME

(for children of all ages; 30 minutes)

- MCPL Wausau: Weekly on Sat., 10:30am (year-round)*
- MCPL Athens: Weekly on Tue., 10am (year-round)
- MCPL Edgar: Weekly on Thu., 9:30am (Sept.-May)
- MCPL Hatley: Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round)
- MCPL Marathon City: Weekly on Thu., 10:30am (year-round)
- MCPL Mosinee: Weekly on Wed., 10am (Sept.-May)
- MCPL Rothschild: Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round)
- MCPL Spencer: Weekly on Wed., 10am (Sept.-May)
- MCPL Stratford: Weekly on Wed., 10:15am (year-round)

PLAY & LEARN

(for children of all ages; 90 minutes)

- MCPL Wausau: Weekly on Fri., 9:30am (year-round)
- MCPL Athens: Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round)
- MCPL Edgar: Weekly on Thu., 10am (year-round)
- MCPL Hatley: Weekly on Thu., 10am (year-round)
- MCPL Mosinee: Weekly on Wed., 10:30am (Sept.-May)
- MCPL Mosinee: Weekly on Wed., 10am (Jun.-Aug.)
- MCPL Rothschild: Weekly on Tue., 11am (Sept.-May)
- MCPL Spencer: Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wed., 10:30am (Sept.-May)
- MCPL Spencer: Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wed., 10am (Jun.-Aug.)
- MCPL Stratford: Weekly on Wed., 10:45am (year-round)

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

(for children ages 3-5 years; 30 minutes)

- MCPL Wausau: Weekly on Wed., 10:30am (year-round)*
- MCPL Wausau: Weekly on Thu., 10:30am (year-round)*

TALES FOR TOTS

(for children ages 2-3 years; 30 minutes)

- MCPL Wausau: Weekly on Tue., 10am (year-round)*
- MCPL Wausau: Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round)*

BOOK BABIES

(for children ages 0-2 years; 20 minutes)

- Wausau: Weekly on Mon., 10am (year-round)*

SENSORY STORY TIME

(for children of all ages, geared to those with autism or sensory processing disorder; 30 minutes)

- Wausau: Monthly on 1st or 2nd Sat., 9:15am (contact us for details) (year-round)*

* Story times in Wausau will not meet 5/14-6/10.

** Story times sometimes will not occur due to concurrent special events for children.

Summer Library Program returns!

It's that time of year where the days are getting longer, the school days are dwindling down and MCPL is ramping up for its Summer Library Program!



This year's theme is "Libraries Rock," and MCPL will show kids and families just how true that is with a variety of fun, entertaining and educational events throughout the summer! Children's musician and fan-favorite Tom Pease will visit several MCPL locations, as will juggler Truly Remarkable Loon and magician The Great Rondini.

Live animals will also be making their way around this summer, with animal exhibitor Zoozort, Nature's Niche's Animal Program and Read to a Therapy Dog being held at several locations. We'll also offer our annual Summer Craft Day, featuring a collection of fun projects for kids and families to work on together!

For more information on what we've got in store for kids in May and June, see inside. For the complete summer schedule, visit www.mcpl.us/slp!

Dan Richter, Library Marketing Specialist

Athens community creates paper library aquarium

Our Athens Branch held its "Create a Library Aquarium" program earlier this year, and it was a success! Throughout the month, 21 kids, 12 young adults and 25 adults, participated in this drop-in craft project, with kids and grown-ups alike excited at the idea of making sea creatures and underwater plants to place in the "aquarium."

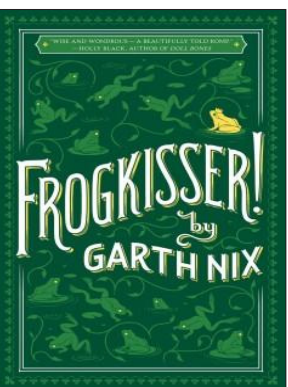
The Athens Branch will offer a similar event this June where they will invite the public to craft flowers and plants for their paper library garden! For more about that ongoing program, see inside.

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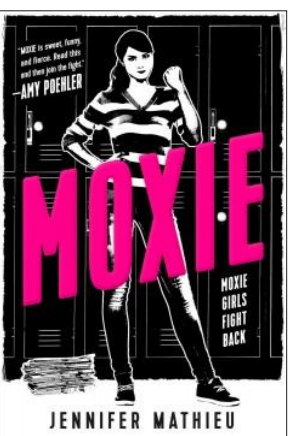


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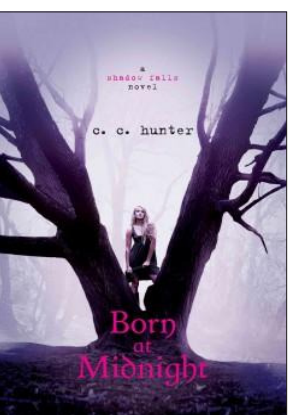
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Reserve study rooms or meeting rooms online!

Between its nine locations, MCPL has three study rooms and four large meeting spaces that patrons can reserve. Before, these rooms could only be reserved in person or over the phone, but now they can be easily reserved online!

Between MCPL's Wausau and Marathon City locations, a total of three study rooms are available for patrons to use for nonprofit educational purposes, such as private and group study. MCPL Wausau's rooms can accommodate up to six and 10 people, respectively, while Marathon City's can fit up to eight. They can be reserved on a walk-in basis or can be reserved up to seven days in advance by phone or through the new online reservation system.

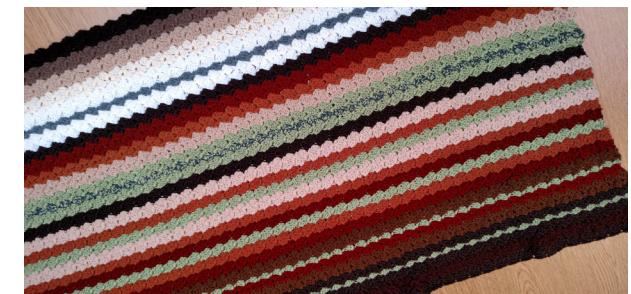
MCPL Wausau is also home to the Wausau Conference Room and Community Room. The conference room can accommodate groups of 2-20 while the new community room can accommodate groups of 21 to 99. Our Mosinee Branch also has a large reservable room that fits up to 99 people while our Stratford Branch's meeting room fits up to 30 adults (or 50 children). All rooms have wireless internet, tables and chairs, and some even have sinks and refrigerators. Additional equipment requests - like laptops, projectors, whiteboards and podiums - can also be made at the time of application.

For additional information, room availability or to reserve a room, call your local MCPL location or visit www.mcpl.us/services/rooms.

Dan Richter, Library Marketing Specialist

Athens Branch's fiber arts group donates blanket to charity

Our Athens Branch's Fiber Arts group recently collaborated on an art blanket that was donated to Aid Africa's Children, a nonprofit organization that aims to provide impoverished African children and communities with healthcare, food, clean water, educational, and entrepreneurial opportunities. Local resident Darlene Strack crocheted the blanket and her fellow Fiber Arts group members supplied the yarn and inspired the theme "Four Seasons Farm Field."



Every week, the group and other library patrons looked forward to having input on the progress of the design. In addition, Athens Branch Library Coordinator, Dawn Anderson, supported the effort by writing a poem to showcase the symbolism of each row and color in the blanket.

According to an Aid Africa's Children representative, the art blanket is expected to earn \$300 for the charity.

Our Athens Branch's Fiber Arts group meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons from 1-4 p.m., so come get in on the fun! Fiber arts and needle arts groups can be found at many other MCPL branches, too (see inside for dates and details!)

Dawn Anderson, Athens Branch Coordinator

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!

EVENTS FOR KIDS & TEENS

Trail Tales

4/16-5/31 @ Alexander Airport Park (Wausau)
4/16-5/31 @ Memorial Park (Wausau)
☑ Enjoy the pages of children's books as you walk through the park!

Home School Huddle

Tue., 1pm: 5/1, 5/8, 5/15 @ MCPL Edgar
☑ Stories, reading and STEAM activities for homeschooled kids!

LEGO® Block Party

Tue., 3:30pm: 5/1, 6/5 @ MCPL Mosinee
Mon., 6-8pm: 5/14, 6/23 @ MCPL Wausau
Fri., 1-3pm: 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29 @ MCPL Marathon City
Sat., 6/9, 11:30am-1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild
Mon., 6/25, 3-6pm @ MCPL Hatley
☑ Build creative projects using LEGO blocks!

Make a Mini Journal

Thu., 5/3, 1-7pm @ MCPL Athens
☑ Create your own mini journal using a variety of craft supplies!

May the 4th Be With You

Thu., 5/3, 4-6pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Star Wars crafts and activities. Come dressed as your favorite character!

Pokemon Club

Thu., 5/3, 4pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Join us for Pokemon-themed activities including the Pokemon trading card game!

Outside the Lines: A Family Coloring Party

Sat., 10am-1:45pm: 5/5, 6/2 @ MCPL Hatley
☑ Bring the whole family to work on coloring projects!

Create a Mother's Day Card!

5/7-5/12 @ MCPL Hatley
☑ Kids can make a card for the maternal figure in their life!

You Do Sudoku

Fri., 5/11, 12-4pm @ MCPL Marathon City
☑ Learn how to do sudoku puzzles! Library staff will help get you started.

Family Adventure Night: Arthur and Friends!

Mon., 5/14, 6pm @ MCPL Edgar
☑ Hear stories and make crafts based on the Arthur books and the PBS Kids series "Arthur"!

Eat Your Veggies Story Time

Tue., 5/15, 10:30am @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ A special story time featuring veggie-themed stories, songs, games and crafts!

Summer Sun Story Time

Tue., 5/15, 10:30am @ MCPL Hatley
☑ A special story time featuring sun-themed stories and activities!

Tween Book Club: "One Crazy Summer" by Rita Williams-Garcia

☑ Thu., 5/17, 4pm @ MCPL Wausau

Fairy Houses

Thu., 5/24, 2-7pm @ MCPL Athens
☑ Decorate your own custom fairy house!

Paper Airplane Contest

Thu., 5/24, 3pm @ MCPL Mosinee
☑ Celebrate Paper Airplane Day with an airplane making and flying contest!

Slime Lab

Thu., 5/24, 6pm @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ Kids in grades K-5 can make their own slime during our scientific slime lab!

Meet a Hatley EMT!

Tue., 5/29, 11am @ MCPL Hatley
☑ Meet a local EMT and get an up-close look at an ambulance!

Library Paper Flower Garden

6/1-7/2 @ MCPL Athens
☑ Help us "cultivate" a colorful paper flower garden!

TAG - Teen Advisory Group!

Tue., 6/5, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Teens are invited to meet others, volunteer and help plan library programs.

Escape Room Family Adventure

Wed., 6/6, 5-7pm @ MCPL Edgar
☑ Test your family's teamwork skills as you try to get out of our escape room! Registration required.

Rainbow Fish Story Time

Thu., 6/7, 10:30am @ MCPL Marathon City
☑ Stories, songs and crafts based on the "Rainbow Fish" books!

Rock Your Creative Side with Rocks!

Thu., 6/7, 12-8pm @ MCPL Mosinee
☑ Decorate rocks with paint and markers, or bring in your own materials!

World Oceans Day Story Time

Sat., 6/9, 10:30am @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Stories, crafts and live sea creatures to celebrate World Oceans Day!

Spencerama Days

Sat., 6/9, 11am-1:30pm @ Lions Park (Spencer)
☑ Stop by the library's table at Spencerama Days and learn more about upcoming programs, and kids can have their faces painted while supplies last!

Create a Father's Day Card!

6/11-6/16 @ MCPL Hatley
☑ Kids can make a card for their dad or the father figure in their life!

Pennies For Animals

6/11-8/11 @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Donate to help animals in need! Drop money in our penny jar and vote on the recipient.

Toddler Dance Party

Mon., 11am: 6/11, 6/25 @ MCPL Wausau
☑ A story time and dance party just for toddlers!

Make Your Own Musical Instruments!

Mon., 6/11, 3pm @ MCPL Mosinee
☑ Create your own musical instrument using a variety of craft supplies!

Building Adventures

Mon., 6/11, 6-8pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Get creative using LEGO, Tinkertoys and more!

Tom Pease

Tue., 6/12, 10:30am & 2pm @ MCPL Wausau
Tue., 6/26, 10am @ Marathon Elementary
Tue., 6/26, 1:30pm @ MCPL Stratford
☑ Tom Pease returns to rock the library this summer with a wonderful blend of songs, humor and stories!

Kindness Rocks: A Rock Painting Party

Tue., 6/12, 11am @ MCPL Marathon City
☑ Kids of all ages can paint positive messages on decorative rocks and hide them around the community!

Community Writing Competition

1/22-5/29 @ All MCPL Locations
☑ Calling all local writers! Submit your entry for a writing competition in fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction. Winners' work published in a local paper!

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Tue., 5/1, 9am @ MCPL Spencer
☑ It's time again to think about and plan for your garden (if you aren't already)! Here's a chance to pick the brain of a master gardener.

CLICK for Babies

5/1-9/30 @ All MCPL Locations
☑ MCPL locations will serve as collection sites for purple knit and crocheted baby caps to raise awareness of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Library Learning Introduction to Pinterest

Tue., 5/1, 1pm @ MCPL Marathon City
Tue., 5/22, 1:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
Wed., 5/23, 6pm @ MCPL Wausau
Fri., 6/15, 10:30am @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ Learn how to create a free Pinterest account and how to use it! Registration required.

MCPL Live! Bats!

Tue., 5/1, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Jennifer Redell, bat biologist with the DNR, will talk about Wisconsin's bats!

MCPL DIY: Cotton Swab Flowers

Wed., 5/2, 1:30pm & 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Join us as we transform some simple household items into beautiful flowers! Registration required.

Needle Arts at the Library

Thu., 5/3, 3pm & 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau
Wed., 4-6:45pm: 5/16, 6/20 @ MCPL Marathon City
Tue., 3-6pm: 5/22, 6/26 @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ Knitters and crocheters are invited to gather to work on a variety of needle arts projects!

Paws to Read

Tue., 6pm: 6/12, 6/19, 6/26 @ MCPL Rothschild
Thu., 1pm: 6/14, 6/21, 6/28 @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Children can practice and improve their literacy skills by reading to friendly, well-behaved therapy dogs!

The Great Rondini Magic Show

Wed., 6/13, 10am @ MCPL Spencer
Wed., 6/13, 1:30pm @ MCPL Stratford
Tue., 6/26, 10:30am & 2pm @ MCPL Wausau
Wed., 6/27, 10:30am @ Edgar Elementary
Wed., 6/27, 2pm @ MCPL Mosinee
Thu., 6/28, 11am & 1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ Award-winning magician Ron Lindberg, a.k.a. "The Great Rondini," will perform amazing feats of magic for all ages along with his famous bunny, Trixie.

Summer Craft Day

Wed., 6/13, 10am @ MCPL Mosinee
Wed., 6/20, 11am-2pm @ MCPL Marathon City
Tue., 6/26, 11:15am-1pm @ MCPL Hatley
☑ Families can join us to make crafts based on popular children's songs!

Nature's Niche Animal Program

Wed., 6/13, 10:30 @ Edgar Elementary
Wed., 6/13, 2pm @ MCPL Athens
☑ Dino Tlachac will introduce children to live animals and talk about their importance to the environment.

Family Game Night / Day

Thu., 6/14, 6-8pm @ MCPL Wausau
Wed., 6/20, 10am-6pm @ MCPL Hatley
☑ Fun and entertaining games for all ages!

Read Books and Juggle Everything Else

Tue., 6/19, 10am @ MCPL Spencer
Tue., 6/19, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley
Wed., 6/20, 10am @ MCPL Athens
Wed., 6/20, 1:30pm @ MCPL Stratford
Thu., 6/21, 11am & 1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ The Truly Remarkable Loon will thrill everyone with his awe-inspiring juggling skills!

Zoozort

Tue., 6/19, 10:30am & 2pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Participants of all ages will enjoy this hands-on, interactive program featuring live, wild animals.

Slide Into Summer

Tue., 6/19, 10:30am @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ Slide into summertime at this special family story time with songs, games, stories and crafts!

Shake, Shimmy and Dance!

Wed., 6/20, 10:30am @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ A special story time with music and dance!

I Wanna Rock!

Fri., 6/22, 11am-2pm @ MCPL Marathon City
☑ Show us how much you rock by decorating your own cardboard guitar!

Sound Stations

Fri., 6/22, 2-4pm @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ Join us for some fun activities where we will learn about sound!

Space Camp

6/25-6/28, 9:30-11:30am @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Children in grades 3-5 are invited to attend Space Camp for a mix of experiments and crafts! Registration required.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Hobbies and Crafts Night

Thu., 5/17, 6pm @ MCPL Athens
Mon., 3-8pm: 5/21, 6/18 @ MCPL Hatley
☑ Hobby and craft enthusiasts are welcome to join us every month for a night of creating and socializing!

Book Club: "State of Wonder" by Anne Patchett

☑ Mon., 5/21, 1pm @ MCPL Mosinee

Book Club: "Alice's Tulips" by Sandra Dallas

☑ Mon., 5/21, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford

Book Club: "Britt-Marie Was Here" by Fredrik Backman

☑ Mon., 5/21, 6:30pm @ MCPL Spencer

Women's Night Out: "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles

☑ Mon., 5/21, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau

Book Club: "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware

☑ Wed., 5/23, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild

Readers of Classic Lit: "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas

☑ Wed., 5/23, 12pm @ MCPL Wausau

Anime After Dark

Thu., 5/31, 6-8:15pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Adults can watch three episodes of anime series "Chaika: Coffin Princess" and "Serial Experiment Lain!" Suitable for adults ages 18+ only.

All About Composting

Thu., 5/31, 6pm @ MCPL Rothschild
☑ Learn the basics of composting from Paul Kage, Wausau's Urban Community Garden Coordinator!

Miles Thro' Middle Earth Fitness Challenge!

6/1-6/30 @ MCPL Marathon City
☑ Replicate Frodo's journey walking from The Shire to Mount Doom with this fitness challenge!

Has Anybody Seen My Car Keys?

Tue., 6/5, 9am @ MCPL Spencer
☑ Learn the warning signs of dementia and Alzheimer's, and how to help if someone you know is suffering.

MCPL Live: Mourning Dayze

Tue., 6/5, 6-8pm @ MCPL Wausau
☑ Members of Wisconsin garage rock band Mourning Dayze will talk about Wisconsin rock 'n' roll history!

Book Club: "The Circle" by Dave Eggers

☑ Mon., 6/11, 5:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City

Book Club: "Death Stalks Door County" by Patricia Skalka

☑ Tue., 6/12, 2pm @ MCPL Hatley

Book Club: "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict

☑ Thu., 6/14, 11:30am @ MCPL Edgar

Book Club: "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes

☑ Thu., 6/14, 6:30pm @ MCPL Athens

Book Club: "Before the Fall" by Noah Hawley

☑ Mon., 6/18, 1pm @ MCPL Stratford

Book Club: "The Lake House" by Kate Morton

☑ Mon., 6/18, 1pm @ MCPL Mosinee

Women's Night Out: "Life in Motion" by Misty Copeland

☑ Mon., 6/18, 6:30pm @ MCPL Wausau

The Fromm Brothers & Their Fur Farm

Thu., 6/21, 6:30pm @ MCPL Spencer
☑ Learn the history of a local landmark that was once the largest fox and mink farm in the U.S.!

Book Club: "The Stars are Fire" by Anita Shreve

☑ Wed., 6/27, 11am @ MCPL Rothschild

Readers of Classic Lit: "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain

☑ Wed., 6/27, 12pm @ MCPL Wausau