SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER Story Times

Bring your child to story time at your local MCPL! Story times are intended to introduce children to reading through storytelling, songs, games, puppets and fingerplays. Story times meet regularly according to the schedule below.

FAMILY STORY TIME (for children of all ages; 30 minutes)
Wausau — Weekly on Sat., 10:30am (year-round)
Athens — Weekly on Tue., 10am (year-round)
Edgar — Weekly on Thu., 9:30am (Sept.–May)
Hatley — Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round)
Marathon City — Weekly on Thu., 1:30pm (year-round)
Mosinee — Weekly on Wed., 10am (Sept.–May)
Rothschild — Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round)
Spencer — Weekly on Wed., 10am (Sept.–May) *
Stratford — Weekly on Wed., 10:15am (year-round) *

PLAY & LEARN (for children of all ages; 90 minutes)
Wausau — Weekly on Fri., 9:30am (year-round)
Athens — Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round)
Edgar — Weekly on Thu., 10am (year-round)
Hatley — Weekly on Thu., 10am (year-round)
Mosinee — Weekly on Wed., 10am (Sept.–May)
Rothschild — Weekly on Tue., 10am (Sept.–May)
Spencer — Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wed., 10am (Sept.–May)
Stratford — Weekly on Wed., 10:45am (year-round) *

PRESchool STORY TIME (for children ages 3-5 years; 30 minutes)
Wausau — Weekly on Wed., 10:30am (year-round)
Wausau — Weekly on Thu., 10:30am (year-round)

TALES FOR ROTS (for children ages 2-3 years; 30 minutes)
Wausau — Weekly on Tue., 10am (year-round)
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 — Weekly on Wed., 9:30am (year-round) *

* Will not meet until after the first full week in September.

You are going to make a monkey hat!

This summer, several MCPL locations offered a Summer Craft Day, where kids and families could make a variety of crafts based on popular children’s songs to coincide with our Summer Library Program theme of “Libraries Rock!”

If you and your family missed this craft day, you can still make one of the crafts using a few things found around your home! Provided below are the instructions for making your very own monkey hat, in celebration of the song “Five Little Monkeys.”

SUPPLIES:
- 2 pieces of brown construction paper
- 1 piece of tan construction paper
- 2 googly eyes
- glue
- stapler
- black marker

Cut one of the brown pieces of construction paper in half. Place the two pieces side-by-side and staple them together to form one long piece. Have an adult help you measure the band around your head so it fits comfortably. Staple the two ends together to form a headband.

Cut out an oval shape from the tan construction paper and two medium-sized circles from the second piece of brown paper. Draw a smile on the tan piece to make a smile. Staple the brown circles on each side of the headband to make ears and glue the googly eyes and smile on to the front of the headband.

Once dry, put on your monkey hat and rock out!

Taylor Wenfurther, Children’s Librarian

Writing contest results!

A Community Writing Competition open to all patrons of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service took place earlier this year, January through May. Judging of the entries by library staff commenced, and the winners were selected in June. There were just over 25 entries to consider in the three categories of fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry, and the ages of participants ranged from 13 to 85.

In the interest of sharing local writing with the community, winners’ entries were printed in the Record Review, a weekly newspaper that serves the areas around Athens, Edgar, Marathon, Stratford, and Spencer. The goal of the competition was to promote creative writing. It provided an incentive for writers to create a new work, revise a previously abandoned piece of work, or finally polish up that masterpiece.

Cindy Meyering of Marathon City, the winner in fiction, decided to self-publish her book “I’m There For You,” a part of which she submitted to the competition. Wausau resident Laura Lee’s memoir-style story “Seen Not Said” won the creative nonfiction category. A poem called “The Two Faces of Spring” by Amy Pangborn of Edgar took first place in poetry.

To read the winning entries, visit www.mcpl.us/events.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Elizabeth Lutz, Marathon City Branch Assistant

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!

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Ralph Hilek, Library Director
A Week of International Dot Day
Join kids with dot work and markers and learn how to practice their pointillism skills to create dot-themed art!
9/10-9/13/18 @ MCPL Madison

Afternoon Poetry Workshop
Join us for a reading with local poet Dyan Andersson.
Mon., 9/10, 2-3:45pm @ MCPL Athens
Passport Event
Apply for a U.S. passport! Info: 751-261-7200.
Mon., 9/10, 3-7pm @ MCPL Monona.
Wed., 9/12, 10-11am @ MCPL Madison.

Book Club: “The Magnolia Story”
Thu., 9/13, 11:30am-12:30pm @ MCPL Edgerton
LENA Start Marathon County
Improve your infant's language skills with seven sessions of the LENA Start package.
Thu., 9/13, 5:30-6pm @ MCPL Madison.

Book Club: “The Paris Architect”
Thu., 9/13, 6-8pm @ MCPL Athens
Building Adventures
Get creative with a variety of building toys!
Sat., 9:30-10:15am @ MCPL Edgerton

Book Club: “Rosemary”
Mon., 9/17, 1-2pm @ MCPL Monona

Book Club: “The Shadow of the Wind”
Mon., 9/17, 1-2pm @ MCPL Stratford

Fall Craft Day
Celebrate fall with a fun craft you can take home!
Mon., 9/17, 3:30-4:30pm @ MCPL Monona

Book Club: “Before We Were Yours”
by Lisa Wingate
Mon., 9/17, 6pm & 9:27pm @ MCPL Madison

Family Game Day
Bring your family to the library for a fun day of board and card games ages 5-12.
11:30am-1:30pm, 9/29 @ MCPL Rothschild

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
Read the latest books and discuss them with fellow teens.
Fri., 9/14-9/15, 1-2pm @ MCPL Madison.

Pick a free comic of your choice out of a box for a drop-in activity!
Wed., 9-9/17, 1-4pm @ MCPL Athens

Pokémon Club
Join fellow Pokémon fans for a monthly gathering of all things Pokemon, with new activities each month!
Thu., 9/13 & 10/11, 11:30am-12:30pm @ MCPL Edgar

Free to attend! All supplies provided.

Medicare Cost Saving Options
Talk to a representative from the Aging & Disability Resource Center about Medicare.
9/16, 9/20, 10:15-11am @ MCPL Athens.
9/19, 9/23, 10:15-11am @ MCPL Madison.

Hobbies and Crafts Night
Handcrafts and hobbies enthusiasts welcome to join us for a fun night of chatting and socializing!
Thu., 9-9/14, 10:15-11am @ MCPL Athens.
Mon., 9-9/17, 10:15-11am @ MCPL Hatley.

Identity Theft and Protection
Learn more about identity theft and how to protect yourself from the fastest growing crime in the U.S.
Sat., 9/8, 3-4pm @ MCPL Waunakee.

Toddler Dance Party
Join us for an interactive dance party featuring stories, music, props and more!
Mon., 9-9/11, 10:15-11:30am @ MCPL Waunakee.