



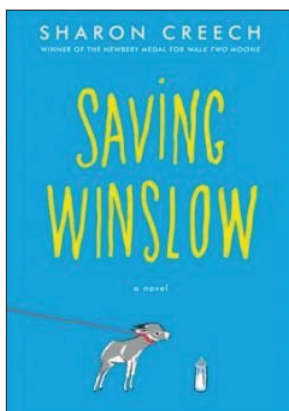
### STAFF PICKS for tweens



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### JANUARY—FEBRUARY Story Times

Bring your child to story time at your local MCPL! Story times introduce children to reading through storytelling, songs, games and more. 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) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Edgar — Weekly on Thu., 9:30am (Sept.-May) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Hatley — Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Marathon City — Weekly on Thu., 10:30am (year-round) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Mosinee — Weekly on Wed., 10am (Sept.-May) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Rothschild — Weekly on Tue., 10:30am (year-round) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Spencer — Weekly on Wed., 10am (Sept.-May)
- Stratford — Weekly on Wed., 10:15am (year-round) <sup>[1]</sup>

#### 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) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Edgar — Weekly on Thu., 10am (year-round)
- Hatley — Weekly on Thu., 10am (year-round) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Mosinee — Weekly on Wed., 10:30am (Sept.-May)
- Rothschild — Weekly on Tue., 11am (Sept.-May) <sup>[1]</sup>
- Spencer — Monthly on the second and fourth Wed., 10:30am (Sept.-May)
- Stratford — Weekly on Wed., 10:45am (year-round) <sup>[1]</sup>

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME (for children ages 3-5 years; 30 minutes)

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

#### TALES FOR TOTS (for children ages 2-3 years; 30 minutes)

- Wausau — Weekly on Tue., 10am & 10:30am (year-round) <sup>[1]</sup>

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

- Wausau — Weekly on Mon., 10am (year-round) <sup>[2]</sup>
- Rothschild — Monthly on the second Tue., 10:30am

Story times will not meet: <sup>[1]</sup> 12/30-1/5, <sup>[2]</sup> 1/21.

[www.mcpl.us/story-times](http://www.mcpl.us/story-times)



ALA YOUTH MEDIA AWARDS

On Monday, January 28, 2019, the American Library Association will announce the winners of the Youth Media Awards! These outstanding materials are selected by committees of librarians and other literature or media experts. They are meant to guide parents, librarians and educators towards quality works for children.

Some of the Youth Media Awards you may recognize: the John Newbery Medal, which recognizes the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children, and the Caldecott Award, which is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Other awards include the Children's Literature Legacy Award, the Alex Awards, the Coretta Scott King Awards, the Pura Belpré Award, and the Stonewall Award.

Look for an announcement of the annual winners from MCPL at the end of January, and check out the past and present winners from any MCPL location!

Visit [www.mcpl.us/yma](http://www.mcpl.us/yma) for the latest information.

Taylor Weinfurter, Children's Librarian

### Holiday Hours

All MCPL locations will be closed: all day Mon.-Tue., 12/24-12/25; by 5pm Mon., 12/31; closed all day Tue., 1/1; closed all day Mon., 1/21.

### Upcoming Events

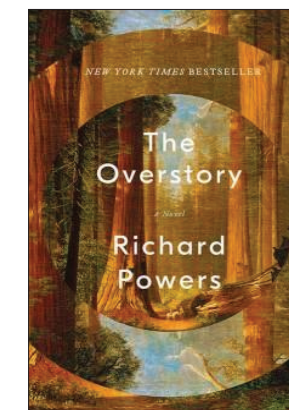
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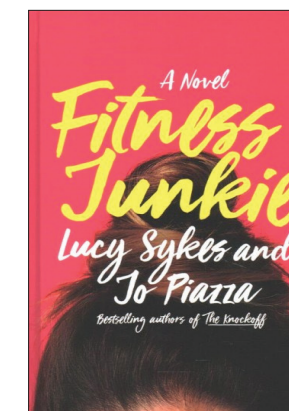
### STAFF PICKS for adults



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### New Technology Classes!

Are you looking to become more savvy with your personal computer, iPhone or iPad? Is there something you want to sell on Craigslist, but you don't know where to start?

Beginning in January, MCPL Wausau will begin hosting a series of technology-related classes on an almost-weekly basis. Included in the lineup of classes are returning favorites, including Intro to Microsoft Excel, Intro to Libby & E-books, and Facebook Fundamentals.

But new classes with a different focus will also be offered, including Intro to Microsoft Word and Resume Building, Basics of the iPhone and iPad, The Wide World of Google Resources, and the Basics of Craigslist. Whether you want to get more comfortable with Google, buy and sell on Craigslist or get the hang of your latest Apple smartphone or tablet, we've got you covered!

Due to a limited amount of spots in each class, registration is required. For more information or to register for any of these classes, call 715-261-7230.

Dan Richter, Library Marketing Specialist

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### Director's Report



Good news! The library's much anticipated interior renovations are now only months away. Soon, we will review proposals from library design firms to refurbish our headquarters and branches. We want to give all of our locations a makeover, while also looking at potential technology upgrades to ensure the very best

possible public service to our communities. The Planning and Visioning Project that was completed in 2016 will be used by the design firm as a guide to ensure that the upgrades are comprehensive and relevant. We are very fortunate that our Marathon County Public Library Foundation has agreed to help with this project, and we are all thrilled to see this new chapter at MCPL come to fruition.

Also, soon you may see a new survey for all of our branch library users. We are asking the public for input about the hours of service provided at each of our branch locations. Our intention is to identify ways to distribute staffing and operational hours so that we can best serve each community. As is true with all public service organizations, we have limitations to our staffing and budget that make this necessary. Please feel free to offer your own thoughts on the matter so that we may better serve you.

Lastly, we have been closely following the progress of the Public Library System Redesign Project during the past few years ([www.plsr.info](http://www.plsr.info)). This analysis project has been reviewing the ways that library systems in Wisconsin serve their constituents, their member libraries. MCPL is excited to announce that we are going to look very closely at how our system membership options might be better suited by joining a larger system. The benefits could include more comprehensive technology support, having access to up to millions more volumes of library materials within 24-48 hours for our patrons, and improved educational and professional opportunities that are focused on libraries of our own size. Look for more exciting news on this front during the coming year.

As always, we thank you for your continued support, and wish you and yours a warm and healthy winter season.

Ralph Illick, Library Director

# MCPL EVENTS CALENDAR: JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2019

## Pokemon Club

☑ Join fellow Pokemon fans for fun activities!  
Thu., 4–4:45pm: 1/3, 2/7 @ MCPL Wausau

## Create a Snowman

☑ All ages are invited to create their own snowman using wooden craft sticks and other supplies!  
Fri., 1/4, 1–5pm @ MCPL Hatley

## Outside the Lines: A Family Coloring Party

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

## Aquarium Fest

☑ Hear ocean stories, play games and see real ocean creatures!  
Sat., 1/5, 10:30am–12pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Adult Night at the Library: Pull String Art

☑ Make your own pull string art creation!  
Mon., 1/7, 5:30–7pm @ MCPL Edgar

## LEGO® Block Party

☑ Build creative projects using LEGO blocks!  
Tue., 9am–5pm: 1/8, 2/5 @ MCPL Mosinee  
Sat., 11:30am–1:30pm: 1/12, 2/9 @ MCPL Rothschild  
Mon., 3–6pm: 1/28, 2/25 @ MCPL Hatley  
2/1–2/28 @ MCPL Edgar

## What's New in Spencer?

☑ Find out the latest with Spencer Police Chief Shawn Bauer and Village Administrator Paul Hensch!  
Tue., 1/8, 9–10am @ MCPL Spencer

## Health & Wellness Club: Cures For The Winter Blues

☑ Start the new year off right with a discussion of health and wellness goals, natural remedies and more!  
Tue., 1/8, 11:30am–12:30pm @ MCPL Athens

## Fiber Arts

☑ Community members are invited to gather at the library to work on fiber arts projects!  
Tue., 1–4pm: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26 @ MCPL Athens  
Wed., 4–6:45pm: 1/16, 2/20 @ MCPL Marathon City  
Tue., 3–6pm: 1/22, 2/26 @ MCPL Rothschild

## Cribbage at the Library

☑ Play cribbage with friends or other library patrons!  
Tue., 1–3pm: 1/8, 2/12 @ MCPL Spencer

## Home School Huddle

☑ Families of homeschooled children can hear stories, read, and participate in various STEAM activities.  
Tue., 1–2pm: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26 @ MCPL Edgar

## Book Club: "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly

☑ Tue., 1/8, 2–3pm @ MCPL Hatley

## Sparkly Icicle Craft

☑ Kids can make their own crafted icicles!  
Tue., 1/8, 3:30–4:30pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## TAG - Teen Advisory Group!

☑ Teens are welcome to meet others, volunteer and help plan library programs.  
Tue., 6:30–7:30pm: 1/8, 2/5 @ MCPL Wausau

## Intro to Word and Resume Building

☑ Join us for a free presentation on using Word to craft your own resume! Registration: 715-261-7230.  
Tue., 1/8, 6:30–8pm @ MCPL Wausau  
Thu., 1/17, 2:30–4pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Local Author Visit: Cindy Meyering

☑ Meet a local author and hear about her book "I'm There For You" during this free event!  
Wed., 1/9, 5:30–6:30pm @ MCPL Marathon City  
Sat., 1/12, 10–11am @ MCPL Marathon City

## Nonfiction @ Night: "Dopesick" by Beth Macy

☑ Wed., 1/9, 6–7pm @ MCPL Stratford

## Book Club: "An Irish Country Christmas"

☑ Thu., 1/10, 11:30am–12:30pm @ MCPL Edgar

## Book Club: "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman

☑ Thu., 1/10, 6:30–8pm @ MCPL Athens

## Book Club: "The Boston Girl" by Anita Diamant

☑ Mon., 1/14, 5:45–6:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Book Club: "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy

☑ Mon., 1/14, 6–7pm @ MCPL Spencer  
Thu., 1/17, 1:30–2:30pm @ MCPL Spencer

## Family Adventure Night: Mickey Mouse Picnic

☑ Hear stories and make fun crafts related to popular Disney character Mickey Mouse!  
Mon., 1/14, 6–7pm @ MCPL Edgar

## Intro to Libby and the World of E-books!

☑ Learn how to access thousands of free e-books and audiobooks! Registration: 715-261-7230.  
Mon., 1/14, 6:30–8pm @ MCPL Wausau  
Tue., 1/15, 2:30–4pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Pete the Cat Story Time

☑ Pete the Cat-themed stories and activities!  
Tue., 1/15, 10–11am @ MCPL Athens

## Human Trafficking in Central Wisconsin

☑ Learn about human trafficking, and how the topic hits home in central Wisconsin.  
Tue., 1/15, 6–8pm @ MCPL Wausau

## MCPL DIY: Homemade Pine Cone Fire Starters

☑ Learn how to use pine cones as a natural fire starter!  
Thu., 1/17, 6–7:30pm @ MCPL Athens

## Finger and Arm Knitting

☑ Learn how to finger knit and arm knit!  
Fri., 1/18, 1–5pm @ MCPL Hatley

## Family Film Friday: "Captain Underpants"

☑ Fri., 1/18, 2–3:30pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Origami Week

☑ Try your hand at paper-folding!  
1/22–1/26 @ MCPL Rothschild

## Marble Maze Run

☑ Kids can build their own marble maze runs and test them out during this fun building program!  
Tue., 1/22, 12–3pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Book Club: "The Underground Railroad"

☑ Tue., 1/22, 1–2pm @ MCPL Stratford

## Snowflake Craft Day

☑ Make your own decorative snowflakes out of paper or with pipe cleaners and beads!  
Tue., 1/22, 2–4:30pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## Quilting & Beyond

☑ Work on your quilting projects at the library with your friends and neighbors!  
Tue., 1/22, 2–3:30pm @ MCPL Stratford  
Tue., 2/26, 1–3pm @ Stratford Community Hall

## Learn to Quilt!

☑ Learn the basics of hand quilting during this free monthly event!  
Tue., 3:30–4:30pm: 1/22, 2/26 @ MCPL Stratford

## Women's Night Out: "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee

☑ Tue., 1/22, 6:30–8pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Book Club: "A Gentleman In Moscow" by A. Towles

☑ Wed., 1/23, 11am–12pm @ MCPL Rothschild

## Birding for Beginners!

☑ All ages can learn about birds in Wisconsin, create a bird feeder and a nature journal!  
Wed., 1/23, 6–7pm @ MCPL Stratford

## Snowflake Craft Day

☑ It's snow joke - this will be a fun program to create your own flakes!  
Fri., 1/25, 11am–2pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Winter Fest

☑ Stop by the library during Wausau's Winter Fest to hear stories and make some fun crafts!  
Sat., 1/26, 10:30am–3pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Family Game Day

☑ Bring your family to the library for a fun day of board and card games for all ages.  
Sat., 1/26, 11:30am–1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild  
Sat., 2/23, 11:30am–1:30pm @ MCPL Rothschild

## International Puzzle Week

☑ Drop in any time during this week to put together a variety of jigsaw puzzles!  
1/28–2/1 @ MCPL Edgar  
1/28–2/2 @ MCPL Rothschild

## Book Club: "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner

☑ Mon., 1/28, 1–2pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## Narnia Week: The Return of the Lion

☑ Kids can make their own paper plate lions!  
Mon., 1/28, 3:30–6pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Introduction to Microsoft Excel

☑ Learn how to use Excel to create simple spreadsheets and more. Registration: 715-261-7230.

Mon., 1/28, 6:30–8pm @ MCPL Wausau  
Thu., 1/31, 2:30–4pm @ MCPL Wausau

## International Puzzle Day

☑ Celebrate International Puzzle Day with a variety of puzzles for all ages at the library!  
Tue., 1/29, 9am–5pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## Penguin Puppet Craft Day

☑ Hear penguin stories and make a cute puppet craft!  
Tue., 1/29, 10–11:30am @ MCPL Athens

## Narnia Week: What Lucy Found There

☑ Make your own pine cone forest!  
Tue., 1/29, 3–4:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Grow Your Own Microgreens

☑ Join us to learn about microgreens and how to grow them during these cold winter months!  
Tue., 1/29, 5–7pm @ MCPL Wausau

## The Stuff of Romance: A Valentine's Day DIY

☑ Make a romance-inspired set of coasters using romance novels and craft supplies!  
Wed., 1/30, 1:30–3pm @ MCPL Wausau  
Thu., 1/31, 6–7:30pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Narnia Week: The High King in Command

☑ Make your own felt crowns and play chess!  
Wed., 1/30, 4–6:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Art Day with Paint Stations

☑ Kids can try a variety of painting stations!  
Thu., 1/31, 3–4pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## Ice Cream Cone Craft

☑ Make a colorful ice cream cone craft!  
Fri., 2/1, 12–4pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## Magnet Painting for Kids

☑ A fun, hands-on artistic learning activity!  
Sat., 2/2, 11am–12pm @ MCPL Rothschild

## Facebook Fundamentals Part 1

☑ Learn how to use Facebook to connect with family and friends online. Registration required.  
Mon., 2/4, 6–8pm @ MCPL Wausau  
Wed., 2/6, 2–4pm @ MCPL Wausau  
Mon., 2/25, 1–2:30pm @ MCPL Hatley

## Powered By Wisconsin Potatoes

☑ Learn how to incorporate potatoes into a healthy diet!  
Tue., 2/5, 9–10am @ MCPL Spencer

## Health & Wellness Club: Treats for a Happy Heart

☑ Treat yourself good with a discussion about health and wellness, recipe swap and more!  
Tue., 2/5, 11:30am–12:30pm @ MCPL Athens

## Create a Valentine!

☑ Make your own handmade valentines using a variety of craft supplies!  
2/6–2/13 @ MCPL Mosinee  
2/7–2/14 @ MCPL Athens  
2/19–2/14 @ MCPL Hatley

## Nonfiction @ Night: "The Boys in the Boat"

☑ Wed., 2/6, 6–7pm @ MCPL Stratford

## MCPL DIY: Decoupage Jars

☑ Create unique decor for your home or office! Free and all supplies provided.  
Thu., 2/7, 4–7pm @ MCPL Hatley

## Celebrate 120 years of Mosinee Branch History!

☑ Join us for a special celebration as the library celebrates its 120th anniversary!  
Mon., 2/11, 2–3pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## Book Club: "The Last Mrs. Parrish" by Liv Constantine

☑ Mon., 2/11, 5:45–6:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Family Adventure Night: Paw Patrol

☑ Hear stories and make fun crafts related to the Nick Jr. show "Paw Patrol"!  
Mon., 2/11, 6–7pm @ MCPL Edgar

## Facebook Fundamentals Part 2

☑ Take your Facebook skills to the next level! Registration: 715-261-7230.  
Mon., 2/11, 6–8pm @ MCPL Wausau  
Tue., 2/12, 2–4pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Valentine's Day Story Time

☑ A special story time featuring Valentine's Day-themed stories, songs and a craft!  
Tue., 2/12, 10–11am @ MCPL Athens  
Tue., 2/12, 10:30–11:30am @ MCPL Hatley  
Thu., 2/14, 10:30am–12:30pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Book Club: "Shotgun Lovesongs" by Nickolas Butler

☑ Tue., 2/12, 2–3pm @ MCPL Hatley

## MCPL DIY: Spa Night

☑ Make bath bombs and sugar scrubs!  
Tue., 2/12, 4:30–6:30pm @ MCPL Stratford

## MCPL DIY: Marker-Dyed Coasters

☑ Make decorative, colorful coasters using markers and other supplies!  
Wed., 2/13, 6–7pm @ MCPL Rothschild

## Book Club: "Killers of the Flower Moon"

☑ Thu., 2/14, 11:30am–12:30pm @ MCPL Edgar

## Paper Heart Hedgehog Craft

☑ Make a cute paper heart hedgehog!  
Thu., 2/14, 12–8pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## Honor Flight Mail Call

☑ Make cards and letter to be given to local veterans returning on the next Honor Flight!  
Thu., 2/14, 6–7:30pm @ MCPL Spencer

## Book Club: "Circe" by Madeline Miller

☑ Thu., 2/14, 6:30–8pm @ MCPL Athens

## Book Club: "Still Life with Bread Crumbs"

☑ Mon., 2/18, 1–2pm @ MCPL Mosinee

## Book Club: "The Widower's Tale" by Julia Glass

☑ Mon., 2/18, 1–2pm @ MCPL Stratford

## Hobbies and Crafts Night

☑ Hobby and craft enthusiasts are welcome to join us every month for a night of creating and socializing!  
Mon., 2/18, 3–8pm @ MCPL Hatley

## Book Club: "Murder On The Orient Express"

☑ Mon., 2/18, 6–7pm @ MCPL Spencer  
Thu., 2/21, 1:30–2:30pm @ MCPL Spencer

## Women's Night Out: "The Education of Will"

☑ Mon., 2/18, 6:30–8pm @ MCPL Wausau

## MCPL DIY: Wearable Art Spring Shawl

☑ Spend an afternoon with our fiber arts group and learn how to create your very own spring shawl.  
Tue., 2/19, 1–4pm @ MCPL Athens

## Book-to-Movie Night: "Bridge to Terabithia"

☑ Watch the film adaptation and discuss how the movie compares to the book by Katherine Paterson!  
Tue., 2/19, 5:30–8pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Needle Arts: All About Mittens!

☑ Learn all about knitting mittens!  
Wed., 2/20, 4–6:45pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Birding for Beginners II

☑ Learn about the beautiful birds of Wisconsin and how to attract them to your own backyard.  
Wed., 2/20, 6–7pm @ MCPL Stratford

## Mid-Winter Craft Day

☑ Young people can still work their brains and creativity with crafts on this no-school day!  
Fri., 2/22, 11am–2pm @ MCPL Marathon City

## Teen Book Club: "Steampunk!"

☑ by Kelly Link & Gavin J. Grant  
☑ Fri., 2/22, 3:30–5pm @ MCPL Athens

## Basics of the iPhone and iPad

☑ Learn more about your Apple smartphone or tablet! Registration: 715-261-7230.  
Mon., 2/25, 6:30–8pm @ MCPL Wausau  
Tue., 2/26, 2:30–4pm @ MCPL Wausau

## Book Club: "Anna and the Swallow Man"

☑ Wed., 2/27, 11am–12pm @ MCPL Rothschild

## Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Story Time

☑ Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with stories and crafts!  
Thu., 2/28, 10:30–11:30am @ MCPL Marathon City

## Natural Body Care Recipes: How to Make Your Own

☑ Learn the basics of making your own natural beauty products for hair, skin and body!  
Thu., 2/28, 6–7:30pm @ MCPL Athens