



Free tech help at the library!



Need help with your computer, tablet, smartphone or e-reader?

Library staff can provide one-on-one technology assistance on a variety of topics, including basic computer skills, setting up

new tablets and smartphones, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, etc.), social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), getting started with e-books, using the library's online resources, and more!

For help with these topics, please contact the Reference Desk at 715-261-7230. If assistance by phone is not feasible, or you need extra time and help, you may request a one-hour "Tech Time" appointment at MCPL Wausau.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Marathon County Public Library is challenging parents to read more books with their children!

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative is meant

to introduce children to a wide range of literature, encourage families to spend more quality time together, and promote pre-literacy so children enter school ready to read, listen and learn.

1,000 books may sound like a lot, but if you read one book a day, you could finish in less than three years. We'll give you helpful tips, suggestions and incentives, too.

To participate online, use the Beanstack app or website available at www.mcpl.us/beanstack. Create an account and register your child for the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" challenge.

For offline options, please call 715-261-7220.

Learn another language!



Resolve to learn a new language this year!

It's easy with Mango, an online language learning program that is free to use with your library card.

Mango offers over 70 world language courses expertly designed to adapt to a diverse range of learning needs, styles and backgrounds.

Some of the most popular languages available include Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese and English.

To get started, visit www.mcpl.us/mango and sign up for an account. Optionally, you may install the Mango app on your smartphone or tablet.

Are you or a loved one unable to visit the library?



For Marathon County residents unable to visit the library due to age, illness, accident or disability, our Homebound program offers a way to receive library materials at home by mail or special delivery!

This service is free of charge. Once enrolled, library volunteers will select materials for you based on your preferences and send these items to your residence on a regular schedule. Items may be returned by mail or courier.

You do not need a statement from your doctor to enroll in this program; you only must be unable to get library materials in any other way. You also may enroll on a temporary basis if you are only unable to visit the library for a limited time.

Call 715-261-7248 for more information or to sign up for this great, free service! Please leave a voicemail for a callback.

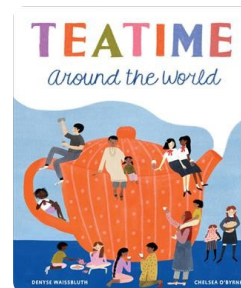
STAFF PICKS for children



"THE NIGHT WALK" MARIE DORLÉANS

This delightful picture book is about a family that rises early to go on a long walk. They walk away from their town past fields, through the woods, by a lake, and up some rocky hills. Finally, we see what they walked all that way for: the sunrise.

Picked by Elizabeth L.
Library Specialist
Details: www.mcpl.us/sp1



"TEA TIME AROUND THE WORLD" DENYSE WAISSBLUTH

Take a trip around the world with tea! Learn about tea in various cultures with the poetic rhythm of a picture book, but dive deeper into the types of tea on each page.

Picked by Taylor W.
Children's Librarian
Details: www.mcpl.us/sp2

www.mcpl.us/picks



MCPL EVENTS

EARLY WINTER 2022

FAMILY STORY TIME

CHILDREN Hear a variety of stories read online by library staff every week at www.mcpl.us/story-times.

GRAB & GO TELEIDOSCOPE

CHILDREN DROP-IN Kids can create their own teleidoscope (similar to a kaleidoscope) with this free take-home kit!

1/3-1/31 @ All MCPL Locations

GRAB & GO POMPOM COASTER

ADULTS & TEENS DROP-IN Pick up a kit to create your own unique pompom coaster at home!

1/3-1/31 @ All MCPL Locations

SPRING POETRY CONTEST

KIDS & TEENS DROP-IN Young writers ages 9-18 are invited to submit original, unpublished poems for the chance to win recognition and prizes! Poems may be sent to poetry@mcpl.us or dropped off at any MCPL location.

Submission Deadline: 5/27

VIRTUAL TEEN NIGHT JANUARY CHILL DOWN

TEENS REGISTRATION Teens are invited to a casual, virtual night of conversation and some New Years resolutions!

Registration: www.bit.ly/jan0110.

Mon., 1/10, 6 p.m. @ Zoom (Online)

FRIENDS MEMBERS-ONLY BOOK SALE!

ALL AGES DROP-IN Members of the Friends of the Library are invited to these exclusive monthly book sales!

Sat., 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:

1/15, 2/19 @ MCPL Wausau

(Non-members can join on the spot.)

"FOXCONNED"

ADULTS Join us for a virtual discussion with journalist Lawrence Tabak about his new book on the Foxconn deal in Wisconsin, and the dangers of government incentives for economic development. To attend, visit www.mcpl.us/foxconned.

Tue., 1/25, 7 p.m. @ GoToMeeting (Online)

GRAB & GO WINTER FEST: SNOW GLOBES!

CHILDREN DROP-IN If you're out and about during Wausau's Winter Fest, visit the library to pick up a kit to create a "snow globe" at home!

Sat., 1/29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BOOK SALE

ALL AGES DROP-IN Stop by the library during our book sale and you just might find your next treasured item: a book, a movie or something else from the wide variety of materials available!

Friends members-only: Wed., 2/2, 5-7:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau (Non-members can join on the spot.)

Open to the public: 2/3-2/5/22 @ MCPL Wausau

GRAB & GO FELT HEART MAGNET

ADULTS & TEENS DROP-IN Commemorate American Heart Month with this take-home heart themed craft kit!

2/1-2/28/22 @ All MCPL Locations

LITTLE ART SHOW

ALL AGES DROP-IN Stop by the library to see a display of "Little Treasures" artwork submitted by our patrons!

2/1-2/28 @ MCPL Wausau

GRAB & GO CRAFT STICK LAUNCHER

CHILDREN DROP-IN Pick up a fun craft kit that will encourage young ones to (safely) use some engineering skills!

2/1-2/28/22 @ All MCPL Locations

LENA START

ADULTS REGISTRATION Join other parents in learning how to talk more with your baby! Weekly winter classes will be held virtually. Registration: www.mcpl.us/lena.

Registration Deadline: 2/28

HISTORY SPEAKS / CHATS

The library will continue to collaborate with the Historical Society for monthly virtual history presentations! Future sessions will be posted at www.mcpl.us/history.

BOOK CLUBS

Note: Due to the pandemic, book clubs may meet virtually or in-person as safety allows. Contact your local MCPL for the latest information.

BOOK OF THE MONTH "A YEAR IN THE WILDERNESS" AMY & DAVE FREEMAN

ADULTS DROP-IN Visit the library for a copy of this book and some thought-provoking comments and questions!

1/3-1/31 @ MCPL Athens

"THE ROAD"

CORMAC MCCARTHY

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-443-2775 to attend.

Mon., 1/10, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

"LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS"

LAURA INGALLS WILDER

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-446-3537 to attend.

Tue., 1/11, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"THE CHILDREN'S BLIZZARD"

MELANIE BENJAMIN

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-687-4420 to attend.

Wed., 1/19, 1 p.m. @ GoToMeeting (Online)

"THE WINEMAKER'S WIFE" KRISTIN HARMEL

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-693-2144 to attend.

Mon., 1/24, 2 p.m. @ GoToMeeting (Online)

LUNCH W/ COLONEL MUSTARD TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

ADULTS We will discuss "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. Call 715-261-7230 to attend.

Wed., 1/26, 12 p.m. @ GoToMeeting (Online)

"BORN A CRIME" TREVOR NOAH

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-446-3537 to attend.

Tue., 2/8, 1 p.m. @ GoToMeeting (Online)

"EVVIE DRAKE STARTS OVER" LINDA HOLMES

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-443-2775 to attend.

Mon., 2/14, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

"THE NIGHT WATCHMAN" LOUISE ERDRICH

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-687-4420 to attend.

Wed., 2/16, 1 p.m. @ GoToMeeting (Online)

"THE SWITCH" BETH O'LEARY

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-693-2144 to attend.

Mon., 2/21, 2 p.m. @ GoToMeeting (Online)

BOOK OF THE MONTH "THE SUNDAY PHILOSOPHY CLUB" ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH

ADULTS DROP-IN Visit the library for a copy of this book and some thought-provoking comments and questions!

2/1-2/28 @ MCPL Athens

"THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY" MATT HAIG

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-446-3537 to attend.

Tue., 3/8, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"THE QUIET SEASON" JERRY APPS

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-443-2775 to attend.

Mon., 3/14, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

"BORN A CRIME" TREVOR NOAH

ADULTS New members welcome! Call 715-687-4420 to attend.

Wed., 3/16, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford