



June 29, 2015

## *Happy Independence Day!*

I can't believe that June has flown by so quickly, and here we are getting ready to celebrate on the 4th of July. It's getting busy here in Mercer, with lots to see and do this coming month.

One fun thing to note: our Northwoods Writers' Series is kicking off TOMORROW evening with a discussion of self-publishing over at the Boulder Junction Public Library. This is shaping up to be a great set of events for anyone interested in writing and publishing.

Another exciting upcoming event is the annual Friends of the Library Consignment Auction on July 12. The highlight of this year's auction is a beautiful handmade Rangeley 15' row troller. See photos and more information below - you don't want to miss it!

We also have several fun and educational events planned for library fans of all ages. I hope you'll join us for some of the many activities we have planned for you and your family. Have fun and stay safe this 4th of July!

Teresa Schmidt  
Library director

## *Tie-Dye for all Ages!*

Don't miss our annual "4th of July Tie-Dye" tradition tomorrow, **June 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Kids of all ages are welcome to come and dye their own red, white and blue t-shirt. (Young children may need an adult to stay and help.) Adults and teens ages 14 and up are welcome to come on **Wednesday, July 1 at 1:00 p.m. to do "Tie-Dye for Grown-ups."** We'll have a brief lesson on how to create different patterns of dye and how the dyes work, and then we'll get outside and dye some stuff!



Both programs are free and open to all. We'll have a limited number of t-shirts available on a first-come, first-served basis. Feel free to bring your own 100% cotton or other natural fiber items to dye. T-shirts, socks, pillowcases, scarves... the possibilities are endless, but make sure they are natural fiber like cotton, wool, silk, or linen. (Polyester won't take this type of dye.)

## *A Conversation with Mr. Jefferson*

The public is invited to "A Conversation with Mr. Jefferson" on **Monday, July 6th at 2:00pm** at the Mercer Community Center. Performer David Best portrays Thomas Jefferson in this program sponsored by the Friends of the Mercer Public Library.

Thomas Jefferson was a scholar, statesman, lawyer, architect, farmer, inventor, surveyor, avid book collector, and gardener. This "Conversation with Mr. Jefferson" will portray the statesman at the age of 82, reflecting in his Monticello study about the pivotal events in his life and about his role in writing the Declaration of American Independence. Performer David Best is a Harvard graduate and retired faculty at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. He shares many interests with Mr. Jefferson, including those of surveyor, gardener, writer and educator. Best has performed locally and nationally as Jefferson and as George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette. This program is free and open to all. Refreshments will be available.



## *Annual Consignment Auction*

*Going once, going twice, sold!*

Those will be the words of the day at the Friends of the Mercer Library 6th annual consignment auction on **Sunday, July 12th** at the Mercer Community Center. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will be available. Auctioneer Scott Hueckman of Phillips will preside.

The field is shaping up for this year, too. Highlighted will be a classic, hand-crafted strip-built row troller in new condition to be auctioned at 3:00 p.m. It will be on display in the library, July 7-10. Other items in the auction include a solid oak bar with mirror and glass rack, Starcraft aluminum fishing boat, Horton cross bow, Browning compound bow, painted table with four chairs, antique wood working tools, three Stanley levels, antique duck decoys, Thule car top carrier, woman's backpack, cross country skis, an antique hand truck, baskets, and more. About 100 items will be auctioned off in approximately two hours.



A classic Rangeley 15' row troller will be the highlight of the auction. The artisan's goal was to row it in the 2008 Muskie Classic in Boulder Junction, but he passed away before he had that chance. Now his widow, who wishes to remain anonymous, has consigned it to the library benefit auction. Still in new condition, this beautiful boat has been sheltered in the builder's shop for seven years. Based on independent appraisals from two wooden boat builders, the boat's value is estimated at \$15,900. For more photos of this "functional piece of art," [visit our website](#).

For photos of many of the items you'll find in our auction, visit [www.hueckmanauction.com](http://www.hueckmanauction.com).

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be available on site. The auction begins at 2:00 p.m., and the Rangeley 15' boat will be auctioned at 3:00 p.m.

## *Northwoods Writers' Series*

The Northwoods Writers' Series is offering a full schedule of workshops and events from now until October, with topics for anyone with an interest in writing and publishing. From self-publishing to submitting query letters, fiction to memoir to poetry, and technical help, we've got you covered.



The series kicks off with a panel discussion on "**The Many Ways of Self-Publishing**" **this Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Boulder Junction Public Library. For a full list of events, visit [www.tinyurl.com/northwoodswriters](http://www.tinyurl.com/northwoodswriters) or follow us at [www.facebook.com/northwoodswriters](http://www.facebook.com/northwoodswriters).

This series is sponsored by the Mercer Public Library, Boulder Junction Public Library, Presque Isle Community Library, Frank B. Koller Memorial Library in Manitowish Waters, and Winchester Public Library. Many thanks to our program sponsor, [Dixie's Coffee House](#) in Manitowish Waters.

## *July kids' events*

### **Nature's Superheroes: Friday, July 10 at 11:00 a.m.**

Did you know the Northwoods are filled with super heroes? They don't wear capes and shoot lasers, but they do fly through the air, transform their bodies, and can change the color of their skin! Join North Lakeland Discovery Center Naturalist Licia Johnson as we explore all the amazing adaptations of "Nature's Superheroes," meet some of them up close and make your own nature-inspired super hero mask!

### **Every Hero Has a Story! Storytelling with Tracy Chipman: Thursday, July 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

This summer, Wisconsin Storyteller Tracy Chipman brings a variety of storytelling programs for both children and adults to communities from Madison to Madeline Island and many stops in between. This will be the 5th summer Tracy has taken to the road sharing her love for this ancient and rich craft.

We'll hold **Storytime and Playgroup on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** for toddlers, preschoolers and their families, where we'll have stories, a simple project and a small snack. Older children are welcome to have some crafty fun on **Fun Fridays, August 17 and 31 at 11:00 a.m.**

[Download a full schedule of kids events here.](#)

## *Artists of the Month: Mitch & Lauren Meyers*

Join us for a reception honoring our artists of the month, Mitch and Lauren Meyers. Their work will be on display at the library from now until early August. Mitch and Laurie own the Odonata art gallery here in Mercer, and they have brought several photographs and paintings to share with our library patrons. Join us for a reception on **Monday, July 20 at 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** to meet the artists and learn more about their work. Refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome.

## *Mark Your Calendars*

### **Tech Tuesdays**

Librarian Teresa Schmidt helps with your tech problems on Tuesdays from 1 to 3pm, July 14, 21, and 28. Stop by with your laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other gadget and get some one on one help with your questions. There's no charge for the service, and it's first-come, first-served. Can't make it on Tuesdays? Give me a call at 715-476-2366 to make an appointment for another time.

Our annual **Used Book Sale** will be on Friday, August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library invite you to their second annual **Community Dance with Duck for the Oyster**. This fun event features traditional music and dance for the whole family, and will be on Friday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m.

### **Kids activities**

**Playgroup** offers stories and play for babies through preschoolers and their caregivers. New children and drop-ins are always welcome. Tuesdays at 10am. Be sure to ask about **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**: a self-guided reading program for all babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

**Knitters** and other fiber crafters are invited to share projects, get help, and enjoy the company of

their fellow crafters on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:00pm.

**Library board meetings** are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm, and are open to the public. For a current schedule and agenda, call the library at 715-476-2366.

**Friends of the Library** meetings are generally held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. The Friends raise money for the library through several fundraising events throughout the year, including raffles, auctions, bake sales, a yearly membership drive, the annual Fall Celebration, and more. Attend a Friends meeting to see how you can help - all are welcome!

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