



July 24, 2015

## *Loon Day is near!*

It's been a beautiful summer here in the northwoods, and of course it's almost time for that annual Mercer tradition - **Loon Day** is Wednesday, August 5th! The library will be closed that day, but we have plenty of other activities planned to keep you busy this month. Read on for details on what we have coming up.

The Northwoods Writers' Series is also going to have a busy month, with weekly activities through mid-September. I hope you'll all be able to stop by the Author Fair we're holding this Monday - we have 10 authors planning to be here selling and signing books. Anyone interested in writing or reading should be sure to check out the rest of the series schedule, too.

Finally, I need to send out a big giant THANK YOU to everyone who renewed their membership in the Friends of the Library. It's thanks to you that we are able to offer so many great programs and activities at our library. We love our Friends!

Teresa Schmidt  
Library director

## *Community Dance with Duck for the Oyster*

**Friday, August 14, 2015 at 6:30pm**

The Friends of the Library will sponsor their second annual community dance with Duck for the Oyster on Friday, August 14. All are welcome to join us for traditional music and dances of all kinds - no experience necessary! It was lots of fun for all ages last year, and really - if I can do it, so can you! This event is free and open to everyone, and refreshments will be served. Hope you'll come out and dance with us!



## *Northwoods Author Fair*

Monday, July 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

This **Monday, July 27 from 1 to 3pm**, we're hosting our first ever Northwoods Author Fair! We have ten authors scheduled to be here sharing, selling, and signing their books. Stop by to see what the local writing scene has to offer! Enter to win a door prize and enjoy some refreshments, maybe do some early holiday shopping, and spend some time with fellow book lovers.



In other Northwoods Writers' Series news: The Mercer Library will host a panel discussion called "**What I Wish I Knew Before I Got Published**" on **Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m.** featuring published authors Jane Zillmer, Chad McGrath, Julie Buckles, and Callie Bates. This is just one of the weekly events coming up this month. Be sure to check the schedule for programs on writing fiction, family history, nature writing, and more.

For a full list of events, visit [www.tinyurl.com/northwoodswriters](http://www.tinyurl.com/northwoodswriters) or follow us at [www.facebook.com/northwoodswriters](https://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.

## *Used Book Sale*

The annual Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be on **Friday, August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Come for bargains for everyone on books, DVDs, CDs, and more. Shop early for the best selection, but be sure to come back for the bag sale beginning at 1:00 p.m. There are always plenty of great bargains left.

We are now accepting donations for the sale. We love gently used hardcover and paperback books, children's books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles. Sorry, we can't accept encyclopedias, textbooks, or condensed books. Bring your donations in any time the library is open!

## *Birds of Prey with the Northwoods Wildlife Center*

Kids of all ages are welcome to learn more about birds of prey at a program by the Northwoods

Wildlife Center on Friday, August 14th at 11:00 a.m. The program is free and open to all!

Don't forget that we also have **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. (No storytime on August 4th because of general Loon Day craziness.) Older children are welcome to enjoy crafts on **Fun Fridays, July 31 and August 21 at 11:00 a.m.**

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

## Geocaching? What is geocaching?

According to the 'official' definition, "Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location." According to many others, geocaching is a great way to get outside and have some fun discovering new places!



A brief class will be held on **Thursday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m.** to introduce you to the basics of geocaching, including an intro to the [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com) website and how to find your first cache. FTF, TFTC, SL, TNLN, BYOP, DNF, D/T, muggles, and more - you'll know all about them by the end of evening!

We'll start at the library for the class, go out and practice finding a cache, and then anyone who is interested can walk over to a local restaurant for ice cream or dinner and conversation to get an "event cache" in their log. All are welcome, including experienced cachers and complete newbies! There's no charge to attend. This event is also posted as an event cache at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) - [GC5ZTYW](#).

## Mark Your Calendar

### Friends' Fall Celebration

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Fall Celebration on Saturday, September 26th. This big event features dinner, wine and beer, raffles, and live and silent auctions. You don't want to miss it! Tickets go on sale in early September. We are also accepting donations for the auctions and raffles. If you have something you'd like to donate, please give us a call.

### Tech Tuesdays

Librarian Teresa Schmidt helps with your tech problems on Tuesdays from 1 to 3pm, August 11, 18, and 25. 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.

### 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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