



September 10, 2015

Football, fall colors, and your library

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for the cooler temperatures that fall brings. Here in Mercer we're enjoying cool nights and sunny days that are just perfect for football, fall color viewing, and of course, curling up with a good book.

Read on for some of the activities happening at your library this month and next! We're also looking for ideas on new programming to offer. Do you have a skill you'd like to share? Did you take a once-in-a-lifetime trip you want to talk about? Have an idea for something you want to learn about? Drop me a line at tschmidt@mercer.wislib.org and tell me about it.

Thanks for your support!

Teresa Schmidt
Library director

Fall Celebration with the Friends of the Library

Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 5-8:30pm

The Friends of the Library Fall Celebration will be on September 26th, and you don't want to miss it! This popular event features a full Italian dinner with lasagna, chicken parmesan, gluten-free choices, and Scotti Pecotti's ravioli. There will be live music provided by Steve Swalve, live and silent auctions, and the ever-popular Book Basket raffles. All proceeds from this event benefit the Friends of the Library who support programming, materials and equipment for the library.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and are available now at the library. This event often sells out, so be sure to get your tickets early! The Book Baskets are also on display at the library and raffle tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Stop by and take a look.

Finally, the Friends are still looking for items to add to the live and silent auctions for the event. If you or your business have something to contribute, give us a call. Thanks for your support!

Northwoods Writers Series

Final event October 10 at the Mercer Library

The Northwoods Writers Series has been a collaborative effort of the Mercer Library and four Vilas County libraries, offering a variety of programs for writers of all kinds. Thank you to everyone who has supported the programs and attended our events!

The final event in this series is a **Nature Poetry Workshop with Beth Tornes on Saturday, October 10th at the Mercer Public Library**. Tornes is the author of several books, including her poetry collection "New Moon." She was awarded first prize in the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Chapbook Award in 2012. She taught creative writing at Beloit College, for UW-Madison's "Write by the Lake," and for Dillman's Creative Arts Foundation, and currently lives in Lac du Flambeau.

As always, this event is free and open to all. For more details on the events, visit www.tinyurl.com/northwoodswriters or follow us at 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.



Canning Workshops with Andrea Newby

Andrea Newby from the Iron County UW-Extension will present a short series of programs on canning and preserving here at the Mercer Public Library.

- September 29th at 1:00pm - **Preserving Summer's Harvest**
There are many ways to enjoy your summer produce all year long from freezing to drying, pressure canning or boiling water canning. Learn some basic steps to make sure your technique is done right.
- October 6th at 1:00pm - **Boiling Water Canning**
Jams, Jellies, Pickles and Salsa, learn how to use the right equipment and most up-to-date information for boiling water canning.
- October 13th at 1:00pm - **Pressure Canning**

Meats and Vegetables, learn how to use the right equipment and most up-to-date information for pressure canning safely. Andrea will also bring a tester for your pressure cooker, so bring it along to be sure that you are safely canning your low-acid foods!

Volunteer Opportunity

FE University is a program started by the Iron County Aging-Friendly Communities Coalition to give older adults the opportunity to keep their minds active and stay connected to the community. This exciting program has already offered courses on investing, geology, botany, art, writing, and more. In order to be successful, FE University needs a group of volunteers to help organize and manage the program, coordinate with instructors, and publicize upcoming classes. If you would like to help, call Andrea at the Iron County UW-Extension office at (715)561-2695.

Mark Your Calendar

Tech Tuesdays

Librarian Teresa Schmidt helps with your tech problems on Tuesdays from 1 to 3pm, September 15, 22, and 29. 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.

Mercer Book Club

The Book Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00am, and new readers are always welcome. On October 8th the group will discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Stop by the library to borrow a copy of the book!

Kids activities

Be sure to ask about **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**: a self-guided reading program for all babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. We are also looking for families who want to participate in **Playgroup** for stories and free play time at the library. If you are a family with preschool children, or know families who are looking to make more connections in the community, please give us a call!

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!

Contact: **Mercer Public Library**
(715) 476-2366
<http://mercer.wislib.org>
Follow us on Facebook



[Forward this email](#)



This email was sent to tschmidt@mercer.wislib.org by tschmidt@mercer.wislib.org | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Rapid removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [About our service provider](#).



Mercer Public Library | 2648W Margaret Street | Mercer | WI | 54547