NEA Big Read in The Falls
February 23 – March 31, 2019
NEA Big Read in The Falls events are free, unless otherwise noted, and all are open to the public. Complete details are available at MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org. Free copies of True Grit are available at the Library, while supplies last.

Programs & Events
Saturday, February 23, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Hometown Hoedown NEA Big Read Kickoff
Tri County YMCA
N84 W17501 Menomonee Ave.
Saddle up and join us for a rootin’-tootin’ good time! Enjoy music by Sorry We’re Open, food, games, and activities for the whole family. Pick up your free book and program information! Western wear encouraged.
Details: 262-532-8920

Monday, February 25 – Saturday, March 23
Western Crafts at the Creation Station
Menomonee Falls Public Library
Stop by during the Library’s open hours to complete western-inspired crafts. For 5K and up.
Details: 262-532-8915

Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 PM
Menomonee Falls in the Time of True Grit
Menomonee Falls Public Library
Local historian Jill Schmidt details the true grit shown by early settlers in the building of our community, with focus on the years 1860 through 1900.
Details: 262-532-8920

Thursday, February 28, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Youth Art Month Reception
Menomonee Falls Public Library
Celebrate the student artists of the School District of Menomonee Falls and their artwork, including special True Grit themed displays. Awards ceremony begins at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.
Details: 262-532-8915

Thursday February 28 – Saturday, March 30
Youth Art Month Exhibit
Menomonee Falls Public Library
Visit during the Library’s open hours to view the exceptional artwork created by School District of Menomonee Falls student artists, including special True Grit themed displays.
Details: 262-532-8915
Friday, March 1, 12:00 – 1:30 PM  
**Menomonee Falls Senior Dining & Cabaret**  
*Menomonee Falls Community Center*  
W152 N8645 Margaret Rd.  
Enjoy lunch and the True Grit Cabaret featuring Candace Decker and Phil Smith. Lunch provided by Waukesha Aging and Disability Resource Center. Suggested donation $4, or what you can afford.  
*Reservations: 262-251-3406 (At least 24 hours in advance, between 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.)*  
Details: 262-255-8469

Saturday, March 2, 5:00 – 8:00 PM  
**Parents’ Night Out: Wild West Fun**  
*Tri County YMCA*  
N84 W17501 Menomonee Ave.  
Need some quiet time to catch up on reading or meet some friends to discuss *True Grit*? Drop the kids off at the YMCA for some Wild West fun of their own! Ages 6 weeks – 12 years. Dinner provided. $10/ Y member, $15/program participant. *Reservations: www.gwcymca.org, 262-255-9622, or stop at YMCA front desk.*  
Details: msonnemann@gwcymca.org

Monday, March 4, 7:00 PM  
**Fussville, WI: Gone But Not Forgotten**  
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*  
Carole McGibany, author of *Glimpses* and *A Second Glimpse*, takes her love of local history and explores the founding, growth, and demise of this community, once thriving during the time of *True Grit*.  
Details: 262-532-8920

Wednesday, March 6, 10:00 – 10:45 AM  
**Wild West Storytime**  
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*  
Saddle up for this special western-themed storytime featuring stories, music, and a craft. For children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers.  
Details: 262-532-8915

Saturday, March 9, 1:00 PM  
**Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Real Story**  
*Old Falls Village*  
N96 W15791 County Line Rd.  
(Corner of Pilgrim Rd. and Hwy Q)  
Hear the real history of this famous pioneer woman, including her hardships and tragedies. Discover the times, places, and people who inspired her wonderful books. Due to program content, intended for ages 10 and up.  
Details: 262-532-8920
Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
**D2C2 - Doughnuts, Documentaries, Coffee, and Conversation - The Real Story: True Grit**
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*
This Smithsonian Channel documentary explores this time in American history and how Rooster and Mattie’s encounters would have been part and parcel with life in the Wild West. An informal discussion of the documentary will follow the screening. Coffee and doughnuts provided by Menomonee Falls Library Friends.
Details: 262-532-8920

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 PM
**Local Scholar Showdown**
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*
Area professors share insights on the themes of *True Grit*.
Details: 262-532-8920

Wednesday, March 13, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
**Teen Takeover: Pioneer Pie-Making**
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*
This is a make it, take it program. We’ll provide the ingredients and instructions. Your delicious pie can be taken home for baking! We will also play *The Oregon Trail* card game.
Details: 262-532-8920

Saturday, March 16, 1:30 – 2:30 PM
**The Life and Times of Annie Oakley**
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*
Best known for being a sharpshooter in Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show, come learn more about this legendary figure of the American West.
Details: 262-532-8920

Saturday, March 16, 2:30 – 4:00 PM
**Wild West Family Day**
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*
Cowboys and cowgirls are invited to join us for an afternoon featuring Wild West crafts, games, and activities, with a special appearance by Annie Oakley. All ages are welcome.
Details: 262-532-8915

Saturday, March 16, 5:30 – 8:30 PM
**NERF Shootout @ the Menomonee Falls Corral**
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*
Join us for an after-hours teen lock-in inspired by the NEA Big Read of *True Grit*. Registration by permission slip is required and will be released two weeks before the lock-in.
Details: 262-532-8920
Monday, March 18, 6:30 – 7:00 PM
One Book, One Craft

Menomonee Falls Public Library

Listen to a western story and make a related craft. For children ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers.
Details: 262-532-8915

Tuesday, March 19, 2:15 – 4:15 PM &
Thursday, March 21, 6:15 – 8:15 PM

Movie: Damsel (2018)
Menomonee Falls Public Library
It’s the Wild West! An affluent pioneer ventures across the American frontier to marry the love of his life. (R)
Details: 262-532-8920

Tuesday, March 19, 6:15 – 8:15 PM &
Thursday, March 21, 2:15 – 4:15 PM

Movie: True Grit (2010)
Menomonee Falls Public Library
A tough U.S. Marshall helps a stubborn teenager track down her father’s murderer. (PG-13)
Details: 262-532-8920

Thursday, March 21, 6:00 PM

Jay Jennings: True Grit and the Further Adventures of Charles Portis
Menomonee Falls High School
N80 W14350 Titan Dr.

Jay Jennings is a writer and editor whose work includes Escape Velocity: A Charles Portis Miscellany, a collection of Portis’ reportage, travel writing, short stories, and drama. 6:00 PM reception followed by 7:00 PM Multimedia Contest Awards and Keynote Presentation.
Details: 262-532-8920

Monday, March 25, 1:30 – 4:00 PM
Unlock the Box: A New Sheriff in Town
Menomonee Falls Public Library

Solve the puzzles to earn your sheriff’s badge in this interactive game. Groups encouraged. For children ages 9 to 12. Registration is required. Details: 262-532-8915

Tuesday, March 26, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Life-Size Oregon Trail for Teens
Menomonee Falls Public Library

Set out on the Oregon Trail and see if you can survive the dangers and trials faced by those who headed west in the mid-1800s.
Details: 262-532-8920
Thursday, March 28, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Friday, March 29, 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
**Mattie Who? Finding Female Ancestors**  
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*  
Learn how to overcome the difficulties of finding female ancestors.  
Details: 262-532-8920

Sunday, March 31, 5:00 PM  
**True Grit Movie & Cabaret**  
*Marcus Menomonee Falls Cinema*  
W180 N9393 Premier Ln.  
Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and movie snacks, the award-winning 1969 film, and the True Grit Cabaret, featuring Candace Decker and Phil Smith. Ticketed event: $24. Payment is required in advance. Reservations accepted through March 22. Details and registration: 262-532-8930 or erohr@menomonee-falls.org.

**Book Discussions**  
Free copies of True Grit by Charles Portis are available at the Library, while supplies last. For details on book discussions, call 262-532-8920.

Wednesday, February 27, 10:00 AM  
**Fiddleheads**  
*N88 W16621 Appleton Ave*  
Food and beverages available for purchase. No purchase necessary.

Tuesday, March 5, 10:00 AM  
**Purloin Studio**  
*N88 W16567 Main St.*  
Food and beverages available for purchase. No purchase necessary.

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 PM  
**Main Mill**  
*N88 W16521 Main St.*  
Food and beverages available for purchase. No purchase necessary.

Friday, March 8, 11:00 AM  
**Tri County YMCA**  
*N84 W17501 Menomonee Ave.*
Monday, March 11, 3:15 PM  
*Menomonee Falls High School Media Center*  
N80 W14350 Titan Dr.  
Hosted by the Film and Novel Society

Wednesday, March 13, 1:00 PM  
*Menomonee Falls Community Center Rm. 106*  
W152 N8645 Margaret Rd.  
Hosted by the Senior Center Book Club

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 PM  
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*  
W156 N8436 Pilgrim Rd.  
Refreshments provided by Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

Monday, March 18, 2:00 PM  
*Fresh Thyme Farmers Market*  
N89 W16849 Appleton Ave.  
Refreshments provided by Fresh Thyme Farmers Market.

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 PM  
*Three Cellars*  
N72 W13400 Lund Ln., Suite A  
Hosted by the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls. Beverages available for purchase. No purchase necessary.

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30 PM  
*True Grit* Teen Book Discussion  
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*  
Discuss *True Grit*, enjoy campfire (aka microwave) s’mores, and DIY root beer!

Saturday, March 23, 1:00 PM  
*Old Falls Village Discussion and Tour of the Umhoefer Cabin*  
N96 W15791 County Line Rd.  
(Corner of Pilgrim Rd. and Hwy Q)

Wednesday, March 27, 10:00 AM  
Just the Facts Book Club  
*Menomonee Falls Public Library*
This nonfiction book club will discuss *Frontier Grit* by Marianne Monson. Copies of the book available at the Library’s second floor Information Desk. Refreshments provided by Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

Thursday, March 28, 2:00 PM  
*American Legion Post 382*  
*N88 W16652 Main St.*

**True Grit Multimedia Contest**  
Middle school, high school, and adult winners! Details available at MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org or by calling 262-532-8920. Deadline for entry is March 1.

**Collection for Homeless Veterans**  
NEA Big Read in The Falls is collecting food, cleaning supplies, and new or gently used towels or bedding at Menomonee Falls Public Library and at all NEA Big Read events. Items will be donated to Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative.

**Menomonee Falls Public Library**  
W156 N8436 Pilgrim Rd.  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051  
262-532-8900  
MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org

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