

## The Bubbler Makes Over WVLS

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Marathon County Public Library

300 First Street, Wausau 54403

4.5 Contact Hours

[Map & Parking directions](#)

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- Attendees will learn about core Bubbler programming models, intentional service practices, and hands-on making experiences.
- Attendees will engage in creating a vision for their library space and implementing hands-on experiences or programs.
- Attendees will discover examples of successful program planning, documentation and evaluation strategies.



### Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 am **Coffee and conversation**

9:30 - 12 pm **Introduction to the Bubbler: The Bubbler Makes Over WVLS**

The Bubbler at Madison Public Library is a hub for creative expression among people of all ages through art creation and appreciation, engagement with new and old-school technology, and hands-on making.

Join Bubbler team members **Carlee Latimer & Rebecca Millerjohn**, and previous Bubbler artist-in-resident, **Bird Ross**, as they share core programming models, intentional service practices, hands-on making experiences, and successful documentation & evaluation strategies for those experiences.

Bring your library team to learn how to create a vision for your library space and implement hands-on experiences or programs.

12 pm – 12:45 am **Lunch** Register for \$8 catered in or bring your own

12:45 - 3 pm **Bird Ross, Resident Experience and Mini Textile Workshop**

Bubbler artist **Bird Ross** will share her perspective as an artist working within the library. Bird has been an Artist-in-Residence at Madison Public Library-Central, as well as a resident at the smaller Hawthorne Branch in Madison. Bird's workshops appeal to makers of all ages and through a variety of mediums.

Bird will lead a mini-workshop in textile and material exploration. Be prepared to push your creativity comfort zone, as well as have a lot of fun.

The Bubbler team will also use this time to allow for hands-on experience with its assessment tools.

If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation, please contact Anne Hamland by email at [ahamland@wvls.org](mailto:ahamland@wvls.org) or by phone at 715-839-5082 ext. 150.

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**About the Presenters:**

**Rebecca Millerjohn** is a Youth Services Librarian (with a focus on teaching and learning) at Madison Public Library. Previously a six-year classroom teacher, her library work focuses on school-age programming, educator support, and maker education with MPL's Bubbler program. As the Bubbler's project manager for their Maker Corps and Making Spaces initiatives, she loves sock monsters, power tools, paper circuits, and when kids get those little scrunched faces that show they are THINKING.

**Carlee Latimer** is the the Madison Public Library Bubbler Program Assistant who gets to collaborate with all sorts of wonderful people, connecting them to the library and to one another. Carlee has worked in a variety of nonprofit, school, and community settings throughout Madison. Her passions and projects form an intersection between community development and learning through arts and creativity.

**Bird Ross** is a Madison-based studio artist working in textiles, mixed media and mundane objects. She received her MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and currently energizes her studio practice through collaborative work, both nationally and internationally. View her portfolio at <http://www.birdross.com/>

**Residency Description:**

Bird used her Bubbler residency as a means of opening up to the spontaneous delight that develops through collaboration, and sharing with others her knowledge of fixing. She invited others to get involved with fixing, mending, and repairing, both objects and concepts. Bird invited numerous guests to join her in this work over the course of her residency in a series of workshops. In addition to these workshops, Bird hosted a series of open mending hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays in October and November where anyone could drop by to work on mending projects.

In addition to her public workshops, Bird worked with several local organizations to share her work during this residency, including the Neighborhood Intervention Program, the Juvenile Detention Center, the Plato Group and Porch Light.

**Rising to the Challenge:** Re-Envisioning Public Libraries from The Aspen Institute

"Public Libraries are poised to play a leading role in helping individuals and communities adapt to this changing world." People, Place, Platform. Attendees will learn new strategies to support them in continuing to connect their community with STEAM ideas to facilitate learning inside and outside library walls with local experts.