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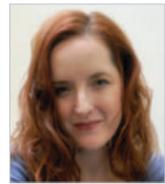
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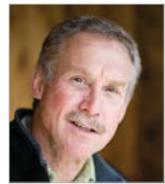
The Wisconsin Book Festival released its 2018 festival weekend lineup at a Schedule Launch Party for sponsors, members and other supporters on August 21. The four-day festival will take place October 11–14 in and around Madison Public Library’s Central Library. This year’s lineup includes:



New York Times #1 best-selling author **James Patterson**, for *Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment*



Celebrated novelist **Rebecca Makkai**, for *The Great Believers*



Award-winning science writer **David Quammen**, for *The Tangled Tree*



Madison’s own **Chloe Benjamin**, for *The Immortalists*



Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing 2016-17 Fiction Fellow **Jamel Brinkley**, for *A Lucky Man*



Internationally recognized biographer **Kate Moore**, for *Radium Girls*



Beloved children’s author **Megan McDonald**, for *Judy Moody and the Right Royal Tea Party*



Former Wisconsin Governor **Tommy Thompson**, for *Tommy: My Journey of a Lifetime*



Political reporter **Dan Kaufman**, for *The Fall of Wisconsin*



Cultural commentator **Rebecca Traister**, for *Good and Mad*



African-American Studies Professor **Carol Anderson**, for *One Person, No Vote*



Journalist and food writer **Mark Kurlansky**, for *Milk!*

“I’m delighted to announce the schedule for our upcoming four-day celebration. This year has been the culmination of many years’ work to make Madison a bright spot on the literary tour map. The reward comes in the shape of the authors, publishers and audiences that will make festival weekend such an unparalleled experience in October.”

—Conor Moran, Festival Director

The festival will feature more than 60 events over four days, with opportunities to meet authors, discover new books or favorite writers, and get books signed.

In addition to the festival each fall, there are author events throughout the year. Upcoming events before and after the festival include:

- **Nura Maznavi** for *Love, InshAllah* (September 21)
- **Meg Medina** for *Collected Works of Meg Medina* (September 24)
- **Tommy Orange** for *There, There* (September 26)
- **Caroline Fraser** for *Prairie Fires* (September 27)
- **Leif Enger** for *Virgil Wander* (October 16)
- **Jabari Asim** for *We Can’t Breathe* (October 26)
- **Margaret George** for *The Splendor Before the Dark* (November 5)
- **Susan Orlean** for *The Library Book*, Cheryl Rosen Weston Memorial Lecture (November 12)
- **Jan Brett** for *The Snowy Nap* (December 1)
- **Eve Ewing** for *Ghosts in the Schoolyard* (December 6)

The Wisconsin Book Festival is hosted by Madison Public Library in partnership with Madison Public Library Foundation. Festival sponsors make this event possible through their private support. They include: Signature Sponsor Marvin J. Levy; Festival Sponsors American Girl’s Fund for Children, The Bass Family, Friends of the UW-Madison Libraries and UW-Madison Memorial Library, Nimick Forbesway Foundation, Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation, and Wisconsin Humanities Council; Contributing Sponsors Capitol Lakes, Tana Elias & Andrew Clarkowski, Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co., Madison Gas & Electric Foundation, Nancy Pandhi & Alex Young, Stafford Rosenbaum, University Research Park, and Cheryl Rosen Weston; and Event Supporter Alliant Energy Foundation. In-kind donations from Park Hotel and Media Partners *Isthmus* and Wisconsin Public Radio also provide festival support.

View the full festival lineup at wisconsinbookfestival.org.

Join Now: Matching Gift for Festival Memberships

If you love to attend Wisconsin Book Festival events, now is the perfect time to purchase a membership for yourself or a loved one.

For a limited time, festival supporters Tana Elias and Andrew Clarkowski will match all contributions up to \$5,000. To buy a festival membership, simply make a gift of \$100 or more online or by mail.

A Book Festival membership brings the following benefits:

- reserved seating for two at up to a dozen select author events

- the opportunity to purchase pre-signed books prior to author appearances
- an invitation to a private reception for supporters

To purchase a membership online, visit wisconsinbookfestival.org/give, or mail your gift to: Madison Public Library Foundation, Attention: Wisconsin Book Festival Membership, 201 W. Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703.



Short Story: Meet Library Assistant Kelsey Hudson

Tell us a little about yourself. I grew up in St. Louis, Mo., and came to Madison for graduate school. I had originally come to UW-Madison to focus on archive studies but realized I love working with the public, especially kids, so I graduated in 2015 with a focus on youth services. I started out in the South Central Library System, working at Middleton Public Library, and bounced around SCLS until I was hired by Madison Public Library. I also met my husband, Andrew, here in Madison, and we have two cats that we dote upon. I’m a big animal lover, and I’ve been vegan for close to 10 years.

What is your role at the library? I’m a Library Assistant at Meadowridge Library, and I just started in March. Aside from the usual circulation and reference duties, I get to work with some really great kids from the neighborhood.

What are your hobbies and interests? Shockingly, my favorite thing to do is read! I’m in a romance book club with a bunch of library staff from Fitchburg Public Library, and I listen to a lot of podcasts. Other than that, I love to cook, play video games, hang out with my cats and work out. Andrew and I have recently started getting into board games, too.

What was the best thing that happened to you this year? Getting this job has definitely been the best thing that has happened to me this

year. I have really great co-workers at Meadowridge, and I love coming to work and getting to know the patrons of this community, especially the kids. It was hard to leave my former library, but in a very short amount of time, this place has really come to feel like home.

What do you like to read? I usually read either sci-fi, fantasy or romance, and then I sprinkle in some horror novels until I get too spooked and have to go back to something less terrifying. I listen to a lot of audio books, and for some reason, I only like to listen to mystery novels or true crime. I also like to read historical fiction, and I will read anything about World War I.

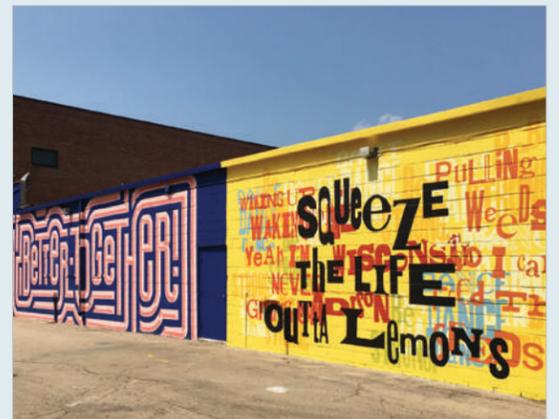
What are two items on your bucket list? I have a list of bookstores and libraries throughout the country that I really want to visit someday, and I’d like to ramble around New Zealand and pretend I’m in *The Lord of the Rings*.



Kelsey Hudson

Mural Alley Makes Debut

Mural Alley celebrated its grand opening on August 13 with a reception that drew more than 100 community members and neighborhood leaders to the area behind the East Side Shopping Center, home to Hawthorne Library. The collaborative project led by Madison Public Library’s Bubbler and Madison Arts Commission transformed a sometimes problematic, uninteresting alley into an energetic public art destination. All of the murals were designed by professional artists and painted by local youth. The project was funded by a grant from Madison Arts Commission.



Concert & Picnic Celebrates Summer Reading

Madison Public Library held its Libraries Rock! Read Like a Badger Concert & Picnic at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in August. Hundreds of those in attendance spread out blankets and picnicked while kids enjoyed music and dancing by Jack & Kitty, a garden project with Olbrich staff and voting practice with the City of Madison Clerk’s Office. Madison Public Library Foundation’s Rock & Read fundraiser supports the library’s Summer Reading Program.

Goodman South Madison Remodeling Project to Begin Soon

Goodman South Madison Library will undergo remodeling this winter to improve several areas inside the facility. The project includes:

- new carpeting throughout the entire facility
- a new entryway featuring a one-stop service desk and digital signage
- new furnishings for the children's space
- a larger teen area, including a recording station, an iPad bar, a "mediascape" gaming and movie station, comfortable mobile seating and a reimagined group meeting space

Hip-Hop Architect Michael Ford, Engberg Anderson Architects, and local children and teens worked together to develop project designs and test the furniture.

The project will occur in phases, beginning with flooring, which will require the library to be closed for one to two weeks. Exact dates are yet to be determined. For project updates, visit madisonpubliclibrary.org/goodman-south or call 608.266.6395.

Gifts secured by Madison Public Library Foundation will fund the \$250,000 project. The Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation contributed \$155,000 to the remodeling. Other lead donors include John Reindl, Madison Community Foundation, Lau and Bea Christensen, and David Hall and Marjorie Devereaux.



Goodman South Madison Library's interior will undergo multiple improvements this winter.

You Can Help

The foundation still needs to raise more than \$40,000 to complete the remodeling. Give online at mplfoundation.org/donate and select "Goodman South Madison remodeling" upon checkout, or mail your contribution to the foundation and write "Goodman South Madison remodeling" on your check memo line.

City Eyes Temporary 2019 Location for Pinney Library

The former Ace Hardware store at 209 Cottage Grove Road will likely serve as Pinney Library's temporary location as the community awaits construction of the new facility.

The Madison City Council reviewed a proposal introduced by Ald. David Ahrens, 15th District, at its September 4 meeting that asks the city to begin leasing the former store space in December, when the lease ends for the current Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Road.

The current Pinney Library must close on December 1, with the month of December spent on moving materials and equipment into the temporary space, and an anticipated opening in January 2019.

"Multiple project delays meant that we reached the end of our lease at our current Pinney Library before the new Pinney Library would be completed, leaving a significant service gap between having to vacate the current site and relocating to the new library," said Library Director Greg Mickells. "Using the space at 209 Cottage Grove Road during that gap will help diminish the impact on the neighborhood, and allow the library to continue to provide much-needed library service in the meantime. We look forward to sharing more details about the move once the lease is approved."

The permanent Pinney Library will be located in Ruedebusch Development & Construction's Royster Corners, a mixed-use development at the intersection of Cottage Grove and Dempsey roads. Construction began in April, and the new library is expected to open to the public in early 2020.

The new, 20,000-square-foot Pinney Library will feature expanded seating and meeting spaces; improved spaces for children and teens, including a Play Lab space for children ages newborn to 5; an outdoor space for events and programs; updated technology; a quiet reading area; and a drive-through book drop.

One Barrel Raises Funds for Pinney

One Barrel Brewing Company is supporting the new library through its Toss a Buck for Charity program. For every donation to The Capital Campaign for a New Pinney Library, the brewery offers the

chance to throw dollars at the ceiling. For a \$5 donation, for instance, customers can throw their dollars at the ceiling and also earn \$1 off their beer. The brewery also recently hosted the foundation's Pop-Up Book Club on August 30 and donated \$1 from the sale of each pint to the new library.

Thank You to Our Committee

Thank you to The Capital Campaign for a New Pinney Library Committee for its volunteer work in raising funds for the library: Co-Chair Heather Clefisch, Co-Chair Phil Plourd, Allen Arntsen, Paul Hoffmann, Sarah Lawton, Jeff Ruedebusch, Miriam Simmons, Vern Stenman, Bill White and Tripp Widder.

Learn more about the new Pinney Library and the capital campaign at mplfoundation.org/pinney.



Construction of the new Pinney Library began in April. This photo shows progress as of mid-August.

Former Board President DeChant: Growing Library Programs Require Support

Longtime Madison resident Tom DeChant became involved with Madison Public Library Foundation before the Goodman South Madison Library was rebuilt in 2010. He joined the board of directors soon after, and has served as vice president and president.

DeChant, who is retired from a career in space planning consulting, says he decided to become a Silas Pinney Legacy Society member and leave a gift to the foundation because he believes public libraries will only continue to grow in relevance as a critical community resource.

"They are in a period of profound transition right now, from their traditional role as a 'pantry' of stored media to an active 'kitchen' of community participation and 'doing,'" he says. "This transition will take a while and will put a strain on library resources — especially for sustaining new programmatic initiatives."

Buildings and collections have been the traditional targets of library gift-giving, and they will continue to be needed, DeChant says. But the evolving library will be much more engaged in programs and activities, which will require more community resources.

"I see my legacy gift as helping to build a sustainable foundation for these new library functions," he says, adding that he hopes it will support innovative library programs and services that further young peoples' educational, cultural and career opportunities while engaging them in their communities.

Madison Public Library is an especially worthy organization to leave a gift to because it's a national leader in library innovation under the skilled guidance of Library Director Gregory Mickells, DeChant says. He cites the Bubbler makerspace programming, the Media Lab and social services outreach to the homeless as examples. He's particularly excited about the library's newer youth social justice programs and its role in helping train visiting nurses in early childhood literacy.

Join the Silas Pinney Legacy Society

Gifts left to the foundation come in all sizes, and every dollar counts! For more information about leaving a gift and joining our Silas Pinney Legacy Society, visit mplfoundation.org or contact Jenni Collins at 608.266.6318.



Tom DeChant

Foundation Awards \$91,000 in Grants to Library

Madison Public Library Foundation recently gave grants to six Madison Public Library efforts, for a funding total of \$91,000. The grants are made possible thanks to annual fund gifts secured from businesses, individuals and organizations.

The projects and programs that will be funded are:

Black Men Run, Brown Boys Read - Meadowridge Pilot Program | \$10,000

This mentorship program aims to reduce health disparities and boost literacy by creating a safe, healthy environment for 15 black males ages 8-16 in the Meadowridge Library service area on the city's southwest side.

Pathway to Cooperative Entrepreneurship | \$6,000

Twenty Madison area residents will develop a viable business venture that provides enough income to sustain their families and has the potential of generating jobs once the business is stable and ready for expansion.

High-Loss Materials Replacement | \$33,000

Each year, Madison Public Library loses a significant amount of the library collection due to wear and tear, and patrons' mishandling or loss of items. The need for replacement materials is higher in low-income neighborhoods and for at-risk populations.

Grant dollars will be used to replace 625 adult nonfiction books, 800 feature DVDs and much more.

Increasing Accessibility | \$36,000

Several of the libraries use large, rolling smart screens for meetings, presentations, videos, games and more. The grant will allow Meadowridge, Alicia Ashman, Hawthorne and Goodman South Madison libraries to purchase screens for their locations. Additionally, teens and adults currently share the computing areas in Meadowridge and Goodman South Madison libraries but will now have separate, age-specific areas that better meet their needs.

Meet Your Madison Public Library | \$3,000

Many Madison residents are library card holders, but some taxpayers do not use the library. This communications project will determine what appeals to potential library users, identify barriers to library use, and explore how the library can better connect programs and resources to the communities that use them.

Who Matters? Volume Two | \$3,000

This photo and story project highlights intergenerational families in the Sequoya and Goodman South Madison neighborhoods, and tells their stories through brief words and visuals. The grant will cover the costs of a professional photographer, printing and mounting the photos and stories, and providing participants with a copy of their photo.

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS



New VIP Pre-Party to Precede Ex Libris

Our signature fall fundraiser, Ex Libris Vol. VIII: Beer & Bites, will kick off with a new VIP Pre-Party this year. Join us at 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 2, for cask-conditioned beer from Working Draft Beer Company, Wisconsin Brewing Company and Karben4 Brewing. Madison College's School of Professional and Continuing Education will prepare freshly fried beignets made with Capital Brewery beer glaze.

Ex Libris will follow from 7-10 p.m. Wisconsin craft breweries and local restaurants will be serving a variety of beers with both savory and sweet food samples. The popular local band WheelHouse will play Americana and bluegrass tunes, and an extensive silent auction will feature rare items and fun experience packages.

General admission tickets are \$75 each. Pre-Party tickets are \$100 each, including Ex Libris. Round up a group of friends or co-workers and buy a six-pack or 12-pack of tickets at a discount! Buy your tickets today at mplfoundation.org.



Working Draft to Host Ex Libris Beer Release Party

Working Draft Beer Company will custom brew a special release beer in advance of Ex Libris this fall. Roughage Draft Sweet Potato Bock will be brewed this month and tapped at the Ex Libris Beer Release Party on Wednesday, October 17, from 4-6 p.m. The beer will stay on Working Draft's tap until it runs out. A dollar from the sale of every pint of the bock will go to Madison Public Library Foundation.



Giving Tuesday to Support Pinney Library

You're invited to our annual Giving Tuesday celebration from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, at the Harmony Bar and Grill, 2201 Atwood Ave.

The family-friendly happy hour event will feature live music by Back2Back. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Food and drinks may be ordered from the bar for an additional cost.

Following Black Friday and Cyber Monday at the kickoff of the holiday shopping season, Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to support charitable causes and make a difference in your community. All proceeds will support The Capital Campaign for a New Pinney Library.

Help spread the word about the event by responding with "Going" on our Facebook event page, sharing our posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and using the hashtag #GivingTuesday.

Read about construction progress on the new Pinney Library and other campaign news on the inside of this newsletter.

Goodman South Madison Friends to Meet Sept. 29

The Friends of Goodman South Madison Library will hold its annual meeting from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, September 29. The event includes a presentation on the Mae Mitchell Multicultural Children's Book Collection, a look at the library's remodeling plans, election of officers, and refreshments and prizes. All are welcome to attend.



Meadowridge Friends Pie Sale Nov. 20

Support Meadowridge Library and treat your Thanksgiving guests to a delicious dessert by purchasing a homemade pie at the Friends of Meadowridge Library's annual Pie Sale on Tuesday, November 20.

Friends members bake approximately 100 pies for this popular event, which always begins on the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving each year, and ends when the pies are all sold. There are many varieties of pies, each selling for \$10.

Along with the group's annual book and bake sales, the Friends of Meadowridge Library donate proceeds from the Pie Sale to support improvements and services at the library.



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