John Newman, Madison Public Library's first Naturalist-in-Residence, will be a welcoming and inclusive space for both those experienced and new to the natural world. It will include nature-inspired art activities, walks in beautiful new places, foraging expeditions, and more. It’s an opportunity to explore the natural world — and people’s place in it — through the guiding vision of Newman’s residency.

Upcoming activities include a birding outing and a modeling nature art project, and a birding location guide to help you get started with this hobby. You can send questions in advance or ask them during the live event, which takes place via Zoom. Send questions to events@mplfoundation.org.

Did you know that two-thirds of adults don’t have a will or an estate plan in place? If you've been putting off decision-making as it relates to your future, you're not alone. On October 13, the Madison Public Library Foundation and Madison Public Library will host their next free virtual Educational Series program, Estate Planning: Getting Started at Any Age. They’ll guide participants through the estate planning process, including why you need a will, what goes into an estate plan, how to make an estate plan, and what happens if you don’t have one. You’ll learn how to approach these important documents, let Madison Public Library help you get started, and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

Estate Planning: Getting Started at Any Age will be presented by Alice Schuchhardt, estate planning attorney at Jackson, Coggiola & Wisch, and Rachel Snyder, Senior Associate at Smith & Steiner, P.C., the law firm of the Wills, Trusts, and Probate practice group. To attend, please register in advance at foundation.mplfoundation.org.

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**20th Anniversary Fall Celebration to Feature 50 Authors**

Fifty authors are on the lineup for the Wisconsin Book Festival's 20th anniversary fall celebration weekend at the Madison Public Library, which features a virtual gift shop, a 24-hour reading challenge, and an array of activities spanning the library's genres, from fiction and nonfiction to poetry and more.

“We’re delighted to announce the lineup of return authors as we celebrate 20 years of bringing some of the smartest, friendliest and any author who has been there even once understands why,” Maraniss said. “Year after year for 20 years it brings out the smartest, friendliest book-reading audience in the country.”

“We’re delighted to be able to celebrate the 20th anniversary with a lineup of stars who have been going to the Madison Public Library, acclaimed and world-renowned comic artist Art Spiegelman for Breakdowns, world-renowned comic artist Alan Moore for Prometheu’s, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Thrasher, acclaimed

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The festival hosted Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough at a discussion for the book Light From the Sky. The event, which was part of the festival’s annually free program of nonprofit and public library events, is sponsored by the Wisconsin Book Festival.

Highlights of the fall celebration weekend are listed below. All events will take place at Central Library unless otherwise noted.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Konzert, Creative Writing Workshop, and Coffee, Central Library

9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Best-selling author Andy Reid at a book signing for The Last Book Club: How a Prisoner Helped Me Find Hope (Park Hotel)

9:50 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. See other events listed below.

10:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. A Room of One’s Own

11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Staff of Silence

11:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Madison Book Review: Newsletter Update

11:50 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. The City of Madison Reads: Madison Reads

12:10 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. Brooklyn Events

1:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. The Intersection of Science and Literature: How the Pandemic Will Shape Our Future

1:20 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. Madison Book Review: Newsletter Update

1:50 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. The City of Madison Reads: Madison Reads

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. T-Birds: Farmer’s Market

9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. An Introduction to the History of the Harold Washington Library Center (Park Hotel)

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The Bestselling Author (Park Hotel)

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11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Bestselling Author (Park Hotel)

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4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Breakdowns

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The Bestselling Author (Park Hotel)

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Breakdowns

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Bestselling Author (Park Hotel)

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Breakdowns

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8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. T-Birds: Farmer’s Market

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In June, each of the nine libraries, along with the Dream Bus, hosted reading, featured a wide assortment of fun library events and activities. Madison Public Library’s We Read Literacy Activities Summer Filled with Madison Public Library brought the Dream Bus and We Read activities to the Kennedy Heights Block Party in July.

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The goal of the Naturalist-in-Residence program is to encourage the Madison community to explore, learn and enjoy nature — and people to place in it — through the guiding vision of an experienced local naturalist. Those who participate will get to enjoy activities as well as many green spaces and urban spaces around the city and to libraries.

“Libraries are places of learning, recreation and study,” said Newman. “The environment of a library has the potential to offer people a place to explore and be inspired to learn.”

The theme of Newman’s residency is Nature is for Everyone. It will include nature-inspired art activities, videos of beautiful new places, workshops and more.

“I think it is important to recognize how many of us are part of nature,” Newman said. “Nature is all around us, and even inside of us, and it doesn’t have to be remote or mysterious.”

The Naturalist-in-Residence program is made possible through generous support from the one-time founding members of the Feminist Bird Club — Madison Chapter. A Madison Public Library Foundation grant outfitted libraries with Birding Backpacks.

“Birders can use a simple pair of binoculars to identify different species of birds that might be present,” said Caitlyn Schuchhardt, a Feminist Bird Club – Madison Chapter Team Member. “They are first-come, first-serve; backpacks cannot be placed on hold. Birding Backpacks can be checked out for one week at a time.”

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There are many benefits to birding, including mental health and overall wellness. Schuchhardt said.

“Birding can open up a whole new world of wonder and connect you to the beauty around you. It can be a way for you to explore potential birding spots, meet new people and make new friends. It can be a wonderful way to learn about nature and the world of birds.”

“Birding Backpacks make it easier for people of all ages to get out and explore the world of birds.”

Backpacks are available at all nine Madison Public Library branches. Visit mplfoundation.org/donate to the Kennedy Heights Block Party in July.

Making Justice Participants Step Into Shoe Design

Teaching artists to teen participants at the Dane County Juvenile Court and Dane County Juvenile Detention Center through a new shoe design artist residency. John Newman, Madison Public Library’s first Naturalist-in-Residence, will lead a series of events, workshops and activities this fall. Newman’s residency is called Nature is for Everyone. It will include nature-inspired art activities, videos of beautiful new places, workshops and more.

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Encouraging others to check out the outdoors as we celebrate nature and build awareness of our role in protecting and preserving the environment with time and access across throughout Madison, the library will continue to expand and include spaces for both these experiences with nature and libraries.

The theme of Newman’s residency is nature, he said. “I want to help as many people as possible start to see the world around us, and even inside of us,” he said.

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Nature-oriented events include trips to Madison’s Edwin B.銠 Park to birdwatch, the Friends of Madison Public Library’s Nature program and in-person visits to Madison’s elementary schools.

Upcoming programs include a birding outing with the Friends of the John F. Beck Park Club, a kite-flying workshop, a model nature art workshop, a nature photography workshop and more. See the full list of upcoming programs on mplfoundation.org.

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