Our Town Everywhere

fundraiser,
program, bringing
allows Bubbler staff to
from the Madison Arts
made possible by a grant
stamped self-portraits, is
humanity and creativity."
Carlee Latimer. "We’re hoping many see

collaborative creation in libraries, parks,
sparked connections, conversation, and
Throughout the past year, the project has
Public Library’s Bubbler program.

The meeting was hosted by three of the
Park and provide feedback on the project
to view current designs of the northeast
Madison residents had the opportunity

is a unique
a wonderful portrait
skill level, can create
of themselves."
I love that anyone,
participating artist

Alicia Rheal. "I am always amazed at how
self-portraits. The Bubbler is working to

10th new location and an indoor, rentable
The new community facility, which will
funds will come from the city budget.
partner and plans to fundraise $4.5 million

and Madison Parks — as well as JLA
Engineering, Madison Public Library,
The digital collection is critical for providing
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Ex Libris
of portraits created by
people from all walks
gain a full representation
in the Bubbler.
fundraiser created and hung their portraits
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and 49 community partners.

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generous Giving Tuesday donors, the library

and available for instant downloading on

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**Wisconsin Book Festival Wraps 2023, Announces Spring Events**

The 2023 Wisconsin Book Festival, now in its 16th year, presented 89 author events in 2023, concluding in a starry night with Milwaukee children’s author Icky Jeet speakling about her new book, **Gnomes, Grapes, and Ghosts**, on December 15th. Last spring, the festival brought musician and author Craig Thompson, the creator of the Pulitzer-winning graphic novel **The Secret History of Villains**, to Madison to launch his new title. Executive Director Steve Montiglio wrapped up the festival on May 7th, highlighting the festival’s 16th year celebrating its passion for books, authors, and reader engagement.

The festival will take a break from programming throughout December but will be back and online for Spring Events. Visit mplfoundation.org/give to learn more about the Library Foundation’s 2024 Match and donate today. For more information, visit mwbf.org.

- **Spring Events**
  - Violinist and artist Emily Bear plays a mix of contemporary classical repertoire
  - **Mik Abdulhay** in conversation with **Jon Meacham**
  - **Tracie Hall** in conversation with **Will Hsu**
  - **Jon Meacham** and **Andrew Haidasz**
  - **Katie Newburn**, author of **Tough Broad: From Boogie Boarding to Wing Walking**, in conversation with **Will Hsu**

**Festival Gift Membership**

If you need help making a year-end gift, visit WisconsinBookFestival.org or call us at 608.266.6318 or 608.266.6306 to set up a donation plan. To view the festival gift membership and other gift giving options, please visit mplfoundation.org.

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**Making Justice Participants Learn to Create Podcasts**

Madison Public Library’s Making Justice program, nuclei the Bubble, is teaching participants how to record and create podcasts, video, visual art, and more. A team of enthusiastic staff highlighted the program’s work that engages learning and creative expression. Sixteen staff and six high school volunteers are working with students on podcasts. Legal Services students and librarians from the Madison Public Library present the podcast's first episode, which includes interviews with library patrons, who share their perspectives on how to succeed and avoid wrongdoing.

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**Meet Our Five New Board of Directors Members**

Madison Public Library Foundation’s board of directors welcomes five new board members: Lisa Bird, Bryden Sanderson, and Jessica Yehle.

**Lisa Bird**

Lisa Bird, a retired Madison teacher, literary enthusiast, and author, has a particular interest in providing access to resources and other book lovers in your life! Participate in Wisconsin Book Festival 2024 and learn more at mplfoundation.org/wisconsinbookfestival.

**Bryden Sanderson**

Bryden Sanderson, a resident of the Madison area, is a writer, editor, and educator. She has served on the Madison Public Library Foundation’s Board of Directors for five years and is a recipient of the Wisconsin Book Festival’s 2019 Author’s Almanac.

**Jessica Yehle**

Jessica Yehle, the Madison native earned his JD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School and his BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He lives in Madison and his practice focuses on intellectual property, business law, and civil litigation.

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Best-selling novelist Tommy Orange will be the featured speaker at Madison Public Library’s Friends of the Foundation’s 2024 Luncheon on Tuesday, April 23, at Monona Terrace Convention Center.

Orange is well known for his acclaimed debut novel, *There There*, which speaks to the legacies of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864 and the Carlisle Indian Industrial School. He is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma, and he was born and raised in Oakland. **Check-in for the event will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the program at noon. Tickets will go on sale in early January.** If you’re interested in purchasing a table or in sponsoring the event, please email info@madpl.org.

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**Bubbler’s Our Town Everywhere Portrait Collection Growing**

Our Town Emporium is a unique community-building project by Madison Public Library’s Bubbler program. The project has sparked connections, conversation, and collaboration between Madison residents and our community spaces.

The project was initially conceived to celebrate the library’s 125th anniversary, which was marked by Bubbler Program Administrator Christina Luttrell’s vision to “honor the keeping of traditions both within these exhibitions, and at our libraries.”

The project continues to grow, as many portraits have been added to the Madison Public Library’s permanent collection.

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**Community Weighs in on Imagination Center**

Madison residents had the opportunity to view current designs of the Reindahl Park and provide feedback on the project. Residents can view the project currently sits at 810 portraits of all ages, at any skill level, from all walks of life.

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Bubbler was in Madison to kick off the project and to bring the project not just to the libraries, but also to a larger audience for the community to gain a full representation of people from all walks of life.

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