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Research Fellow Supporting Preparations for Madison Public Library's 150th Year

Jacqueline "Jacquie" Kociubuk recently joined the Madison Public Library Foundation office through the 2024–25 Mellon Public Humanities Fellowship program.

Over the next nine months, Kociubuk will be researching the history of Madison Public Library as it prepares to mark 150 years in 2025. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin–Madison's iSchool (Information School).

Before arriving at UW, Kociubuk earned her B.S. in biology and chemistry from Evergreen State College and a dual master's degree in library science and education from Kent State University. Fun fact: Evergreen State College didn't give out letter grades!

Kociubuk's research focuses on the role of a public library to children and families for community and learning. She used to work as a librarian, which helped inspire her research.

"Working as a librarian opened my eyes to problems and issues that I don't think I would have known about, had I just gone straight into researching the libraries," she said. "It determined what I wanted to do for my dissertation research, and I find it helpful to have more of an insider's understanding of what goes on in libraries."

Kociubuk will tap the library's collection of local public library

history and Wisconsin Historical Society resources for her research, which will inform the library and foundation's efforts to celebrate 150 years of Madison Public Library.

After completing her PhD, Kociubuk hopes to work in a position where she is able to continue researching.

Originally from Ellensburg, Wash., Kociubuk has two cats and 12 chickens. She enjoys roller skating, running, and biking — so much that she spent the last year training for the Ironman Wisconsin race and completed it on September 8! She was inspired by her husband, who ran an Ironman race two years ago. She most recently read *Choosing to Run* by Des Linden.

The Public Humanities Fellowships program is offered through the UW–Madison Center for the Humanities and is made possible with the essential financial support of the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.



Kociubuk

Grant Improves Access to Bilingual, Spanish Collection

Madison Public Library Foundation recently gave Madison Public Library a \$500 mini-grant to support a reorganization of the library's Spanish and bilingual (English/Spanish) World Language Collection materials.



Children's Librarian Holly Storck-Post led the Spanish and bilingual materials recategorizing and labeling project for the library.

The World Language Collection includes books, movies, music, and more in numerous languages — including Spanish, French, Japanese, and Arabic — for all ages. The two-year reorganization effort, led by Children's Librarian Holly Storck-Post, included recategorizing and relabeling 10,000 Spanish and bilingual titles within the collection. The project involved advocating for new collection codes that help the categorization of items, such as picture books or chapter books, which allows the library to decide their placement on the shelves. The new collection codes for juvenile materials in Spanish will help both patrons and staff easily find books in that category.

Visit your favorite Madison Public Library or search on LINKcat online to find these Spanish and bilingual materials!

Introducing the Foundation's 2024–25 Interns

Madison Public Library Foundation offers internships each year to local college students. We welcomed three new interns this year who will work in our office through May. We hope you'll meet them at

Ex Libris this fall or perhaps a Wisconsin Book Festival event! In the meantime, read more about each of them at mplfoundation.org/news.

Nathan Baker
Events Intern
UW–Madison
Major: International Studies



Ray Kirsch
Communications Intern
UW–Madison
Majors: English (Creative Writing emphasis), Journalism (reporting track)
Certificate: Gender and Women's Studies



Ananya Prabhakar
Development Intern
UW–Madison
Majors: Consumer Behavior & Marketplace Studies, Economics



Wisconsin Book Festival Fall Celebration Schedule Unveiled

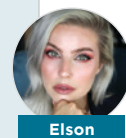
Nearly 70 authors are scheduled to speak about their latest published works at the Wisconsin Book Festival's 23rd annual Fall Celebration October 17–20 at Central Library and downtown Madison partner venues. From edge-of-your-seat mystery and globetrotting fantasy to gripping memoir and thought-provoking nonfiction, more than 50 events will engage readers of all ages and interests throughout the weekend.



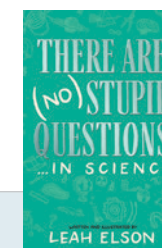
"Whether you're drawn to a particular genre or taking a more spontaneous approach to your festival schedule and looking to discover new ideas, you won't be disappointed and will feel welcome," said Wisconsin Book Festival Director Jane Rotonda. "You can walk right in and learn something new and interesting. It's just a great community moment, having all these authors of different backgrounds and talents here in Madison, ready to share their knowledge and engage in fascinating dialogue."

Fall Celebration highlight events are listed below. Free books will be distributed to attendees at events marked with an asterisk, courtesy of the Wisconsin Book Festival.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17



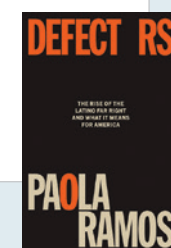
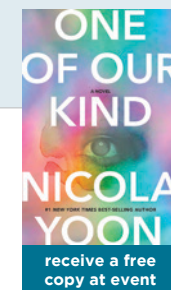
• Scientist and public science communicator **Leah Elson** for her debut work, *There Are (No) Stupid Questions ... in Science*, **7 p.m.**, Central Library, Community Room 302



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

• Award-winning and *New York Times* best-selling author **Nicola Yoon** for *One of Our Kind**, **6 p.m.**, Central Library, Community Room 301

• American journalist **Paola Ramos** for *Defectors: The Rise of the Latino Right and What It Means for America*, **7:30 p.m.**, Central Library, Community Room 302



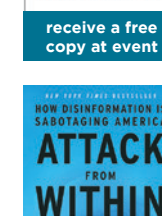
• Award-winning poet **Danez Smith** for *Bluff**, **9 p.m.**, Central Library, Community Rooms 301 & 302

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

• *Gastropod* podcast co-host, journalist, and author **Nicola Twilley** for *Frostbite: How Refrigeration Changed Our Food, Our Planet, and Ourselves**, **10:30 a.m.**, Central Library, Community Room 302

• University of Michigan Law Professor, former U.S. Attorney, and legal analyst **Barbara McQuade**, in conversation with David Maraniss, for *Attack From Within: How Disinformation Is Sabotaging America**, **3 p.m.**, Central Library, Community Room 302

• Five-time novelist **Rufi Thorpe** for *Margo's Got Money Troubles*, **6 p.m.**, Central Library, Community Room 301



• PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction winner **Joseph O'Neill** for *Godwin*, **7:30 p.m.**, Central Library, Community Room 301

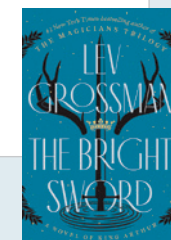
• Acclaimed globetrotting photographer **George Steinmetz** for *Feed the Planet:*

A Photographic Journey to the World's Food, **7:30 p.m.**, Arts + Literature Laboratory



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

• *New York Times* best-selling author **Lev Grossman** for *The Bright Sword*, **1:30 p.m.**, Community Rooms 301 & 302



Become a Festival Member

Now that you've seen all the fascinating Wisconsin Book Festival author programs on the horizon this fall, you might be wondering how you can be a part of the excitement. The best way to support the festival is to become a member!

Donations to Madison Public Library Foundation fund author travel expenses, staffing, operations, free books for attendees at select events, and other costs. All it takes to become a member is a gift of \$100 or a greater amount if you wish.

Exclusive member benefits include reserved seating at select author events, an invitation to our Fall Celebration Author Reveal Party, and more!

Memberships are excellent gifts for family, friends, teachers, coworkers, and the other bookworms in your life.

Make your membership donation at wisconsinbookfestival.org/give.

Presented by Madison Public Library in partnership with Madison Public Library Foundation, the festival offers free, year-round literary events that facilitate conversations and critical thinking. Diversity — in the author lineup, book selection, and audience — is a key component of festival programming. The foundation privately raises funds to make festival programming possible and is deeply grateful to Signature Sponsor Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation and the many other sponsors for their support.



For program details and the full schedule, scan the QR code or visit wisconsinbookfestival.org.



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Roots & Wings Foundation Grants Multiyear Support for Early Literacy

Roots & Wings Foundation – a family foundation launched in 2020 by Epic CEO and founder Judy Faulkner and her husband, Gordon – recently gave Madison Public Library Foundation several grants totaling approximately \$342,000 to support early literacy programs and resources at Madison Public Library through 2026.

The grants will allow the library to build upon and expand existing programs and collections that prioritize the accessibility of early literacy for children and families. These include:

- the youth delivery program, which connects children and providers at in-home daycares, One City Elementary School, MMSD's Play and Learn program, and after-school sites with books and other literacy materials
- early childhood collection materials, from board books to audio-enabled picture books
- Parents as First Teachers, which supplies public health staff with early literacy materials and resources so they can visit new parents' homes, and share the importance of reading, singing, and playing on child development and literacy
- new collection items for the Dream Bus mobile library
- WE PLAY materials for each of the nine libraries



Bilingual Library Ambassador and Spanish-speaking storytime leader Barb Alvarado leads bilingual storytime at Pinney Library.

- One Book at a Time, a targeted outreach effort to distribute books to the city's most under-resourced children so they can build a home library
- technology devices and equipment for storytimes, including bilingual programs

"Madison Public Library understands that the literacy-rich experiences that children have during the first three years of life can actually determine future learning and success in a child's life," Library Youth Services Manager Tammy Ocampo said. "Having an amazing local partner like Roots & Wings, who also understands this, means that we can extend our capacity and further our work to help children in Madison develop those critical early literacy skills, as well as nurture a love of reading that will last a lifetime."

The foundation is extremely thankful for Roots & Wings Foundation's generosity.

Video Honors Library Foundation

Madison Community Foundation honored Madison Public Library Foundation and its strong history of legacy giving in a video screened at MCF's August 15 Legacy Society Luncheon at the Goodman Community Center Brassworks Building.



Madison Public Library Foundation Board President Tanya Salman shared her own library story in the video.

At the event, MCF shared a video it coordinated and paid for that featured library and Madison Public Library Foundation leadership talking about its Epilogue Circle legacy giving community, and how gift planning – including bequests, stock transfers, annuities, and life insurance – supports library endowment funds.

To learn more about planning a gift that helps sustain the library well into the future, visit mplfoundation.org/gift-planning.

Scan the QR code or visit mplfoundation.org to watch the video.



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Library Board Supports Fall Referendum

Madisonians will vote on a \$22 million city referendum when they go to the polls on November 5. The Common Council approved the referendum language in late August, soon after the Madison Public Library Board issued a statement of referendum support in hopes of avoiding deep cuts to library services and programming.

"This referendum represents a pivotal opportunity to invest in the heart of our community – a place where knowledge, culture, and community spirit converge," said Board President Lisa Hempstead. "The Madison Public Library is a cornerstone of our community, where worlds connect and dreams are built. Libraries offer invaluable resources and programs that support lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and social engagement."

The City of Madison has faced a budget shortfall of some degree every year for the past 14 years due to state-imposed restrictions on city revenue and growing need for services. To better understand the city's current and projected financial picture ahead of the referendum vote, and the library's path toward supporting the referendum, visit madpl.org/budget.



Lost in the Stats *What's Trending at the Library*

New to our newsletter is *Lost in the Stats*, a recurring feature in each newsletter edition that will highlight interesting library-related numbers – from item checkouts to programming impact. This issue lists titles of the most popular borrowed books, eBooks, and audiobooks*.

Adults

1. *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
2. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
3. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
4. *Funny Story* by Emily Henry
5. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

Teens

1. *Court of Thorns and Roses* and *Throne of Glass* series by Sarah J. Maas
2. *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley
3. *Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins
4. *Divine Rivals* by Rebecca Ross
5. *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

Kids

1. *Dog Man* series by Dav Pilkey
2. *The Eyes and the Impossible* by Dave Eggers
3. *Amulet* series by Kazu Kibuishi
4. *Wings of Fire* graphic novel series by Tui T. Sutherland
5. *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan

eBooks

1. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
2. *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
3. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
4. *Don't Believe It* by Charlie Donlea
5. *One Summer in Savannah* by Terah Shelton Harris

Audiobooks

1. *Pretty Girls* by Karin Slaughter
2. *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
3. *101 Essays That Will Change The Way You Think* by Brianna Wiest
4. *You Shouldn't Have Come Here* by Jeneva Rose
5. *Wool* by Hugh Howey

*from January–July 2024

Sunday Hours Back at Several Libraries

Sunday hours have returned to three Madison Public Library locations! From Labor Day to Memorial Day, Central, Goodman South Madison, and Lakeview libraries are open from 1–5 p.m.

Visit madpl.org/locations for hours and library addresses.

EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Lakeview Collage Fundraiser to Benefit Library

Local artist Bird Ross, co-founder of the Women Artists Forward Fund and the Forward Art Prize in 2018, has created an art fundraiser to benefit Madison Public Library.

The *Less Be Raisin Nibble* exhibit consists of collages of different textures, colors, and papers that are on display at Lakeview Library. Fundraiser proceeds will go toward Madison Public Library and the Fritz Pantry at the Goodman Community Center.

Ross' artistic studies revolve around how divergent materials can work together, whether it be through exploring costume design, sculptures, embroidery, or clothing. She's no stranger to the library: In 2016, she founded the Mending Project, which provides free mending to the public at Central and Hawthorne libraries.

Ross enjoys collaging because of the experimental troubleshooting opportunities it presents. She hopes the exhibit will bring viewers some joy and remind them how they connect with art in their lives.

"It is so nice to have the work out in the public sphere, to share it and show it," she said. "I can't invite everyone to my studio, but I love inviting everyone to be inside the library."



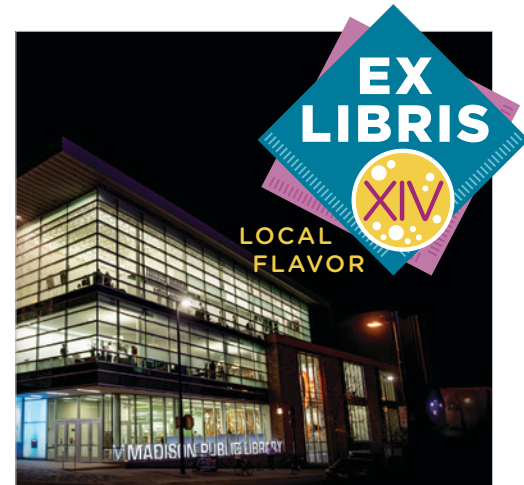
Local artist Bird Ross and the exhibit at Lakeview Library

Ross chose to give funds from the exhibit to Madison Public Library Foundation because of her personal connection to the library.

"I adore the library, the people and books, projects and residencies, Bubblers and Bubblearians ... and all the questions that get answered at the library," she said. "Given the shortfall in the city's budget, it's time to do what little I can to support something that is so meaningful in our community."

A closing reception is planned for **Friday, September 27 from 4-6 p.m.** at Lakeview Library. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and attendees can see the exhibit before the works go to their forever homes. The last day to purchase will be Sunday, September 29.

Visit madisonbubbler.org for exhibit details.



Buy Tickets Now for Ex Libris

Join Madison Public Library Foundation for *Ex Libris Vol. XIV: Local Flavor*, Madison's favorite fall fundraiser, on **Friday, November 8 from 7-10 p.m.!**

Attendees are invited to sample delicious food and beverages from the area's top vendors. The event will also feature music, an online auction of rare items and experience packages, hands-on art activities, the chance to sign up for a library card, and more!

Ex Libris net proceeds will support the library as it works to fulfill its new mission: to spark literacy, foster curiosity, and support community while providing equitable access to experiences, ideas, and resources necessary to thrive.

To buy tickets, visit mplfoundation.org.

Can't wait? Warm up for *Ex Libris* at our **Beer Release Party on Wednesday, October 9 from 4-7 p.m.** at Young Blood Beer Co.!

A dollar from the sale of each pint of a specially brewed beer will be donated to the foundation. Admission is free. New this year: Athens Grill & Knoche's Meats will team up to present a meat raffle, with proceeds benefiting our foundation!

Big thanks to Presenting Sponsor Scooter Software for its continued support of *Ex Libris!*

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

All month long, libraries across the country join together to remind families and guardians of children of the value that their local public library card provides.

Those who sign up for a Madison Public Library card in September can take a photo with one of its **BIG** library cards at any location.



Already have a library card? You can still join in the fun with the library's list of 30 things you can do with your card — one for each day of the month! Visit madpl.org to see the list.

Also, keep an eye — or ear — out for Library Card Sign-Up Month ads in local media, including Macaroni Kid weekly email newsletters and City Cast podcasts!



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