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Wisconsin Book Festival Releases 2017 Festival Schedule, Celebrates 15th Anniversary of Festival

The Wisconsin Book Festival released its 2017 festival schedule on August 24. The four-day festival will take place November 2-5, 2017, in and around Madison Public Library's Central Library in downtown Madison, Wisconsin.

This year's lineup includes:

- Angela J. Davis, professor of law at American University, for *Policing the Black Man: Arrest, Prosecution, and Imprisonment*
- Joseph Fink & Jeffrey Cranor, creators of the *Welcome to Night Vale* podcast, for *It Devours*
- Julia Glass, National Book Award-winning author of *Three Junes*, for *A House Among the Trees*
- Amy Goldstein, *Washington Post* reporter, for *Janesville*
- Mary Gordon, celebrated Madison author, for *There Your Heart Lies*
- Jason Reynolds, 2016 National Book Award Finalist for Young People, for *All American Boys*
- Doug Stanton, *New York Times* bestselling military historian, for *The Odyssey of Echo Company* (in conversation with David Maraniss)
- Jeremi Suri, former UW-Madison history professor, for *The Impossible Presidency*
- Paul Yoon, National Book Foundation 5 under 35 honoree, for *The Mountain*

The festival will feature more than 70 events over four days with plenty of opportunities to meet authors, discover new books or favorite writers, and have books signed. See the full festival lineup at www.wisconsinbookfestival.org

In addition to the Festival each fall, the Wisconsin Book Festival offers author events throughout the year. Upcoming events before and after the festival include Timothy Tyson for *The Blood of Emmett Till* (September 28), Nicole Krauss for *Forest Dark* (October 5), Nathan Englander for *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* (October 9), Annette Gordon-Reed for *Most Blessed of the Patriarchs* (October 11), Charles Sykes for *How the Right Lost Its Mind* (October 16), Gail Simmons for *Bringing It Home* (October 27), and Alexander McCall Smith for *The House of Unexpected Sisters* (November 17).

"We've already had a year filled with highlights, and I can't wait for the incredible moments that will undoubtedly come out of the 80 events we have planned this fall. I'm particularly looking forward to all of the discussions that will occur on issues that affect us all whether it be race, immigration, North Korea, climate change, or gender equality," said Conor Moran, Wisconsin Book Festival Director.

The Wisconsin Book Festival is hosted by Madison Public Library in partnership with the Madison Public Library Foundation. Festival sponsors make this event possible through their private support. 2017 Wisconsin Book Festival sponsors include: Madison Public Library Foundation, American Girl Fund for Children, Capitol Lakes, Friends of UW Libraries and UW Memorial Library, Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co., Madison Gas & Electric, Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation, Stafford Rosenbaum, and University Research Park, with additional support from Cheryl Rosen Weston, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, Madison Arts Commission, Nancy Pandhi and Alex Young, A Room of One's Own, UW-Madison Center for the Humanities, and Webcrafters-Frautschi Foundation. Book Fest Benefactors include Tana Elias and Andrew Clarkowski, Marnie and Chuck Hulan, Anne M. Lucke, and Leah Sandholm. Inkind donations by Cricket Design Works and Edgewater Hotel and media sponsors Isthmus and Wisconsin Public Radio also provide festival support. Learn more about funding for the festival at mplfoundation.org.

About the Wisconsin Book Festival

The Wisconsin Book Festival presents national and local authors throughout the year in Madison, Wisconsin through its four day literary festival each fall and year-round event series. Founded by the Wisconsin Humanities Council in 2002, responsibility for the festival was assumed by Madison Public Library and its Foundation in 2013. Follow the festival on the web at wisconsinbookfestival.org, **Wisconsin Book Festival** on Facebook, or on Twitter [@wibookfestival](https://twitter.com/wibookfestival)

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