

WELCOME TO THE EIGHTH ANNUAL
CENTRAL WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL!

Our festival is organized and hosted by the **Marathon County Public Library, McMillan Memorial Library and Portage County Public Library.**

Inside this program, you'll see the full list of events taking place **September 26–28, 2024.** It's a labor of love, and our festival committee spent the past year planning more than a dozen events for this year's three-day festival. As in years past, we strive to offer events to suit a wide range of literary tastes, with authors from around the country making their way to central Wisconsin to share their work with you!

Among this year's events, we are thrilled to welcome internationally bestselling (and two-time Oprah's Book Club pick) author **David Wroblewski** for his first Wisconsin event in more than a decade. We're also hosting events with acclaimed Midwest authors making their first CWBF appearances, including **Hannah Morrissey, Lindsay Starck and Holly Wilson.** We have several authors who joined us during past festivals coming back to discuss their new books, including **Lori M. Lee, Andrew Graff and B. J. Hollars.** Ten Wisconsin authors will join us in Stevens Point for a local author fair, and we're grateful to partner with the **Center for the Visual Arts** on receptions for their poetry and art exhibit "Gathering" and the work of local writer and artist **Duachaka Her** (who also will appear at a second CWBF event).

You can stay up to date on all event information on the "2024 Lineup" section of our website, www.mcpl.us/cwbf, and more event info is on our Facebook page, facebook.com/cwbookfest.

2024 BOOK FESTIVAL SUPPORTERS:

Support for the 2024 Central Wisconsin Book Festival was provided through the Marathon County Public Library, Portage County Public Library and McMillan Memorial Library; the Community Arts Grant Program of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, with funds provided by the Wisconsin Arts Board, a state agency; the Community Foundation; and the B. A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation.

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2024 BOOK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:

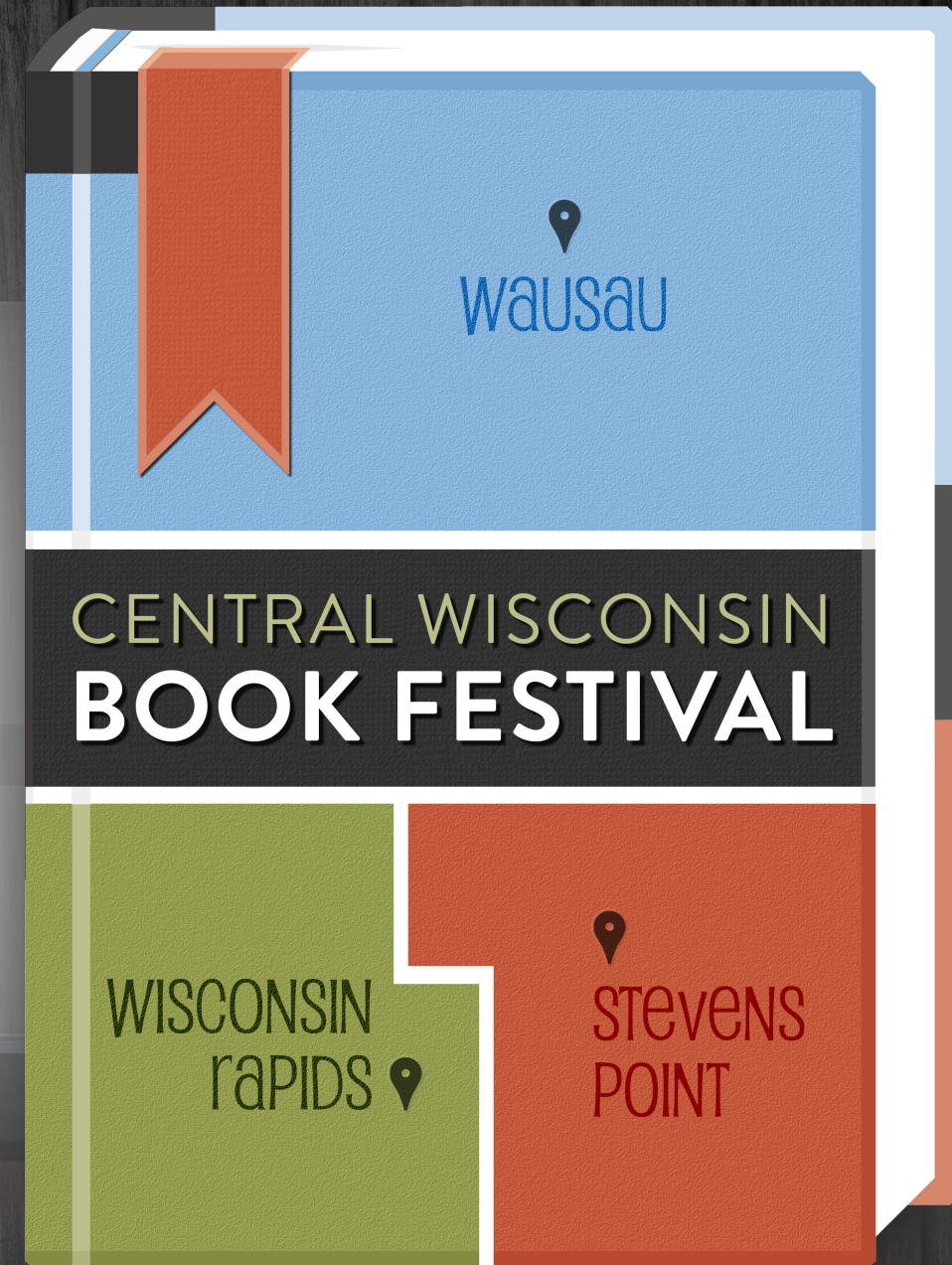
Sonja Ackerman, Julie Bunczak, Lyn Ciarro, Chad Dally, Eddie Glade, Jane Janke Johnson, Colin McGinnis, Rob Mentzer, Cheryl Posner, Katie Rosenberg and Jill Stuckenberg. Additional help from Ben Kromholz, Stephanie Martell and Robyn Vargas.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE LITERARY ARTS!

Share any thoughts on social media and tag it [#cwbf2024](https://twitter.com/cwbf2024). Also, we'd love to hear about your experience and ideas for future festivals; send us an email at cwbf@mcpl.us or take a quick survey at www.mcpl.us/cwbf.

CELEBRATE THE WRITTEN WORD!

20+ AUTHORS IN THREE CITIES



SEPTEMBER 26–28, 2024

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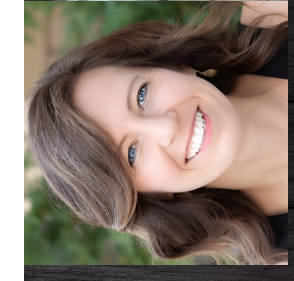


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LINDSAY STARCK



HANNAH MORRISSEY

CENTRAL WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL 2024 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

“True North”

ANDREW GRAFF

ADULTS We’re happy to welcome back Andrew Graff to discuss his new novel, “True North”! Andrew will read from the book and discuss its creation, take audience questions and sign copies of his novels (also including his 2021 debut, “Raft of Stars”).

6:30–7:30 p.m. @ [MCPL Wausau](#)

Cartoonist & Illustrator

DUACHAKA HER

ADULTS & TEENS Duachaka (Dua), who lives in central Wisconsin, is the creator of mini comics such as “Witchy’s Halloween” and the comic books “The Collection” and “Then & Now.” She’ll discuss her art, which often focuses on aspects of her Hmong-American identity!

10:00–11:00 a.m. @ [MCPL Wausau](#)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

“Typewriter’s Block”

ROBERT WALKER

ADULTS Author Robert Walker will discuss his debut novel! “Typewriter’s Block” follows struggling writer Kyle Lindsay, whose new typewriter is possessed by a spirit whose goal is to rid the world of mediocre writers.

1:00–2:00 p.m. @ [McMillan Memorial Library \(Wisconsin Rapids\)](#)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

**Center for the Visual Arts
“GATHERING” & “THEN & NOW”**

ADULTS We’ve partnered with the Center for Visual Arts in Wausau on receptions for their poetry and art exhibit, “Gathering,” and the new solo exhibition by cartoonist and illustrator Duachaka Her titled “Then and Now.”

5:00–7:30 p.m. @ [Center for the Visual Arts \(Wausau\)](#)

**Suspense Author
HANNAH MORRISSEY**

ADULTS One of our state’s own talented writers, Hannah Morrissey is the author of the Black Harbor suspense series. Inspiration for the series came in part from Hannah’s own experience transcribing police reports, and her novels have inspired their own sub-genre called “Midwestern Noir.”

7:00–8:00 p.m. @ [Portage County Public Library \(Stevens Point\)](#)

**“Beyond the Flames”
GREGORY LEE RENZ**

ADULTS We welcome back author Gregory Lee Renz to discuss his second novel, “Beyond the Flames,” a follow-up to his debut novel, “Beneath the Flames.” Renz is a retired fire captain and draws upon his wealth of experience to inform his stories.

7:00–8:00 p.m. @ [McMillan Memorial Library \(Wisconsin Rapids\)](#)

LOCATIONS

- [MCPL Wausau / Marathon County Public Library](#)
300 N. First St., Wausau, WI
- ▲ [Portage County Public Library](#)
1001 Main St., Stevens Point, WI
- [McMillan Memorial Library](#)
490 E. Grand Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- [Center for the Visual Arts](#)
427 North 4th St., Wausau, WI
- ❖ [Peking Restaurant](#)
221 Scott Street, Wausau, WI
- 📍 [Dreyfus University Center \(UWSP\)](#)
1015 Reserve Street, Stevens Point, WI

**Portage County Public Library
LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR**

ADULTS Stop by any time during this event to meet local authors, discuss their works, and purchase their books (plus, have them signed)! Authors include: Gina Ramsey, Rebecca Zornow, Jeff Hein, Ken Farmer, Charlene Stratton, Lee Kluck, Kerry Ames, Art Rathburn, Brian Maes, and Philip Venzke.

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. @ [Portage County Public Library \(Stevens Point\)](#)

“Reclaim Your Story”

DR. CARRIE JAROSINSKI

ADULTS Harness the power of storytelling in your life! Dr. Jarosinski is a nurse educator, health coach and group fitness instructor. Her book, “Reclaim Your Story: Renew Your Health and Wellness through the Power of Storytelling” is a unique blend of storytelling and journaling.

10:30–11:30 a.m. @ [McMillan Memorial Library \(Wisconsin Rapids\)](#)

**Wisconsin Author
HOLLY WILSON**

ADULTS Holly Wilson is an associate professor of creative writing at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Her first novel, “Kittentits,” is a surrealist and bold take on the American coming-of-age novel. Wilson will talk about the novel, answer audience questions and sign copies of her book!

12:30–1:30 p.m. @ [MCPL Wausau](#)

**Children’s Author
DARCY MILLER**

CHILDREN Meet Wisconsin’s own Darcy Miller, author of several books for kids and kids-at-heart, including “Roll”; “Margot & Mateo Save the World”; and the Strangeville School series.

1:00–2:00 p.m. @ [Portage County Public Library \(Stevens Point\)](#)

**“Pahua & the Dragon’s Secret”
LORI M. LEE**

ADULTS & TEENS Lori last joined us in 2022 to discuss her Southeast Asian fantasy novel “Pahua & the Soul Stealer.” The next book in the series, “Pahua & the Dragon’s Secret,” will be published this month. Lori will talk about her work, answer audience questions and sign copies of her books.

2:00–3:00 p.m. @ [MCPL Wausau](#)

“Monsters We Have Made”

LINDSAY STARCK

ADULTS Minneapolis-based author Lindsay Starck will share her second novel, “Monsters We Have Made.” Lindsay will also take audience questions, and copies of the novel will be available to purchase.

2:00–3:00 p.m. @ [McMillan Memorial Library \(Wisconsin Rapids\)](#)

“Seeds in Soil”

SUSAN APPS-BODILLY

ALL AGES Midwest educator Susan Apps-Bodilly is the author of “One Room Schools” and coauthor (with Jerry Apps) of “Old Farm Country Cookbook.” If you’ve been inspired to grow more local food, her newest book, “Seeds in Soil,” is for you!

2:30–3:30 p.m. @ [Portage County Public Library \(Stevens Point\)](#)

“Wisconsin for Kennedy”

B. J. HOLLARS

ADULTS Wisconsin author B. J. Hollars will discuss his new book about JFK’s history-making 1960 Wisconsin primary campaign, and how Kennedy’s team managed to outmaneuver his politically seasoned opponent from neighboring Minnesota, Hubert Humphrey.

3:30–4:30 p.m. @ [Peking Restaurant \(Wausau\)](#)

“Familiaris”

DAVID WROBLEWSKI

ADULTS Internationally bestselling author David Wroblewski, a native of Wisconsin, will hold his first book event in the Badger State in 14 years! David will discuss his new novel “Familiaris”—a highly anticipated follow-up to his #1 New York Times bestseller, “The Story of Edgar Sawtelle”!

7:00–8:00 p.m. @ [Dreyfus University Center \(UWSP\) \(Stevens Point\)](#)

