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Chippewa Valley Book Festival Presents: twenty events. seven days. one festival

Gather your friends and family for the 20th annual Chippewa Valley Book Festival and prepare yourselves for twenty events, seven days, one festival. Starting October 21, 2019, the Chippewa Valley will be filled with events that will thrill, delight, and enlighten audiences of all ages. Since 2000 the festival has hosted over 320 writers. Among them have been nationally known authors such as Ayad Akhtar, Charles Baxter, Christina Baker Kline, Nickolas Butler, Matthew Desmond, Hillary Jordan, Caroline Fraser, Naomi Shibab Nye and local writers and poets such as John Hildebrand, Michael Perry, Max Garland, and B.J. Hollars. Nearly 6,000 students and adults attend and participate in festival events, author visits in the schools, and the Young Writers Showcase. This year's book festival includes:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 6:30 p.m. University of Wisconsin–Stout, Memorial Student Center Ballroom
Neel Patel: Making the Unseen, Seen: Giving Voice to Diverse Characters in Fiction & Beyond

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 7:00 p.m. Altoona Public Library
Anna Lee Huber: Mrs. Bond: The True Role of Female Spies during the First World War

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 – 7:00 p.m. Fall Creek Public Library
Carolyn Porter: A Font and the Search for One Man's Fate

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 10:30 a.m. Menomonie Public Library
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 6:00 p.m. L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
Dorothy Chan: Revenge of the Asian Woman: A Reading

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 7:00 p.m. Heyde Center for the Arts, Chippewa Falls
Leif Enger: The Optimist at Midnight

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 7:30 p.m. Lazy Monk Brewing
Barstow & Grand: Issue #3 Release Party & Reading

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 – 7:00 p.m. Pablo Center at the Confluence, Riverfront Room (ticket required)
Kim Brooks: Small Animals: Parenting in the Age of Fear

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 4:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Kimberly Blaeser & Margaret Rozga: Active Voices: Poetry & Social Justice

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
10:30 a.m. **Loretta Ellsworth: Ballrooms & POW Camps**
1:00 p.m. **Mindy Mejia: The Heart of Noir**
2:15 p.m. **Art Cullen: Change & Resilience in the Heartland (Pulitzer Prize-winning author)**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 7:30 p.m. Pablo Center at the Confluence, RCU Theatre (ticket required)
Rebecca Makkai: The Great Believers: Where Fiction Meets History (Pulitzer Prize finalist)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 – 1:00 p.m. The Grand Theatre
Young Writers Showcase: A Creative Writing Competition for Young Writers

For full festival details and complete list of authors, visit www.cvbookfest.org/schedule. Author photos and book jackets as well as Chippewa Valley Book Festival logos can be found at: www.cvbookfest.com/media

The Chippewa Valley Book Festival partners with the Pablo Center at the Confluence, and the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire Foundation to provide literary programming for all Chippewa Valley residents.

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