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## **Wisconsin Book Festival Fall Celebration October 21–24**

MADISON, Wis. (Wednesday, September 8, 2021) – The Wisconsin Book Festival is preparing for the fall kickoff to its 2021–22 programming season, with a hybrid approach for author events — some virtual and others in person. In-person events will mostly take place on Saturday, October 23, during the annual fall celebration weekend at Central Library, with select in-person events in partnership with the Wisconsin Science Festival at the Discovery Building on the UW-Madison campus.

This year’s event highlights include:

- Award-winning educator and historian **Carol Anderson** for *The Second*, 7:00 pm Thursday, October 21 (virtual)
- Literary fiction icon **Miriam Toews** for *Fight Night*, 8:30 pm Thursday, October 21 (virtual)
- Radio host, journalist and public speaker **Celeste Headlee** for *Speaking of Race*, 7:00 pm Friday, October 22 (virtual)
- Wisconsin’s own **Nickolas Butler** for *Godspeed*, 3:00 pm Saturday, October 23 (in person)
- Whiting Award recipient **Jaquira Diaz** for *Ordinary Girls*, 3:00 pm Saturday, October 23 (in person)
- Best-selling thriller writer **Nick Petrie** for *The Breaker*, 4:30 pm Saturday, October 23 (in person)
- Award-winning sportswriter and biographer **Mirin Fader** for *Giannis*, 6:00 pm Saturday, October 23 (in person)
- Defense attorney, motivational speaker and nonprofit leader **Jarrett Adams** for *Redeeming Justice*, 7:30 pm Saturday, October 23 (in person)
- Intrepid journalist and science writer **Mary Roach** for *Fuzz*, presented in partnership with the Wisconsin Science Festival, 11:00 am Sunday, October 24 (in person)

Programs scheduled in the weeks leading up to the fall celebration include:

- #metoo movement founder and activist **Tarana Burke** for *Unbound*, 6:00 pm Thursday, September 23 (virtual)
- Internationally renowned multi-genre writer **Sandra Cisneros** for *Martita, I Remember You*, 7:00 pm Tuesday, September 28 (virtual)
- Memoirist **Bobby Love** and wife **Cheryl Love** for *The Redemption of Bobby Love*, 7:00 pm Thursday, October 7 (virtual)
- Feminist essayist and memoirist **Melissa Febos** for *Girlhood*, 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 12 (in person)

"We're looking forward to the upcoming festival season in its continually evolving form," said festival Director Conor Moran. "Our virtual events proved very popular over the last year and a half, so we're planning to continue those but balance them out with select in-person events for those who prefer and miss that format. We want to do whatever we can to celebrate books and reading, to support authors, and to make author talks accessible to our community."

Festival program attendees and authors will be required to adhere to any public health orders in place at their scheduled time. Visit the festival website for a complete list of events, which is subject to change.

Media interested in scheduling advance interviews with authors or in speaking with Moran about the event lineup should email [amy@brickroad-pr.com](mailto:amy@brickroad-pr.com).

The Wisconsin Book Festival is presented by Madison Public Library in partnership with Madison Public Library Foundation. For program details and the full schedule, go to [wisconsinbookfestival.org](http://wisconsinbookfestival.org).

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### About the Wisconsin Book Festival

The Wisconsin Book Festival presents local, national and international author events throughout the year. Founded by the Wisconsin Humanities Council in 2002, the festival moved under Madison Public Library in partnership with Madison Public Library Foundation in 2013. Follow the festival on its [website](#), on its [Crowdcast page](#), on its [Facebook page](#), [@wibookfestival](#) on Twitter, or [@wibookfest](#) on Instagram.

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