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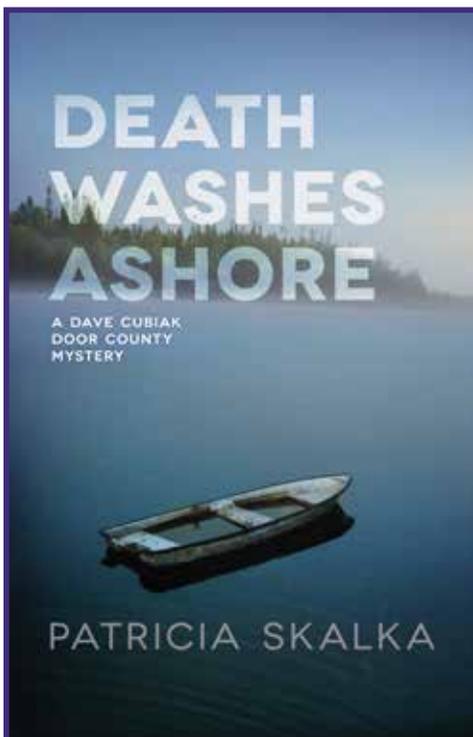
AUTHOR EVENT

**PATRICIA
SKALKA**

Dave Cubiak Door
County Mysteries

Saturday, April 9

2:30 PM



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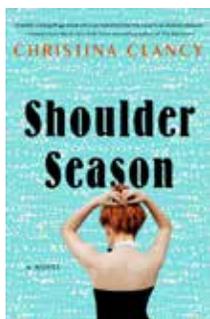


NOVELS BASED IN WISCONSIN

By Kasey Leaf

Readers often seek out books that take them to faraway places, following characters to bustling cities, dreamy deserts or starry galaxies. There's something exciting about sitting in the comfort of your own bed while imagining wizards hike through Middle Earth or secret agents speed through the streets of London. However, reading stories that take place closer to home has its own appeal. Living in the same or similar place as the main characters can make for a very lifelike and visceral reading experience.

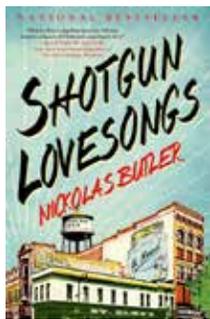
No single book can fully capture the wonders (and frustrations) of living in Wisconsin, but these selected novels help form a picture of what Wisconsin life is all about. Through literature, we can follow Wisconsinites from all walks of life - past and present. We can get to know an Ojibwe mother teaching her daughter how to mend a dress, a dairy farmer making ends meet during the Great Depression, or a talented architect trapped in a love triangle. From the cherry orchards of Door County to the grassy plains of the Driftless Area, these stories will remind you of home, or entice you to visit a new destination.



***Shoulder Season* by Christina Clancy (2021)**

Setting: Lake Geneva, 1960s-1970s

Some Wisconsinites may not have known our state was once home to a Playboy Resort. Lake Geneva's Playboy Club attracted families looking for a summer getaway, vacationers from Chicago and young Midwestern women looking for work. The club has been closed since the 1980s, but Christina Clancy's latest novel brings it back to life. The novel is told from the perspective of Sherri, a nineteen-year-old girl in need of an income after her parents suddenly pass away. She, along with daughters of dairy farmers and factory workers, adorn tiny bunny costumes and uncomfortable stilettos and set to work serving drinks and helping hotel staff. At the Playboy Club, Sherri finds sisterhood with the other bunnies, gains financial independence and experiences first love. This novel transports readers to an intoxicating paradise that's close to home.



***Shotgun Lovesongs* by Nickolas Butler (2013)**

Setting: fictional town called 'Little Wing,' present day

Henry, Lee, Kip and Ronny grew up together in rural Wisconsin, but their lives have since taken different paths. Henry stayed home and married his first love, whilst the others left in search of something more. Ronnie became a rodeo star, Kip made his fortune in the city, and musician Lee found fame - but heartbreak, too. Now all four are reunited for a wedding, but amid happiness and celebration, old rivalries resurface and a wife's secret threatens

to tear both a marriage and a friendship apart. Nickolas Butler writes a remarkable and uncompromising saga that explores the age-old question of whether or not you can ever truly come home again. (Provided by publisher)

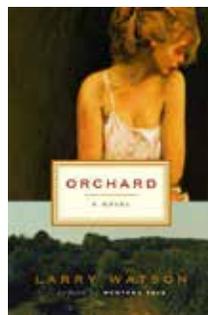


***Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan (2007)**

Setting: Spring Green, the 1910s

Mamah Borthwick Cheney begins a clandestine love affair with Frank Lloyd Wright a few years after she and her husband commissioned the renowned architect to design a new home for her and her husband.

Over time this powerful attraction sends them on a course that would send shockwaves to the big city of Chicago. Mixing historical facts with romantic turmoil Nancy Horan will keep readers enthralled right until the novel's chilling end.

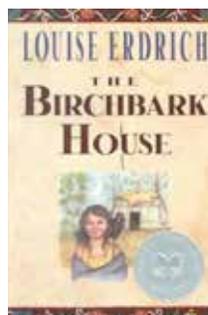


***Orchard* by Larry Watson (2003)**

Setting: Door County, Great Depression

An affair blossoms in the orchards of Door County between a Scandinavian immigrant and a talented artist. Sonja moves from Norway looking for a new life and settles down in sleepy Door County. After starting a family with Henry, an apple farmer, she soon

feels confined to the role of wife and mother. Fate leads Sonja to the studio of Ned Weaver, an internationally renowned artist where she begins modeling for his paintings. Jealousy ensues, forcing Sonja to walk a fine line to appease both men in her life while holding on to a sense of self. Larry Watson, the bestselling author of *Montana 1948*, builds tension between the characters with tight prose and character flashbacks.



***The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich (1999)**

Setting: Madeline Island, the mid-1800s

This award-winning children's chapter book tells the story of Omakayas, a seven-year-old girl of the Ojibwe Nation and her life on an island in Lake Superior. Omakayas was the sole survivor of the 1847 smallpox epidemic and was adopted by another Ojibwe family. With

this new family, she learns how to tan moose hide, pick berries and scare crows from the cornfield. Louise Erdrich, a member of the Anishinaabe Nation, continues the story of Omakayas and her adventures in nature with four other books in this series.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Family Storytime

Join Ms. Amanda and Ms. Lisbeth for stories, songs, and rhymes. After storytime, make sure to pick up a take-home craft kit. Storytime is best suited for kids ages 2 – 5, but all are welcome!

Tuesdays & Thursdays

March 1—April 14

9:30 – 10:00 AM

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Community Room

Registration is required. Weekly storytime sessions repeat, so choose the day and time that works best for your family.

Unable to attend? Storytime craft kits are available weekly on Thursdays after 11:00 AM, following our final storytime session of the week. Kits are available while supplies last.

LEGO Club

Calling all LEGO enthusiasts! Drop in for some creative building time. We'll have suggested challenges for you to try, or you can build your own creation. Projects will be on display for the following month. Best suited for kids ages 5 – 11.

Wednesday, March 2

Wednesday, April 6

Wednesday, May 4

3:00—5:00 PM

Children's Program Room

Crafternoon

Drop by for some afternoon crafting. We'll provide instructions and the supplies needed to make a different craft each month. Best suited for kids ages 5 – 11.

Check closer to each date to see that month's craft.

Wednesday, March 16

Wednesday, April 20

Wednesday, May 11

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Children's Program Room

Unable to attend? We'll have Take & Make Kits for each month's craft available after 5:00 PM when the program ends. Kits are available while supplies last.



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Fun Day

The whole family is invited to drop by the Library to complete crafts and activities based around a theme. Check the website calendar closer to each date to see that month's theme.

Saturday, March 12

Saturday, April 9

Saturday, May 14

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Children's Program Room

TWEEN PROGRAMS

Between

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month as we rotate between crafting and games. Check the website calendar closer to each date to see that month's activity. Between is intended for ages 10 – 12.

Tuesday, March 8

Tuesday, April 12

Tuesday, May 10

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Community Room

Please make sure to check the Library's website and Facebook page for the most up-to-date information on children's and family programs.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen programs are intended for ages 13 – 18

Cookies & Coloring

Drop in after school to de-stress with treats and coloring!

Wednesday, March 2

Wednesday, May 4

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Teen Space

Gamer Gathering

Open gaming! Hang out and play the PS4, Nintendo Switch, board games or card games!

Friday, March 4

Friday, March 18

Friday, March 25

Friday, April 8

Friday, April 22

Friday, May 20

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Teen Space

Anime Club

Anime Club in the Teen Space! At the first meeting each month we will do some sort of activity – think art/drawing, Japanese culture, games, and crafts. The second meeting of each month will be dedicated to watching anime.

Wednesday, March 9

Wednesday, March 16

Wednesday, April 6

Wednesday, April 13

Wednesday, May 11

Wednesday, May 18

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Teen Space

What the Craft?!

Let's get crafty! Each month we'll complete a craft/project for you to keep.

Wednesday, March 23

Wednesday, April 20

3:00 – 4:30 PM

The Forge unless noted otherwise

Movie Day

Join us in the Teen Space for a movie! Movie decided by vote the week before.

Wednesday, March 30

Wednesday, April 27

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Teen Space

Teen Library Council

The goal of TLC is to provide leadership and volunteer experience to positive, responsible, and energetic teens (ages 13 – 18). We wish to strengthen the Library's ties to teens in the community by using their knowledge and creativity to create programs and further expand our collection.

Why should you join the TLC?

- You will have a say in programs hosted and materials purchased at the Library
- You will have something creative and fun to do
- You have an opportunity to make the Library a better place for teens
- Community service looks good on those college and job applications
- There's usually food!

Apply at MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org/teens/tlc

MOVIES

Seating is limited. Call 262-532-8920 or register at MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org/events.

Movies are shown in the Community Room.

News of the World (2020)

Tuesday, March 15, at 2:15 PM

Thursday, March 17, at 6:15 PM

Jungle Cruise (2021)

Thursday, March 17, at 2:15 PM

Queen Bees (2021)

Tuesday, April 26, at 2:15 PM

Thursday, April 28, at 6:15 PM

Cruella (2021)

Thursday, April 28, at 2:15 PM

Finding You (2020)

Tuesday, May 17, at 2:15 PM

Thursday, May 19, at 6:15 PM

Ghostbusters: Afterlife (2021)

Thursday, May 19, at 2:15 PM

Documentary Film Showings

Join us for a screening of a documentary film, plus a short discussion afterwards.

Dinosaur 13 (2014)

Wednesday, March 9, at 10:00 AM

Final Account (2020)

Wednesday, April 13, at 10:00 AM

Pavarotti (2019)

Wednesday, May 11, at 10:00 AM

GENEALOGY

Genealogy classes take place in the Community Room.

Hidden Clues in the Census

Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00 PM

Military Records: Finding Our Nation's Heroes

Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00 PM

Where Did My Ancestor Live? Discovering Land Records

Wednesday, May 25, at 7:00 PM

ADULT PROGRAMS

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease

It's common to experience some issues with memory, thinking, and behavior as we age. However, changes that interfere with daily life could be an indication of something more serious, such as dementia. Pam Foti, a volunteer educator with the Alzheimer's Association, will discuss the ten most important signs to watch out for.

Tuesday, March 8

6:30 PM

Community Room

Maximize Your Medicare Benefits

Are you about to turn 65? Learn more about your Medicare options! This presentation will provide an overview of Medicare Parts A, B, C and D as well as supplemental insurance and an explanation of how they all fit together. The program will also include information about Medicare's annual open enrollment period (October 15 – December 7) and an explanation of how to use and understand the plan comparison tool on Medicare's website: www.medicare.gov. A representative from the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources will present this program and answer your questions.

Monday, March 14

2:00 PM

Community Room

Author Visit with Patricia Skalka

Patricia Skalka is the author of the award-winning Dave Cubiak Door County Mysteries about a former Chicago police officer facing off against a roster of clever killers. In 2021, she published the latest in this series, *Death Washes Ashore*. She will join us to talk about her career as a writer and to answer questions.

Saturday, April 9

2:30 PM

Community Room

Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent

More than thirteen million people in the United States become victims of identity theft every year. Find out how to prevent this from happening to you. In this virtual program, Jeffrey Kersten from the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection will present tips on how to protect yourself.

Tuesday, April 12

6:30 PM

Virtual (Zoom)

Lost Lady: The Sinking of the Lady Elgin

The Lady Elgin was a sidewheel steamship carrying 300 passengers. It was returning from Milwaukee to Chicago when it was struck by a schooner, and sunk in Lake Michigan in the early hours of September 8, 1860. Author Paul Timm will share his research and book that was inspired by this tragic event, which remains the worst open-water disaster on Lake Michigan.

Thursday, May 5

6:30 PM

Community Room

Container Gardening with an Expert

Flower gardening can take a lot of talent and effort. But if you are starting out as a gardener or experimenting with container gardening, this program is for you! Ann Wied from the Horticulture and Community Development Outreach at the UW Extension in Waukesha County will present a class on container gardening. She will build a 12-inch pot full of flowers as a part of the presentation and raffle it off after the program is complete.

Tuesday, May 10

6:30 PM

Community Room

BOOK CLUBS

Seating is limited. Call 262-532-8920 or register at MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org/events.

Book discussions are held in the Children's Program Room.

Refreshments are provided by the Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

Adult Fiction Book Club

Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 PM

House of Thieves by Charles Belfoure
Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 PM

Good Neighbors by Sarah Langan
Thursday, May 12, at 7:00 PM

Nonfiction Book Club

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00 PM

Vanderbilt by Anderson Cooper
Wednesday, May 25, at 10:00 AM



ALTERNATE VISIONS
speculative fiction book club

Attention, science fiction and fantasy fans! The Library is starting up a new discussion group for those who enjoy stories that are a little more "out of this world."

Dune by Frank Herbert
Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 PM

Seating is limited. Register at MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org/events or call 262-532-8920. Registration is required for all adult events, classes, book discussions and movies.

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Warrior Ink Photographic Exhibit

Save the date! Enter the Library after-hours for the reveal of Warrior Ink, an exhibit featuring photographs of local veterans and their meaningful tattoos related to their military service. Peruse the photographic exhibit and learn more about our upcoming programs for veterans at the Library.

Friday, April 8

5:30 – 8:30PM

Community Room

Battle Buddies Book Club

Attention, veterans! Join this new book club just for you at the Library. This month, we will be reading *Tribes: On Homecoming and Belonging* by Sebastian Junger. Request your copy through our catalog (print, large print, book on CD, Playaway, and digital available) and get ready for an excellent discussion led by Tyson Cole. Refreshments provided courtesy of Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

Monday, May 2

7:00 PM

Community Room

Veteran Employment Services 101 with Corry Hunter

Join Corry Hunter from the State of Wisconsin's Office of Veteran Employment Services (Department of Workforce Development) to find out about the many resources OVES offers to veterans in all stages of their careers. Corry will cover everything veterans need to know to begin or continue their job search, from getting help with job applications and resumes, to making connections with veteran-friendly employers. Please register in advance for this program.

Thursday, May 26

6:00 PM

Community Room



LIBRARY MEMORY PROJECT

The Library Memory Project is a partnership between public libraries in Waukesha, Washington, Jefferson, and Racine Counties with a mission to provide programs to those affected by memory loss.

A Memory Café is a social gathering for those experiencing early stage dementia, mild memory loss, or mild cognitive impairment, along with a family member or care partner. It's a place to have fun, share experiences, and stay connected.



Memory Café: A Funny Farm Frolic!

The GEE Funny Farm from Mukwonago will bring some furry animals and provide an educational program for our March Memory Café. Please join us to enjoy refreshments and visit with a Dutch rabbit, a chinchilla, and a fox!

Monday, March 2

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Community Room

Register at MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org/events or call the Library at **262-532-8920**.

Wild Plum Memory Cafés

Monday, April 18, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Elm Grove Public Library

Monday, May 16, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Pauline Haas Public Library (Sussex)

Please visit librarymemoryproject.org for the most current information on local Memory Cafés.

To register by phone, call Angela Meyers at 262-896-8245.

Memory Screenings

A memory screening is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory and cognition. It's free and takes only fifteen minutes. Jennifer Harders from the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County will be at the Library to do these screenings. Please call her at 262-548-7650 to make an appointment.

Monday, May 23

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Board Room

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