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## Meet the School Authors during Pre-Festival Chippewa Valley Book Festival Events

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Chippewa Valley Book Festival will officially begin on October 21, 2019, and conclude on October 27, 2019. However, that is not all the book festival has in store for you this year. There will also be three pre-festival events during the week of October 14, 2019. Students, parents, and the entire community will have the opportunity to meet the school authors and to hear more from both Tanya Lee Stone and Kelly Jensen.

### **Meet the School Authors: Book Sale & Signing** Tuesday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Create lasting memories by meeting award-winning authors presenting in area schools during the Chippewa Valley Book Festival. Begin a collection of personally autographed books for yourself or a young person you love. The book sale begins at 6:00 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m., authors will be introduced, followed by comments, and then an autographing session. The event will be held at Visit Eau Claire's Experience Center which is located in the heart of downtown Eau Claire on the first floor of Pablo Center at the corner of Gibson and Graham Avenues. Authors that will be attending the event:

- Sarah Aronson
- Judy Dodge Cummings
- Maureen Fergus
- Kelly Jensen
- Susan Latta
- Baptiste Paul
- Miranda Paul
- J. S. Puller
- Kurtis Scaletta
- Tanya Lee Stone
- Jamie A. Swenson

### **Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time** Wednesday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Why are 130 million girls around the globe not being educated, and what can we do about it? Inspired by the film of the same name, Tanya Lee Stone's *Girl Rising* tackles these questions. Stone will explore how educating girls is the single most powerful tool we have to make our world a safer, healthier, more functional place. She will unpack the major obstacles to education, including where and why they happen and how we can easily be activists. This talk will include a mini-screening (one chapter) of the film. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall (Room 1614) at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

### **Don't Call Me Crazy: Navigating Mental Health with Compassion, Understanding, and Honesty** Thursday, October 17, at 5:00 p.m.

While roughly 20% of Americans live with a mental illness, more than half of those who suffer have gone untreated for the past year. Kelly Jensen, editor of *(Don't) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the Conversation about Mental Health*, will talk about her own experiences with depression and anxiety as well as where and how she decided to get help for herself when she turned 30. Using what she learned from her own life, Jensen will discuss where and how to talk about mental health, as well as tools and resources for cracking open those discussions. The event will be held at 5:00 p.m. in Schofield Hall at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

For full festival details and complete list of authors, visit [www.cvbookfest.org/schedule](http://www.cvbookfest.org/schedule).

*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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