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## Chippewa Valley Book Festival Starts on Monday

In just one week, the 19th Annual Chippewa Valley Book Festival begins. From October 15-25, the Chippewa Valley will be flooded with local, regional, and national authors presenting their work at 20+ events and 35+ school presentations.

Throughout its 19 years, the book festival has committed itself to educating readers (and aspiring readers) to the work of a variety of authors across genres and topics. From frac sand mining and fake news to poetry and biographies, the author presentations will offer a greater understanding of the world around us and spur discussions across the Chippewa Valley.

A quick glimpse at some details about this year's festival:

- Since its inception, the festival has hosted over 320 authors.
- Each year, 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 festival is welcoming 28 local, regional, and national authors.
- Our events will take place at 14 locations throughout the Chippewa Valley, including: Eau Claire, Menomonie, Chippewa Falls, Fall Creek, and Altoona.
- For the second year in a row, the festival is hosting a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Caroline Fraser won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize in Biography for her work on Laura Ingalls Wilder. She will be presenting on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Pablo Center at the Confluence.
- The festival is organized exclusively by volunteers and relies solely on community donations to cover the costs of hosting the authors and putting on the festival.
- This year's festival includes a variety of genres: nonfiction, fiction, memoirs, poetry, environmental writings, cultural issues, and current events.
- Through our Authors in the Schools program, 12 authors will make 38 presentations in 28 area schools across the Chippewa Valley.
- Since its inception, the festival has partnered with the Eau Claire Regional Arts Council. This year, and moving forward, our partners are Pablo Center at the Confluence and the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire Foundation.
- A full line up of events can be found here: [www.cvbookfest.org/schedule](http://www.cvbookfest.org/schedule).

"We can't wait to start welcoming authors to the Chippewa Valley. This festival has been in the works for over a year and we couldn't be more excited about the variety of events and range of topics being offered." -Sara Meeks, Marketing Chairperson, Chippewa Valley Book Festival

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