

# Getting around the Ridges & Rivers Book Festival

## Where to go

**Bethel Home**

614 S. Rock Ave.

**Eckhart Park**

499 W. Decker St.

**Encore**

114 S. Main St.

**McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby**

205 S. Rock Ave.

**The Commons**

401 E. Jefferson St.

**The Historic Temple Theatre**

116 S. Main St.

**Vernon County Museum and  
History Center**

410 S. Center Ave.

**Vernon Memorial Healthcare  
Medical Office Building**

507 S. Main St.

**Viroqua City Hall**

124 W. Decker St.

**Viroqua Eagles****2707 Aerie / Auxiliary**

216 S. Rock Ave.

**Western Technical College**

220 S. Main St.

**The Woolly Bear Taphouse**

117 E Terhune St.

**Dave's Pizza**

428 S. Main St.

**Noble Rind**

110 W. Court St.

## HOURS

**Art Gallery, Encore**

Friday 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm

**Book Fair~McIntosh Memorial Library  
Lobby & Western Technical College**

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**McCafe Premium Roast Coffee,  
Viroqua McDonald's - served with****Eagles Auxiliary**

at the Book Fair

Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Dragonfly Books, McIntosh Memorial  
Library Lobby**

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Lion Burgers Viroqua Eagles**

Saturday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Waffle Wagon, Vernon County  
History Center**

Saturday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Jovita's Kitchen Truck**

at the Woolly Bear Taphouse

Friday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

**The Woolly Bear Taphouse**

Friday & Saturday 11 am - 10pm

**Dave's Pizza**

Friday & Saturday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Noble Rind**

Friday & Saturday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

## Code of Conduct

The Ridges & Rivers Book Festival is an inclusive community event that embraces diversity and seeks to engage and inspire readers and the authors who write for them. Our goal is to create a safe and supportive environment for people to explore literature, visual art, and ideas.

The Ridges & Rivers Book Festival welcomes attendees and participants of all ages, abilities, genders, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, physical appearances, races, ethnicities, and religions. We are committed to making reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. We do not tolerate harassment in any form and reserve the right to remove from any Ridges & Rivers Book Festival event anyone who engages in harassing behavior. Please keep the event spaces smoke-free. Weapons are prohibited unless carried with on-duty law enforcement agents.

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## Friday, April 26

Time	Presenter and Event Title	Location	Tickets or Registration Required
9:00-5:00 pm	Story Walk: Wonder Walkers with Micha Archer	Library Garden (behind the Bath House)	No <b>F</b>
9:30-11:00 am	Bush Craft Camp: Ages 0-5 with Annika Mersmann	Eckhart Park	Yes* <b>F</b>
1:00-2:00 pm	A Year at a Beaver Pond: Observation from One Little Dynamic Ecosystem with Al Cornell	Bethel Home	No
1:00-3:00 pm	<b>Workshop:</b> The Truth Hurts: On Clawing, Crying, and Crafting Your Way to Your Memoir with B.J. Hollars	Vernon County Museum and History Center	Yes*
1:00-3:00 pm	<b>Workshop:</b> Writing from a Changing Place with Tamara Dean	McIntosh Memorial Library Program Room	Yes*
2:00-3:30 pm	Bush Craft Camp: Ages 0-17 with Annika Mersmann	Eckhart Park	Yes* <b>F</b>
2:30-3:30 pm	Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver with Marty Schreiber	Bethel Home	No
4:00-5:00 pm	Peace at the Last: Visitation with the Dying with Paul Palumbo and Ruth Kittelson	Bethel Home	No
4:00-5:30 pm	Bush Craft Camp: Ages 6-10 (Elementary School Students) with Annika Mersmann	Eckhart Park	Yes* <b>F</b>
4:30-5:30 pm	Connections to Place with Kimberly Blaeser and Quan Barry	The Commons	No
6:00-7:30 pm	Bush Craft Camp: Ages 11-17 (Middle/High School Students) with Annika Mersmann	Eckhart Park	Yes* <b>F</b>
7:30-10:00 pm	An Evening with Spirit with Mollie Morning Star	The Historic Temple Theatre	Yes*



**F** = Family activities

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# Friday, April 26

## Book Signings

Time	Author	Location
2:00 pm	Al Cornell	Bethel Home
3:30 pm	Marty Schreiber	Bethel Home
5:00 pm	Paul Palumbo and Ruth Kittelson	Bethel Home
5:30 pm	Kimberly Blaeser and Quan Barry	The Commons

### Historic Temple Theatre

Friday, April 26



**An Evening with Spirit**

**Author:** Mollie Morning Star

**Time:** 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

**About Mollie:** Mollie's path to mediumship is a unique one, having had an experience that left her overwhelmingly aware of Spirit in a short, 15 minute episode. Recovering from this upheaval was difficult, but it left Mollie determined to present her ability in a straightforward way, from a place of logic and compassion. Her personable approach and self-effacing humor endears her to audiences everywhere. Mollie resides in the village of Kohler and is the mother to two grown children that live in Madison and La Crosse. For the last fifteen years, she has travelled extensively throughout the US hosting group events that has created a loyal online community of nearly 95,000 people that look to her daily inspirations on social media. And yes, "Morning Star" is her real name, given at birth!

**Fee:** \$25.00

**Get tickets at [historictempletheatre.com](http://historictempletheatre.com) or scan the QR code**



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# Saturday, April 27

Time	Presenter and Event Title	Location	Tickets or Registration Required
9:00-5:00 pm	Story Walk: Wonder Walkers with Micha Archer	Library Garden (behind the Bath House)	No <b>F</b>
9:00-10:00 am	An Introduction to the Driftless Mystery Series with Sue Berg	Eagles Club Upstairs	No
9:00-10:00 am	Adventures at Higher Latitudes with Steve Johnson	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building	No
9:00-10:00 am	Writing through Barriers with Cynthia Marie Hoffman and Sarah Kain Gutowski	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building	No
9:00-10:00 am	Wisconsin's Most Haunted Locations with Chad Lewis	Viroqua City Hall	No
9:00-10:00 am	Finnegan's Superior Adventure with Grandma Riley (aka Jane Schmidt)	McIntosh Memorial Library Program Room	No <b>F</b>
9:00-10:00 am	Barns Without Corners with Kevin and Patsy Alderson	Vernon County Museum and History Center	No
9:00-11:00 am	<b>Workshop:</b> Voices We Carry: Generative Poetry with Kimberly Blaeser	McIntosh Memorial Library Conference Room	Yes*
9:00-12:00 pm	<b>Workshop:</b> Coptic Bookbinding with Anneka Baird, in Partnership with the Driftless Folk School	The Commons	Yes*
9:00-1:00 pm	Community Reading: Morning Session with book fair vendors and local authors	Western Technical College Community Room	No
10:00-11:00 am	Make Every Mile a Memory with B.J. Hollars	McIntosh Memorial Library Program Room	No <b>F</b>
10:00-11:00 am	Pizza and Taco Storytime with local teachers and librarians	McIntosh Memorial Library Adult Area	No <b>F</b>
10:15-11:15 am	Reckoning with Opioids in the Land of 10,000 Rehabs with Amy Sullivan	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building	No
10:30-11:30 am	Author Reading: Christina Clancy	Eagles Club Upstairs	No
10:30-11:30 am	Author Reading: Quan Barry	Viroqua City Hall	No
10:30-11:30 am	Chinese Prodigal: A Memoir in Eight Arguments with David Shih	Vernon County Museum and History Center	No
10:30-11:15 am	Simple Cooking with Spring Ingredients with Inga Witscher	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building	No
11:00-12:00 pm	A Pizza and Taco Party with Stephen Shaskan	McIntosh Memorial Library Adult Area	No <b>F</b>
11:15-11:45 am	Amara Rose Foundation's Story and the Fentanyl Crisis in Our Communities	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building	No
11:30-12:30 pm	Lively Writing About the Recently Dead with George Hesselberg	McIntosh Memorial Library Program Room	No
12:00-1:00 pm	A Conversation with Wisconsin Writers Nick Petrie and Carol Dunbar	Viroqua City Hall	No

# Saturday, April 27

Time	Presenter and Event Title	Location	Tickets or Registration Required
12:30-1:30 pm	How One Civil War Brigade Earned Its Metallic Moniker with Eric Schlehlein	Vernon County Museum and History Center	No
1:00-1:30 pm	Amara Rose Foundation's Story and the Fentanyl Crisis in Our Communities	Western Technical College Community Room	No
1:00-2:00 pm	Become a D&D Wizard with Ben Riggs	The Commons	No <b>F</b>
1:00-2:00 pm	Frog and Toad Stories presented with Wisconsin Family Theater	McIntosh Memorial Library Adult Area	No <b>F</b>
1:00-2:00 pm	Writing Through Hard Times: Reading and Conversation with Jane Schmidt and Tamara Dean	Eagles Club Upstairs	No
1:00-2:30 pm	Melinda Myers Presents: First Steps to Creating an Eco-Friendly, Low-Maintenance Landscape	The Historic Temple Theatre	Yes*
1:30-2:30 pm	A Conversation About Home with Kimberly Blaeser and David Shih	Viroqua City Hall	No
1:30-2:30 pm	Wearing Out Boots on Paths Less Traveled with Jeff Nania	McIntosh Memorial Library Program Room	No
1:30-4:30 pm	Community Reading: Afternoon Session with fair vendors and local authors	Western Technical College Community Room	No
2:00-3:00 pm	True Tales of a Wisconsin One-Room School with Larry Scheckel	Vernon County Museum and History Center	No
2:30-6:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons: An Unforgettable Journey	The Commons	Yes* <b>F</b>
3:00-4:00 pm	Mysterious Creatures of Wisconsin with Chad Lewis	Viroqua City Hall	No
3:00-4:00 pm	Down a Country Road with the Amish with Kathy Kuderer	Eagles Club Upstairs	No
3:30-4:15 pm	Fly with the Eagles with the National Eagle Center	The Historic Temple Theatre	No
3:30-4:30 pm	Recollections of a Boyhood in the Driftless with Gary Jones	Vernon County Museum and History Center	No
4:45-5:45 pm	Getting Unstuck: Strategies for Making Creative Breakthroughs with Christina Clancy	Eagles Club Upstairs	No

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# Book Signings

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9:30 am	Marty Schreiber	Dragonfly-McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby
10:00 am	Cynthia Marie Hoffman	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building
10:00 am	Sarah Kain Gutowski	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building
10:00 am	Steve Johnson	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building
10:00 am	Chad Lewis	Viroqua City Hall
10:00 am	Jane Schmidt	Book Fair
10:00 am	Kevin and Patsy Alderson	Vernon County Museum and History Center
10:00 am	Sue Berg	Book Fair
11:00 am	B.J. Hollars	Dragonfly-McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby
11:00 am	Christina Clancy	Dragonfly-McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby
11:15 am	Amy Sullivan	Vernon Memorial Healthcare Medical Office Building
11:15 am	Kimberly Blaeser	Dragonfly-McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby
11:30 am	Quan Barry	Viroqua City Hall
11:30 am	David Shih	Vernon County Museum and History Center
12:00 pm	Stephen Shaskan	Dragonfly-McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby
12:30 pm	George Hesselberg	Dragonfly-McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby
1:00 pm	Nick Petrie, Carol Dunbar	Viroqua City Hall
1:00 pm	Gary Jones	Dragonfly-McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby
1:30 pm	Eric Schlehlein	Vernon County Museum and History Center
2:00 pm	Ben Riggs	The Commons
2:15 pm	Melinda Myers	Historic Temple Theatre
2:30 pm	Kimberly Blaeser, David Shih	Viroqua City Hall
2:30 pm	Jeff Nania	Dragonfly-McIntosh Memorial Library Lobby
3:00 pm	Larry Scheckel	Vernon County Museum and History Center
3:30 pm	Gary Jones	Vernon County Museum and History Center
4:00 pm	Chad Lewis	Viroqua City Hall
4:00 pm	Kathy Kuderer	Book Fair

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## Historic Temple Theatre



### **First Steps to Creating an Eco-Friendly, Low-Maintenance Landscape**

**Author:** Melinda Myers

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**About Melinda:** Nationally known gardening expert, TV and radio host, author, and columnist Melinda Myers has more than thirty-five years of horticulture experience and has written more than twenty gardening books, including the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts the *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program and *How to Grow Anything* DVD series. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* and hosted *The Plant Doctor* radio show for more than twenty years and PBS's *Great Lakes Gardener* for seven seasons. More at [melindamyers.com](http://melindamyers.com)

**Fee:** Free, ticketed event at The Historic Temple Theatre.

**Get tickets at [historictempletheatre.com](http://historictempletheatre.com) or scan the QR Code**



### **Fly with the Eagles**

**With:** The National Eagle Center

**Time:** 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

**About the National Eagle Center:** The National Eagle Center is a world-class travel destination and museum situated on the banks of the Upper Mississippi River in beautiful Wabasha, MN and is the world's premier resource for impactful eagle education and experiences.

**Fee:** Free, non-ticketed event at The Historic Temple Theatre.

The Ridges & Rivers Book Festival is based in Viroqua, Wisconsin. We acknowledge that we come to you from the historical land of the Ho-Chunk people – we honor their survival, their cultural resilience, and their continued stewardship of local lands.

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# Community Readers

Western Technical College Community Room

9:00-9:20 am	Al Cornell
9:20-9:40 am	Shawn M. Verdoni
9:40-10:00 am	Gus or Cindy Gee
10:00-10:20 am	David Nash
10:20-10:40 am	Kelly Schoberg
10:40-11:00 am	Nikki Kallio
11:00-11:20 am	Jenny Robertson
11:20-11:40 am	Catherine Young
11:40-12:00 pm	Dave Rank
12:00-12:20 pm	Tom Driscoll
12:20-12:40 pm	Gregory Lee Renz
12:40-1:00 pm	Mary Behan

1:00-1:30 pm	Amara Rose Foundation Film
1:30-1:50 pm	Terri Karsten
1:50-2:10 pm	Sue Blaustein
2:10-2:30 pm	J.L. Conrad
2:30-2:50 pm	Pam Sievers
2:50-3:10 pm	Pamela Fullerton
3:10-3:30 pm	Dee Lambert
3:30-3:50 pm	Ken McCullough
3:50-4:10 pm	Kevin Revolinski
4:10-4:30 pm	TBD
4:30-4:45 pm	TBD

# Book Fair Vendors

Western Technical College

A Peace of My Mind
Al Cornell
Amanda Zieba
Andrea Heckner
Back Burner Books / Kevin Revolinski, Cary Segall
Boar and Family Books
Books from Sue (Sue Blaustein)
Cornerstone Press (UWSP)
Cynthia Marie Hoffman & JL Conrad - PSL
David Nash
Dean H. Wild
emje mccarty
Erik Lange
Feet Wet Writing
Fugitive Ink Studio
Ice Cube Press, LLC
Author Gregory Lee Renz
Jane & Finnegan (adult/children's books)
Jeff Nania: Northern Lakes Mysteries
Kathy J Jacobson, author
Kathy Kuderer

Kelly Schoberg
Larry and Ann Scheckel
Mary Behan
North American Review
Novel Bookcamp
Pam Sievers
Paul A. Harris
PJA FULLERTON---WWA Press
Razor Thin
Roger Skrypczak, Author
Sarah Kain Gutowski
Shawn M. Verdoni
Shawn McGuire
She's Done Pretending
Shipwreckt Book Publishing Company
Steve Wilton
Sue Berg
Talus Books presents Trempealeau
Terri Karsten
Vernon County Historical Society
Wisconsin Historical Society Press

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