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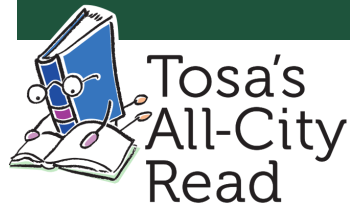
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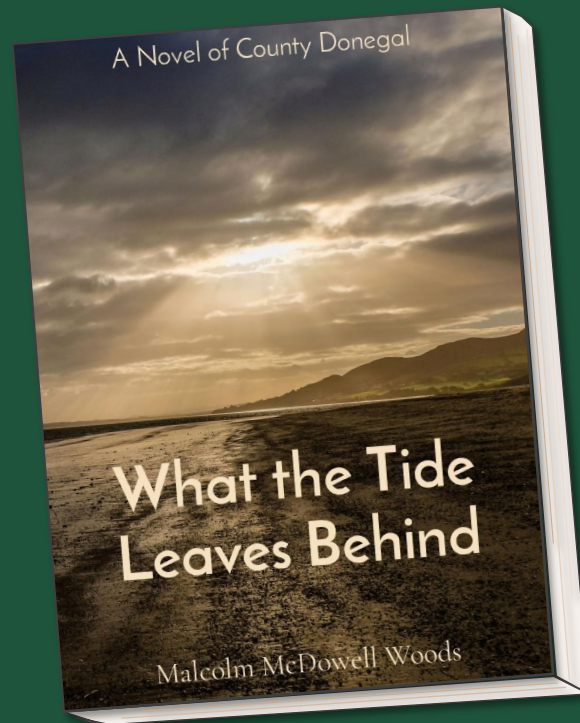
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TOSA READS!

2025 Events January–March



What Is an All-City Read?

Tosa's All-City Read is a giant book club for the city of Wauwatosa. Our goal is to have everyone in Tosa read the same book, then come together to discuss it in neighborhood book clubs and at special events.

Go to TosasAllCityRead.com for details, updates and event and contest registration.

Our Book

What the Tide Leaves Behind is a love letter to a part of Ireland that local author Malcolm McDowell Woods holds dear. This heartwarming tale of personal growth, the authentic charm of small communities, and the enduring bond between man and dog was inspired by real-life experiences of a young Irishman. It explores themes of community, connection and the transformative power of unexpected companionship.



For Younger Readers

Kids of all ages are invited to read books by Wisconsin authors. A few great selections:

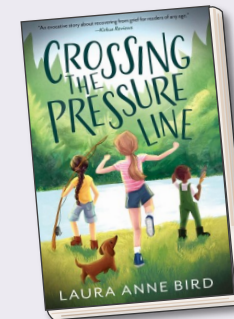
For Middle Readers

Crossing the Pressure Line
(ages 9+) by Laura Anne Bird

Fifty-four Things Wrong With Gwendolyn Rogers
(ages 10+) by Caela Carter

Glowing Mammals
(ages 10+) by Maria Parrott-Ryan

What Happened to Rachel Riley?
(ages 10+) by Claire Swinarski



Picture Books

Finding Things (ages 4+) by Kevin Henkes

Dogs: A History of Our Best Friends
(ages 4+) by Lita Judge

Ursula Upside Down (ages 4+) by Corey Tabor

Tosa Through Your Own Lens: Photo Contest

In the book, Thomas becomes a keen observer of his faithful companion and new surroundings, documenting both through photography. We invite you to do the same! Submit your photos in one of three categories: Pets in Tosa, Wauwatosa Landscapes or Community Connection. Entries will be accepted Feb. 1 through March 10.

Details at tosasallcityread.com; go to Contests.

Writing Contest

Essay Theme/Prompt for Adults

This year's authors, both Wisconsinites, were inspired by the world around them to write and create art in the form of fiction. Draw upon your own experiences or interview a creative person in your life to answer this year's essay prompt: What inspires you (or the person you are interviewing) to create? Describe times you were inspired and/or specific places that inspired you (either here in Wisconsin or traveling the world) and what was created from that inspiration.

Essay Theme/Prompt for Students

This year's Tosa All-City Read authors were inspired by the world around them to write a book! Think about your life here in Tosa or trips you have taken to other places. Describe times or places that inspired you to create, and what you created (it could be a drawing, a painting, a story, a poem, a song, a photograph, a video, or anything else).

Length

There is no minimum length requirement, but essays may be no longer than 1,000 words.

Submitting an Essay

Entries due Monday, March 10, 2025. Age categories and prize details listed on our website.

Details at tosasallcityread.com; go to Contests.

Join Us for Tosa's All-City Read Events

DIY Book Club

Anytime, Anywhere

Our website contains everything you need to plan and host a lively book club for your group of readers—discussion questions and recipes related to the book, carefully selected and tested by retired food editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Nancy Stohs.

Free at TosasAllCityRead.com; go to *DIY Book Club*.

An Evening of Irish Music & Craic

Wednesday, January 29, 7-9:30 p.m.

O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove

Craic (crack) is Irish slang for a good time or fun experience, and that's what you're sure to find in this evening dedicated to Irish culture. Enjoy live music by Ian Gould, storytelling by Eamonn de Cogain, a travelogue by Paul



Ward, dancing by Beglan School of Irish Dance, a reading by Malcolm McDowell Woods and a few surprises!

\$10 advance registration by Jan 28 at

TosasAllCityRead.com/events.

If the event does not sell out, we will offer \$12 at-the-door registration, cash or Venmo only.

Ceili Dancing

Saturday, February 8, 7-9:30 p.m.

CelticMKE Center, 1532 Wauwatosa Ave.

Learn how to do some of Ireland's most beloved social (group) dances in a comfortable setting for beginners. Ceilí (kay-lee) dancing instruction is taught all evening to live music. All ages are welcome!

\$10 at the door to CelticMKE, \$5 for students and kids ages 5 to 12. No registration required.

Author Presentation & Book Signing

Sunday, February 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

CelticMKE Center, 1532 Wauwatosa Ave.

Author Malcolm McDowell Woods shares his inspiration

for his book and photos of his beloved Donegal, his process and what's next on his writing journey. A book signing will follow his talk.

Free. Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.



New-in-Town Mixer

Thursday, February 20, 6-8 p.m.

Ray's Growler Gallery, 8930 W. North Ave.

Join us at Ray's Growler Gallery to meet new neighbors and make connections. A variety of beverages will be available for purchase. You're welcome to bring your own snacks or dinner and participate in some fun get-acquainted activities.

No admission charge.

Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.

Zoom Chat with Malcolm & James

Sunday, February 23, 1-2:30 p.m.

Digital Meeting on Zoom

Like the hero of *What the Tide Leaves Behind*, becoming a dog owner and photographer changed County Donegal resident James O'Donnell's life. Get to know James, his very photogenic border collies, Iggy and Frida, and their story in this live Zoom interview with author Malcolm McDowell Woods. You might even get some tips and ideas for your photo contest entry!

Free. Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.

Creating Art with Nature, Presented by Author Laura Anne Bird

Saturday, March 1, 10-11:30 a.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room

Author Laura Anne Bird will talk about her writing process, answer questions and read an excerpt from her award-winning middle-grade novel. Enjoy a snack and nature-based craft, too!

Free. Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.



Family-Friendly Book Hike at County Grounds Park

Through the Month of March

County Grounds Park

Enjoy a half-mile hike through the forest of County Grounds Park while following a trail to read the picture book *Ursula Upside Down* by Corey Tabor. Map of the hike will be available at countygroundsfriends.org in February and March.

Free.

Phone Photography 101: Taking Better Photos with Your Smartphone

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room

Photos connect us with family and friends. Whether we are posting to social media or emailing to grandparents, most of us use our phones to take photos. Tif Cohen, accomplished portrait and fine arts photographer, teaches us how to take better photos with just our smartphones.

Free. Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.

Wisconsin Authors Tell All

Saturday, March 8, 2 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room

Join Wisconsin authors Malcolm McDowell Woods, Laura Anne Bird, Jeanne Sacken and Kim Suhr as they share their experiences, from spark of an idea to that first blank page, through seeking and finally securing a publisher. Books will be available for purchase.

Free. Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.

Irish Kitchen

Monday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa West High School Culinary Arts Room (Room 159)

Join a small group for a cooking demonstration and sampling of Irish specialties, including Malcolm McDowell Woods' mother's traditional Irish stew. Cost \$10. Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.

Children's Make-a-Book Project

Sunday, March 16 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library, Children's Library

A Wauwatosa children's librarian will read and discuss the picture book *Ursula Upside Down*. Then each child will have the opportunity to write and illustrate their own book to take home.

Free. Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.



Thank You Magnify Low Vision Therapy for Making this Year's Books Accessible!

We are thrilled to share that Magnify Low Vision Therapy has sponsored the creation of audiobooks for both of our book selections! They are available free through the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library. For more information, contact Magnify at 414-751-8530 or the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library 414-286-3045.

Attend a Local Book Discussion Group!

Wauwatosa Public Library Book Discussion

Monday, March 3, 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room

Free. Register at TosasAllCityRead.com/events.

Mt. Carmel Book Discussion

Monday, March 17, 7 p.m.

8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee, Enter through 84th St. Doors

Free. No registration required.

Mt. Zion Book Discussion

Monday, February 24, 7 p.m.

12012 W. North Ave.

Free. No registration required.