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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A festival poster is attached.

**October 7-9**

**SHEBOYGAN CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL EXPANDS TO INCLUDE  
TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL**

**(Special teen authors and programs to be part of the festival)**

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.: The Sheboygan Children's Book Festival returns for a seventh year October 7-9 and includes some exciting new programs, featuring authors especially for teen audiences as part of its new Teen Book Festival.

“By creating a teen book festival to run concurrently with the children's festival, we are making it clear this is an event especially for them. We've also created a teen advisory group to help plan the event, giving teens a role in the development of the festival,” said co-chair, Karin Menzer.

The author and illustrator line-up is highlighted by picture book creators David Wiesner, Duncan Tonatiuh, and graphic novelist Victoria Jamieson.

Wiesner, Tonatiuh and Jamieson are each recipients of the highest honors in children's literature. Wiesner is a three-time winner of the annual Caldecott Medal, which recognizes the year's most distinguished American picture book. He is also a three-time winner of the Caldecott Honor. Tonatiuh, winner of the Pura Belpré Medal for illustration in 2012 and four time Pura Belpré honor winner, is this year's poster artist. Jamieson's graphic novel, "Roller Girl," received a 2016 Newbery Honor, one of the highest honors awarded to an American book for children.

The line-up also features authors and illustrators Calef Brown, Joe Cepeda, Jill Esbaum, Thyra Heder, Jennifer Swanson, Silvia Acevedo, Valerie Biel, David Fulk, and Melissa Gorzelanczyk. Leading off the festival's public events at this year's Friday night pajama party concert will be singer-songwriter Emily Arrow.

The festival will host readings, demonstrations, writing workshops, art-making sessions with illustrators, and book sales and signings. The theme this year is "Dare to Discover" highlighting curiosity, fantasy, and exploration in books for children and teens. Festival events will take place at three Sheboygan venues: the Mead Public Library, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center and Bookworm Gardens. For more information, go to [www.SheboyganBookFestival.org](http://www.SheboyganBookFestival.org).

## **MORE ABOUT THE SHEBOYGAN BOOK FESTIVAL:**

The Sheboygan Children's Book Festival attracts youth and families throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest. Authors and illustrators visit area schools and appear at free, public events. More than 10,000 participants attended the 2015 festival events.

The Sheboygan Children's Book Festival and Teen Book Festival are programs of Sheboygan County Reads! and are presented in partnership with community volunteers and local organizations that believe in the transformative power of reading and the literary and visual arts.

For the complete 2016 line-up visit [www.SheboyganBookFestival.org](http://www.SheboyganBookFestival.org) and sign up for their email list, like their [Facebook Page](#) and follow them on [Twitter @bookfest4kids](#).