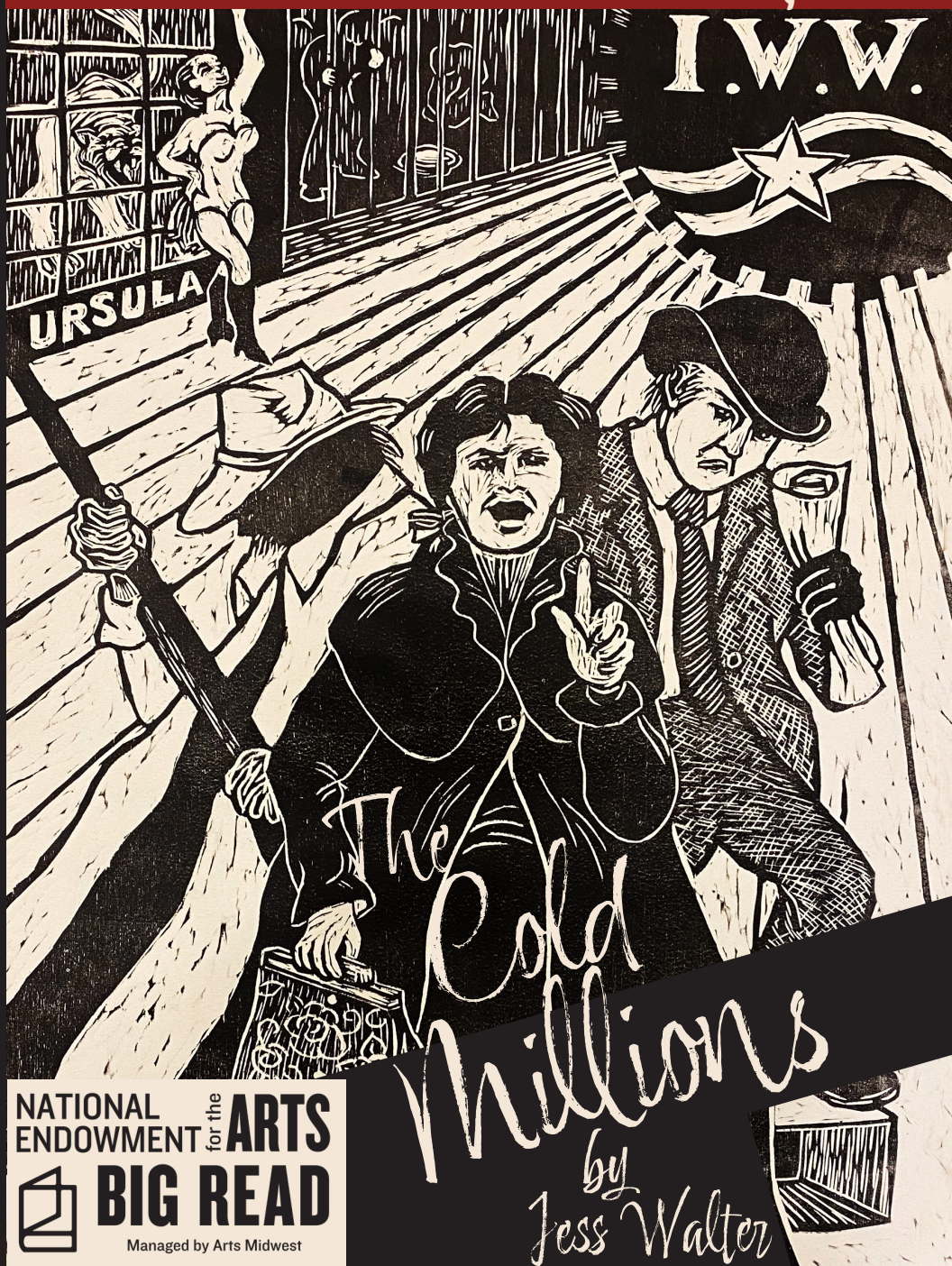


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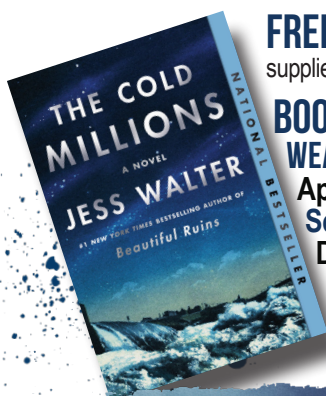
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ORIGINAL BROCHURE ART BY BONNIE DE ARTEAGA.

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FREE COPIES of the book are available at **Waukesha Public Library**, while supplies last. Unless otherwise indicated, all events are free & open to the public.

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, WEATHER PERMITTING:

Apple Harvest Festival (at Retzer Nature Center)

September 17, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Drive-Thru Book Pickup at Waukesha Public Library

September 20, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Waukesha Art Crawl at Almont Gallery

October 1, 5:00 – 7:00 PM * Stop & see artwork inspired by the book!

KEYNOTE EVENT

FINDING THE ECHOES OF NOW IN HISTORICAL FICTION WITH AUTHOR JESS WALTER

October 28, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Waukesha Public Library

Program Room A/B

In *The Cold Millions*, Jess Walter looks back at a wild, & wildly overlooked, period of history — the Western labor wars of the early 1900s. He discovered

a time that felt deeply relevant to the 2020s, a time of political & cultural division, chasms between the wealthy & the poor, & workers trying to organize

in the face of corporate pressure. Join us to hear Jess Walter speak about his research, how simple things like walking tours can reveal the past, & how readers & writers alike should seek out “the most interesting & telling moments in your own city’s history.”

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FEATURED EVENTS

SOUNDS OF SPRING CITY

October 11, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Waukesha Civic Theatre

264 W. Main St.

Pick up your free tickets at the Civic Theatre box office, at waukeshacivictheatre.org, or at the door.

Reception, 5:00 - 5:45 PM

Civic Theatre Lobby

Enjoy refreshments prior to the show.

RAILS, REVENGE, & REDEMPTION: A WAUKESHA READS CABARET

6:00 PM

Candace Decker & Phil Smith share stories & songs inspired by the characters, culture, & history of Show Town in *The Cold Millions*.

WISCONSIN PHILHARMONIC

7:00 PM

Revel in music from the early 20th century. Performed by musicians from the Wisconsin Philharmonic.



ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN: MORTAL ENEMY OF CAPITALISM

A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

BY DR. LARA VAPNEK

October 6, 6:30 PM

Live on Zoom, register on WaukeshaReads.org.

Join Dr. Vapnek as she discusses Flynn’s family history of activism, her development as a public speaker, her leadership in the Industrial Workers of the World, & her journey as a fearless advocate for free speech. Dr. Lara Vapnek is the author of the book *Elizabeth Gurley Flynn: Modern American Revolutionary* & is a Professor of History at St. John’s University in Queens, New York.



EVOLUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT

October 13, 6:30 PM

Library Program Room A/B

Come spend an evening with Tim Moore from The Center for the Study of the American Constitution at UW-Madison & learn about the creation of the Bill of Rights & the subsequent evolution of the first amendment to expand rights to unions.



EVENTS

FOX RIVER CORRIDOR HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

October 1, 11:00 AM & 1:30 PM

Meet at Veteran's Park sundial

Discover the history of the Fox River corridor on this free walking tour, presented by the Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum. This guided tour will explore labor & economic history, from lumber yards to foundries & grain mills to milk companies, that helped define the river in the early part of the 20th century.



MILWAUKEE MAYHEM, MURDER, & MYSTERY IN THE CREAM CITY'S FIRST CENTURY

October 18, 6:30 PM

Library Program Room A/B

Milwaukee historian Matthew Prigge delves into the dark side of the Wisconsin metropolis in the 19th century through this collection of sordid stories involving death, dismemberment, disappearances, & debauchery.



FILM CLUB: *THE POST*

October 3, 10:30 AM

Library Program Room A/B

Join us to view & discuss *The Post*. (c2018, 116 min) A cover-up spanning four U.S. Presidents pushes the country's first female newspaper publisher & her editor to join an unprecedented battle between press & government. Starring Meryl Streep & Tom Hanks.



TURN OF THE CENTURY ASTRONOMY

October 4, 6:00 PM

Horwitz-DeRemer

Planetarium, S14W28167 Madison St.

The beginning of the 20th century brought about much change in the world of astronomy. Explore these discoveries & learn about historic places that played a part during this pivotal time in astrophysics.



WAUKESHA UNLOCKED SCAVENGER HUNT

October 8, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Waukesha Public Library

Pick up *The Cold Millions* scavenger hunt at the front desk & explore our newly renovated spaces. Turn in your completed form at the Public Services Desk for a chance to win a prize basket.



ADULT MAKER MONDAY

October 10, 6:30 PM

Studio 321 (Library) Ages 18+

Learn the basics of leather working & make a project to take home. Register on WaukeshaReads.org.

MUNCHIES & A MOVIE: *ON THE WATERFRONT*

October 16, 6:00 PM

Ticketed event: \$10

Marcus Majestic Cinema

770 Springdale Rd.

Enjoy popcorn & a soda while watching the 1954 classic crime drama *On the Waterfront* starring Marlon Brando & Karl Madsen. The film will be introduced by UWM-Waukesha Professor Steve Decker. Popcorn & soda are included. Additional food available for purchase from the theatre vending stand. Doors open at 6:00 PM, movie starts at 7:00 PM. Registration & payment are required by October 12. Register & pay on WaukeshaReads.org.



BROWN BAG CONVERSATION: *THE COLD MILLIONS*

October 19, 12:00 PM

Frame Park Rotary Building

1150 Baxter St.

The Civic Theatre Senior Players invite you to participate in some rip-roaring fun! Meet local vaudevillian comics & laugh at some good ole' humor. Bring your lunch, a friend, & your funny bone. Dessert & beverages will be served.



FROM BADGERS TO FRACKING: MINING IN WISCONSIN

October 20, 10:30 AM

Library Program Room A/B

Carroll University Professor Kelly Leblanc will explore mining issues in the Badger State & Wisconsin mining operations past & present.



VAUDEVILLE & U.S. CULTURE, 1880-1920

October 25, 6:30 PM

Carroll University Campus Center

Stackner Ballroom

100 N. East Ave.

Vaudevillian acts rose in popularity during a time of massive social change & economic uncertainty. They provided a way to see the concerns of everyday people in a world dominated by robber barons & wealthy businessmen. Join UWM's Dr. Gillian Rodger as she takes us on a journey through this fascinating time.

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WAUKESHA MEMORY CAFÉ: FUN ON THE RAILROAD*

October 26, 10:30 AM

Library Program Room A

Learn about the railroad from local train enthusiasts. Sing railroad songs, touch model trains, & more. Register on WaukeshaReads.com. *For people experiencing memory loss & their caregivers.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT... SNACKS & SCHOLARS

October 27, 6:30 PM

Library Program Room A/B

Local professors will share insights on the themes of *The Cold Millions*.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

★ ALL DISCUSSIONS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! ★

October 5, 5:45 PM
Martha Merrell's
231 W. Main St.

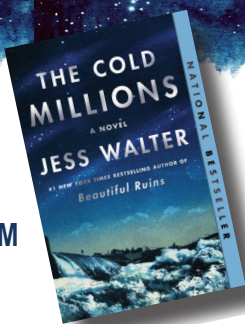
October 10, 10:30 AM
Martha Merrell's
231 W. Main St.

October 12, 12:00 PM
Waukesha Public Library
Program Room A

Discussion will focus on Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.
Bring your lunch! Beverages & dessert provided.

October 12, 6:30 PM
Intergenerational Book Discussion
Mountain Top Coffee
363 W. Main St.

A collaboration of the School District of Waukesha & Waukesha Public Library. All ages welcome!



October 17, 6:30 PM
Waukesha Public Library
Program Room A/B
Led by former Waukesha Mayor & County Board Supervisor Larry Nelson.

October 19, 6:30 PM
Waukesha Public Library
Program Room A

Join Library staff & the League of Women Voters for a discussion of the book's themes & an exploration of women's suffrage.

October 20, 7:00 PM
Carroll University
Todd Wehr Memorial Library, Room 105
100 N. East Ave.

October 25, 12:00 PM
Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum, WSB Education Center
101 W. Main St.

Led by Bonnie Byrd, Executive Director of the WCHSM. Bring your lunch!

FOOD DRIVE



The FOOD Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

October 1 - 31

Waukesha Public Library

In recognition of the poverty & economic inequality in this year's book, the Library will be conducting a food drive for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County. Donations can be dropped off at the Public Services Desk. Each donation will get you an entry for the Waukesha Reads gift basket. One entry per day.



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TEEN EVENTS

TEEN MAKER MONDAY

October 17, 3:00 PM
Studio 321 (Library)
Create your own protest signs!

★ TEENS IN GRADES 7-12 ARE WELCOME! ★

TEEN TIME, AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

2:30 - 4:00 PM

MAKING IN STUDIO 321

October 11: Train Travel Totes (book bags)
October 12: Printmaking

CRAFTING IN THE TEEN ZONE

October 18: Vaudeville Buttons
October 19: DIY Waukesha Reads Zine

TASTING IN THE KITCHEN

October 25: Make apple nachos!

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