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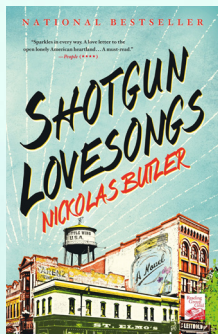
WAUKESHA *Reads*

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 27



Original Brochure Art by Anna Grosch.

WaukeshaReads.org



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

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

Drive-Thru Book Pickup at Waukesha Public Library

September 18, 4:00 – 6:00 PM


Apple Harvest Festival (at Retzer Nature Center)


September 23, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Waukesha Art Crawl at Almont Gallery


October 7, 5:00 – 7:00 PM • Stop and see artwork inspired by the book!


THE CHARACTERS

 **LEE** Left Little Wing to pursue his music career. His first album, *Shotgun Lovesongs*, has made him rich and famous.

 **HENRY** Stayed in Little Wing to run the family dairy farm. Is happily married to Beth.

 **RONNY** A local rodeo star, and recovering alcoholic, whose career was cut short by a drunken fall.

 **KIP** Left town for college, made his fortune as a commodities broker in Chicago, and returned to Little Wing to buy and renovate the old feed mill.

 **BETH** The woman who means something special in each of their lives.

KEYNOTE EVENT

**AN
AFTER-HOURS
EVENT!**

**RETURN TO
LITTLE WING**
WITH AUTHOR
NICKOLAS BUTLER



October 27, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Waukesha Public Library

Refreshments at 6:30 PM, followed by a presentation and book signing.

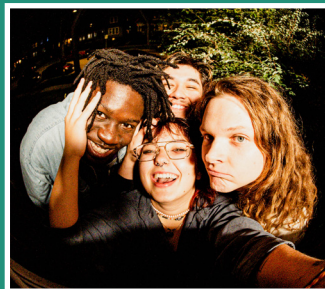
It has been almost ten years since author Nicholas Butler wrote the internationally bestselling novel *Shotgun Lovesongs*, a story about five childhood friends born and raised in the small Wisconsin fictional town called Little Wing. Join us as he looks back to share his thoughts on the novel, his writing process, and reflects on that time in his life. Copies of Butler's books will be available for purchase.

FEATURED EVENTS

 **Rock the 'Sha: An Evening of Live Music with Scam Likely**

October 6, 6:00 PM • Waukesha Civic Theatre

Indie Garage Rock band Scam Likely has been selling out shows around Milwaukee since they formed in 2022. Now, their energetic brand of melodic, danceable punk is coming to Waukesha! Pick up your free tickets at the Civic Theatre box office, at waukeshacivictheatre.org, or at the door. Refreshments available for purchase.



 **The Gwenyn Hill Farm Experience**

October 16, 1:30 PM • Gwenyn Hill Farm, N130W294 Bryn Drive

Meet at the Williams Barn

Join us to learn about organic/sustainable dairy and vegetable farming, beekeeping, dairy operations, and animal management. Enjoy samples of bloody mary mix, honey, French onion dip, and deviled eggs from the Farmstand and Brickhouse Mercantile. Lastly, visit the farm store, view the orchards, and see their chickens and grazing dairy cows. Register on WaukeshaReads.org.

Milked: How an American Crisis Brought Together Midwestern Dairy Farmers and Mexican Workers

A Presentation by Author Ruth Conniff

October 17, 6:30 PM • Carroll University Campus Center, Stackner Ballroom

Award-winning author Ruth Conniff shares the story of how two groups of rural people—Wisconsin dairy farmers and Mexican immigrant workers—were thrown together by global economic forces beyond their control and forged bonds and bridges of understanding. Issues of labor, immigration, race, food, economics, and U.S.-Mexico relations will be explored. Ruth Conniff is Editor-in-chief of the *Wisconsin Examiner*; has written for *The Nation*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Los Angeles Times*; and has appeared on many national radio and television outlets.



EVENTS

Waukesha Reads Bus Trip “Pick Your Own Memories”

Apple Holler & Danish Bakery Tour

October 3, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration Deadline: September 15. Cost \$104

Visit Apple Holler’s family farm for a tractor ride, apple picking, a visit to the golden goat bridge, some shopping at the country store, and lunch. Then, travel to Racine’s O&H Bakery for a presentation on making Kringles. A copy of *Shotgun Lovesongs* and a bus discussion are included. Contact Waukesha’s Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept. for details and to register: 262-524-3737.



A Wisconsin Classic: **The Brandy Old Fashioned**

October 3, 6:30 PM

Waukesha Public Library

Master mixologist Daniel Dufek will talk about a well-loved Wisconsin classic: the brandy old fashioned cocktail. Learn the proper way to prepare an old fashioned and discover what makes it unique to the Badger State. Participants will have a chance to enjoy a sample at the end of the presentation. Attendees must be at least 21 years old and must present an ID upon entry to the event. Register on WaukeshaReads.org.

Maker Monday: **Customize a Guitar Pick Holder**

October 9, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Waukesha Public Library / Studio 321

Drop in between 6:00 and 8:00 PM to customize a guitar pick holder. The holders will be pre-made on the Glowforge and ready to be assembled and decorated by you. Register on WaukeshaReads.org.

Friendship Journals

October 10

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM & 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Waukesha Public Library / Studio 321

Create a friendship journal to capture your favorite memories. Notebooks and decorations provided. Bring your photos and mementos. Register on WaukeshaReads.org.

Film Club: *The Rider*

October 12, 6:00 PM

Waukesha Public Library

Forced to forgo his rodeo days after a horse crushes his skull, Brady returns home to seek meaning in life while trying to understand his purpose. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation nurse Donna Banner from ProHealth will be joining us for a short discussion after the movie. Snacks included! The film runs 104 minutes and is rated R.

Historic Building Walking Tour

October 14, 10:30 AM

Join local history expert, Marilyn Hagerstrand as she presents the history and architectural transformation of many downtown Waukesha buildings. Tour is approximately 90 minutes. Comfortable walking shoes recommended. Meet (and ends) at the Clarke Hotel.

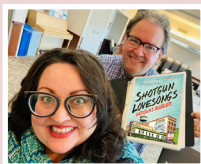
Shotgun Lovesongs **(H)Appy Hour & Cabaret**

October 13, 6:30 PM

Waukesha Public Library

Nibble on some appetizers, sip a mocktail, and enjoy *Coming Home*, our 2023 Waukesha Reads Cabaret! Candace Decker and Phil Smith will explore what it means to come home, through stories and songs inspired by *Shotgun Lovesongs*.

AN **AFTER-HOURS** **EVENT!**



Brown Bag Conversation

“Roll out the barrel! We’ll have a barrel of fun!”

October 18, 12:00 PM • Frame Park Rotary Building

Join us as owner Nick Reistad tells the story of Raised Grain Brewing Company and its many contributions to the history and culture of the beer industry in Waukesha. Snacks will be provided, and surprises are promised.

Presented in partnership with Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry.



Date Night Under the Stars

October 20, 5:30 PM • Horowitz-DeRemer Planetarium

Bring a date, a friend, or come on your own to survey the beauty of the current night sky in the comfort of the planetarium. Register on WaukeshaReads.org.

EVENTS



The Les Paul Experience

October 21, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum

Celebrate Les Paul, Waukesha's native rock star and innovator, in this immersive exhibit featuring the man whose sound changed the world. It includes artifacts from WCHSM's collection and pieces from the Les Paul Foundation. Together they tell the story of the man behind the music. This free day of viewing is compliments of the Les Paul Foundation. After touring the exhibit, stop by the Education Center for some fun family activities.



Snacks & Scholars

Examining the "Heartland" in *Shotgun Lovesongs*

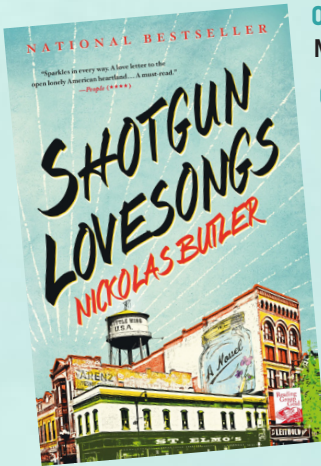
October 25, 6:30 PM

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Professors Jon Kasperek (History) and Ellyn Lem (English) will provide scholarly background on Midwest small towns to illuminate *Shotgun Lovesongs* and place it in a cultural context.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Join us to discuss *Shotgun Lovesongs* by Nickolas Butler. All discussions are open to the public.



OCTOBER 4, 5:45 PM

Martha Merrell's Bookstore

OCTOBER 9, 10:30 AM

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OCTOBER 11, 10:30 AM

Waukesha Public Library
Carnegie Room

Sue Baker, Program Director of the Les Paul Foundation, will be joining us for the discussion. Trivia questions about Waukesha's native rock star (and prizes!) included.

OCTOBER 18, 6:30 PM

Waukesha Public Library
Carnegie Room

Donna Banner, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Nurse with ProHealth, will be joining us for the discussion. She'll share her unique understanding of Ronny's career-ending injury.

OCTOBER 23, 6:30 PM

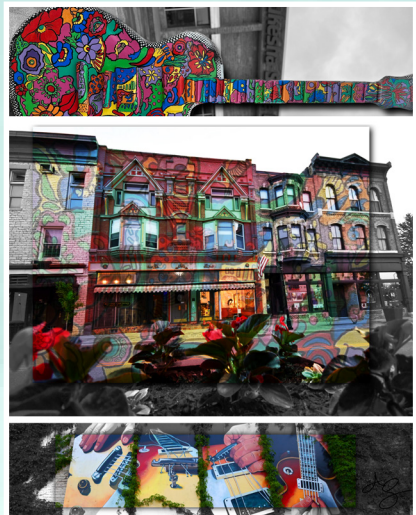
Waukesha Public Library
Program Room A/B

Led by former Waukesha Mayor & County Board Supervisor Larry Nelson.

Studio 321 Audio & Video Studios

Start your own journey to becoming a rocker! Training is now available to use Waukesha Public Library's new recording and editing studios. Stop by the Library to learn more.

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