

# 'Evicted' is 2019 Fox Cities Reads pick

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## FULL TEXT

"Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Matthew Desmond is the 2019 selection for the Fox Cities Reads program.

A collaborative effort from the Fox Cities Book Festival and local libraries, Fox Cities Reads is a one book, one community endeavor where readers are encouraged to pick up a copy of the book and participate in discussions leading up to a visit from the author.

Desmond, a Pulitzer Prize winner, will visit the Fox Cities in the spring. He'll speak at 6:30 p.m. April 11 at Menasha High School and 10 a.m. April 12 at the Lawrence Memorial Chapel in downtown Appleton.

"Evicted" is a nonfiction account of eight families in Milwaukee struggling to keep a roof over their heads. It won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction, a National Book Critics Circle Award and a Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction.

Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University. He received his Ph.D. in 2010 from University of Wisconsin-Madison and has studied poverty in America, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality and ethnography.

"Evicted" will be featured on displays in libraries around the Fox Cities and hundreds of copies will be available. The History Museum at the Castle also will lend their pop-up exhibit "(In)Visible: Homelessness in Appleton" to locations in Appleton, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Menasha and Neenah over the coming months.

Fox Cities Reads is an initiative started by Fox Cities public libraries and the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley. It's a collaboration between the libraries and the Fox Cities Book Festival and the goal is to build a larger sense of community while promoting literacy. Each year, a work is selected to encourage the community to read and discuss in the lead up to a visit from the author.

The 2018 selection was "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys

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