



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees  
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning  
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Re: Fox Cities Reads

On February 22, the Fox Cities Book Festival will be releasing the title for the 2022 Fox Cities Reads at Menasha Public Library with special performer Wade Fernandez.

The 2022 selection is *There, There* by Tommy Orange. Tommy Orange is a graduate of the MFA program at the Institute of American Indian Arts. An enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, he was born and raised in Oakland, California. His debut novel, *There, There*, takes place in Oakland, where twelve characters from indigenous communities tell the story of the plight of the urban Native American, each connected to one another in ways they do not realize. *There, There* was the winner of the 2019 Pen/Hemingway Award, the American Book Award, and the John Leonard Prize. It also made the 2018 long list for fiction for the National Book Award. Tommy Orange will be presenting in the Fox Cities in person May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.

In conjunction with this selection, for the first time, the Fox Cities Reads has also paired a juvenile read with the adult fiction selection. *Apple in the Middle*, by Dawn Quigley has been selected as the youth read. Dawn Quigley, Ph.D. and citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, North Dakota, is an assistant professor at a Midwest university in the Education Department in Minnesota. Her debut young adult novel, *Apple in the Middle*, is a coming of age story that tackles what it means to belong. The book received a Gold Medal for Young Adult Fiction from the Moonbeam Children's Book Award, as well a Gold Medal in Multicultural Fiction from the Independent Publisher Book Awards. She has since published several more works including a new early reader series called Jo Jo Makoons, *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids*, and *Native American Heroes*, part of the Scholastic Inspiring Leaders series.

Our library continues to work in partnership with the other Fox Cities libraries on programming that supports this project.