"...introducing folks to these books and engaging them in these conversations will inspire an appreciation for our community's growing diversity and foster a respect for other cultures, ethnicities, and literary traditions."

- Natalie Eschenbaum of La Crosse Reads about their WHC-funded project
A LASTING IMPACT

After the devastating floods in southwest Wisconsin in 2018, the Driftless Writing Center, in partnership with the libraries and historical societies in Vernon and Crawford Counties, as well as educators at UW-Madison, created a community healing project called “Stories from the Flood.” More than 70 oral histories have been recorded and some excerpts have been published and shared as part of an ongoing effort to process what happened, rebuild and plan for an uncertain future. The group continues to collect oral histories and is working with the WHC to host a Beyond the Headlines event in April 2020. This workshop in La Farge will bring together water experts and local journalists to discuss the past, present and future of Coulee Region waters.