

Matthew Prigge
Presents



The Blizzard of 1947

In late January 1947, Milwaukee was hammered with what remains the greatest blizzard in city history. What was forecast as an inch of snow turned into a two-day storm that left 20 inches on Milwaukee, literally freezing the city where it stood. It would be days before Milwaukee could get moving again and the city's street would not be fully cleared for nearly six weeks. Milwaukee historian and author Matthew J. Prigge will tell the story of the Great Blizzard of '47 - explaining how the storm came to so thoroughly shut down the city and how friends, neighbors, and total strangers came together to brave the elements and help each other through the storm.

Monday, November 13th at 7:00 pm

New Berlin Public Library Community Room

15105 Library Lane in the City Center

Free and open to the public

Light Refreshments

Matthew J. Prigge, author of [Damn the Old Tinderbox: Milwaukee's Palace of the West and the Fire that Defined an Era](#) and [Milwaukee Mayhem: Murder and Mystery in the Cream City's First Century](#), is a freelance author and historian from Milwaukee and the host of "What Made Milwaukee Famous," a weekly local history segment on WMSE 91.7. His work has been featured in both local and national publications and has won multiple awards, including the 2013 William Best Hesseltine Award from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press. Since 2011, he has led sightseeing historical tours of Milwaukee's rivers and harbor for the Milwaukee Boat Line. In 2013, he created the Mondo Milwaukee Boat Tour, an evening historical tour of some of the city's most infamous sights. He writes a history blog for Milwaukee's "Shepherd Express" and has also authored several articles for the "Wisconsin Magazine of History."

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