



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends Annual Book Sale Update

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Due to the remodeling of the book sale room, the **September book sale will not take place**. Watch for a grand opening sale which will feature the “best ever” collection of items, in a multitude of categories: fiction, non-fiction, hobby, cook-books, travel, nature/science, humor, self-help, history, biographies, business, health and family, religious, rare items, poetry/plays, music, records, CDs, tapes, videos, and a huge selection of children’s books. There

are hundreds of items, in excellent condition and very new.

Join the Friends and you will be able to shop the first day of the sale. By being on the list, you will get notification of all the library’s sales. Applications are available in the library. Proceeds help to provide more programming and other activities for library patrons.

-Kate Zimmerman
Administrative Assistant

Need a Meeting Room?

The Middleton Public Library currently has one large meeting room available to the public. This space can be divided in half to accommodate smaller groups. Although *there is no charge*, we ask that groups abide by the guidelines set forth in the library Meeting Rooms Policy.

The room is in our lower level and is equipped with several audio/visual items. Only non-profit groups are eligible to reserve the room, although businesses may use the room for staff meetings and continuing education programs. A small

kitchen supplied with dishes and coffee pots is part of this configuration, and caterers may be engaged for meals. The room may be accessed by the handicapped via an elevator, and rest-rooms are available.

AND beginning in early fall, we will have *two new rooms* ready for use as public meeting space. All rooms may be reserved by contacting Kate Zimmerman from 9 -2, Tuesday through Friday, and may be booked only for hours that the library is open.

Sunday Book Discussion for Adults

Sunday, September 9 at 3 pm - All Book lovers are welcome; please read the book in advance.

[Living to Tell by Antonya Nelson](#)

Winston Mabie is coming home to Kansas, after five years in prison for killing his beloved grandmother in a drunk driving accident. **Living to Tell** is the story of three generations of a family under one roof, readjusting themselves to a family member that they may be unable to forgive. Nelson traces the history and mystery of each family member, recalls events through each per-

son’s perception and pits each version of reality against the others. Dealing with themes of love, hate, mortality, redemption, and forgiveness, the author reminds us that our most grievous errors and stunning successes begin at home with our family of origin.

-Elizabeth Bauer,
Circulation Services Supervisor



A Message from the Library Director

The library staff is pleased to initiate a bimonthly newsletter. We will use this publication to keep you informed of the wide variety of services that the Middleton Public Library provides. We will also be asking for your input with the submission of book reviews and questions about the library to which I or another staff member may respond.

An especially useful section is the calendar of events on pages 2 & 3, a listing of story times, programs for teens, evening adult programs, book discussions, Friends of the Library book sales, and more. You'll want to keep it posted in a convenient location.

In an important piece of business at its July meeting, the Middleton Public Library Board of Trustees adopted a long-range plan of service for the years 2002 through 2006. This plan will provide guidance in the continued improvement of the library's programs and services during this five-year period. During the development of this plan, library board and staff members used some of the information-gathering exercises contained in a manual published by the American Library Association, *Planning for Results: a Public Library Transformation Process*

The library's long-range plan is divided into five broad goal areas:

General library operations. The library provides area residents with optimum access to its services and programs by anticipating and meeting the diverse library needs of the community and providing a highly qualified staff.

Access to materials and information. The library affords area residents of all ages ready access to a broad collection of materials in a variety of media that record our knowledge, ideas, and culture, offers guidance and encouragement in their use, and provides access to reliable and easily available sources of information and reference.

Technology. The library offers broad access and service through emerging electronic resources and provides formal and informal instruction in their use.

Space needs. The library facility offers optimum use of space and furnishings to provide efficient quality service.

Community and public relations. The library develops partnerships with school libraries, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to enhance its visibility and strengthen its leadership role in providing information access and delivery to the community.

In the next issue of this newsletter, I'll discuss some of the specific objectives that we hope to achieve between now and the end of 2006. -Paul Nelson, Library Director

Book Review

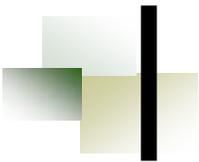
"Patty Jane's House of Curl" by Lorna Landvik

Library patrons started recommending this book to me when it first came out. They loved the quirky characters, the clever dialogue, and how it was both sad and funny.

It is the story of Patty Jane Dobbin who marries the handsome Thor Rolvaag in 1953 in Minneapolis. Patty gets pregnant, Thor disappears, and Patty and her sister Harriet open the House of Curl. It is also the story of Harriet's millionaire fiance Avel, Patty's Norwegian mother-in-law lone, and Patty and Thor's daughter Nora. The book has been compared to "Fried Green Tomatoes" because of its celebration of family and

neighborhood. The Sunday Adult Book Group will be discussing this book on October 14 at 3:00 p.m. This group meets once a month and newcomers are very welcome! And we are pleased to announce that Ms. Landvik, the author of "Patty Jane," as well as three other popular novels, will be visiting the library on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. to read from her books and discuss her writing. Her talk will be followed by a book signing and a reception and both are open to the public.

-Liz Dannenbaum, Adult Services Librarian

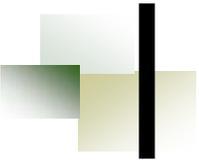
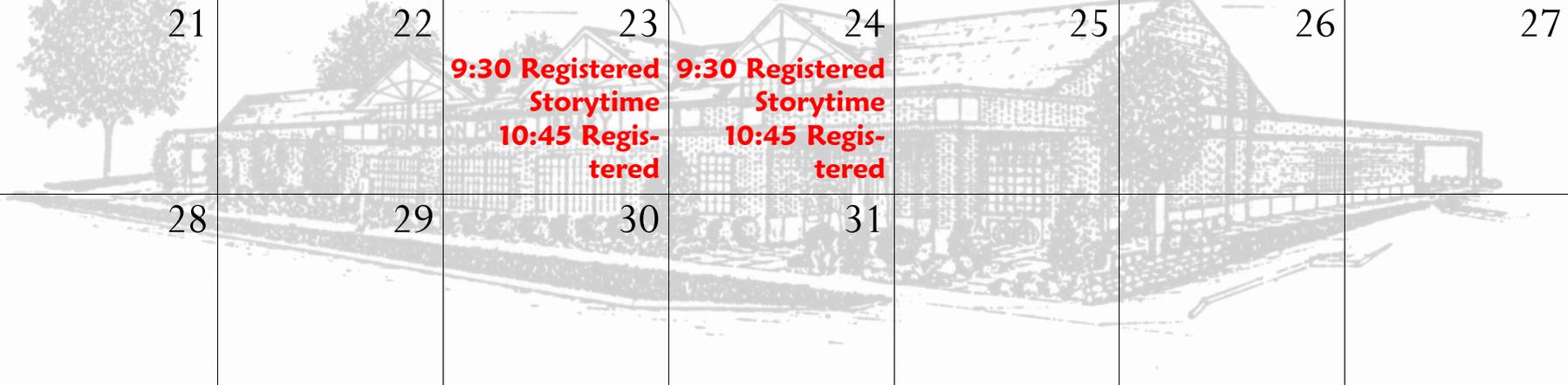
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Teen Book of the Month

“Many Stones” by Carolyn Coman

The last thing Berry wants to do is take a trip with her controlling, divorced dad. Furious with him for abandoning their family a few years previous, 16-year old Berry feels powerless to control the hateful words she shoots at him. When Berry's sister is murdered in Africa, however, Berry's father insists that Berry accompany him to the memorial service in Capetown. Struggling with grief over her sister's death and anger at her father, Berry resentfully joins him. A

psychologically rich novel, *Many Stones* captures the complexity of all relationships, subtly drawing parallels between the racial tension in South Africa with the tensions in Berry's family. A fascinating read for teens wishing to find words to express their frustration towards their parents, and equally fascinating for adults wishing to gain insight into the teenage psyche.

-Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

Ms Eve Recommends

Most of us have seen the film *Babe*, but not everyone knows that it was based on a book called *Babe, the Gallant Pig*. The book was written by British author Dick King-Smith, and he has penned dozens of delightful tales for children, most of them dealing with animals. One of our favorites is *The Water Horse*, a story that takes place in 1930, when two children come across a “mermaid's purse” (or sea-egg) washed up on a Scottish shore after a storm. The children take the egg home and put it in the bathtub--and the next day, they find a tiny creature, with a horse's head, a scaly, turtle-ish body, and a tail like a crocodile. The children care for it for almost three years but finally set it free because it

has grown so much. The lake to which they take it is called *Loch Ness*, and the rest, as they say, is history. We highly recommend all of Dick King-Smith's titles; they can be found in the juvenile fiction, and many of them also appear in paperback. For ages 8--10.

-Eve Robillard, Children's Librarian

More Chapter Book Readalouds are coming to Middleton. Children ages 8--10 are welcome to join us as Peggy Marxen (a local 4th grade teacher) reads to us from Dick King-Smith's *The Water Horse*. The program will take place in the Storytime room on two November Tuesdays--the 13th & 20th. They start at 4pm and will last about 50 minutes. To register, please call the library at 831-5564 and ask for the children's librarian.



A Radio/Library
Partnership Exploring Our
Regional Literature

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the Humanities
and administered by
the American Library
Association

Storylines America

The Middleton Public Library is participating in an exciting reading and radio discussion series that explores some of the best books about the Midwest. Created by the American Library Association, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Barnes & Noble, “Storylines America” is a live radio book discussion series.

Each program will feature authors, historians, and special guests discussing a different title. Listeners will have the opportunity to join the live discussion by calling a toll-free number.

Some of the titles that will be discussed include Toni Morrison's “*Beloved*,” Aldo Leopold's “*A Sand County Almanac*,” and Charles Baxter's “*A Feast of Love*.”

The series will run on WHA FM 90.9 at 5:00 on Sundays beginning October 7.

Check the Library's “Reader's Choice” center for more information.

-Liz Dannenbaum, Adult Services Librarian



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Check-out Tips

Holds

1. To pick up anyone else's HOLDS you must have the card the hold was placed on, or, you can fill out a HOLDS AUTHORIZATION FORM which lets designated people pick up your holds.
2. PLACING HOLDS - when placing a hold, type in the three letter code for the library you want the hold to be sent to (example: MID for Middleton) instead of the number. As the South Central Library System adds libraries, the numbers change and the three letter code will insure that you hold does not end up somewhere else!
3. PENDING HOLDS - If you are going on vacation, you can make your holds INACTIVE, so you won't miss that best seller you've been waiting for, for months! Inactive status keeps your spot on the hold list, and the holds can be activated when you return.

Please call or come into the library and we can show you these and other check-out tips.

School has started! Need a Quick Dinner Idea?

***Perfect Picnic Grilled Chicken** *from the book*
Beat the Clock Chicken by
Anne Egan. 641.555 EGA

¼ cup barbecue sauce
½ cup mango or apricot
juice
½ teaspoon of ground ginger
4 boneless, skinless chicken
breast halves

Fire up the grill or preheat the broiler. In a medium bowl, combine the barbecue sauce, fruit juice and ginger. Place the chicken on the grill or broiler pan, and grill, turning occasionally and

basting with the sauce for 15 minutes, or until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest portion registers 160F and the juices run clear. Serve with pasta or rice, and a tossed salad.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving - 162 calories, 27 g. protein, 9 g carbohydrates, 2 g fat, 66 mg cholesterol, 1 g fiber, 241 mg sodium

Fall is a busy time with school, meetings and sporting events. Middleton Public Library has a number of time-saving cookbooks for the family in a hurry, Including:

The 15-Minute Chef by
Patricia Mack 641.555 MAC

BowlFood Cookbook by
Lynne Aronson & Elizabeth
Simon 641.589 ARO

The Big Book of Casseroles
by Maryana Vollstedt 641.821
VOL

What's For Dinner? By Maryana
Vollstedt 641.555 VOL

**30-Minute Cook book: 300
Quick and Delicious Recipes
for Great Family Meals** by
Reader's Digest 641.555 REA