

# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Author A. Manette Ansay Visits Library

On Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m., “Oprah” author and Wisconsin native A. Manette Ansay will speak at the library as part of the Wisconsin Book Festival.

The Wisconsin Book Festival, a week long event organized by the Wisconsin Humanities Council, features readings and panels of Wisconsin authors in different venues around Dane County. Ms. Ansay’s presentation at the Middleton Public Library will be the “kick off” event for a number of interesting programs. For more information on the Wisconsin Book Festival see their web site:

<http://wisconsinbookfestival.org>

A. Manette Ansay is the author of such highly regarded books as Vinegar Hill, River Angel, and Limbo: A Memoir. Her program at the library is free and open to the public. A book signing and reception will conclude Ms. Ansay’s presentation here on October 9.



## Adult Book Discussions Begin Again on Sundays

The library’s monthly Sunday book discussions for adults continue this fall with books that are set in Wisconsin. Discussions begin at 3:00 p.m. Join Liz Dannenbaum and Elizabeth Bauer to reflect upon and discuss the following titles:

**September 15: *Theory of Relativity*** by Jacquelyn Mitchard

**October 6: *Limbo: A Memoir*** by A. Manette Ansay

(this discussion will be lead by Helene Androski from the UW-Madison)

**November 10 : *Crows Over a Wheatfield*** by Paula Sharp

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## Melissa’s Excellent Adventure

Melissa Ptak, our wonderful Library Assistant II for Technical Services, is embarking on an exciting new phase of her life. On September 19 Melissa leaves for Hawaii to train for a Missions Trip to Southeast Asia with the organization YWAM.

Melissa, who joined the Middleton library staff in February 1999, was previously the children’s librarian at the New Glarus Public Library. Many of you know her from our Circulation Desk here, both as a Circ supervisor and as the person who knew about the new magazines.

Along with her “assigned” duties, Melissa also cared for all the library plants. She has been a great addition to our library family and we are certainly going to miss her. Nevertheless we know she will have an important and enriching experience overseas and we wish her the very best!



## A Message from the Library Director

### “Where are the books on cassette?”

I’m sure many of you have noticed a number of recent changes in how some of the library’s materials are displayed. The impetus for this project was our rapidly expanding audiovisual collection and a lack of adequate shelf space. The small area that we had designated for AV materials in 1990 was becoming cramped and difficult to browse.

Take a look at the following figures. They represent the number of titles the library owns in each of the audiovisual format that are listed. (The significance of 1990? That’s the year we moved into our present facility.)

	<b>1990</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>2002</b>
Videocassettes	522	2,512	4,949
Compact discs (music)	306	1,459	2,759
Books on tape	497	1,965	2,579
Books on CD	0	0	403
DVDs	0	0	649
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>5,936</b>	<b>11,339</b>

In comparison, the book collection has grown from 45,690 to 58,655 to 66,239 titles in the same period. Although the percentages aren’t nearly as high, it’s interesting to note that we now have nearly 21,000 more books than we did when the library was brand-new.

The new arrangement serves to enhance the library’s audiovisual collection without detracting from the books. It is a response to the challenge of making it easier to find what you want. We take great pride in our careful approach to building collections of materials that serve as a drawing card. For example, through the years people have repeatedly told us that they go out of their way to visit the Middleton Public Library because of its extensive collection of books on tape.

As formats proliferate – videos vs. DVDs and books on tape vs. books on CD – it becomes a greater challenge to provide the best selection with our limited resources. Your input is always welcome. If you have specific suggestions as to what we should add to any of our collections, please share them with us.

-Paul Nelson, Library Director

### Friends Gigantic Book Sale

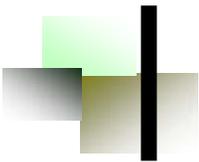
The Friends of the Middleton Public Library are holding their annual book sale September 20 and 21. This sale promises to be bigger and better than ever. Due to remodeling in the lower library level, the Friends now have two rooms for book sorting and book sales. Due to the generous contribution of books and other materials, both rooms will be open for this sale. There will be a huge collection of adult fiction, business and finance titles, self help, and children’s books. It’s a sale not to be missed!

A “Friends Only” sale will be held Friday

night, September 20, from 5 to 7 pm. The Saturday book sale, 9 am to 3 pm, will be open to the general public. Come early for the best selection!

All proceeds from Friends’ sales go towards programming and collections at the library. New sorting volunteers are always welcome. In October the Friends will be sorting on Monday, October 7, 10 am to noon; Monday, October 14, 6:30-8:30 pm; and Wednesday, October 16, 6:30-8:30 pm. Come join us!

- Lynn Haertel, Secretary, Friends of the Middleton Public Library

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER 2002</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>						
1	2 <b>Labor Day Library Closed</b>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <b>Sunday Hours Resume! Library Open 1-</b>	9	10 <b>9:00 Story- time Regis- tration</b>	11	12 <b>7:00 Family Fun Night Arnold Lobel Stroytime</b>	13	14
15 <b>3:00 Book Discussion for Adults</b>	16	17 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Story- time</b>	18 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 3:30 Teen Ad- visory Commit-</b>	19 <b>7:00 Teen Belly Dance Program</b>	20 <b>9:30 Baby Story- time 10:30 Drop-in Stroy</b>	21 <b>9:00-3:00 Friends Public Book Sale</b>
22	23 <b>Autumn Begins</b> 	24 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Story- time</b>	25 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 4:00 Books &amp; Bagels for Teens</b>	26 <b>7:00 Marshall Cook on Get- ting Pub-</b>	27 <b>9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-in Stroytime</b>	28
29	30					

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Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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6 <b>3:00 Book Discussion for Adults</b>	7	8 <b>9:30 Storytime</b> <b>10:45 Storytime</b>	9 <b>9:30 Storytime</b> <b>10:45 Storytime</b> <b>7:00 WI Book Festival Author Visit - A. Manette Ansay</b>	10	11	12
13 <b>Teen Read Week Begins</b>	14	15 <b>9:30 Storytime</b> <b>10:45 Storytime</b> <b>7:00 "Putting your garden to bed for the winter" program</b>	16 <b>9:30 Storytime</b> <b>10:45 Storytime</b> <b>4:00 Books &amp; Bagels for Teens</b>	17 <b>7:00 Teen Coffeehouse &amp; Comic Book Swap</b>	18 <b>9:30 Baby Storytime</b> <b>10:30 Drop-in Storytime</b>	19
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27 <b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b> 	28	29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b> 		

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## New Children's Book Discussion Group

What a great summer we had at the library! Over 500 children signed up for the Summer Reading Program, and this year's program was one of the busiest! Yes, we were busy here at the library because YOU were so busy reading! There were a few days when we thought patrons were going to check out every last book and video in the library—but, gosh, that's what they're there for!

This fall we're inviting kids to join our KIDS' BOOK CLUB, a discussion group for kids in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. We'll meet three times this fall—on Thursday afternoons at 4pm, in the Story Time Room.

**The schedule for The KIDS BOOK CLUB is as follows:**

**October 24; THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH**, by Patrick Catling (Grades 3 & 4)

**November 14; THE WATER HORSE**, by Dick King-Smith (Grades 3 & 4)

**December 12; WRINGER**, by Jerry Spinelli (Grades 4 & 5)

If you're interested, please stop by and sign up with Miss Eve after Labor Day at the Youth Services Desk, by calling 831-5564 or emailing [eve@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:eve@scls.lib.wi.us). Paperback copies of the book will be available by then.

## Teen Book Review

### Lirael by Garth Nix

Adventure, mystery, magic, and danger... Not for the faint of heart, this richly layered book twists in deliciously unpredictable ways. (Of course I am partial to stories about librarians, especially valiant, magic-endowed ones...)

The Clayr are tan, blonde, and early blessed with the gift of Sight. Lirael is dark, pale, and when she has not gained the Sight by the age of 14, she feels so useless and alone that she considers suicide. Discovered in hiding by an influential Clayr, Lirael requests a position as a librarian. In her new position, Lirael explores forbidden passages by work-

ing Charter Magic, a skill she is very adept at, until she finds a tomb-like place at the heart of the library with her own name inscribed on the door. Accompanied by a disreputable dog made of a strange combination of Charter and Free Magic and by Prince Sameth, the frightened heir to the title of Abhorsen, Lirael must discover what is being unburied on the edges of the Old Kingdom and the mystery of her identity.

As bewitching as *Sabriel*, to which it is a sequel, Lirael is an intricate, enchanting novel in its own right, requiring no knowledge of the former.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

## Fall Programs For Adults

We have several exciting programs planned for the library this fall; please consider joining us for the following events:

### Thursday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.

**"How to Get Your Writing Published...and Live to Enjoy It!"** with Marshall Cook of the UW-Madison. Useful recommendations on getting your writing in print.

### Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.

**Author A. Manette Ansay as part of the Wisconsin Book Festival** Ms. Ansay will discuss her books and read from her memoir "Limbo." A reception and book signing will follow her presentation.

### Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

**"Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter"** a slide presentation by Stephanie Orkowski of Olbrich Gardens. Ms. Orkowski will cover several topics including winterizing perennials.

### Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m.

**"Learning Mosaic Technique"** with Dawn Johnson, instructor of stained glass. Participants will have a hands-on opportunity to learn the basics of making mosaic patterns with glass. **Registration is limited to 18 people for this program.**

## Fall Programs For Teens

**October 13-19 is Teen Read Week** and this year we are giving away money to teens! For every book they read between Sept. 17-Oct. 17, they will receive one "Book Buck". Book bucks can be used on Oct. 17 (6-8 p.m.) in the Teen Coffeehouse & Comic Book Swap to buy snacks, comic books, and lots of sweet prizes!

**On September 19 (7-8 p.m.)**, belly up for belly laughs as we wiggle our bellies... Irrepressible Cagla will tell us some history about belly dancing (how did it get such a bad reputation when it really started as a folk dance?), give us a demonstration, and teach us some beginning moves!

**Books & Bagels**, our monthly teen book discussion group will meet **Sept. 25 and Oct. 16 from 4-5**. Join us in Sept. to discuss *Stargirl* and in Oct. to discuss *Angus, Thongs, & Full Frontal Snogging*. (Contact the Young Adult Librarian to learn how to receive a free copy of the book discussed.)

Join the **Teen Advisory Committee** & let us know which CD's, videos, video games, & books you think we should purchase, or suggest some ideas for new teen programs. We would love to hear your ideas! (Teens only, meetings on **Sept. 18 & Oct. 23 from 3:30-4:30**.)



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**Fall Treats** *At the July Library Board Meeting Judy Lewison, the outgoing Library Board President, brought treats which were shared with the board and the staff. The treats got such raves that we decided to share the recipes with everyone!*

### Blueberry Muffins

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1 egg  
1/2 cup milk  
1/4 cup salad oil  
1 & 1/2 cups flour (if using self-rising flour, omit baking powder and salt)  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup fresh blueberries or 3/4 cup well-drained frozen blueberries(thawed)

Heat over to 400 degrees.

Grease bottoms of 12 medium muffin cups. Beat eggs; stir in milk and oil. Mix in remaining ingredients, except blueberries, and stir until flour is moistened. Fold blueberries into batter. Batter should be lumpy. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately remove from pan.

Makes 12 muffins

### Butterscotch Banana Bread

Sift together 1 and 3/4 cups of flour; 2 teaspoons baking pow-

der; 1/2 teaspoon baking soda; 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg; and 1/2 teaspoon salt - set aside. Combine 1 cup mashed banana (about 2 medium bananas); 3/4 cup sugar; 2 eggs; and 1/4 cup melted butter - mix well. Alternately blend in flour mixture with 1/4 cup milk. Stir in 1 cup chopped pecan and 1 6 ounce package of Nestle's butterscotch morsels. Pour into greased 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pan. Sprinkle with 1/3 cup pecan pieces on top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour. Cool 30 minutes; re-



## Your Check-Out Desk : Did You Know? Holds Pickup Authorization Forms

The state of Wisconsin's Privacy Law prohibits the library from giving people other people's holds (i.e., even if it's your spouse, significant other or child) **unless** each person has authorized a list of other people who can pick up their holds.

We urge anyone who might want someone else to pick up holds for them to sign a "holds pickup authorization form". Without this consent, unless you have the other person's card in hand, you cannot pick up their holds. For questions or forms, please stop at the Circulation Desk or call the library at 831-5564.

- Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Services Librarian

## What's New at the Information Desk

Have you noticed a new face at our Information Desk? For the next few months, Lori Bell, a library school student at UW-Madison, will be learning more about reference and young adult librarianship through hands-on training at our Reference Desk. Lori also currently works at the UW's Memorial Library where she is putting her Russian language skills to good use by helping them organize their Russian collection. Lori came to Madison from Houston, Texas, but was born in Illinois. Please join us in welcoming her!