



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



## Book Sales Every Month in 2003

**Starting in 2003 we will be holding a book sale on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.** *The first hour will be designated for Friends Only.* This will mean more opportunities for both the Friends and the public to shop in our large sale room. We continue to receive generous donations of books on a daily basis, so the selection should always be outstanding. *The first sale is scheduled for January 11, 2003.* Friends memberships can be purchased at the library Circulation Desk, or at any of the book sales. **Memberships run from January - December of the same year no matter when they are purchased.** This is a change from previous years, and that is why we are holding a special sale in December for those Friends whose memberships end earlier than anticipated.

**Sorting help needed:** If you would like to help with the sorting of books, please see the boxed schedule in this newsletter. We always need people to weed and shelve books to keep the collection current. **It is fun, new friends are made, and you can purchase books after your shift.** You may contact any of the sorting leaders, or just come to a sort and you will be given instructions. We also want to thank all the wonderful people who have given their used books, videos, CDs, etc. to the library. Many are put into the library's own collection, and the rest have made it possible to hold these profitable sales. The September sale netted approximately \$ 2,900.00 in sales and memberships. Kudos to everyone who made this possible.

-Kate Zimmerman, Administrative Assistant

## Friends Only Book Sale December 7, 2002 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

This sale is ONLY for Friends whose memberships are current through December 7. It does not include those who have purchased 2003 memberships. If you want to attend the sale and your membership has expired, you may purchase one the day of the sale which will be good for that day ONLY. Those who have current Friends memberships can buy their holiday presents early... and help out the library at the same time! I buy books for the whole family and then put them all in one large box addressed to everyone. When we get together we pass the box around and each person picks out a book they like. This continues until all the books are gone. The Friends book sale room has a variety of categories so I se-

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## Meet The Library Staff

This issue we talk with Jason Boak, Library Assistant II.

**Congratulations on your promotion to Library Assistant II; when did you start working at the library & what made you decide to apply for a job here?**

I started working here about six years ago as a Library Page I. I had a couple of friends who worked here and they encouraged me to apply. I liked the library, so as different positions with more responsibilities became available, I applied for them. And now, here I am, with my own desk and a huge stack of paperwork to get through.

**What does your new job involve and how do you like it?**

My new job involves serials (things like magazines that come in regularly), acquisitions, and weekend supervision at the Circulation Desk. It's challenging and I'm learning a lot. I love it.

**What do you enjoy doing when you're not working here?**

When I'm not working I enjoy hockey (both playing it and watching it); reading the Bible; maintaining a small fantasy football website; road trips; and being married.

**And you just got married a few months ago; how did you meet your wife and what does she do?**

I'm from Madison and she was from Fond du Lac. We have mutual friends in Two Rivers who introduced us. Her name is Sherry and she works for Waste Management where she is an assistant to three route managers.

## A Message from the Library Director

### Middleton Designated as a Top Ten American Library

According to the latest edition of Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR™), the Middleton Public Library is one of the top ten libraries in its population category.



HAPLR™ attempts to identify the public libraries in the United States with the highest input and output measures. These measures include such factors as expenditures per capita, size of the collection per capita, and cost per circulation. A total of 15 different measures are used to determine a library's rating.

Tom Hennen, Director of the Waukesha Federated Library System here in Wisconsin, crunches the numbers and compiles the ratings. He is the first to admit that statistics alone do not define a library, but feels that the ratings numbers are still important as tools to evaluate quality library service.

The HAPLR™ Index is similar to an ACT or SAT score. It has a theoretical minimum of 1 and maximum of 1,000. Most libraries score in a range between 260 and 730. Middleton scored 859 in its population category. More information about the ratings can be found at Hennen's website.

<http://haplr-index.com>

Leonard Kniffel, the editor of *American Libraries* magazine notes that "the Hennen rankings reward and validate the hard work that libraries do to make their libraries central to the quality of life in their communities." Middleton City Administrator, Mike Davis, offered the following congratulatory note to me:

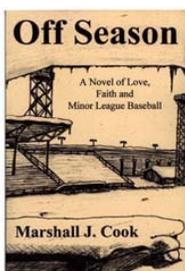
*"On behalf of all of your colleagues with the City of Middleton, I want to congratulate you, the Library Board and the Library staff for your ranking, along with Brown Deer, as having the top-rated Library in the State. Equally as impressive is the ranking as 10th in the nation. Although I'm not surprised at the rankings, given the quality of people associated with the Library, it is quite impressive that others recognize the value and support for the Library in Middleton."*

Thank you, Mike, and everyone else who offered us such kind words in response to this prestigious rating.

-Paul Nelson, Library Director

### A Good Winter Read

Marshall Cook has written another wonderful novel about America's favorite pastimes: baseball & romance. [Off Season: a novel of love, faith, and minor league baseball](#) features a small WI town and a cast of colorful characters. Among them are Jamie Paradise, the folk singer/business partner; Sheriff Tom Warren who's tracking down the arsonist who torched the new ballpark; and Casey and Heather, two women players devoted to the game.



This novel features the kind of "down home" sensibility and good humor that fans of Lorna Landvik and Fannie Flagg will enjoy. And baseball fans are sure to like it too!

Marshall Cook frequently speaks at the library on writing and publishing; now his fans here have a new opportunity to appreciate his talent as a writer of fiction.

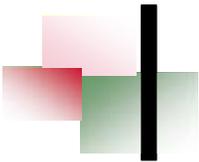
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3	4 <b>10:00 Friends Book Sorting</b>	5 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime</b>	6 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime</b>	7	8	9
10 <b>3:00 Book Discussion for Adults</b>	11 <b>6:30 Friends Book Sorting</b>	12 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime</b>	13 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 4:00 Books &amp; Bagels for Teens</b>	14	15	16
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24	25	26 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime</b>	27 <b>9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime Library Closes Early at 6:00</b>	28 <b>Thanksgiving Library Closed</b> 	29 <b>3:30 Teen Advisory Committee</b>	30

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## Programs For Children

### **Kids' Book Club**

The next meeting of the Kids' Book Club takes place on Thursday, November 14, from 4 to 5 pm in the Story Time Room. This book discussion is for boys and girls 9 to 12 years old and the next book to be discussed will be Dick King-Smith's THE WATER HORSE. The WATER HORSE is a story about the Loch Ness Monster when it was a baby and taken care of by two children.

If you're interested in participating in the discussion, please pick up a FREE copy of the book from Miss Eve, the Children's Librarian, when you sign up. You may take the book home, read it, and then come to discuss it with other kids on November 14.

### **Wayne the Wizard**

Wayne the Wizard, the popular magician, returns to the library on Thursday, November 21, at 7 pm. The program will be held in the large downstairs meeting room. Children of all ages and their parents are invited.

### **Best Christmas Pageant Ever**

The Hatrack Storytellers and Phi Beta will perform a

readers' theater version of THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER, based on the popular children's novel by Barbara Robinson. It's a comical story about a family of six ill-behaved children who decide to take over the annual Christmas pageant.

This free program will be presented at the library on Sunday, November 17, from 1:30 to 3:00 (no intermission) for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up; younger children are not invited. Please be prompt; latecomers will not be admitted.

### **Storytimes**

EVERYONE is invited to our Drop-In Story Times on Friday, November 22 and Friday, December 13, from 10:30 to 11:10. No sign up required!

Also on those Fridays we have Baby Story Time from 9:30-10:00 for children 0-24 months. Please do call 608-831-5564 to register for Baby Story Time.

Older children may register for our Tuesday and Wednesday morning storytimes which run from November 5 through December 11. We have sessions for 2-3 year olds and 4-5 year olds. Pick up a brochure in the Children's Area.

## Programs For Teens

**Teen Advisory Committee** Downstairs Meeting Room

Friday, November 29, 3:30-4:30 &  
Wednesday, December 18, 3:30-4:30

Tell us your favorite CD's, videos, computer games, books.. The Teen Advisory Committee recommends purchases for the teen area, suggests and assists with teen programs, adds links to our webpage, and advises us on changes to our teen section. Let us know what you think!

**Books and Bagels** Downstairs Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 13, 4-5 p.m. &  
Wednesday, December 11, 4-5 p.m.

Looking for a great read and don't know where to start? Discuss teen books and snack on bagels and juice at the Library with other teens. In November we will be discussing Z for Zachariah & in December vote for your favorite teen book of 2002. Think your choice will be the Newbery winner? (Bring a copy of your favorite.) Contact the Young Adult Li-

brarian to learn how to receive a free copy of the book discussed.

**Poetry Slam for Teens** Downstairs Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 20, 4-5 p.m.

Write a poem, bring it in, or compose one on the spot! Read it yourself or find a friend to read it for you.. 10 minute limit per person, teens 12-19 only. Winner receives \$25!

**Mystery Gifts & Cookie House Making** Down-

stairs Meeting Room Thursday, December 12, 7-8 p.m.

Bring a wrapped gift to share (Only rule: can't spend \$. Find something you no longer want & come trade gifts with other teens.) Afterwards we will decorate a cookie house with candy! (candies & cookie house provided.)

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## Teen Book Review

### *Big Mouth & Ugly Girl* Joyce Carol Oates

Matt Donaghy has a big mouth. When Matt, a junior, jokes to his friends about blowing up the school, everyone knows he was just kidding. But when police arrive at the school the next day to question him, Matt realizes they are very serious. Suddenly Matt's friends desert him, his parents regard him suspiciously, and everyone thinks that perhaps Matt really is a terrorist. Only a fierce, loner girl named Ursula Riggs saw what happened in the lunchroom, and although Matt does not want to answer Ursula's e-mail, she is the only person who can change Matt's life.

A believable story reflecting current fears of terrorism, this is a gripping novel similar to Avi's *Nothing But the Truth*. Ursula is fascinating—a bitter nonconformist who is unafraid to speak up against injustices, yet full of her own insecurities. Matt is also a surprising character, who finds out he has more depth than even he suspected. Touching on themes of values, justice, peer pressure, loyalty, and suicide, this is an honest and thought-provoking book that will tug on your fingers until you finish the last page.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

## The Library Welcomes New Staff

**We have a number of new Library Pages on board. Some you will see shelving and checking in; others will be working at the Circulation Desk. Some of the new faces you will see around the library include:**

**Catherine Baer**, a Trustee at the Mt. Horeb Public Library and Folklore Village, joins us as a Library Page II at the Circulation



Desk. Catherine is considering library school and she is looking forward to learning more about libraries in this job.

**Jennifer Das**, an avid library user, joins us as a Page I. Jennifer is having as much fun shelving books as she did checking them out as a patron!

**Carolyn Denson** is a Library Page I during the very busy afternoon hours. Carolyn admits she didn't

realize how complicated library work behind the scenes really was—but that she does like it.

**Mary DuPuis**, another avid library user, also joins us as a Page I and she is enjoying experiencing the library from the “work side.”

**Dulcey Else**, who recently moved to Middleton from Corvallis, Oregon, joins us as a Library Page II at the Circulation Desk. Dulcey worked at the library in Corvallis and we appreciate the experience and enthusiasm she brings to this job.

**Alex Frank** is a senior at Memorial High School and has great taste in music. Alex is a Library Page I and has made an excellent impression with his consistent good work.



**Kate Phelps** is a freshman at Memorial

High School and was recently involved in the school play there. Kate is a Library Page I and is quickly learning the ropes here.

**Nora Radtke**, a new Library Page I, is a freshman at Middleton High School, just finishing a great season with the MHS cross country team. Go Cardinals!



**David Schneider** is a junior at Middleton High School and is involved with the MHS jazz band. David is a Library Page I and his previous experience as a library patron seems to be paying off in his new role.

We welcome everyone—AND thank all the “old” staff who have put a lot of time and energy in keeping things running smoothly during the transition period as well as helping to train all these new people!