



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Book Discussions For Adults

The Middleton Public Library offers a book discussion for adults one Sunday afternoon a month at 3:00 p.m.

The **February 2** discussion will be lead by Library Director Paul Nelson. Paul is leading the discussion on his favorite novel written in the 1990s: **“Gone South”** by Robert McCammon. This is a novel about a Vietnam vet on the run in the Louisiana bayou.

On **March 2** we will be discussing this year’s **“Read It, Share It”** selection. Last year’s choice, **“Caucasia”** generated an enormous amount of interest. This year’s book—which will be announced in early January—should be equally popular.

On **March 30** the discussion will be on Kyoko Mori’s novel, **“Stone Field, True Arrow,”** a story about a

woman coming to terms with her father’s death and the choices she has made in her life. The author, born in Japan, taught writing at St. Norbert’s for several years .

Another novel about choices is **“Aquamarine”** by Carol Anshaw. Ms. Anshaw, a Chicago writer, reflects upon how one woman’s life might evolve depending on one decision or another. We will be discussing **“Aquamarine”** on **Sunday, April 27, 3:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to attend the book discussions. If you have questions about the library’s adult book discussions, see Liz Dannenbaum or Elizabeth Bauer for more information.

- Liz Dannenbaum, Adult Services Librarian

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Meet The Library Staff

This issue we meet with Jonathan Fung, Library Page



**When did you start working at the Middleton Public Library?
How did you happen to apply for a job here?**

I’ve been working here for over four years. I did some volunteer work at my middle school library. So when it came time to look for a job, and a friend suggested this library, I applied here.

You are currently a junior at UW-Madison; how are you enjoying it and what are you planning to major in?

After two years at the UW, I’ve realized that college is really just like high school, except it requires a lot more work. I am currently majoring in Economics, but I still might add to or change my major.

Suffice to say, while college is nice and all that, I’m more than eager to be finished.

What do you like best about working here at the library and what do you like least?

What I like best is that after four years I’ve developed a fairly comfortable routine. Work is now a force of habit. My supervisors and co-workers are all very nice. The flip side of that is probably what I like least; after four years the work becomes very routine and repetitive. And it’s sometimes disturbing when you look around and see no net accomplishment from week to week; there are still more books to check in and shelf!

When you’re not studying or working, what do you do for fun?

My main hobby is comic book collecting. I stop by the comic store at least once a week to pick up new comics. Personally I find comics to be the most imaginative storytelling medium. Unfortunately, with my studies and with two part-time jobs, I don’t have time to pick up other hobbies and activities.

A Message from the Library Director In Appreciation of Special Gifts to the Library

A donation to the Middleton Public Library is a unique opportunity for you to commemorate a special event, honor the memory of a loved one, or to acknowledge a special person in the community.

The Library encourages such gifts, not only because they provide a lasting tribute, but also because they serve to enhance library services to everyone in our community. Please contact Library Director Paul Nelson at 831-5564 for more information about making a donation to the library.

The library board of trustees and library staff are pleased to acknowledge the following individuals and groups for their generosity to the library in 2002. Their gifts have been used to purchase a variety of books, audiovisual materials, and furnishings for the library.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

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University Book Store
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What is the One Day People Dread? (April 15)

The Middleton Public Library continues to offer its patrons access to many of the State and Federal income tax forms. Those forms that we do not have on hand can be copied from reproducible books located near the library copy machines

FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY AFTER JANUARY 1. All forms are located in the inner lobby on the shelving designated for this purpose. If you don't see a

particular form, it either hasn't arrived yet, or you will have to make a copy.

Our librarians cannot help you select or fill out a form, but someone from the Reference Desk can assist you in finding the form you are looking for. Please be patient, as we try to keep as much information on hand as possible to help you with this sometimes difficult process.

- Kate Zimmerman, Administrative Assistant

Director Selects Favorite Novel for February Book Discussion

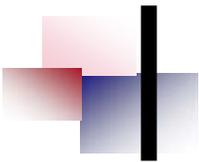
Robert McCammon has spent most of his career writing horror novels. The cinematic, blockbuster-ready *They Thirst* (1981), wherein vampires attempt to take over the city of Los Angeles, is the only book that has literally given me nightmares. By the time of *Gone South's* publication in 1992, though, McCammon already had one "mainstream" novel under his belt, the affecting *Boy's Life* (1991), a coming-of-age story about a 12-year-old boy living in rural Alabama in the mid-1960s. *Gone South* continues the author's move into new territory, as he assuredly blends elements of mystery, suspense, comedy, and the grotesque. The result of all these ingredients is the best quest novel ever written, although some readers might argue that it's simply a book that's impossible to categorize.

The story centers on Dan Lambert, a 41-year-old,

down-on-his-luck Vietnam veteran. He murders a bank officer in a moment of blind fury and is subsequently chased through the Louisiana bayou county by the oddest, most unlikely trio of bounty hunters imaginable. And, as you'll discover, McCammon has an extremely fertile imagination.

Gone South is not only my favorite novel of the 1990s but is also found at the top of my list of best books ever published. Each time I have read this book, it has been a redemptive experience; my outlook on life is refreshed. Never read a book by Robert McCammon? You can't go wrong starting here. Please join us for a discussion of *Gone South* on Sunday, February 2, at 3 p.m. in the Marian Archer Room on the library's lower level.



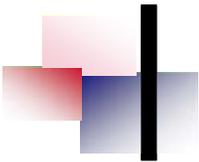
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Teen Book Review

***Straydog* by Kathe Koja**

"Lassie with an attitude," is how the feral collie is described when she is brought into the animal shelter. Rachel immediately identifies with the fierce dog, naming her Grrl. Urged by her English teacher to write a story about Grrl to enter in a local contest, Rachel reluctantly trades stories with Griffin, a new boy in her class. Rachel and Griffin admire each other's writing and form a hesitant friendship. But Rachel's self-defense has always been a biting sarcasm and she is afraid of letting anyone get too close. Just as Rachel learns she holds the key to her

own cage of self-imposed isolation, her own limitations in the fight to save Grrl become clear.

Not a "Disney" book by any means, these characters are tough and have tough situations. Rachel struggles realistically against her anger and to save Grrl, but even though she tries her hardest, things don't always go as she hopes. From dealing with grief to rebuilding relationships, *Straydog* is a vibrant book, allowing readers to explore the tentative beginnings of trust and friendship with all its ensuing insecurities.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

Teen Programs January & February

Teen Advisory Committee

Downstairs Meeting Room

Wednesday, January 15, 3:30-4:30

Monday, February 10, 3:30-4:30

Tell us your favorite CDs, 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. Looks great on a college application!

Books and Bagels

Downstairs Meeting Room

Wednesday, January 8, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 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 January we will be discussing *Sabriel* & in February *The Book of Three*. Contact the Young Adult Librarian to learn how to receive a free copy of the book discussed.

Pizza & Soda Taste Test

Downstairs Meeting Room

Thursday, January 16, 7-8 p.m.

The really pressing questions: what is the best pizza out there? Which is better: Coke or Pepsi? Sign up beginning January 2nd to let us know how many pizzas to order. Free for teens 12-19 only. (Voted most popular teen program in our survey!)

FRIENDS MONTHLY BOOK SALE REMINDER

When: 2nd Saturday of each month (Next sale January 11, 2003)

Time: 10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. (10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Friends ONLY)

Where: Middleton Public Library Sale Room

Foreign Language Books **Libros Livres книги Buecher**

Are you wondering where the novels in Spanish and French disappeared to? Check the library's non-fiction section in the 400's. As space was getting tight on the bookshelf designated for these books, we decided to move them to the 400's where there is more space and we can continue adding new books. This also puts these novels in with our language instruction materials. The library continues to add new language study cassettes and CDs on

a regular basis. Novels in Spanish will now be located in 468 and titles in French in 448. Our newest titles? *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros and *Harry Potter et la Coupe de Feu*.

Coming soon: books in German and Russian!

-Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

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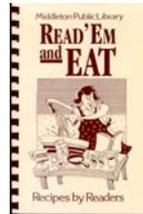
Recipe of the Month

January and February are BLAH months - who wants to cook? Try this easy, one-dish casserole contributed by library staff member Ilene Bischoff.

“Hamlet Casserole” (Ham and Chicken Casserole)

1/2 cup chopped onions
2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1 3 ounce can mushrooms
1/2 cup celery, chopped
2 tablespoons sherry
2 cups chicken, cooked
and cubed
1 cup cooked ham, cubed
1/2 cup grated swiss cheese
1 cup frozen peas (optional)
1 cup bread crumbs
2 tablespoons butter

Saute onion in butter. Stir in flour. Add mushrooms, celery, half & half, and sherry. Cook until bubbly. Add remaining ingredients, place in casserole dish and top with bread crumbs. Dot with butter and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.



Yields: 6 to 8 servings
Source: [Read' Em and Eat: Recipes by Readers](#). Middleton Public Library, 1994. 641.5973 WIS

To locate other wonderful recipes, take a closer look at our library cookbook!

Read' Em and Eat was designed, organized, and tested by the staff and the Friends of the Middleton Public Library as a means to highlight favorite recipes as well as serve as a fund raiser for the Library's programs, services and collections. Created in 1994, the cookbook uses literary categories as chapter headings and literary allusions in the recipe titles (The “official recipe name is given underneath the “literary” title). The staff and friends had fun thinking these up and hope that you have fun reading them and, hopefully, trying some of the recipes.

- Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation
Services Librarian

Spring Programs For Adults

Sunday, February 23 2-4 p.m.

Please register for this program.

“Hidden Treasures in Your Attic: how to evaluate and appraise your antiques” with Ramona Link Meher, ISA, Chicago. *Through a hands-on examination of sample antiques, Ms. Meher will cover the guidelines you can use to evaluate your antiques.*

Saturday, March 8 10 am-Noon

“Basic Home Plumbing” workshop with Mary Kay Brimeyer, home repair specialist. *Learn how to fix leaky faucets, repair toilets, and perform other simple plumbing procedures.*

Tuesday, March 11 7 pm

“Patriotism and Civility: a Literary Perspective” with Rebecca Walkowitz, UW-Madison Department of English. *A Humanities Forum sponsored by the UW-Madison Center for the Humanities and the Dane County Library Service.*

Sunday, April 6 2-4 pm

Jazz Appreciation Month Celebration. *Pianist Brad Pregeant will speak on “The Roots of Jazz Piano” and the Middleton Jazz Ensemble will perform. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Middleton Public Library.*

Tuesday, April 8 7 pm

Please register for this program.

“Writing Creative Non-Fiction” with Dr. Laurel Yourke, UW-Madison. *What is creative non-fiction? How do we write it and how does it differ from any other kind of non-fiction?*

If you have questions about any of these programs, please email mid@scls.lib.wi.us, call 608-831-5564, or talk to Liz Dannenbaum.