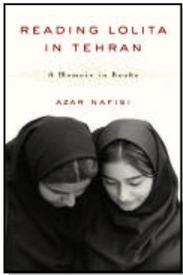




The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Reading Lolita in Tehran: a memoir in books by Azar Nafisi



At our adult book discussion on **Thursday, February 3, at 7 p.m.**, we will talk about the book *Reading Lolita in Tehran*. In America we tend to take reading what we want for granted. In the Islamic Republic of Iran reading western literature is outlawed. In 1995 a bold woman teacher gathered seven of her female students together to read forbidden Western classics. In the face of governmental tyranny, seizure of universi-

ties by fundamentalists, censorship, and morality squads, these seven women risked their lives to unveil themselves and become immersed in reading and discussing works by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Henry James, Jane Austen, and Vladimir Nabokov. As their lives entwine with the stories, we are given insights into the country of Iran and the women themselves. Nafisi's memoir reminds us all of the power, hope, and influence of good literature. Please join us to discuss this compelling tale! -Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Librarian

Love at Both Ends of the Leash: Why We Love our Dogs So Much

Author and animal behaviorist Patricia McConnell will speak on **Thursday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the library's Archer Room. Dr. McConnell, author of several books including **The Other End of the Leash** and co-host of **Calling All Pets** on Wisconsin Public

Radio, will discuss the biology and philosophy of the amazing bond we have with our dogs.

There will be a reception and book signing at the program's conclusion. **No pets at this program, please!**



Meet The Library Staff



In this issue, we meet with Library Page II, Kathy Rausch

When did you get interested in library work? What were you doing before you joined us here at Middleton?

I came to library work quite naturally through my career as an elementary/middle school teacher. Early on I recognized the joy and importance of bringing literature to children. As a result, three months prior to joining the Middleton staff, I graduated from the UW-Madison's School of Library and Information Science with my master's degree. It took two and a half years of full-time study to complete that exciting and challenging journey.

What's the best part of working at the Circulation Desk?

The best part of working at the Circ Desk is the people. Our diverse patron population proves to be both intriguing and inspiring. Further, all the staff has been kind, generous, and extremely helpful to me as I learn the nuances of the LINK system and SCLS/Middleton policies.

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A Message From the Library Director 2004 Highlights

The Middleton Public Library experienced its best year ever in 2004. Library use was up across the board: circulation of library materials (where a new record of 530,000 items was achieved), walk-in visits, library card registrations, program attendance, and meeting room use.

The major event of the year was the completion, on time and within budget, of the renovation and expansion project. The goal of separating the “active” and “studious” aspects of library service was successfully achieved. New features include a computer lab, quiet study rooms, and a reading room with fireplace.

Although audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs continue to grow in popularity, books remain the most important part of the library service programs. They add up to 61% of the library’s annual circulation. Staff has made a special effort to improve the marketing of new materials, such as a parenting collection located in the children’s area, Caldecott and Newbery award winners, career & education titles, and a new

collection of Spanish language materials in a variety of formats.

The City of Middleton continues to provide strong financial support, which has helped to improve the library’s service programs and to strengthen its role as an anchor to downtown development. Of the more than 360,000 visits to the library in 2004, slightly more than half originated from outside the city limits. The library has significant drawing power.

There were some other notable accomplishments in 2004. The library successfully reached its \$250,000 capital fundraising goal, which helped to bring about the reading room and computer lab. This fall it was announced that the library placed second in the state, and first in our population category, on Hennen’s American Public Library Rankings.

We look forward to your continued support in 2005.

-Paul Nelson, Library Director

Adult Graphic Novel Review

Have you discovered graphic novels yet? An exciting blend of words and art, the format’s diversity ensures that there is a graphic novel for everyone. Each newsletter we will review some of the best. Check one out today!

Buddha by Osamu Tezuka

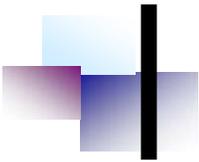
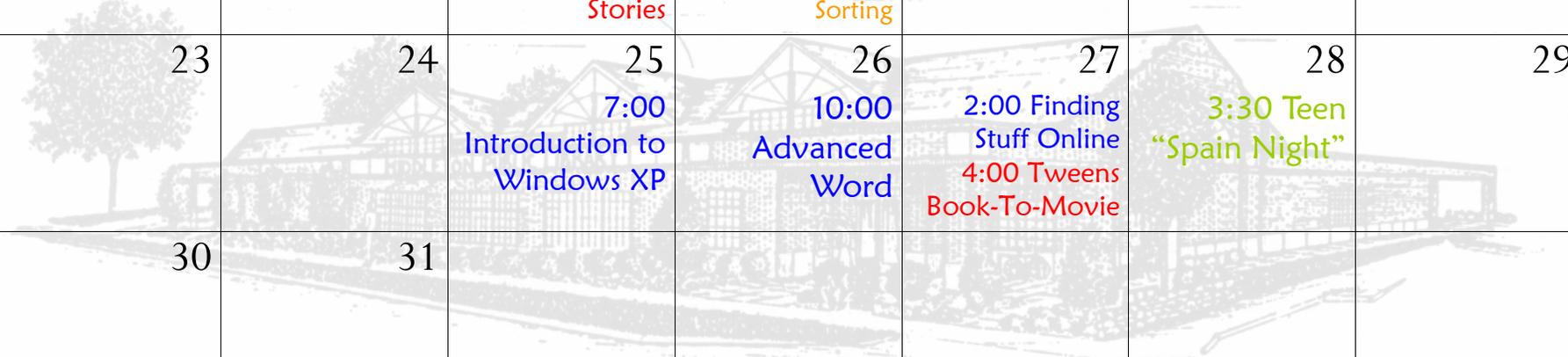
Set in ancient India, this Eisner award winning, eight-volume series chronicles the life of the Buddha. Written and illustrated by Japan’s most famous and influential comics creator, Buddha is a refreshing combination of comedy and drama that mixes original characters with history and traditional belief. In *Volume One: Kapilavastu*, we are introduced to Prince Siddhartha, whose birth is foretold by a series of strange events. *Volume Two: The Four Encounters* picks up ten years later and covers Siddhartha’s boyhood and his growing discontent with princely life. The focus is on Siddhartha’s training as a monk in *Volume Three:*

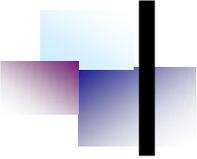


Devadatta, which also includes the story of a shy, sullen boy raised by wolves. After many trials and ordeals, Siddhartha finally achieves enlightenment in *Volume Four: The Forest of Uruvela*. To find out what happens next, make sure to watch for the rest of the series, to be released in 2005.

For other biographical graphic novels, try *The Fixer: A Story from Sarajevo* by Joe Sacco, *Comanche Moon* by Jack Jackson, and *Autobiographix* by various authors.

-Sarah Hartman, Reference Assistant

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>JANUARY 2005</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>				<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day Library Closed</p>
2 (open regular hours, 1:00pm-5:00pm)	3 10:00 Friends Book Sorting	4 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 3:30 Princess Diaries 2 4:00 Snacks & Stories	5 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime	6 9:30 Baby Storytime 6:30 Pajama Party 7:00 Adult Book Discussion	7 2:00 Storytime	8  10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale
9	10 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	11 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Snacks & Stories	12 9:30 Storytime 10:00 Introduction to Word 10:30 Storytime	13 9:30 Baby Storytime 2:00 Introduction to the Internet	14 2:00 Storytime	15 10:30 Winter Reading Club Kick-off Party 11:00 Magician/Juggler Bob Kahn
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Snacks & Stories	19 9:30 Storytime 10:00 Intermediate Word 10:30 Storytime 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	20 9:30 Baby Storytime 4:00 Krafty Kids	21 2:00 Toy Story 2	22
23 	24	25 7:00 Introduction to Windows XP	26 10:00 Advanced Word	27 2:00 Finding Stuff Online 4:00 Tweens Book-To-Movie	28 3:30 Teen "Spain Night"	29
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>FEBRUARY 2005</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>				<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p>	
		1	2	3	4	5
				<p>6:30 Pajama Party 7:00 Adult Book Discussion</p>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<p>10:00 Friends Book Sorting</p>		<p>3:30 Teen Advisory Committee</p>	<p>4:00 Krafty Kids 6:00 "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen"</p>	<p>5:00 Friends (Members Only) Booksale</p>	<p> 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<p> 4:00 Teen "Heart Burns" Program 6:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Snacks & Stories</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 6:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>9:30 Baby Storytime 7:00 Love at Both Ends of the Leash</p>	<p>2:00 Storytime</p>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<p>President's Day</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Snacks & Stories</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime</p>	<p>9:30 Baby Storytime 4:00 Tween Mystery Night</p>	<p>2:00 Games Galore</p>	
27	28					

December Friends Book Sale a Great Success!

The proceeds from the December Saturday sale came to approximately \$1,576.00, including \$335.00 in membership applications. This total is almost twice what was received in 2003. Thank you to the volunteers who help make these sales possible, as well as the many patrons who donated materials and those who

came to shop.

Don't forget to renew your memberships for 2005 so you won't miss any of the monthly sales, particularly the ones that include the bag sales in February, May, and September.

Kate Zimmerman, Administrative Assistant

Anti-Valentines for Teens, Plus Spain Night, & Movies

Do you hate Valentine's Day? Sick of all the mushy-sweet hype? Come to our "Heart Burns" program for teens on Valentine's Day (**Monday, Feb. 14, 4-5 p.m.**) with Death by Chocolate cake & a Cupid pinata. Black attire suggested.

If you have the "winter in Wisconsin" blues, escape to Spain for a night! On **Friday, Jan. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**, we'll be making tortilla de patatas, dancing sevillanas & playing some Spanish guitar as

well as some Spanish rock music.

Or if you prefer to escape into a movie, try our Books & Bagels & Movies program: on **Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 3:30 p.m.** we'll watch *Princess Diaries 2* & discuss the book. On **Thursday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m.** we'll be watching *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* & comparing it to the book. If you need a copy of the book, ask for Rebecca at the Youth Services desk or call (608)827-7402.



Looking for books in Spanish? Movies? Magazines?

¿Esta buscando los libros en español? ¿Peliculas y revistas en español?

Looking for books in Spanish? Starting in January, our books in Spanish will be located upstairs between the Reader Choice Center and the photocopier. We will also be expanding the collection to include magazines and movies in Spanish. Magazines will include *People en español*, *Latina*, *Vanidades*, *Estylo*, *Hola!* & *Selecciones* and we will be adding movies such as *Y Tu Mama También*, *Hable Con Ella*, and *Dora la Exploradora*. Suggestions welcome--please ask for Rebecca at the Youth Services Desk.

¿Esta Ud. buscando los libros en español? Empezando en enero, los libros en español estarán colocados en la planta de arriba entre el Reader Choice Center y la fotocopidora. Estaremos ampliando la colección para añadir revistas y peliculas en español también. Títulos de las revistas incluyen *People en español*, *Latina*, *Vanidades*, *Estylo*, *Hola!* & *Selecciones* y vamos a añadir peliculas como *Y Tu Mama También*, *Hable Con Ella*, and *Dora la Exploradora*. Nos encantarian tener sus sugerencias--por favor pregunte por Rebecca en la mesa de niños/jovenes en la planta de arriba.

The Library Sincerely Thanks...

- **Sara Templin** and **Marlene Urben** for their dedicated reshelving of the magazines.
- **Paul Christianson** for his donations of hundreds of DVDs.
- Author **Kathleen Ernst** for the basket of children's and YA books she donated to the library, and for donating the \$100 she won from the Society of Children's Book Authors and Illustrators to us!
- Friends volunteer **Joanne Kelly** for attending all 3 Friends book sortings each month **AND** keeping the booksale rack upstairs stocked with great stuff.
- **Steve, Barbara, and Grace Ingham** for their generous donation to children's programming and collection development.
- the **www.readers group** for their generous donation towards more easy readers and picture books.
- and a special "thank you" to all the boys and girls who colored pumpkins and turkeys to help decorate the children's area this fall!



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Monday—Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday 9 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1 pm-5 pm



Good 'Tween Reads



A Long Way from Chicago

by Richard Peck

For seven summers, Joey and his sister, Mary Alice, traveled by train to a sleepy Illinois town to visit their indomitable Grandma. Each summer brought new excitement and adventures: bodies in the parlor, poaching, trespassing, dead mice, and many other odd happenings. One never knew what was going to happen at Grandma's. Larger than life, she did

things in her own way. In each chapter, Joey tells of the adventures of a particular year's visit starting with 1929. This is historical fiction at its finest. Grandma returns in the Newbery Winner, **A Year Down Yonder**, when the depression forces Mary Alice's parents to send her to stay with Grandma for an entire year! Come meet Grandma, guaranteed to be a character you will never forget. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

- Lori Bell, Youth Services Assistant

'Tweens Only Club

Finally, a club just for 'tweens--kids ages 8-12. Every month we'll watch a book turned into a movie, or solve a mystery, or have a scavenger hunt, or....well, you get the idea. No younger kids, no teenagers - this club is just for 'tweens alone! Join us, **Thursday, January 27th from 4-6pm** for our "Book-to-Movie" night where we'll watch *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* on the BIG screen downstairs. Just like at the theaters, except it's FREE! Even the popcorn & drinks! At each "Book-to-Movie" event, we'll vote on what to see next. Look for more 'Tweens Only Club events in our program brochures or on our website.

Be part of our first ever **WINTER READING CLUB**—our "cooler" version of the Summer Reading Program: **"Snow is Falling—Books are Calling"**

January 15-March 12

Sign up anytime during the 8 week program. Read at least one hour each week. Turn in your Snowman time slip and receive your weekly prize. Prizes are different and get better each week, so the more you read the more prizes you receive! For kids up to age 12.

Winter Reading Club Kick-Off Party

On **Saturday, January 15**, magician and juggler **Bob Kahn** will be entertaining us as we kick off our first Winter Reading Club. Winter Reading Club sign-up begins at 10:30 am and Bob Kahn performs at 11:00 in the Archer Meeting Room. Use the lobby elevator or stairs to get to the lower level.



Meet Kathy Rausch, continued from Page 1...

What do you like to read? Tell us some of your all-time favorite books.

I am, of course, very fond of children and young adult works. As a child I read every Walter Farley and Marguerite Henry book (horses!). I still enjoy reading children's/YA literature, having recently completed *Redwall*, *Artemis Fowl*, and *Midnight for Charlie Bone*. I am a Harry Potter devotee as well. My favorite book is Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*, which I read aloud to my classes each year. Last May my youngest son graduated from the UW and moved to Washington DC which sent me on an American history path. I have enjoyed the popular biographies of John Adams and Ben Franklin as well as *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis and *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts. Finally, I read everything I could get my hands on regarding Alaska's Inside Passage in preparation for a trip there with my husband in September. Needless to say, I get lots and lots of ideas from the patrons every day!

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

I am an avid gardener and outdoor enthusiast. I love to travel, but our family also includes four dogs and a cat who demand quite a bit of time. I also enjoy crafts, needlework, sports, and (surprise) reading!

And if your school is out for the day, why not come to the library for our fun **Winter Reading Club Events!**

Winter Escape Movie

Toy Story 2, rated PG.

Friday, January 21, 2-4 p.m., Archer Meeting Room

See it on the big screen in the Archer Meeting Room.

Snacks provided. For ages 5-12.

Games Galore!

Friday, February 25, from 2-4 p.m., Archer Meeting Room

We'll have group games and board games. You can bring your favorite games to share! Snacks provided. For ages 5-12.

Check out the calendar, visit our website, or stop by the children's desk for information on our other children's programs in January and February.