

The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Report

Did you know that federal law allows those who are 70 and older to make tax-free charitable donations up to \$100,000 from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) directly to the charity of their choice without first counting it as income and paying income tax? This law expires at the end of 2009, so if you've considered making a donation to the Middleton Public Library, this may be the time to do it!

Individuals may transfer the money tax-free to a designated fund, a field of interest fund or unrestricted funds, but they may not transfer the money tax-free to a donor advised fund or a supporting organization. Individuals may also transfer the money to a pass through account, as long as a designation is made at the time of transfer. The Middleton Public Library Board and staff are very grateful to those individuals who have given us funds to improve our collections, to remodel the building, to enhance our programs and to build the Library Endowment Fund.

A gift to the **Middleton Public Library Endowment Fund** can also provide substantial tax savings to donors of any age and, in effect, reduces the cost of the gift. Here are some examples:

- Savings to your income taxes with gifts of cash, security or property made during this fiscal year;
- Reduction in your inheritance and gift taxes with testamentary trusts or gifts, or living trusts;
- Decrease in capital gains taxes with gifts of appreciated securities or other property.

Giving to the Library's Endowment Fund is a gift that keeps giving. Here's how it works:

- Gifts to the Endowment fund are placed in a separate account at the Madison Community Foundation.
- The principal is never spent; only the interest gained is used.

Each year, the Library Board has the option of reinvesting the interest or sponsoring a special project at the Library.

Donation forms are available online at www.midlibrary.org/library/donations.asp or at any service desk in the library.

Be sure to confer with your tax advisor or legal counsel to see whether a gift of this type may be of advantage to you. All contributions to the Endowment Fund are tax deductible.

Unrestricted gifts enable the Library Board to consider its needs and to direct the earnings where they are most needed. Should you have any questions regarding charitable giving to the Middleton Public Library or its Endowment Fund you may contact me at pamela@scls.lib.wi.us or by calling (608) 827-7425.

- Pamela Westby,
Library Director

Author Jesse Lee Kercheval



Ms. Kercheval is the author of eight books, including the new and deeply moving novel *The Alice Stories*. She will be speaking at the library on **Thursday, November 13, at 7pm**. *The Alice Stories*, set primarily in the Madison area, won the 2006 Prairie Schooner Book Prize. Ms. Kercheval is a professor of English at UW-Madison and the director of the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing. Please join us to hear Ms. Kercheval read from *The Alice Stories* and discuss the art of writing. Call 827-7403; email mid@scls.lib.wi.us; or stop by the library's Reference Desk to register for this program.

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Library Libations A Wine Tasting Event

Barriques in Middleton
1901 Cayuga Street
Across from the Post Office

Sample wines of the Season, cheese, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and win door prizes while supporting the Middleton Public Library

Tickets available at the Middleton Public Library, at the door, or RSVP today (608 827 6387)
Space is limited

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2008

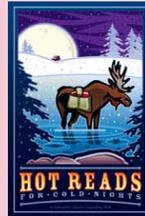
Time: 5:00—7:30 pm

Price: \$30 per individual

\$50 per couple

Organized by the Friends of the Middleton Public Library

NEW PROGRAM FOR ADULTS COMING THIS JANUARY!



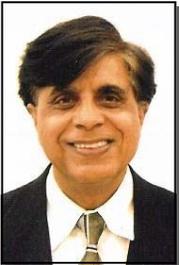
The **first Middleton Public Library Adult Winter Reading Program** will begin Monday, January 5, and conclude at noon on Friday, February 27.

Every adult (18 and older) who reads 35 hours and turns in 3 book reviews will be given a **Hot Reads for Cold Nights** mug. In addition there will be opportunities to turn in slips for a Grand Prize Drawing for a \$50 Borders gift certificate.

For more information stop by the library's Reference Desk or call 827-7403.



Community Reader, Gurdip Brar, City Council Representative for the 2nd District



What are you reading these days?

I am reading **Feel the Fear ... And Do It Anyway** by Susan Jeffers. It describes how to turn our fear of doing things such as speaking, meeting strangers and countless other things into power and action. I am also reading **Reinventing Influence - How to Get Things Done in a World Without Authority**. I enjoy reading Dr. Seuss books (**The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham**); I used to read them to my daughter Gloria and son Victor when they were little.

Who are some of your favorite authors?

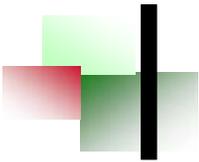
My favorite authors are: Dr. Seuss, Norman Vincent Peale, Napoleon Hill, Dale Carnegie and Stephen R. Covey. Over the years, besides reading professional science books, my favorite pastime has been reading self-improvement and motivational books.

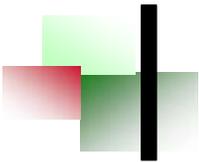
What three books would you like to hope to see everyone in Middleton read at some point?

Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy, **The Power of Positive Thinking** by Norman Vincent Peale, and **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** by Stephen Covey

You have always been an enthusiastic supporter of the library. What do you like best about the Middleton Public Library?

Our Library has knowledgeable, cheerful and very helpful staff. They go an extra mile to help citizens of all ages and nationalities. Our library provides lifetime learning materials (books, music and video resources, computers, magazines) and tools for all citizens and folks from the surrounding communities. Library architecture (high ceiling), layout, organization, lighting and the whole environment is very conducive to learning. It is a very inviting place. Other pluses: centrally located, adequate parking, strong community support.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="color: red; margin: 0;">NOVEMBER 2008</h1> <p style="color: green; margin: 0;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>						
 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 6:30 Storytime Celebration	 4 4:00 'Tween Dungeons & Dragons	5 10:00 Storytime Celebration 4:00 Book Bunch	6	7	 8 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only)
 9 1:30-3:00 Teen Run Book Sale	10 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	11 4:00 'Tween Dungeons & Dragons	12 4:00 Book Bunch	13 4:00 'Tween Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 Author Jesse Lee Kercheval	14 3:30 Teen Dungeons & Dragons	15
16	17 6:30 4th Annual Harry Potter Trivia Challenge for 'Tweens	18 4:00 'Tween Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 Adult Book Discussion	19 4:00 Book Bunch 4:00 Teen Books & Brownies 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	20 10:00 Adult Book Discussion 4:00 'Tween D&D 7:00 Chocolate Night for Teens	21 3:30 Teen Dungeons & Dragons	22
23	24 4:00 & 6:30 "Krafty" Kids	25	26 Library Closing Early at 6:00 pm	 27 Thanksgiving Library Closed	28	29
30						<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> ■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event </div>

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21  Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Library Closed 	25 Christmas Day Library Closed 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Library Closing Early at 6pm	Jan. 1, 2009 New Year's Day Library Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event 	

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

Chocolate & Duct Tape: Winter Programs for Teens



Mmm, what could be better than hot chocolate on a cold night? How about lots of chocolates of every kind... Teens 12-19 are invited to join us on **Thursday, Nov. 20th, 7-8 p.m.** for a celebration of all things chocolate. Test your knowledge in our chocolate trivia contest, guess the names of popular chocolate bars, or enter your chocoholic reveries in our "Ode to Chocolate" poetry contest.

Teens are also invited to discover the wackier side of duct tape on **Thursday, Dec. 11, 7-8 pm** as

Two Day Book Sale!

The Friends of the Middleton Public Library will hold book sales on both the first floor and lower level of the library on **November 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** The first floor sale will feature many beautiful books for adults and children -- books of gift giving quality. The regular sale room will offer a wide range of books, books-on-tape, CDs, and movies. On Saturday the 8th, the Friends will have an art project in the Archer

It's Your Deal ... Self Checkout

As you approach the library's Circulation Desk, you will see a new "express" self check machine. Our staff is excited about this new addition. We hope you are too. We have added it for your convenience. Now you won't have to wait in long lines, and self check adds an extra measure of privacy for you too.

Also, the public's co-operation in using self check frees up library staff to tackle other necessary tasks: processing, mending, and cleaning materials in order to get them back on the shelves quickly.

Some of you have voiced concern that use of self check will result in lost jobs. Not so! We have more than enough work to keep us busy. The Middleton Library is in an enviable position in

we show how to make a duct tape wallet or duct tape rose. Billed "Just Ducty: Duct Tape Gifts," this program will give you unusual present ideas for that quirky someone.



All teen programs are free and funded by our Friends group—please sign up at the main level Help Desk if you plan to attend either program or call us at (608)827-7402.

-Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

Room for children to work on while their families shop.

On **Sunday, November 9, from 1:30 to 3:00**, the Teen Advisory Committee will staff the book sale room on the lower level. Funds from that Sunday sale will be used to support special library programming for teens.



that the volume of material that we handle increases with each passing month. Some patrons have indicated that they prefer the one on one interaction with library staff. So please, after you use self check, make eye contact and wave at us. We look forward to seeing you!

The self check purpose is to streamline the check out process, curtail waiting in lines and give librarians more time to perform necessary tasks and keep the operation running smoothly. Self checkout is the real deal, a winning hand --- it's for you.



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Sunday (Sept-May) 1 pm-5 pm



2009 Friends Book Sales & Book Sale Sorting



The Friends of the Middleton Public Library hold a **book sale the second Saturday of every month**. Sorting for book sales is an on-going project by volunteers. Generally there are book sorts on the **first Monday morning of each month, from 9:30 am to noon**; the **second Monday night, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**; and the **third Wednesday night, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. Anyone interested in helping the library and the Friends with this valuable task (the book sales raise a lot of money for library programs & collections!) is encouraged to attend any session that's convenient. Training will be provided. Bring a friend! It's a fun experience and volunteers can purchase items prior to the sale. The full sale and sorting schedule can be found on the library's website or at the library's service desks.



Calling All Volunteers!

Winter Reading Club 2009 – Read Around the World

Looking for something fun and rewarding to do during the cold winter months? Help us motivate and inspire kids to read all winter long by volunteering at the treasure chest. Duties involve registration and prize distribution. Children under 12 years old may volunteer at the treasure chest with an adult partner. The Winter Reading Club is 6 weeks long and runs from **January 19-February 27**. Volunteer for as few or as many hours as your schedule allows. Please call the Main Level Help Desk for more information – (608)827-7402.

Children's Programs for All Ages in November & December

From a special visit by the Mouse of Laura Numeroff's, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie...*, for the StoryTime crowd, to our 4th Annual Harry Potter Trivia Challenge for 'Tweens ages 8-12, to Family Fun programs like "Krafty" Kids and Bob Kahn's MaGic Energy, we have something for everyone going on at the library...

and don't forget our drop-in StoryTimes in December! Visit the library, our web site, or check out the newsletter calendar for more information.

