



The Bookworm



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

RAISE THE ROOF! LIBRARY RE-OPEN AFTER EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIR



On the day of our January in-service meeting and the beginning of our lower level re-carpeting project, Mike Leiferman, a

structural engineer, was engaged to investigate a widening gap along the library's main level ceiling. He discovered numerous defects and failures in the original construction of the roof trusses. Further inspection revealed 80 broken, missing or failed welds in the steel trusses, and the roof had dropped 4-5 inches. It was deter-

mined that the building should be closed until emergency repairs could be made.

The library was closed, then ran with limited services, for 3 weeks as repairs were made. An outside firm did a thorough inspection and visual testing of all welding repairs; certifying it safe. We were able to fully re-open on February 23rd.

The library staff and board members appreciate your concerns, patience, and understanding through this emergency repair work; and wish to welcome you back to our newly mended and freshly re-carpeted facility!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The Middleton Public Library and the Middleton Arts Committee are pleased to present the 2016 Community Canvases art project. Once again, the Arts Committee will be creating a mosaic of canvases in the library's Stairwell Gallery, showcasing unique art created by Middleton residents. For more details and to pick up your canvas, contact the Circulation Desk at the Library at 827-7401 or email Brendan Faherty at faherty@midlibrary.org. A \$10 suggested contribution for each canvas helps support public art in Middleton.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



A Bittersweet Farewell

For the last 7 plus years, Middleton Public Library has been my home away from home. I've very much enjoyed the challenge of serving as library director and have created many deep and meaningful relationships with Middleton residents, in the region and even throughout the state.

I was recently offered the opportunity to advance my career as the director of the L.E. Phillip Memorial Library in Eau Claire and to move closer to family and, sadly, this is my last article for the Bookworm, with my last day at Middleton Public Library being March 12th.

During my tenure, library staff, board and volunteers have

subscribed to a new philosophy of service and taken a more outward approach to community engagement. Library leaders are continually scanning the horizon for future trends and anticipating the needs of the community as a way to keep the library a vibrant anchor for downtown and to ensure the library's relevancy. During the advent of electronic and digital formats and widespread access to online information patrons look to library professionals for help in validating and navigating the often inaccurate and frequently confusing web content. Serving as the library director and in various library leadership roles has provided a backdoor perspective to how libraries across the country have integrated new technologies and electronic resources, developed makerspace type services, and infused creative public instruction events with traditional library services.

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EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN MARCH & APRIL



"What's It Worth?" An Antique Appraisal Event **Saturday, March 5th at 10:00 AM**

Mark Moran returns to the Middleton Public Library for our 5th annual antique appraisal event! A former senior editor of antiques and collectibles books for Krause Publications, Mark will examine and appraise one item each for 40 pre-registered participants. If you like Antiques Road Show, you'll love this event! Everyone is invited to come and watch; refreshments will be provided.



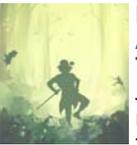
Social Security and Retirement Income **Monday, March 14th at 6:00 PM**

This class designed to help retirees accomplish their primary goal in retirement— to not run out of money. We'll discuss the varying methods of filing for Social Security and the strategies that can be used to optimize it and provide a process one might use to calculate what their retirement income need. We'll also introduce a few options on structuring income in retirement.



Morning Book Discussion: *The Heart of Things: A Midwestern Almanac* by John Hildebrand **Thursday, March 17th at 10:00 AM**

Everyone is welcome to join us for our monthly morning book discussion. This month we'll be discussing Wisconsin resident John Hildebrand's month-by-month chronicle of the seasons, landscapes, and people of the Midwest, published in 2014 by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press.



Legends of the Leprechauns: A Live Radio Play for All Ages **Thursday, March 17th at 6:30 PM**

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, Heartline Theatricals returns to the library with a live radio drama adapted from the Celtic folk tales collected by William Butler Yeats and Thomas Crofton Croker. The radio play will be performed as if in a Radio Studio, in front of a live studio audience, by a troupe of approximately 6 actors. Heartline Theatricals is the company behind the hit 2014 Live Radio Drama, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and other Tales*, and the library is delighted to have them back. Sponsored by a grant from the Beyond the Page Endowment.



Let's Talk About Texts Book Discussion: *Play it as it Lays* by Joan Didion **Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 PM**

The Craftsman Table & Tap 6712 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave in Middleton Stop by the upper level of the Craftsman Table & Tap for our bi-monthly book discussion. This month we'll be discussion Joan Didion's classic dissection of American life in the late 1960s, *Play It as It Lays*. All adults are welcome to join us.



Wisconsin Film Festival Sneak Peek **Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30 PM**

For the second year in a row, you're invited to a free preview of this year's Wisconsin Film Festival (April 14-21). Watch trailers from this year's films, learn the ins and outs of the festival from festival organizers, and bring your questions about this year's festival. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Funded in part by a grant from Beyond the Page.



Square-Foot and Raised Bed Gardening **Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 AM**

Learn all about square foot gardening in raised beds and other options for growing vegetables in containers. Topics discussed

include: the history of square foot gardening, construction of raised beds, growing media for raised beds and containers, crop selection, crop spacing, crop rotation, and raised bed and container mulching and watering. Presented by Arthur De Smet, Master Gardener & Plant Health Advisor, UW Extension.



Yoga and Pilates: A Beginner's Toolkit **(a two-part class)**

Wednesday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00 PM

Taking movements from the Alignment Yoga syllabus and adding Pilates exercises for core strength has a multitude of benefits. We find that low backs feel supported, posture improves, and steadiness on our feet comes more readily. But most important is the good feeling in our bodies and the opportunity to practice with a supportive community in your library! Participants should plan on attending both sessions. Space may be limited and registration is required.



Scholar'd For Life presents a lecture by history professor Stephen Kantrowitz

"Who Freed the Slaves? Making Sense of Civil War Slave Emancipation"
Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 PM

In this, the second lecture in our "Scholar'd for Life" series, UW-Madison history professor Stephen Kantrowitz discusses how the American Civil War—at its outset a war to preserve the Union—became a war for emancipation. Dr. Kantrowitz writes and teaches about the nineteenth-century United States with a focus on the relationships among race, politics, and citizenship. Most recently, he is the author of the 2013's *More Than Freedom: Fighting for Black Citizenship in a White Republic, 1829-1889*.



Morning Book Discussion: *Factory Man: How One Furniture Maker Battled Offshoring, Stayed Local - and Helped Save an American Town* by Beth Macy **Thursday, April 21st at 10:00 AM**

Everyone is welcome to join us for our monthly morning book discussion. This month we'll be discussing Beth Macy's *Factory Man*, a 2014 bestseller and NY Times Notable Book.



Wisconsin Poet Laureate Kimberly Blaeser **Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 PM**

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a special reading by 2015-16 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Kimberly Blaeser. Ms. Blaeser is a Professor at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she teaches Creative Writing and Native American Literatures. She is the author of three collections of poetry: *Apprenticed to Justice*, *Absentee Indians and Other Poems*, and *Trailing You*. Blaeser is Anishinaabe, an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and grew up on the White Earth Reservation in northwestern Minnesota.



Adult Craft Event: Stash Swap (plus bonus mini-craft!)

Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 PM

Give old craft supply clutter a new life at our Stash Swap! Bring donations of unused materials and incomplete projects to this event, and exchange them for new-to-you supplies and renewed inspiration. Make a bonus mini-craft (burlap and button flowers) and experiment with new finds at our DIY station.

For more information or to register for any of these events, visit our online events calendar at midlibrary.org/events, email info@midlibrary.org, or call 608-827-7403.

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March 2016

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<p>SALE Daylight Saving Time Begins 1:30 Friends Book Sale</p> <p>13</p>	<p>4:15 Teen Advisory Committee/Pi Day 6:00 Social Security and Retirement Income 6:30 Friends Book Sorting</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Adult Winter Reading Program Ends 10:00 Job Assistance (drop-in) 7:00 Introduction to Facebook</p> <p>15</p>	<p>4:15 Donuts & Dystopias 6:30 Dungeons and Dragons for 'Tweens 6:30 Creative Writing Group for Adults (registration required)</p> <p>16</p>	<p>9:00 Friends Book Sale 10:00 Adult Book Discussion 6:00 Minecraft Club 6:30 Legends of the Leprechauns: Tall Tales of the Emerald Isle</p> <p>17</p>	<p>9:00 Friends Book Sale 3:45 Acts of Kindness Club</p> <p>18</p>	<p>10:00 Family Technology Day</p> <p>19</p>
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<p>CLOSED Easter Library Closed</p> <p>27</p>	<p>6:30 Dance with Bubbles! Spectacular Spring Storytime</p> <p>28</p>	<p>9:15 Toddler StoryTime 10:00 Toddler StoryTime 10:45 Toddler StoryTime 4:30 #TechTuesday for Elementary School Age 6:00 #TechTuesday for Middle and High School Students 7:00 Intermediate Facebook</p> <p>29</p>	<p>9:15 Baby & Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 Friends Book Sorting 9:45 Baby & Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 Tales & Tunes StoryTime 6:30 Dungeons and Dragons for 'Tweens 6:30 Wisconsin Film Festival Sneak Peek</p> <p>30</p>	<p>9:00 Friends Book Sale 9:15 Tales & Tunes StoryTime 10:00 Baby & Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 Baby & Tiny Tots Storytime 6:00 Teen Bands Night 6:00 Minecraft Club</p> <p>31</p>	<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = All Ages Event ■ = Friends Event</p>	

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April 2016

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TEEN EVENTS IN MARCH & APRIL



Music & Crafts!

Do you love checking out new bands? Don't miss our **Teen Bands Night** on **March 31st at 6PM!** Four local teen bands will be playing this evening—no cover charge and all ages welcome! (Please excuse any noise that may leak into the library this evening!) Catch them before they become famous! For a sneak preview, check out the band interviews on the library's youtube channel and facebook page leading up to the event.

Craft-lovers are invited to try our **Papertrix** event on **April 14 at 5:30PM** where we will be making envelopes from maps! Or try our **Yarnstastic!** event on **April 23 at 3PM** where you can make a yarn painting, string lamp, or a circle bracelet!



Make Change Happen!

Would you like to make a difference both locally and nationally? If you are interested in environmental issues, don't miss our next **Pie & Politics: Earth Day** event on

April 21 at 6PM! Join us to discuss Eyes Wide Open by

Fleischman, watch movie clips, and plant a seed to take home! Locally, join us for our **Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)** meetings on **March 14** and **April 4 at 4:15pm!** TAC votes on and helps to plan our teen programs as well as suggesting materials to purchase for our teen section—we would love to hear your ideas!



Tech and Trivia!

Learn more about Photoshop at our **Intro to Photoshop** on **March 10 at 6PM!** Do you love 3DS gaming? Stop by our **3DS Club**, which meets the **first Thursday of every month at 6:30PM** (all ages welcome!) If you are a trivia champion, you're invited to show off your skills on **April 7 at 7PM** for our Jeopardy-style **High School Trivia Night!** (Teams welcome.)

To register for any of these programs, visit our Events Calendar online or call/stop by the Help Desk of the library: 608-827-7402. For more details, please check our event fliers or give us a call!

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - FREE BOOK OFFER

The Friends of the Middleton Public Library is looking to increase membership! The Friends is an organization which works with the library staff and library board to enhance and improve library services to the community. Friends members are people who believe the public library is a valuable asset in the development of their community - its culture, its citizenry and its youth.

All of the programs and events at the library are funded by the Friends. Please join or renew your membership today! Ask for a membership form at the library's Circulation Desk, or visit www.fompl.org to join online.

All current 2016, new or renewed, members can receive a free, regular priced book, during any of the lower level book sales. See the calendar insert for dates and times of sales, or visit www.midlibrary.org/events.



ACTS OF KINDNESS CLUB



In 2015, the Middleton Public Library introduced a new club for 'tweens (grades 2-6): the Acts of Kindness Club. This club puts kid power to work in the community as group members select activities and carry them out together. This winter, the group held a winter clothing drive, collecting

over 200 coats, hats, snowsuits, and other outerwear items for donation to the MOM clothing bank. Al Ripp, Executive Director of MOM, visited the Acts of Kindness Club's December meeting to express his thanks and let the group know that they really are making a difference. We're looking forward to even more projects to spread kindness throughout Middleton and beyond! The club meets once a month on a Friday afternoon; for dates, details, and sign-up, visit www.midlibrary.org/events, or call (608) 827-7402.

UNDERCOVER FESTIVAL OF FLIPBOOKS COMES TO THE LIBRARY

undercover festival
of
flipbooks

In cooperation with
ARTS COUNCIL
MIDDLETON



The Middleton Public Library is excited to host a unique and interactive art exhibition running March 4 - 31. The exhibition features flipbook animations that have been drawn into books by thirteen artists from the UK. The books will be shelved by author in our adult fiction section. Patrons will grab a list of

the books and go out into the stacks to find and view these impressive illustrations. This exhibition is called the **"Undercover Festival of Flipbooks"** and is part of the Flipbooks in Libraries project conceived by UK artist Anton Hecht. Regarding the inspiration for this project, Anton says, "The idea

came from a story I heard a while back about a playwright, Jo Orton, who was well known here in the UK in the 60s, and he went to court for defacing library books and that kind of got me thinking about doing a kind of undercover art show, and giving flip books a bit of a concept." As part of Middleton Public Library's exhibition patrons will also have a chance to create their own flipbooks using old books as a canvas at our DIY Flipbook Station. We'll also have an iPad set up for those who want to make digital flipbook animations using the Animator app. The exhibition will begin in early March. Middleton Public Library is one of only two libraries hosting this exhibition in the United States before these works return to England.

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Middleton Public Library Board Members

Jeremiah Tucker, Library Board President; Steve Soeteber, Library Board Vice President; Anne Irish, Library Board Secretary; Kathy Olson, Library Board Council Liaison; Angela West Blank, Christopher Clay, Lisa Helmuth, Robert Seltzer

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Here is an overview of Middleton Public Library's advances over the past 7 years:

"New Stuff"

Serendipity book and video collections for easy access to high demand titles
Seed Library to promote health and wellness
Blu-ray movies for enhanced viewing
Launch Pads for early literacy learning
Tablets for on-the-go connectivity
Discovery Kits for experiential learning
Go Green! collection in support of sustainable lifestyles

Building Community

Read Together Middleton of 2015 – a one book, one community series
Community Canvases of 2014 & 2016 - supporting artists at all levels and all ages
Dimension, an origami mural and public art installation
Local Author Festival of 2015 – showcasing writers & authors of our region
MCPSD 3rd graders library visits via the Middleton Trolley
Outreach visits to MOM, 4K institutes, apartments, Gio's Garden and American Family Children's Hospital

Services with a New Twist:

Play and Learn available in the storytime room
Media Maker Lab for interactive media learning, 3D modeling and audio/video editing
Multigenerational events to bridge relationship across all ages
Techno Minutes for customized technology learning
Social media to connect with people beyond the physical walls of the library
Live performances with large crowds of all ages (music, dancing and theater) to bring stories and literature to life
CD of the month club to customized music referrals
Tween services for meaningful services during a critical stage in life
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and events focused on early literacy skills
Adult Crafting to delight and inspire, while showcasing the library collection

Let's Talk About Text to reach out to a population underrepresented in public libraries and to help dispel the notion that libraries are outdated and not relevant
Facelift of circulation services through Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and an automated handling system, lovingly referred to as "Sheldon"

Electronic Resources:

Online magazines: Zinio and Flipster
Language Learning: Mango and Rosetta Stone
Independent Learning: Lynda.com
Career Prep: Learning Express Library & Tutor.com

Facility Improvements:

Repaired roof trusses during emergency closing & limited services
Recarpeted the library
Replaced Emergency doors
Replaced the HVAC system
Updated the main level restrooms
Upgraded the front entry
Improved landscaping with seating areas & lighted flag pole
Added security cameras

Investments and Financial Partners:

New Endowment for Large Print Materials
Beyond the Page Endowment – partnership with Madison Community Foundation and other Dane County Libraries to offer humanities events
Katie's Kids Fund in memory of Catherine Tanner in support of youth services
Continue strong relationship with Friends of the Library for programming budget

Planning:

Completed a 20-year Space Needs and Building Study

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Warm regards,

Pamela K. Westby

