



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

February Book Discussion for Adults



Thursday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.

All interested readers are invited to join us for a Valentine's Day book discussion on Pamela Carter Joern's novel, *The Floor of the Sky*. Joern evokes life in a small Nebraska town with her compelling story about a family coping with a lifetime of secrets. Toby Jenkins, a proud and feisty older woman is on the verge of losing her family's ranch when her pregnant teenage granddaughter arrives for the duration of her pregnancy. Joern has created a cast of characters you won't soon forget. Valentine's Day

refreshments will be served; RSVPs much appreciated.

To pre-register for this discussion, call 827-7403; email mid@scls.lib.wi.us; or stop by the Library's Reference Desk.



Our Community Readers

In this issue, we meet the president of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library, **Pauline Harrop**.



How did you start volunteering for the Friends of the Middleton Public Library?

I visited the Library often for the children's programs when my son and daughter were young and they loved to buy books at the Friends' monthly sales as well. Eventually I offered to help at the book sales and joined as a member. It became a monthly activity for my son to come with me to sell books. I was then approached when there was an opening on the Friends Board, and, after attending a couple of meetings to learn more about the Friends and its purpose, I was elected to a position. It's been very rewarding because the Friends work is so valuable.

What do you hope to accomplish as president this year?

Overall, my focus is to ensure that we continue to generate the funds to provide that extra edge of excellence for our Library. The Friends' book sorters and sellers are a dedicated group who make the monthly book sales, our main source of funds, possible. Through those sales we are able to fund author visits for teens and adults, summer reading programs and special performances for children, the Library gardens, and our new scholarship program for Middleton High School seniors. This year, we will be looking at new ways to introduce members of the Middleton community to the Friends and to invite them to join us in our work.

What are your favorite books/authors?

I have many, many favorites! Right now I'm reading a book by Joyce Carol Oates, *We are the Mulvaney's*, based on a friend's recommendation and I am really enjoying it. I read my first fantasy fiction book recently when another friend's son, Patrick Rothfuss, wrote an award-winning book, *The Name of the Wind*. I fell in love with all the characters and the storyline. I always look forward to new books by Anna Quindlen, Anne Rivers Siddons, James Bradley, Jacqueline Mitchard, and Anita Shreve. *Continued on Page 2...*

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What do you do when you're not helping to raise money for the Library?

Family activities with my husband and two teenagers keep me busy. It seems like my to-do list never gets any shorter! I am also Director of Governance and Corporate Relations for Meriter Health Services where I've worked for 25 years.

What program or kinds of programs would you most like to see the Library host in the future?

I think our Library does a great job of offering a wide variety of programs and services to people of all ages. My favorites are book signings. I enjoy meeting authors and hearing them speak.

A Message From the Library Director

Grant Provides Big Boost to Dane County Libraries

*Parle-vous français?
¿Hablas español?*



Well, if you don't and you'd like to, the Middleton Public Library can certainly help you learn with a great selection of new foreign language instruction materials for all ages.



The Library has been fortunate to receive a \$27,500 grant from the Madison Community Foundation (MCF). In addition to the foreign language materials, the grant will be used to expand the scope of the Spanish-language collection. Middleton's grant purchases will soon be available to browse on A-frame shelving in the area of the library where new adult materials are displayed.




A total of 12 public libraries in Dane County have received a similar grant as part of this program, whose main goal is to build the entire South Central Library System's collection with a strategic emphasis on collection diversity rather than duplication.





Each participating library has chosen a different subject area on which to focus. Cross Plains, for example, chose environmental topics; McFarland, crafts and hobbies; and Deerfield, sports and fitness.

All MCF grant purchases are listed online via LINKcat at <http://www.scls.lib.wi.us/linkcathelp/dontmisslists.html>. In addition, participating libraries will present programs that have a tie-in with the materials they have purchased with their funds.

The Madison Community Foundation delivers opportunities for individuals, families, organizations, and communities. It seeks to foster the growth of vital community assets. Since 1942, it has focused on managing long-term philanthropy for the betterment of Dane County community. More information is available online at www.madisoncommunityfoundation.org.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="color: purple;">JANUARY 2008</h1> <p style="color: blue;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>						
		 <p>1 New Year's Day Library Closed</p>	<p>2 Sign up Begins for Storytimes & Children's Winter Programs</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
6	<p>7 10:00 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10:00 Introduction to Excel</p>	<p>12  10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only)</p>
13	<p>14 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee 6:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 4:00 Teen Books & Brownies</p>	<p>17 2:00 Introduction to Word</p>	<p>18 10:00 Intermediate Excel 2:00 Book-to-Movie for Adults</p>	<p>19</p>
20	<p>21 9:00 Winter Reading Club Weekly Prize Game Begins 12:00 Martin Luther King Day Luncheon 1:30 Baby Storytime</p>	<p>22 9:15 Storytime 10:00 Storytime 11:00 Storytime 4:00 'Tween D&D</p>	<p>23 9:15 Storytime 10:00 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 11:45 Drop-In Storytime 4:00 Book Bunch 6:30 Friends Sorting</p>	<p>24 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 2:00 Intermediate Word 4:00 "Krafty" Kids</p>	<p>25 10:00 Advanced Excel 7:00 After Hours Bands for Teens</p>	<p>26</p>
27	<p>28 1:30 Baby Storytime 2:00 Party with the Peanuts 6:30 Evening Storytime</p>	<p>29 9:15 Storytime 10:00 Storytime 11:00 Storytime 4:00 'Tween D&D</p>	<p>30 9:15 Storytime 10:00 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 11:45 Drop-In Storytime 4:00 Book Bunch</p>	<p>31 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 2:00 Advanced Word</p>	<p> ■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event </p>	

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



Winter Reading Club 2008



Get in the Game: READ!

Exercise your body with sports – exercise your mind with reading! Kids ages 0-12 can join in the fun of our Weekly Reading Prize Incentive game. Beginning **Monday, January 21st @ 9am**, kids can sign up at the Treasure Chest. For 6 weeks, just read at least 1 hour each week to

earn a prize. Special milestone prizes awarded at 5, 10, & 20 hours. It's just like our Summer Reading Program except it's cold outside! Pick up a brochure for details on all the great weekly and special event programs going on this winter!



Discovery Packs: An Exciting and New Collection at the Library!

The Discovery Pack Collection is a multi-formatted backpack collection - intended for children to explore and appreciate a subject in depth. Each Discovery Pack may contain books, audiovisual materials, puzzles, games and other manipulative materials. There are some special rules for using this collection; please see the handouts and posted signs which explain the procedures for checking out this unique new collection.

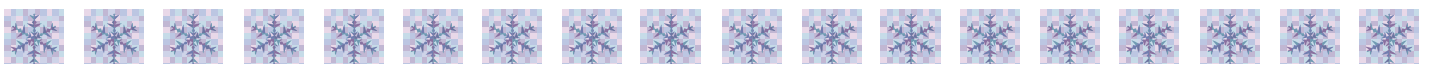
The collection will be displayed permanently in our children's audiovisual section. Recommended ages (preschool, primary and intermediate) are attached to each pack to serve as a guideline. Currently the Middleton Public Library owns Discovery Packs for the following subjects:

Preschool

ABC
 Bedtime
 Colors & Shapes
 Farm
 Four Seasons
 Mother Goose
 Music
 Numeration
 Transportation
 Your Five Senses

Primary & Intermediate

Ancient Egypt
 Castles, Knights & Dragons
 Human Body
 Insects & Spiders
 Money
 Science Up Close
 Time
 U.S. Geography
 Weather
 World Geography



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Goodbye VHS

The Middleton Public Library no longer offers VHS tapes in its collection. We have made this decision for the following reasons:

- **We no longer purchase titles in this format.**
- **Most feature and instructional films are no longer produced in this format.**
- **Many of the titles in our aging collection were in substandard working order and beyond repair.**

VHS tapes are still available from other South Central libraries through LINKcat.

We appreciate your understanding on this matter.



New Faces at the Circulation Desk



Jennie Vosen, Library Page II, loves working at the library, but she also enjoys her work at the Taliesin Bookstore in Spring Green and seasonal work at American Girl. Jennie's favorite books are *Love Comes Softly*, *Each Little Bird that Sings Out Here in the Middle*, and *the Last Sin-Eater*. She enjoys movies (some favorites are *Moonstruck*, *Chariots of Fire*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *Places in the Heart*), as well as the music of Clay Aiken and Martina McBride.

Jennie's husband, a TDS employee, is also a musician and both are kept busy with their thirteen year old daughter Grace, an eighth grader at Glacier Creek Middle School. Favorite vacations spots are the New England area, especially Boston, Vermont, and Kennebunkport, Maine. Jennie's dream is to go to Scotland someday soon!



Karen Kilroy-Sikkema, Library Page II, joins the staff with a teaching/school library background. She is married to a "wonderful guy," has two daughters, and, in addition, they have Walter, "a very large Shih Tzu." Karen's favorite books are *The Time Traveler's Wife*, *Comfort Me with Apples*, and *Pride and Prejudice*. Favorite movies include *Life is Beautiful* and *Wuthering Heights* and among her favorite recipes are chocolate cake and banana coffee cake. Karen and her family have enjoyed travels to Rocky Mountain National Park, Charleston, and Italy. Karen hopes to travel more in the future.

Please welcome these new Middleton Public Library staff!

