

The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Friends Booksale Grand Re-Opening

Friday, November 30: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Friends Only Sale)

Saturday, December 1: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Open to Everyone)

Our remodeling project is finished, and we are pleased with the results, and we think you will be too! The room is a little smaller than before, but better use of space and the addition of brighter lighting, more attractive signage, and new carpeting create a much improved atmosphere for book shopping.

Come to the sale and enjoy browsing through an unbelievable selection of books, CDs, videos, audios, etc. Many of these items are in mint condition, and very new. Up-to-date books on business/finance; information about hobbies; a humor collection; as well as the nature/science/travel books. Let your taste buds linger over the

cookbooks; learn more about family/health/education/political issues; and delve into poetry, the classics, music, art, religion, philosophy, and history. Find out more about colleges and other facts in our reference collection. And for those who abhor small print, we have a large print section. Explore our huge collection of fiction hard covers and paperbacks. Last, but not least, discover a variety of children's items and books for young adults.

If you would like to shop on Friday, you must be a Friend of the Library, or purchase a membership when you arrive. The cost is as follows:

Students	\$2.00	Adults	\$5.00
Household	\$10.00	Business	\$25.00

All proceeds from the sale benefit the Middleton Public Library.

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Meet The Library Staff

This issue we asked Eileen Jones, a Page I on and off for seven years, to tell us a little bit about herself:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK? *Katherine*, by Anya Seton. (a historical novel about Katherine de Roet and John of Gaunt).

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT WORKING AT THE LIBRARY?

I love the staff. Everyone is terrific to work for and with. Lots of fun—maybe too much fun?

WHAT TO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT MIDDLETON?

I like the fact that is so much smaller than Dallas, where I last lived. I like it because it is in Wisconsin.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? *Reading, gardening, and cooking.*

HOW DID WORKING IN A LIBRARY IN TEXAS COMPARE WITH WORKING HERE?

Last year I volunteered at an inner city school in Galveston. The experience was both frustrating and rewarding. For example, there was no computer and no typewriter. The walls were half-painted because they ran out of funds. In this entire elementary school library there was not one book of poetry. I entered new books by hand in an acquisitions notebook and made hand written cards for the catalogue. In addition there were no volunteers from the PTA because there was no PTA. The principal said he had tried to organize one, but it never worked. I don't think the parents were indifferent, but they were the working poor, for whom volunteering at a library was not a high priority. It made me realize how fortunate Middleton is to

A Message from the Library Director

The responses to the first issue of *The Bookworm* have been uniformly positive. Please continue to share your reactions with library staff as your input is very important to us. We want to continue to make improvements in its content and design. I found the color-coded calendar insert especially useful myself. I hope that many of you put it in a prominent place, such as your kitchen refrigerator, for handy reference.

As promised in my previous column, I want to share some of the specifics of the library's long-range plan for the years 2002 through 2006. During this next five-year time span, we hope to achieve the following objectives in each of the five goal areas.

General library operations. Sunday hours, which were initiated in March 1999, have been an extremely popular addition to the library's schedule. Based on the number of people who have expressed a wish for summer Sunday hours, we plan to be open on Sundays year-round beginning in 2002, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Other areas of the schedule that will be reviewed include later Friday evening hours and longer hours of operation on Sunday.

We also plan to expand the number and variety of programs the library offers, within the limits of staffing and budget considerations. In fact, we've already made some progress in achieving this objective with baby story times and a series of evening programs for adults. More than 50 people attended a recent program on ornamental grasses.

Access to materials and information. The library has managed to meet its budget targets for books and audiovisual materials in each year of 1997-2001 long-range plan. We hope to achieve the same level of success during the next five years. We strive to keep our book collection as current and wide-ranging as possible. We even added a collection of Spanish and French fiction this year. We have also been able to keep pace with new audiovisual developments by adding a variety of new collections such as computer software, DVDs, and books on compact disc. This last format has been of great importance to those of you who have recently bought new cars and discovered that tape players are no longer standard equipment.

Technology. By late 2002 or, more likely, early 2003, the LINK consortium, of which Middleton is a member, will migrate to a third-generation automated computer system. The current system has been in place since 1994, and 8-10 years is considered the average life span. If you are currently using the web-based version of LINKcat, you'll have a sense of what the new system will look like on a computer screen.

Space needs. Phase two of the library's expansion project will provide additional, and a quieter, public service space for reference and the adult nonfiction collection on the library's lower level. This project is targeted for completion in 2004 or 2005.

Community & public relations. The library hopes to be able to establish a coordinated volunteer program among all city departments. The staff will develop a public relations plan to promote the library's programs and services more effectively. This newsletter you are reading represents a head-start in achieving one of our objectives in this area..

Copies of the library's long-range plan are available at the library upon request.

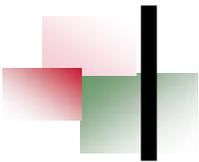
-Paul Nelson, Library Director

Titles Our Patrons Liked

When We Were Orphans by Kazuo Ishiguro
This newest book by Ishiguro is about how Christopher Banks was made an orphan in China during the Japanese invasion during the 1930s. Over a period of years, the narrative covers years in England as well as a return to China during which Banks discovers what happened to his parents. A quote that describes the book is: "the story illuminates the power of one's past to determine the present."
-contributed by J. Hoffman

John Adams by David McCullough
John Adams was a great orator and lawyer. He inspired the colonies to revolt in 1776. He then served as ambassador to France and to England. During the French Revolution, during his presidency, Adams was the voice of reason and the first to deplore the Reign of Terror. Adams was a determined Dove of Peace. You never know who the heroes are until the last historian has spoken.
-contributed by Claire Jacobson

If you would like to review a book for the library's newsletter, use the form available at the Reader's Choice table or ask for one at a service desk.

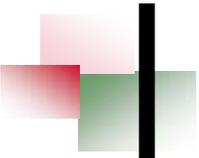
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Teen Book of the Month

“The Ransom of Mercy Carter”
by **Caroline B. Cooney**

Why would someone betray their family by choosing to live with the people who murdered their parents? Taken captive by Indians in 1704 when their settlement is attacked, Mercy Carter and the other children of Deerfield, Massachusetts are forced to walk to Canada during the harsh winter months. Witness to the brutal killing of their families, they are fearful for their own lives, in shock over the deaths, yet still aware of the small kindnesses the Indians show them. When ransom comes, a few decide to remain with the Indians. This gripping novel is based on real people who survived the Indian raids. -Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

Teen Events in November & December

Writing Workshops for Teens! -Downstairs Meeting Room
Creative Writing with author Paul Shipton **November 8,**

7-8 p.m. Want a writing group that supports and inspires you? Join author Paul Shipton as he shares his writing experiences and gives tips on how to get started writing, how to encourage creativity, and a read-aloud sharing.

How to Write College Essays **November 15, 7-8 p.m.**

What should you say when writing application essays to prospective colleges? What shouldn't you say? Join teacher Tiffany Francois to find out what colleges are looking for in your essays.

Teen Advisory Committee — Downstairs Meeting Room
November 8, 4-5 p.m. & December 5, 4-5 p.m.

Tell us your favorite CD's, 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. Let us know what YOU think!

Books & Bagels — Downstairs Meeting Room

November 14, 4-5 p.m. & December 28, 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 November we will be discussing *Bat 6* by Virginia Euwer Wolff, and in December we will discuss *Stuck in Neutral* by Terry Trueman. Contact the Young Adult Librarian to learn how to receive a free copy of the book discussed.

Cheezy Movie Fest Downstairs Meeting Room

December 13, 6:45 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Want to see Ben Affleck when he was 12? Groan at some really cheezy movies? Here's your chance!

Ms Eve Recommends

Judy Moody and Judy Moody Gets Famous, both written by Megan McDonald.
“Judy Moody did not want to give up summer. She did not feel like brushing her hair every day. She did not feel like memorizing spelling words. And she did not want to sit next to Frank Pearl, who ate paste, in class.”

So begins the first title. Now, in the second book, Judy--a third grader--is jealous of a classmate who gets her name in the local paper, after winning a spelling bee. Not to be outdone, Judy decides to tell the world that she owns a cherry pit from young George Washington's legendary tree. “Judy got out the tiny hammer

from her doctor kit, the one for testing reflexes. She tapped on the cherry pit to give it scars, so it would look very old. Very, very old. Next she took a pin and carved the initials *GW* on the bottom. . .” Large type and lots of illustrations make this a good choice for young readers eager to read “chapter books.”

-Eve Robillard, Children's Librarian

In A Holiday Mood - For Children & Their Parents

Sunday, November 25

2—2:20 & 3—3:30 “The Snowman” film

4—4:45 Hammer Dulcimer Music provided by Gloria Hays

See our calendar insert for more programs for children.

Author Visit - Lorna Landvik

Lorna Landvik, author of four popular novels, will visit the library on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Landvik will read from her novels and discuss her books which include *Patty Jane's House of Curl* and *The Tall Pine Polka*. Please join us for this special event. The program is free to the public. There will be a reception and book signing following Ms. Landvik's presentation.

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Here are some other holiday titles:

To Every Season: A Family Holiday Cookbook
+641.568 ZAL

Holiday Theme Parties 641.568 HOL

Thanksgiving & Christmas 641.568 WIL

The New Jewish Holiday Cookbook 641.59 J

Kwanzaa: An African-American Celebration of

Culture and Cooking 394.268 COP

A Book of Middle Eastern Food 641.595 ROD

The Multicultural Cookbook for Students

641.59 ALB TEEN

Your Check-Out Desk : Did You Know?

1. Middleton Public Library has 15 part-time permanent and substitute workers who staff the Circulation Desk every hour of every day that the library is open. Permanent full-time staff work the Circulation Desk as needed.

2. Middleton Public Library gets a delivery from the South Central Library System sorting facility two times a day, Monday through Friday, and once a day on Saturday. These deliveries of red crates bring back Middleton's items from other libraries and contain the holds from area libraries that you've requested on your hold list.

- Elizabeth Bauer, Circulation Services Supervisor

The holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chanukah, Ramadan, etc.) are just around the corner! Here's a quick dessert idea!

Chocolate-Dipped Fruits from the cookbook: **Great Taste-Low Fat Holiday Cooking** from Time-Life Books, 1995. 641.568 HOL Recipe on pp. 102-103.

4 ounces of coarsely chopped semi-sweet chocolate
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1 green apple, cored, cut into wedges and patted dry
1 red apple, cored, cut into wedges and patted dry
1 banana, cut into chunks, and patted dry
1 cup whole strawberries, patted dry
3/4 cup dried apricot halves
1/2 cup dried pear halves

1. Put chocolate in a double boiler, simmer until the chocolate melts, stirring frequently. Take off of heat,

stir in the oil and let cool slightly.

2. With a fork, spear each piece of fruit, dip halfway into melted chocolate, and place on a wire rack over a piece of wax paper. Let the fruit stand until the chocolate is firm. (If necessary, refrigerate for up to 30 minutes to help set the chocolate.)

3. Divide onto dessert plates and serve

Serves: 4

Total time: 30 minutes plus setting time

Helpful Hints: This dessert is best served soon after the fruit has been dipped, since chocolate will soften at room temperature. If doing ahead, keep chilled. If serving on a buffet table, arrange the fruits on a platter placed over a pan of ice water.

Adult Book Discussion News

Sunday, November 11

"Things Fall Apart" by **Chinua Achebe** is the discussion book for this meeting. Achebe's novel, the title of which comes from Yeats' poem "The Second Coming," examines the intrusion of the white man into the society of the African Ibo tribe.

Sunday, December 9

In conjunction with the American Library Association "Storylines" program on WHA (12/13), we will be discussing **"Feast of Love"** by **Charles Baxter**. A National Book Award finalist, this story is told through a series of romantic

narratives by various men and women who are interconnected in a Michigan university town. This will be our holiday get-together, with treats provided by the Friends of the Middleton Public Library—enjoy this excellent and innovative novel and join us for good food and good discussion!

Sunday, January 13

Change in title for this meeting!

In light of recent world events, Liz and Elizabeth have decided to hold a discussion on **"Nine Parts of Desire: the Hidden World of Islamic Women"** by **Geraldine Brooks**. This is a fasci-