



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



War Words: American Military Crisis Rhetoric A Humanities Program

Please join us in the Middleton Public Library's downstairs meeting room on Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 p.m., for a program sponsored by the UW-Madison Center for the Humanities and the Dane County Library Service. The program is one in a series which focuses on the topic: "The Constitution Now."

Sue Zaeske, a professor of Communication Arts at UW-Madison, will speak on "Word Wars:

American Military Crisis Rhetoric." Ms. Zaeske will discuss the "speech acts" that have been employed by U.S. presidents in response to national crises such as the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Cuban missile crisis, and the events of September 11.

This program is free to the public. Please call 831-5564 for more information.

Louise Erdrich Book To Be Discussed

Join us on Sunday, February 3, at 3:00, to discuss The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse by Louise Erdrich. This is a novel about mysteries. One mystery is: who is Father Damien? Another is whether Sister Leopolda deserves sainthood. It is also a novel about the life

and history of an Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota.

Participants in the Sunday Adult Book Discussion group are encouraged to read the book prior to attending. Newcomers are welcome!

Meet The Library Staff

This month we asked some questions of our Young Adult Services Librarian, Rebecca VanDan:

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I'm from Alden, Illinois. It has a population of 200.

WHAT WAS YOUR HOMETOWN LIBRARY LIKE?

We didn't have a library in Alden, but we did go regularly to the Woodstock Library—which, to be members of, cost us \$65 annually! The Woodstock library has expanded a lot recently, but when I was growing up it was pretty unappealing. There was no section for teens and it had a bleak, institutional feel to it. (That didn't keep me from spending most of my waking hours there, however!)

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BE A LIBRARIAN?

I decided to become a librarian after starting a library in Ngiwal, Palau when I worked in the Peace Corps. There were no bookstores in Palau, so I wrote grants and letters to everyone I could think of for book donations. The hardest part was convincing the boat drivers to take my boxes of books from the capital where the post office was to the village. The village kids were very enthusiastic, however! They offered to paint, build bookshelves, put cards in books....I was worried when I came back to the United States that library work wouldn't be as wonderful as my experience in Palau.

YOU JUST BOUGHT A NEW HOME—HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

I love it! It is a vermilion brick house located in Cooksville (population 80). It was built in 1856 and it looks like it stepped out of a fairy tale. It's a lot of work, but, luckily, I've had a lot of help fixing it up.

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A Message from the Library Director

New Magazine and Newspaper Titles

The following magazines have just been added to the library's collection:

A is a magazine written for and about Asian Americans. It includes articles on politics, trends, personalities, culture, cuisine, entertainment, lifestyles, and social issues. This magazine will also be of interest to anyone interested in contemporary Asian culture.

Biography is a spin-off of the Biography series on the A&E Network. Each issue includes portraits of historical figures and current personalities.

Birds and Blooms is a magazine for both gardeners and bird fanciers. Each issue features beautiful color photographs and practical tips on attracting birds and creating visually stunning flower gardens.

Nintendo Power, a new title in the Teen collection, is the source for tips and codes, full-color maps, and helpful strategies for the Nintendo 64 and GameBoy games.

Poets & Writers features essays on the literary life and interviews with contemporary writers of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. It publishes articles with practical applications for both emerging and established writers and provides a comprehensive listing of literary grants and awards, deadlines, and prizewinners.

The following newspapers have also been added:

The Christian Science Monitor is an independent daily newspaper providing coverage on national and international news, peoples and cultures, and social trends.

Investors' Business Daily, first published in 1984, is known for its innovative stock tables. Published every weekday, it provides timely information on pension and mutual funds, banks, insurance companies, and government organizations.

More about the newspaper and magazine collection

The latest issues of our business newspapers, including *The Wall Street Journal* and *Barron's*, are displayed next to the investment information table.

In addition to the Madison and Milwaukee newspapers, the library also subscribes to the following Wisconsin newspapers: *Appleton Post-Crescent*, *Eau Claire Leader Telegram*, *Green Bay Press Gazette*, *Janesville Gazette*, *La Crosse Tribune*, and *Wausau Daily Herald*.

The newspaper collection also includes these out-of-state newspapers: the *New York Times* and *Chicago Tribune*, both daily and Sunday editions; the *Los Angeles Times*, *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, and *Washington Post*, Sunday editions only for these last three.

Finally, if you are interested in international news with a foreign perspective, you might want to browse through a copy *The Economist*, a highly regarded British newsweekly. Library staff at the Information Desk will also be happy to show you how to access online newspapers from around the world via the Internet.

-Paul Nelson,
Library Director

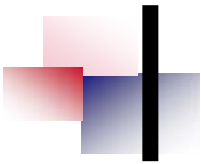


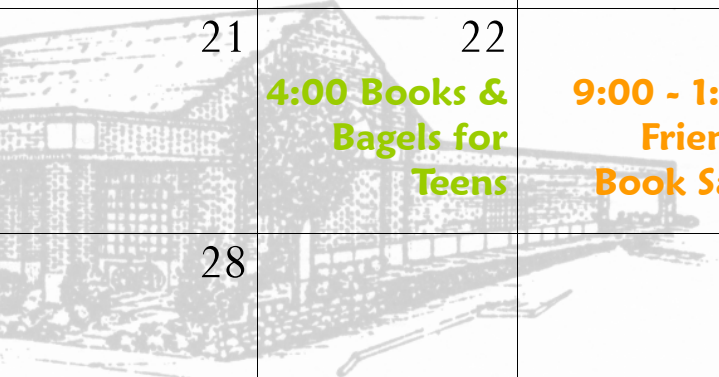
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Teen Book of the Month

“Sights” by Susanna Vance

"I was in the womb eleven and one half months, came out fat, durable and gorgeous. I've seen the newborn pictures: smooth, broad ears, a few sharp little teeth glinting like Chiclets. It wasn't that I was overdue, it just took extra time for me to get ready. I have no way of knowing how ordinary babies do it, but when I was ready, I came out."

In a strange mixture of magic and realism, *Sights* tells the story of Baby Girl, 13, who was born on a veterinarian's table after 11 months in the womb. Walrus-shaped and with the ability to tell everyone's future except her own, Baby Girl feels both blessed and cursed by her "sights".

Baby Girl's mother is head-swivelingly gorgeous and Baby Girl has always felt popular and smart. When Baby Girl's father attacks her, however, she and her mother pack up and move to a town where everyone thinks Baby

Girl is a freak. Baby Girl never falters in her optimism and confidence, however, and wins friends by her sheer bull-headedness. When tragic events start to happen to Baby Girl, she begins an frightening race to discover who would want her dead. Perfect for reading aloud.

Teen Events in January & February

January programs:

Jan. 10, 7-8 pm Mystery Dinner

Jan. 16, 4-5 pm Books & Bagels

Jan. 17, 4-5 pm Teen Advisory Committee

February programs:

Feb. 7, 7-8 pm Comedy Sportz

Feb. 20, 4-5 pm Teen Advisory Committee

Feb. 22, 4-5 pm Books and Bagels

Ms Eve Recommends

I almost always talk about children's books, but this time I have a title to recommend to adults. It's called *Breathing Free: The Revolutionary 5-day Program to Heal Asthma...and other Respiratory Ailments*, by Teresa Hale.

I had asthma as a child, and it has returned in my "PM" years. If you (or someone you know and care about) has asthma and would like to cut back on your medication, I think you'll find this book extremely helpful. The results have been truly miraculous for me; I've been able to cut back by 90% and feel wonderfully well and energetic. And best of all, the process is simple—and free!

Family Fun Night

Thursday February 14 7-7:45pm

All Ages Welcome

Valentine Cookie Story Time

Stories with Miss Eve; Cookies from the Friends of the Library

Midwinter Story Time

sign-up begins Tuesday, January 8

Tuesdays

January 29—March 5

9:30-10am; ages 2-3, with a parent

10:45-11:30am; ages 3 1/2—5, on their own

Wednesdays

January 30—March 6

9:30-10am; ages 2-3, with a parent

10:45-11:30am; ages 3 1/2—5, on their own

(Parents must remain in the library)

Friday Story Times

Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Mar. 8, Mar 15

9:30-9:50; Baby Story Time (6-24 months)

10:30-11am; Drop-In Storytime (all ages)

-Eve Robillard, Children's Librarian

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Your Check-Out Desk : Did You Know?

1. Has your card expired? **DON'T THROW IT AWAY!!** We can either update that card or replace it with a shiny new card, and you won't need to fill out an application again!
2. Do you know that the Middleton Public Library has a self-service checkout machine? Books, magazines and videos can be checked out there. It is located on the north wall of the library, near the gates. We are glad to show you how it works - please ask!!
3. Check out more AV items!
We have extended the number of audio-visual items an individual can check out. You can now check out 10 videos (adult, children's, or a combination of both); 10 music CDs, 10 books on CD, and/or 10 books on cassette on one card.

- Elizabeth Bauer, Circulation Services Supervisor

January and February are DREARY months in Wisconsin. Our thoughts turn to FOOD - Comfort Food and Chocolate! Here's a quick recipe for dinner that will stick to your ribs.

Meatballs and Corkscrew Pasta (Simply Chilis, Chowders and Stews by Carol Heding Munson, 1998. 641.823 MUN. Recipe on page 98.

1/2 lb. ground round
1 egg white, lightly beaten
1/2 c. oatmeal
3 T. onions, finely chopped
2 t. Italian herb seasoning
1/2 c. grated romano or parmesan cheese
1 15 oz. can plum tomatoes,

chopped up
3 14 oz. cans fat-free beef broth
4 oz. tri-color corkscrew pasta
2 c. broccoli flower tops,
chopped up

Combine beef, egg white, oatmeal, 2 teaspoons onion, 1/2 teaspoon herb seasoning, and cheese in bowl. Shape mixture into 16, 1 inch diameter, meatballs, forming firm meatballs (loosely shaped meatballs may fall apart during cooking). Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high

heat for 1 minute. Add meatballs and cook until brown on all sides, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine tomatoes, broth, remaining onions, and remaining seasoning in a large pot. Add meatballs, cover pot, bring to a boil, and then reduce heat and simmer mixture for 5 minutes.

Stir in pasta and cook stew for 5 minutes. Add broccoli; cook stew until pasta is al dente and

Caucasia Book Discussion at the Middleton Public Library

Like Seattle, Chicago, and Kentucky before us, Dane County will now see what happens when everyone reads the same book!

"Caucasia" by Danzy Senna is the novel we are encouraging everyone to read. It is the story of Birdie, the child of a black father and a white mother, and her sister Cole. It is a tale of growing up neither black nor white and of trying to find a place to belong.

Hailed as "magnificent" by James McBride, the author of "The Color of Water," we think most everyone will find something of value in this story of race, adolescence, and family.

The Middleton Public Library will be holding book discussions on "Caucasia" on

Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.

Please call 831-5564 or email mid@scls.lib.wi.us if you would like to participate in these

