

The Bookworm

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From the Library Director

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Governor McCallum's budget reform/repair/adjustment bill (take your pick!) has caused a great deal of consternation throughout the state, especially among local and county officials. After reviewing the specifics of the bill, I can assure you that it is an especially troubling piece of legislation for libraries. Here are the specifics of the proposed budget cuts.

Agency	Title	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03
Department of Public Instruction	Aids to public library systems	-0	-\$737,500
Department of Public Instruction	Library service contracts	-0	-\$ 52,400
UW System	General program operations	-\$10,097,000	-\$40,386,400
Wis. Technical College System	State aid	-0	-\$5,328,700
State Historical Society	General program operations	-\$251,400	-\$359,200
State shared revenues	(4 different areas)	-0	-\$730,000,000

What are the impacts of these cuts?

- Public libraries get hit with a "triple whammy".
 - Reduced public library system funding, for which there was only a 1.7% increase in the 2001-2003 biennium, will result in **an inability to maintain current levels of shared services** within these regional partnerships: shared computer systems (LINKcat, in our case), delivery of library materials, shared subscriptions to online databases, and computer training and other continuing education activities. Middleton's membership in the South Central Library System allows us to offer an array of services that would be impossible to do on our own without at least a 50% increase in our budget.
 - The proposed phase-out of state shared revenues to counties will result in reduced financial support to municipal libraries.

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Meet The Library Staff



This issue we chat with Elizabeth I. Bauer, our Circulation Services Librarian

YOU HAVE WORKED IN A VARIETY OF LIBRARIES; WHICH WERE YOUR FAVORITES?

I have most enjoyed my positions in public libraries because of the variety of people public libraries serve and because of the interesting questions we field at the services desks.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB HERE AT MIDDLETON?

The best part of my job is helping people; it's satisfying to be able to provide information that people need and, for me, it is a joy to help people

find books to read.

YOU ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO EUROPE THIS SUMMER, ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IT?

I love to travel and I am looking forward to visiting England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales—although I am not too thrilled about flying!

WHAT BOOKS ARE YOU RECOMMENDING RIGHT NOW?

"Nine Parts of Desire: the Hidden World of Islamic Women" by Geraldine Brooks and "The Sunne in Splendour" by Sharon Kay Penman (a novel about Richard III).

ARE YOU GLAD YOU CUT YOUR HAIR?

I don't like my hair short! I may grow in long so I can, again, donate it to Locks of Love—which makes wigs for children with cancer.

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- The proposed phase-out of state shared revenues to municipalities will require all libraries to make budget cuts that are likely lead to **reduced hours, staff, materials, and/or programs**, depending upon the municipality's dependency on shared aids. In the bill's current form, some libraries will even be forced to close their doors.
2. The statewide library service contracts offer specialized services to Wisconsin residents, such as those offered by the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped.
 3. The ripple effect of cuts to the UW and technical college system, as well as the State Historical Society, which houses one of the best genealogy collection in the U.S., will certainly be felt by their libraries.

I have worked as a librarian in the state of Wisconsin for 24 years. During all this time, I've never seen such a bleak future for libraries. It has come to the point where I now have the added annoyance of a knot in my stomach during the workday.

I encourage you to sign one of the postcards for your state legislators that we have made available at the library. We'll take care of the delivery. The key message is to PLEASE SAVE OUR LIBRARIES! We've even provided space for you to write a brief message. At a time when the Middleton Public Library is experiencing a double-digit growth in business, it would literally sicken me to have to make the kind of cuts that the Governor's budget bill, in its current form, would require.

-Paul Nelson,
Library Director

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Please join us **Saturday, April 20, 2002** for this enjoyable, informative, and free event. The Schedule of activities is as follows:

12:00 noon Reception (refreshments, conversation, music)

12:30 p.m. Business meeting (all are welcome to attend)

1:00 p.m. **Featured speaker: Kristin Gilpatrick, author of "The Hero Next Door: Stories from Wisconsin's World War II Veterans" and "The Hero Next Door Returns: More Stories from Wisconsin's World War II Veterans".**

Also appearing will be **Norton Hubbard, U.S. Army veteran** and Middleton resident, whose picture appears on the cover of Gilpatrick's second book.

All events will be held in the library's lower meeting room. Friends membership forms will be available.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<h1>MARCH 2002</h1> Events at the Middleton Public Library				1	2
3	4 10:00 Friends Book Sorting	5 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime	6 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 7:00 Book Discussion on	7	8 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-in Storytime	9 10:00 Book Discussion on
10	11 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	12 9:00 Spring Storytime Registration	13	14 6:00 Teen Program "Finding Your Ideal Career"	15 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-in Storytime	16
17  3:00 Adult Book Discussion	18	19 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime	20 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	21 7:00 Family Fun Night	22	23
24	25 4:00 Teen Advisory Commit-	26 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime	27 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 4:00 Books & Bagels for Teens	28	29	30
31  Easter Sunday Library						

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Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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	<h1>APRIL 2002</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>					
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Voilà and Olé: French & Spanish Books

Would you like to read French novels to improve your vocabulary? Are you a native Spanish speaker longing for books in Spanish?

The Middleton Public Library now has French and Spanish books for you! From the Harry Potter and Left Behind series to Isabel Allende and Gustave Flaubert, we have a mixture

of popular and classic authors from many French and Spanish speaking countries as well as translations of popular novels in the United States.

Questions or comments? Please ask at the Information Desk or call 831-5564. Se habla español y nous parlons français ici!

Poetry Writing Workshop with Andrea Musher

Andrea Musher, Madison's Poet Laureate, will offer a free workshop on finding your poetry style at the Middleton Public Library on Sunday, April 28, from 2 -4 p.m.

The workshop is entitled "Energy in Hand" and Ms.Musher will offer suggestions and ideas on

writing poetry geared for both beginners and those who have been writing poetry for a while. This is a registered event with a maximum of 25 people. If you are interested in attending, sign up at the Information Desk; email mid@scls.lib.wi.us ; or call 831-5564.

Girl With A Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier To Be Discussed

NOTE: The March Sunday Adult Book discussion date has been changed to March 17, 2002 at 3:00 p.m.

The unknown woman of a Vermeer painting is the subject of this novel. Griet, the Protestant daughter of a disabled Delft tile painter, becomes a maid in the Catholic household of Johannes Vermeer and his wife, five children, grandmother

and long-time servant. Vermeer, recognizing the signs of artistic promise, takes on Griet as his studio assistant. As Griet is drawn into Vermeer's painting world, their growing intimacy sparks rumors and, when Vermeer paints Griet wearing his wife's pearl earrings, a scandal erupts that changes Griet's life irrevocably.

Ms Eve Recommends

If your children enjoy animal stories, they'll probably love stories written by English author Dick King-Smith. Middleton Public Library owns over a dozen of his titles. The "Sophie" books are a good place to start—titles include SOPHIE'S SNAIL; SOPHIE'S LUCKY; SOPHIE HITS SIX; SOPHIE TURNS SEVEN; and SOPHIE IN THE SADDLE. Slightly older children will appreciate some of his other titles, including THE SWOOSE (a creature part swan and part goose) or THE WATER HORSE, the story of the Loch Ness Monster when it was young. And if you're wondering who Dick King-Smith is, he's the man who wrote, BABE, THE GALLANT PIG, which later became the film, BABE. So, if you liked BABE, you'll probably enjoy all of his titles. And we have LOTS of them—Miss Eve will probably be reading some this summer at our chapter-book readalouds.

-Eve Robillard, Children's Librarian



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Your Check-Out Desk : Did You Know?

Email Notification

If you have access to email, we can have “Harry” send your hold, overdue and bill notices instead of calling you. Please stop at the checkout desk and ask about “email notification

- Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Services Librarian

Booksale!!

If you have never been to one of the Friends of the Middleton Library book sales, or if you missed the last one in February, the next one is scheduled for Saturday, **April 20, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Since late last fall our sales are now held in the newly remodeled sale room in the lower level of the building which is accessible by elevator or stairwell. Patrons have commented that it looks like a small book store. The selections are always terrific because the Middleton area has so many generous residents who donate their books to the library. Almost any subject category is represented and many are current issues dealing with business, finance, and other reference material. Perhaps you are taking a vacation and need a good paperback. For \$.50 you can read it and leave it. Lots of new CDs and videos have been added to the shelves. We have a good selection of large print books and hundreds of books for children and young adults. Although there will be no "Friends Only" sale during this sale, you may purchase a membership which will allow you to attend the Friday evening sale in September. SEE YOU THERE.

Are all your cookbooks and recipes starting to look boring? Food, home and women's magazines are a great place to find some new recipes.

Maple-Ginger Glaze (The Oprah Magazine, February 2002, page 168.)

1/2 cup Vermont maple syrup
1 small shallot, minced
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
1 & 1/2 teaspoons dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon minced fresh cilantro
1/2 teaspoon minced fresh italian parsley
1/2 teaspoon minced fresh chives
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
3 tablespoons olive oil

3 tablespoons canola oil
1 tablespoon sesame oil

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together all but the three oils (or shake together in a jar with a tight fitting lid). Let mixture stand for 1 hour to allow flavors to blend.
2. Whisk or shake in the oils. Cover tightly and refrigerate for up to four days. Yields 1 & 1/2 cups.
3. Use on chicken or fish as a marinade or glaze, or use as a vinaigrette.

**Other Middleton Public Library
magazines featuring recipes**

Better Homes and Gardens
Bon Appetit
Cooking Light
Family Circle
Gourmet
Martha Stewart Living
Midwest Living
Rosie
Saveur
Southern Living
Sunset
Taste of Home
Vegetarian Times
Woman's Day
Prevention



**Mark your calendars now for our
spring gardening program!**

Stephanie Orkowski, horticulturist at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, will present a free program with slides entitled “Planning for Summer in the Garden” at the Middleton Public Library on Saturday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m.

