



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## April Book Sale Huge Success!

On April 20, the second book sale was held in our newly remodeled sale room. Obviously, everyone is enjoying the added amenities, as we surpassed last years sale by \$400.00 and ended up with a grand total of \$2,138.90. All proceeds from the Friends sales are used to support library programming and collections.

The book sorters report that they are very discriminating when placing items on the shelves, so only the best books

are sorted to the sale room with the rest being donated to a local charity. Our prices are generally low (\$1/hardcover & trade, \$.50/paperback; half that amount for children's books), except for a section of special values which are still a very good buy. **The next sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Get there early for the best selection.

- Kate Zimmerman, Administrative Assistant

## A Summer Reading Program for Grown-ups

*There's no reason for kids to have all the fun....*

On Wednesday, June 12, we kick off the 2<sup>nd</sup> adult summer reading program at the Middleton Public Library: Visions 2002.

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. that day for a special breakfast program with author Jacquelyn Mitchard ("Deep End of the Ocean"). Ms. Mitchard will discuss some of her favorite books and authors & the Friends of the Library will provide bagels and juice and coffee. Copies of Ms. Mitchard's books, as well as some of her recommended titles, will be available for purchase at the end of her presentation.

**Doors open at 8:30 a.m for this free event in the library's downstairs meeting room.**

Keep track of the hours you read during Visions 2002 and enter our drawing for a \$100 gift certificate at Borders Book Store. There will be weekly drawings for other gift certificates and prizes, too. To register for the breakfast with Jacquelyn Mitchard or for more information on Visions 2002, email Liz at mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 831-5564.

## Meet The Library Staff



This issue we meet with Library Assistant, Vic Tortorici.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT THE LIBRARY & WHAT IS YOUR JOB HERE?** I've been at the Middleton Public Library for over 29 years & am looking forward to reaching the 30 year mark on October 7<sup>th</sup> this year. My three main duties consist of updating the New York Times best seller list on LINKcat; entering/linking information concerning our new acquisitions into the online catalog; and assisting with the ordering of new paperbacks.

**HOW HAS THE LIBRARY CHANGED SINCE YOU STARTED WORKING HERE?** Obviously, with the introduction of computers and other elec-

tronic devices into many libraries, and the interesting array of goods and services provided, everyone has benefited. When I was hired by the tiny library in Middleton's City Hall in 1973, there were 6 or 8 employees, no computers, and I had just barely escaped the "Library Stone Age" when a patron checked out a book by signing a card and someone stamped a date on it.

**WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?** For hobbies I enjoy teaching my Bible class, computing, birding, reading and enjoying life with my dear wife. Occasionally I go mall-ratting.

**YOU HAVE NEW DOGS; WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?**

In January we purchased a pair of puppies (Papillons). They are sisters, and the most loving, zany, energetic and acrobatic dogs one could ever see. They have foxlike faces and fawnlike ears. Full grown they reach 11" at the shoulder. They know how to go potty, but, if anyone out there know s how to each them where, please give us a buzz. P.S., the four cats hate them!

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## A Message from the Library Director

It's been a very up-and-down period for libraries so far this year.

On the upside, the *Wisconsin State Journal* recently featured a front-page article on the opening of the new Mount Horeb Public Library. The story also took note of the tremendous growth that has taken place in Dane County during the past ten years in both library construction and use.

On the downside, an unbalanced state budget, the possible phase-out of the state shared revenue program, and an uncertain economic climate have forced some cities to freeze or even cut portions of their budgets. As part of a citywide budget review, the Middleton Public Library has accepted a temporary freeze of \$15,150 to its book budget, which is 12% of what we hope to spend on adult, teen and juvenile books this year. Another result of the uncertain budget picture is to delay indefinitely the planned opening of the library on Sundays during the summer.

On the upside, public library use is increasing at double-digit rates at many of the 61 locations in the South Central Library System. One of the best examples is occurring right in our area. Even though the Madison Public Library opened a new branch less than two miles away, Middleton underwent a major growth spurt during the last quarter of 2001. The last time a similar event occurred was 1990, the year we moved into our new facility. The Alicia Ashman Branch now does

almost as much business as Middleton, but Middleton is still breaking monthly circulation records on a regular basis. We certainly couldn't have handled a 100% increase in use in a year's time on our own.

On the downside, some members of the state legislature decided that the 130-year-old tradition of free public library service in Wisconsin should be offered as a sacrifice to the state's current budget crisis. Fortunately, you helped us turn this negative into a positive by voicing your strong support for libraries. After the roar subsided – newspaper stories and editorials, discussions on radio talk shows, TV news features – most legislators distanced themselves from this proposal. In fact, a conference committee of legislators ironing out the difference between Republican and Democratic versions of the state's budget repair bill, recently agreed to maintain the free library tradition. In the process, I hope our legislators learned an importance lesson about the value of libraries to the people that they serve.

Thank you for helping us to broadcast this message during a very challenging time for libraries. I hope that we can count on your continued support.

-Paul Nelson,  
Library Director

## Recommended!

**[The Tapir's Morning Bath: Mysteries of the Tropical Rain Forest and the Scientists Who are Trying to Solve Them](#)** by Elizabeth Royte (New Adult Nonfiction: 577.34 ROY)

Panama's Barro Colorado Island has been a center for scientific study since 1923, containing the best studied rain forest in the world. Elizabeth Royte sets up at a field station on the island and studies both the rain forest and the bickering between various types of scientists. This is a fascinating look at the rain forest, the most complicated natural system in the world, and the all too human side of scientists looking for answers in a world that may be disappearing too fast to wait for the research and answers.

- Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Services Librarian

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>MAY 2002</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>					
			1	2	3	4 <b>10:00 Gardening Program</b>
5	6 <b>10:00 Friends Book Sorting</b>	7	8	9	10	11
12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	13 <b>6:30 Friends Book Sorting</b>	14	15 <b>6:30 Friends Book Sorting 4:00 Books &amp; Bagels for Teens</b>	16	17	18
19 <b>3:00 Adult Book Discussion</b>	20	21	22	23 <b>4:00 Teen Advi- sory Commit-</b>	24	25
26	27 <b>Memorial Day Library</b>	28 <b>7:00 Teen Program "Sick &amp; Twisted" Vid-</b>	29	30	31	

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

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	<h1>JUNE 2002</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>					1
2	3 <b>10:00 Friends Book Sorting</b>	4	5	6	7	8 <b>9:00 - 1:00 Friends Book Sale</b>
9	<b>Children's and Teen Summer Reading Programs Begin</b> <b>6:30 Friends Book Sorting</b>	11 <b>10:30 Summer Storytime</b>	<b>9:00 Adult Summer Reading Program Kickoff w/Jacquelyn Mitchell</b> <b>3:00 Teen Program "Remnants of the"</b>	13	14 <b>2:00 Bob Kann, Friday Family Fun</b>	15
16	17	<b>10:30 Summer Storytime</b> <b>2:00 Tuesdays @ 2 for school-age kids</b>	19 <b>6:30 Friends Book Sorting</b>	20 <b>4:00 Teen Scrabble Tournament</b>	21	22
23	24	<b>10:30 Summer Storytime</b> <b>12:00 "Beginning to write w/Marshal Cook"</b> <b>2:00 Tuesdays @ 2</b>	26	27 <b>6:00 Mehndi for Teens</b>	28 <b>2:00 Ken Lonnquist, Friday Family Fun</b>	29
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## Teen Book Review: The Gospel According to Larry by Janet Tashjian

17-year-old Josh Swenson has a problem: he is becoming too famous. Or rather, "Larry," his online persona is. It all began in fun: Josh created a website to spout his philosophy on anti-consumerism. Scathingly funny, the website draws many admirers, including his best friend Beth (whom Josh is in love with). Then it snowballs... and all of a sudden people are organizing a "Larryfest" and everyone from Barbara Walters

to U2 wants to meet the mysterious "Larry." Josh, a shy guy who hates attention, is terrified--he changes his telephone number daily, but persistent fans are determined to track him down... A funny, philosophic book that will tickle your imagination. (check out the website--yes, it really does exist!)

- Rebecca Van Dan,  
Young Adult Services Librarian

## Teen Summer Reading Program: Make Reading a Hobbit

Parrots, ice cream, scrabble, mehndi... What do they all have in common? You can see them all this summer at Middleton Public Library's teen programs!

At "[Remnants of the Rainforest](#)" on [June 12 \(3-4:30\)](#) you can meet many different rainforest animals and learn what you can do to help with conservation. If you prefer more artistic endeavors, you can create your own unusual [body art on June 27 \(6-8 pm\)](#) with mehndi or try our [Teen Tie Dye on July 3 \(1-3 pm\)](#). If you just want to hang out and eat, line up for [free ice cream at our Teen Ice Cream Social on July 10 \(4-5 pm\)](#).

Teen writers are encouraged to take up their pens for our [3rd annual writing contest](#) this summer or pit their brainpower against their friends at our [Scrabble Tournament on June 20. \(6-8:30 pm\)](#) Don't see a program that interests you? Come to our Teen Advisory Committee and help us plan one that does! More details on all teen programs are available in our Teen Summer Reading Program flyers or call the Young Adult librarian at (608)831-5564.

- Rebecca Van Dan,  
Young Adult Services Librarian

## Friends Book Bags for Sale

During National Library Week, April 15-19, the Friends of the Library started selling a newly designed book bag for patrons to take home all their purchased and checked-out items. These bags are really a good deal as they are quite large and made of sturdy canvas material. They have a zippered compartment to hold your library card and other valuable possessions, straps long enough to carry over the arm, and come in "all black," which will not show the soil. There is a lovely picture of the library on one side of each bag, and they are going for the fantastic price of only \$10.00 each.

**Support your library and help advertise this wonderful facility.** All bags can be purchased at the Circulation Desk.



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## Your Check-Out Desk : Did You Know?

### Renewals

Middleton Public Library has two renewal periods on items that don't have holds on them. There are several ways to renew your items:

A) Stop in the library - our friendly checkout staff are happy to renew your items or, without having to wait in the checkout line, you can renew your own items on the online catalog. The staff at the Information Desk can show you how to access your record. Please have your library card handy.

B) Do you have access to the Internet? Log on to the Middleton Public Library homepage ([www.scls.lib.wi.us/middleton](http://www.scls.lib.wi.us/middleton)), connect to LINKcat, and access your own library record, from home, to place holds and renew items. Be sure to have your library card barcode handy to access your record.

C) Can't sleep? Harry (LINK telecirc) is available, 24 hours a day, to check your record or renew items. Be sure to have your library barcode number handy, because Harry asks for that first thing!

- Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Services Librarian

**Spring has arrived and it is time to start thinking about attending local farmer's markets. Here is a spring salad recipe:**

### Spring Spinach Salad with Honey Onion Dressing

(Source: Fresh Market Wisconsin  
by Terese Allen, page 17.)

Crunchy radishes, sharp green onions and young carrots make this spinach salad stand up and say "Spring." Other early season possibilities that could be added include mushrooms, snowpeas, watercress, asparagus and bok choy.

10-12 ounces fresh young spinach leaves, stems removed  
1/2 cup toasted walnut or pecan halves (see note)  
1 cup grated carrots  
1/2 cup sliced radishes  
1/4 cup chopped green onion  
1/3 - 1/2 cup Honey Onion Dressing (recipe below)  
freshly ground black pepper  
4 hard-cooked eggs, quartered

Clean spinach with cold water; dry in salad spinner or by patting dry with

clean towels. Combine with nuts and vegetables in large bowl. Toss with dressing and freshly ground pepper to taste. Garnish with egg quarters.

### Honey Onion Salad Dressing (makes about 1 cup)

Excellent on young and tender spinach leaves. Or, if you've got a bunch of full grown spinach, heat the dressing and "wilt" the salad. This would also make a great sauce for green beans or brussel sprouts, cold or hot.

2 tablespoons honey  
3 tablespoons balsamic or cider vinegar  
3 tablespoons finely minced onion  
2 tablespoons catsup(optional)  
1 teaspoon worcestershire sauce  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon black pepper  
2 dashes hot pepper sauce  
1/3 cup canola oil

Mix all ingredients except oil. Gradually whisk in the oil in a very thin stream.

Continue whisking another minute.

**NOTE: Toasted nuts and seeds** - toasting nuts and seeds brings out all their flavor. To toast nuts, bake at 350 degrees, in a single layer, on a cookie sheet for 10 to 15 minutes, turning once or twice. Watch closely because they can quickly burn. Sesame, cumin and other seeds can be toasted in a frying pan on the top of the stove. Toss over medium heat until the seeds are lightly browned.

### Other herb, vegetable, fruit and farm market cookbooks at Middle- ton Public Library

Farmer's Market Cookbook; Better Homes and Gardens, 641.65 FAR  
Wisconsin Herb Cookbook; Breckenridge and Snyder, 641.657 WIS  
A is for Apple; Gred & Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, 641.6411 PAT  
Exotic Fruit and Vegetables; Oona van den Berg, 641.64 BER  
Peppers, Peppers, Peppers; Marlena Spieler, 641.6384  
The Zucchini and Carrot Cookbook;