



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jane Austen in 2002

Anyone who thinks that Jane Austen is an old-fashioned writer should check out the Jane Austen links on the Internet—there are whole organizations and journals devoted to her work & new generations of impassioned readers developing all the time. In addition, Austen and her work continue to influence pop culture—the clever Alicia Silverstone film “Clueless” is based on Austen’s novel “Emma.” A new mystery series written by Laura Levine features a heroine named Jaine Austen.

Visions 2002, Middleton Public Library’s adult summer reading program, offers an evening of Austen consideration with

UW-Madison Austen expert and enthusiast Emily Auerbach. Auerbach suggests we read (or re-read) “Emma” and “Pride and Prejudice” and ask ourselves: “what would Lydia Bennet wear to West Towne Mall?” “What type of car would Mr. Darcy drive?” How, indeed, do Jane Austen’s insights into human nature help us to understand our world today?

Join us for coffee and dessert on Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m. The Visions 2002 grand prize drawing will be held at the program’s conclusion.

-Liz Dannenbaum,

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Betty Thornton: In Memoriam

All of us at the Middleton Public Library are deeply saddened by the death of Betty Thornton. She died on June 10th after a brief illness. Betty worked at the library for nearly nine years as a page, checking in and reshelving materials. She remained active, working her weekday afternoon shift and singing in the St. Bernard’s choir, through the end of May. Her cheery, no-nonsense presence will be greatly missed.

Betty not only continued to work well past retirement age but she kept busy with many family activities. She is survived by her husband Mel, 9 children, 19 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family has asked that memorials to be donated to St. Bernard’s choir program, the Middleton Outreach Ministry, and the Middleton Public Library.

A Message from the Library Director

Some Thoughts on Why We Buy What We Buy

The following suggestion was recently submitted to us on one of the library's comment forms: *I think you need more than just two sets of regular encyclopedias.*

The library actually owns three sets of encyclopedias. *World Book* and *Encyclopedia Americana* are found in the adult reference collection. *New Book of Knowledge* is shelved with the children's reference materials. Volumes of older editions of these sets are available for checkout. .

The library also owns a circulating copy of a 1997 edition of the *Academic American Encyclopedia*, the current version of which is now available only in an electronic format. This seems to reflect a trend that is taking place in the publishing world. *Booklist*, a magazine of book and media reviews for librarians, features an annual encyclopedia update in its September 15th issue. (The library subscribes to *Booklist*, and back issues are available to the public.) Last year, the editors reviewed five multi-volume sets, down from 12 a mere five years ago. Encyclopedia publishers have enthusiastically embraced online access to information, often at the expense of a decades-long print tradition.

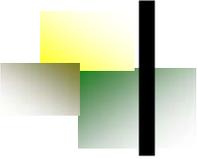
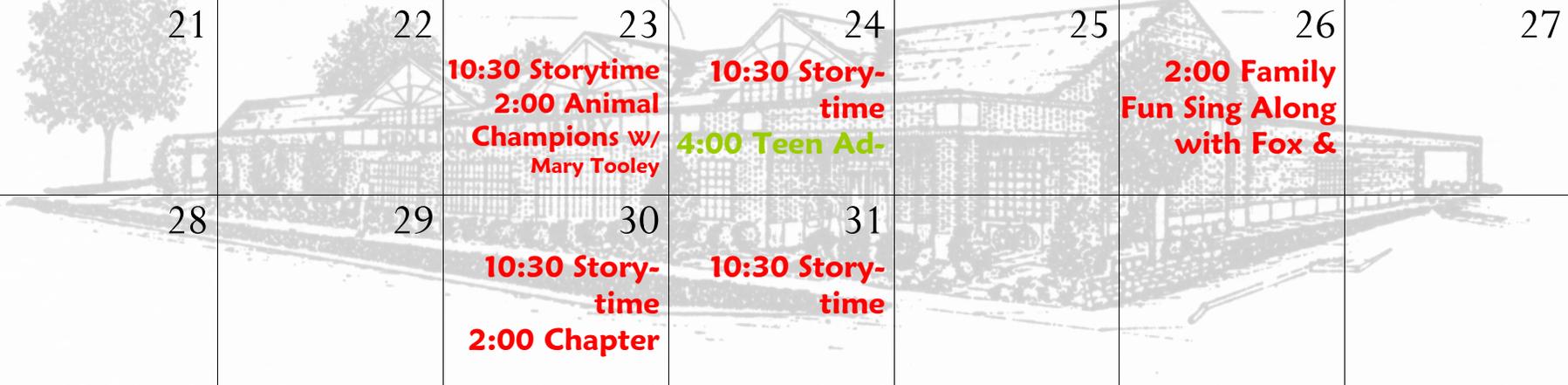
With limited financial resources, the library staff has to carefully consider how we spend our book budget. Instead of allocating \$1,000 for another print encyclopedia, our preference is to purchase reference books that have more focused subject coverage. Let me give you a couple of examples.

The Encyclopedia of Mammals is a beautifully illustrated, 3-volume set that contains a concise, clearly written, and entertaining overview of the world's 4,600 species of mammals. The entries are arranged by family groups and include the latest developments in natural history in science. The text is supplemented with full-color photographs and locator maps. We are so enamored of this title that we plan to use gift funds to purchase a second set for the circulating collection.

The Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine is a comprehensive, 5-volume set that provides information on more than 1,700 disorders, conditions, tests, procedures, treatments, therapies, and drugs. Each entry for disorders, for example, organizes information under the following subject headings: definition, description, causes & symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, and prevention. A list of books, magazines articles, and organizations is included with most of the entries.

By the way, the library's process for selecting books and other materials is not a closed one. We'll gladly accept your suggestions at any time. Keep in mind, too, that what you may not find at Middleton is often-times available at other libraries. Don't be afraid to ask the information desk staff for help. We are here to serve you. That's the primary reason for the library's existence.

-Paul Nelson,
Library Director

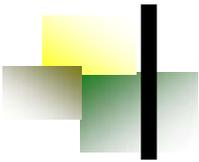
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	<h1>JULY 2002</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>					
	1 10:00 Friends Book Sorting	2 10:30 Story-time 2:00 Chapter	3 10:30 Story-time 1:00 Teen Tie-	4  Independence Day Library	5	6 Library Closed for Circus 
7  Library Open Special	8 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	9 10:30 Story-time 2:00 Chapter	10 10:30 Story-time 4:00 Teen Ice	11 7:00 "Jane Austen in 2002" Grand Prize Draw-	12	13
14	15	16 10:30 Story-time 2:00 Chapter	17 10:30 Story-time 6:30 Friends	18 7:00 Teen Euchre Night	19	20
21	22	23 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Animal Champions w/ Mary Tooley	24 10:30 Story-time 4:00 Teen Ad-	25	26 2:00 Family Fun Sing Along with Fox &	27
28	29	30 10:30 Story-time 2:00 Chapter	31 10:30 Story-time			

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 <h1 style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 2002</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>						
				1	2	3 Noon Teen End of Summer Read- ing Program
4	5 10:00 Friends Book Sorting	6	7	8	9	10
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Teen Summer Reading Program: Make Reading a Hobbit

"Make Reading a Hobbit", the Teen Summer Reading program, will run two extra weeks this year, from June 10 through August 3. For every 100 pages read, teens get a chance to win one of our grand prizes: a CD player, gift certificates to the mall, and movie passes. (5 grand prizes in all.) There are also prize boxes teens can choose from after reading ten and thirty books. Registration begins Monday, June 10th at 9 a.m. at the Information Desk.

There are also lots of teen programs to choose from this year: Tie-Dye (July 3), an Ice Cream Social (July 10), Euchre Night (July 18), Writing Contest (deadline July 22) and the End of Summer Picnic (August 3). All programs are free and for teens ages 12-19 only.

Questions or comments? Please contact the Young Adult Librarian at 831-5564.

ASSIGNMENT ALERT DRAWING

Congratulations to **Deb Killian** for winning the Assignment Alert drawing for teachers! From September to May, the library collected Assignment Alerts turned in by teachers. Assignment Alerts notify the library about upcoming homework assignments to allow us have sufficient materials on hand for the students. In May, the library held a drawing of the Assignment Alert forms that had been turned in, and Ms. Killian's name was chosen to win a \$50 gift certificate to Vin Santo's. We appreciate all the Assignment Alerts that were turned in this year!

-Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Services Librarian

The Friends of the Middleton Public Library

Have your children enjoyed visiting the Treasure Chest and participating in the library's other summer reading program activities? Has your teen sported a tie-dyed shirt that he or she made at the library? Have you enjoyed the author visits and gardening programs that are among the adult programs the library hosts?

All these activities and more are supported by the successful fundraising and dedicated volunteer efforts of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library.

The Friends is a group whose members include residents of Middleton and the surrounding area. Friends work with the library staff and board of trustees to enhance and improve the services the library is able to provide. Membership forms are available at the library.

At the Friends annual meeting in April, the following slate of officers was approved:

Paul Allen, President
Peggy Marxen, Vice-president
Lynn Haertl, Secretary

A Treasurer will be approved at the next meeting; in the meantime, Cheri Teal has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of that position.

I'd like to personally thank these individuals for their personal commitment of time to the library.

The Friends are always looking for people willing to take on a leadership role. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Paul Nelson (831-5564) or Paul Allen (238-7666).

Paul Nelson, Library Director

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Your Check-Out Desk : Did You Know?

You can save time by checking out yourself!

Middleton Public Library has a self-check machine, located to the left of the copy machines and to the right of the security gates. Books, magazines and videos can be checked out there without a wait in line. This is a great way to avoid standing in line (unless you have a hold to pick up). Be sure to ask our Circulation Staff to give you a demonstration.

- Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Services Librarian

GOOD SUMMERTIME READS: NOVELS BY MICHAEL CRICHTON

If you would like to escape from the mundane worries of the everyday world, read some Michael Crichton. Jurassic Park is about dinosaurs running amok today. A biotechnology company discovers how to recover and clone dinosaur DNA and the owner wants to create a dinosaur theme park, similar to Disney World. Several scientists, lawyers and the owner's grandchildren are invited to view the park; then something goes drastically wrong....

Is it possible to time travel? Can the answer be found in quantum physics? In Timeline a group of young scientists experiment with this possibility and are thrown back to the Middle Ages in the midst of the Hundred Years' War. Mixing science and medieval life, Timeline is a fascinating read.

Summer is here! Summer brings to mind picnics, barbecues, salads and outdoor dining. Here is a refreshing summer salad idea:

Curried Crab Salad

Source: Better Homes and Gardens Fresh and Simple: Quick-Toss Salad Meals, page 59.
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("Dispel the myth: not all curries are hot. Packaged curry powder purchased at a grocery store is generally a sweet mixture of as many as 20 spices. It does magical things when mixed in a sauce and added to crabmeat.")

2 cups, cut-up fresh fruit (such as pineapple, cantaloupe, honeydew melon or strawberries)

1 6-ounce package frozen crabmeat, thawed

3/4 cup sliced celery

1/4 cup light mayonnaise dressing or salad dressing
1/4 cup plain low-fat yogurt
2 tablespoons skim milk
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
4 cups torn mixed salad greens
fresh raspberries (optional)

In a large bowl combine fresh fruit, crabmeat, and celery; set aside. For the dressing; stir together light mayonnaise dressing, yogurt, milk and curry powder. Divide salad greens among 3 plates. Top with crab mixture and drizzle with dressing. If desired, sprinkle with raspberries.

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Servings: 3

Other summer cookbook selections:

Low-Fat Grilling: Fabulous Food from the Backyard

Barbecue; Melanie Barnard, 641.5784 BAR

Gas Grill Cookbook; Better Homes and Gardens, 641.5784 GAS

Best-Ever Grilling Recipe

Collection; Kraft Foods, 641.5784 KRA

The Garden Entertaining Cookbook

; Barbara Scott-Goodman & Mary Goodbody, 641.578 SCO

Salads: Cooking for Today

; Better Homes and Gardens, 641.83, SAL

Picnics: A Cookbook and

Guide; Pat Nekola, 642.3 NEK