Exploring the Exotic Indian Kitchen

Join Eat Smart in India co-authors Joan Peterson & Indu Menon at our Visions 2003 adult summer reading program wrap-up at noon on Tuesday, July 22.

Ms. Peterson and Ms. Menon will share their extensive knowledge of the history, culture, and preparation of Indian food. They will share and display herbs and spices native to India and they will take our imaginations into the kitchens and markets of this vibrant nation.

The Friends of the Middleton Public Library will provide an Indian treat to share with us; feel free to bring your own brown bag lunch and beverage as well.

The program will conclude with a book signing with Ms. Peterson and Ms. Menon—as well as the Vision 2003 grand prize drawing for a $100 gift certificate to Borders Book Shop.

If you have questions about this program or other programs at the library email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 831-5564.

Meet The Library Staff

This issue we talk with Ilene Bischoff

How long have you worked at the library? How did you happen to apply here and what has kept you working here so long?

Fifteen years ago I attended an AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) dinner and I happened to sit next to DelRosa Bruns (whom I did not know at the time). During our conversation she told me that she was working at the Middleton Public Library, but was intending to leave the position. Sheila Johnson, the former head of Circulation, had asked her to stay until she could find a replacement. Having recently retired from teaching, I was trying to find something to do for just a few hours a day. I applied and was hired and DelRosa moved on to other things. Since I am satisfied with the hours, the work required, and the friendly atmosphere, I have remained these many years.

How long have you lived in Middleton? How has the city changed during that time?

I have lived in Middleton for 42 years. I now reside in a Senior Housing development in Verona and I suspect there’s not enough room in this newsletter for me to mention all the changes I have seen in Middleton during this time! Actually, the first couple of years I lived in Pheasant Branch it was not even part of the village of Middleton. The school system went from the Union Free High School and Joint School District #3 to a merger of the two systems into what is now the Middleton Cross Plains School District.

As I look around I see that what was once considered a “bedroom community” has become a city that is progressive and thriving. Some of the prominent places which have been replaced by newer prominent places include Schwab and Schwartz, Denner and Tiedeman’s, Minick’s Top Hat, and Sax’s Restaurant.

Changes? Residents living in Middleton for these last 40 years have had to meet the challenge of adapting to lots of change.

What do you enjoy doing when you’re not working?

I enjoy spending my leisure hours relaxing and walking with friends, as well as working jigsaw and cross word puzzles. I do like some computer games and surfing the Net. Some of my time is also spent reading.

Any pet peeves you’d care to mention?

Interviews.
A Message from the Library Director  
U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Filtering

On Monday, June 23, the Supreme Court voted 6-3 to uphold the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The basic requirement of this law is that schools and public libraries receiving federal e-rate and Library Services and Technology Act funds must filter all computers that provide Internet access. The guidelines are very narrow; only these two sources of federal funding are included.

How does the Supreme Court’s decision impact the Middleton Public Library?

There are two likely outcomes.

Our internal network of 11 public-access Internet computers is not affected. The library receives no direct federal funding of any type. As a result, Middleton’s network falls outside of CIPA’s requirements, leaving the filtering of these computers a local decision.

The situation is somewhat murkier regarding the LINK network, a computer system shared by Middleton and 37 other public libraries in the South Central Library System. The good news is that libraries’ discounted rate for telecommunications (data and phone lines) is not part of the CIPA requirements. Had that been the case, LINK member libraries would be facing an enormous increase in the cost of operating this consortium. The bad news is that LINK receives an annual e-rate discount of $6,000 for Internet access through WISCNET, a statewide computing resource center.

At its August meeting, the LINK Director’s Council will review a series of recommendations in response to the Supreme Court’s decision on Internet filtering and the impact on its shared network. The official statement of the Wisconsin Library Association will guide the discussion.

WLA supports the position that local governing bodies of educational agencies, such as school and libraries, are in the best position to determine policies for Internet access and should have in place a formal Internet Use Policy. WLA opposes legislation that mandates the use of Internet filtering software, especially when it is used as a requirement for receiving federal, state, and/or local funds.

You are welcome to share your thoughts with me on this issue.

-Paul Nelson, Library Director

Book Review


“The idea of writing about the Bible had sneaked up on me. Like many of my contemporaries, after leaving home after high school, I lost touch with the religious community I had known as a child... and ultimately, I woke up one morning and realized I had no connection to the Bible.”

Bruce Feiler, contributor to NPR’s ‘All Things Considered’, writer for Gourmet, Conde’ Nast Traveler and the New York Times Magazine came to this realization, as quoted above, and decided to reconnect with the Bible, by treating it as a physical and geographical journey. After an intense year of study of the Bible itself and the history, archeology, and science of the lands of the Bible, Feiler set off for the Middle East and Persian Gulf states to travel the land of the five books of Moses.

Join Bruce on his journey by foot, camel, jeep, and rowboat, from the comfort of your armchair, through biblical areas familiar to most, and maybe you too will see that “…the land alone is not the destination; the destination is the place where human beings live in consort with the divine.”

-Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Services Librarian
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**August 2003**

Events at the Middleton Public Library
For Ice Cream

Something new has been added to our “menu” of Summer Reading Program prizes — this year, boys and girls enrolled in the program ages 4-12 can receive a coupon for a FREE single-scoop ice cream cone from the Hubbard Avenue Diner, just down the street from the library. To qualify for this coupon, the child needs to accumulate four hours of reading time before August 9. If you have questions or wish to sign up, please stop by the library during Treasure Chest Hours (Monday—Thursday 9-5 & 7-8; Friday 9-5; Saturday 11-2.) Miss Eve or a Treasure Chest volunteer will be happy to help you. (One coupon per summer.) ...And don’t thank us; thank the nice people at the Hubbard Avenue Diner!

-Eve Robillard, Children’s Librarian

Summer Reading Reminders for Children

Oh, those long summer days. The library is here, waiting for you. And in summer, you can read anything you want! True fact (or nonfiction) books can be very interesting and satisfying—because we’re all interested in something! Are you interested in wild animals? Tame animals? Extinct animals? Animals that never were? Maybe you’re wondering how to take care of or how to choose a certain pet. We have books for you. Are you interested in sports? Famous athletes? Or soccer rules? We have books for you. Are you interested in “how to” books? How to draw dinosaurs? Or to paint rocks, or collect stamps or baseball cards? We have books for you. Do you like jokes or riddles? Are you interested in cartooning? Outer space? Castles and knights? What it’s like to be a gymnast or an inventor or dancer? We have books for you!

Don’t Forget the Hardcovers!
Are you looking for THE LITTLES? THE BOXCAR CHILDREN? JUDY MOODY? Sometimes in summer, all our paperback copies of these and other popular series are all checked out. But guess what? Often there are lots of copies in the hardcover fiction—because people forget to look there. As I write this, I see only two paperback copies of THE LITTLES in—and five copies in hardcover. And zero paperback copies of JUDY MOODY—and four in hardcover. So now you know the secret!

-Eve Robillard, Children’s Librarian

Monsters and Fencing and the Picnic: Teen Summer Reading Program 2003

It’s hot. Summer is boring. Why not try one of the library’s teen programs? On July 24, from 7-8 p.m. the Middleton Public Library is having a Monster Make-Up program! A theater make-up expert will teach us tips and tricks to look like monsters from the movies or your favorite characters from Harry Potter or Lord of the Rings!

Do you prefer something a little more sporting? Try our Fencing program on July 16 from 3-4:30 p.m. to learn some history of fencing, watch a demonstration, and try a few moves! Practice will be supervised, but signed permission slips must be returned by July 15 to participate.

If you’re more in the mood for just food and fun, the End of Summer Reading Picnic on August 9, from 12-2 p.m. offers plenty of everything! We will draw the winners for the Teen Summer Reading Program at the Picnic, announce the winner of the Writing Contest, and have lots of games, prizes, and munchies. These are just a few of the programs offered for teens this summer; please pick up a Teen Summer Reading flyer for more details! All teen events are free but you must be between 12 and 19 to participate. Questions or comments? Please contact the Young Adult Librarian at (608)831-5564.

-Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian
Summer Recipes

Food and travel—topics dear to most of our hearts. This summer the Adult Summer Reading program is focusing on the pleasures of food for the body & senses, and travel for the mind & soul. Join us for a book review and some summer recipes.

Two of our summer speakers are Terese Allen, author of a number of Wisconsin cookbooks, food festival, and market guides; and Joan Peterson, author of the popular Eat Smart culinary travel guides and world traveler. Enjoy recipes from each of them.

**Wisconsin Waldorf Salad**

4 large apples (use both sweet and tart, if available, unpeeled)
2-3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/3 cup dried Door County cherries, or others
2-3 stalks celery, sliced
1 cup fruit-flavored yogurt, or 1 cup plain yogurt mixed with maple syrup and cinnamon to taste
½ cup chopped, toasted almonds
** fresh berries, sliced star fruit or kiwi for garnish

** to toast almonds, spread on baking sheet; bake at 350 degrees, tossing occasionally until lightly colored, 8 minutes or more.

Cut apples into ½-inch chunks; toss with lemon juice to prevent browning. Combine dried cherries, celery, and yogurt. Chill the salad. Right before serving, sprinkle with toasted almonds and top with fruit garnish. Serves 6.


Mizeria (Cucumber Salad) **

**The name of the popular salad is derived from the Latin word for misery. It is said that Queen Bona Sforza of Milan, who married the Polish King Zygmunt I in 1518, wept for her homeland when she ate it. (despite the name, the salad is wonderful.)

2 large cucumbers, peeled
salt
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
pepper to taste
1-2 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped

Cut the cucumbers into very thin slices. Sprinkle generously with salt, toss lightly, and set aside for 30 minutes. Drain off liquid. Place slices on paper towels and pat dry with additional paper towels. Mix sour cream with sugar, lemon juice, pepper, and dill. Add cucumbers and stir well. Serve immediately. Serves 4.


Computer Donations are always appreciated.

Have you recently purchased the latest and greatest PC to replace your old “obsolete” computer?

We can make use of older systems here in the library. In fact, several computers in current use, were donated to the library.

And if you think your old computer is a real dinosaur, we can still make use of its parts.

Please give your name and telephone number to one of our staff, and we will contact you.

Thanks for thinking of the

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