



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Help Your Library Grow!



Imagine:

- ◆ Sitting in a **Reading Room** complete with comfortable furnishings, natural lighting, two-sided fireplace, and a browsing magazine collection; or
- ◆ Using a **Video Conferencing Center** for either distance learning or video-conferencing opportunities;
- ◆ Being able to use one of 12 stations in a **Computer Lab** complete with printers, scanners, and comfortable chairs;
- ◆ Doing research or quiet study in one of four **Study Rooms**.

These are just a few of the exciting transformations that are taking place at the Middleton Public Library as part of the remodeling project now underway. There will be more shelving, easy chairs, and study carrels in the new lower level and remodeled main floor spaces. And the Library Board has identified upgrades in areas such as: permanent Artwork to make those empty walls more appealing; enhancements in the remodeled Children And Teen Areas; Collection Enhancement that includes more books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and audio books; and more Programming for all ages – story times, family activities, author visits and readings.

The City of Middleton has authorized a plan for approximately \$1 million to expand services into the lower level and to remodel existing areas. Taxpayer support will pay for about 75% of the project, but it will take people like you to make all the wonderful enhancements happen.

Your financial support will help the library to continue

to be one of the **top-rated** libraries in the nation. Please help your library reach its \$200,000 goal by sending a tax-deductible contribution, using the form below. Be a part of the Middleton Public Library's future --**Help Your Library Grow.**

Please note that the Middleton Public Library Board of Trustees has established an agreement with the **Madison Community Foundation (MCF)**, to handle donations. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

A letter will acknowledge all contributions and names will appear in the expansion campaign program unless otherwise requested. MCF also accepts non-cash contributions. To discuss other giving options, such as real estate, annuities & trusts, please contact MCF Vice President for Finance Ann Casey at 608-232-1763 or acasey@madisoncommunityfoundation.org



Thank you for your generous support of Middleton's nationally recognized library!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

- Please do not list my name as a donor
- Please contact me to help with fundraising events

I Would like to give the following:

- \$10.00 \$25.00 \$50.00
- \$100.00 \$250.00 Other \$ _____

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Special “Friends Only” Event Friday, September 12, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library are invited to a special supper and book sale on Friday, September 12.

At least three rooms will be open for Friends members to shop in; **the book sale will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Special value and bid items will be available.

The library staff will provide a spread of snacks, rolls, desserts, veggies, meats, and other treats from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Library representatives will be available to discuss the library’s plans for remodeling and to offer tours of the space under construction.

Memberships will be available during the evening. Current members are encouraged to invite others to join and attend.

The Friends regular monthly book sale will be held at its usual time on Saturday, September 13, with a “Friends Only” hour from 10-11 a.m. and a sale for the general public from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

If you have questions about the Friends or the booksales, call the library at 831-5564.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!

Anna Biermeier,
Friends of the Middleton Public Library



Wisconsin Book Festival Programs at the Middleton Public Library



The library is delighted to be hosting two WBF programs this fall. Both of these programs are free and open to the public; no registration is required.

Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. Bev DeWeese, formerly of the Milwaukee Public Library, will lead a discussion on two of Grace Paley’s short stories: *Faith*

in a Tree and *Zagrowsky Tells*. Ms. Paley is a featured speaker at the Book Festival.

Friday, October 24, at 4:00 p.m. author Patricia Henley (*In the River Sweet; Hummingbird House*) will speak and read from her work. A book signing and reception will follow Ms. Henley’s presentation.

Payment Options

Check Enclosed (payable to **Middleton Public Library Expansion Fund**)

Credit Card MasterCard Visa


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Madison Community Foundation
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">September 2003</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>						
	1 Labor Day Library Closed	2	3	4 7:00 Teen Book Cover- ing Party	5	6
7 Regular Sunday Hours Resume! Library Open 1-5	8 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	9 9:00 Story- time Regis- tration Be-	10	11	12 9:30 Baby Story 10:30 Drop-In 5-8 Special Friends Book Sale and Sup-	13 SALE 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale
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21 2:00 Author Jacquelyn Mitchard / Li- brary Expansion	22 3:30 Teen Advisory Committee	23 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime	24 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 4:00 Books & Bagels for Teens	25	26 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime	27
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Monday—Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday 9am-6pm : Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

Teen Events in September & October

Book Covering parties, card games, pumpkins & ghost stories... We're carving out lots of ghoulish activities for teens this fall! On **Sept. 4 (7-8 p.m.)**, bring your textbooks to the library for a Book Covering Party--we'll have lots of fun colored paper, stickers, and art supplies...

If horror is more your thing, come share your ghost stories on **Oct. 30, 7 p.m.** We especially want to hear ghost stories that have happened to you! We'll have pumpkins & paint there as well--sign up at the Information Desk to reserve your pumpkin.

Back by popular demand is our Card Games Night--**Oct. 23 starting at 7 p.m.** We have the cards--you choose the games! Questions or comments about any of our teen programs? Please contact the Young Adult Librarian at 831-5564. If you'd like to receive a monthly update of

new teen programs and materials, join our email list by sending a note to rvandan@scls.lib.wi.us.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Teen Summer Reading Program at the Middleton Public Library. Grand prize winners are: Naomi Fisher, Sarah Morgan, Emily Konkol, Joshua Yeri, and Allyson Keller. Winners received prizes such as a DVD player, gift certificates to the mall, movie passes, and a pass to our booksale room.

Congratulations as well to Travis Mueller, for winning the library's Fourth Annual Teen Writing Contest with his short story, "The Lake" and to Caroline Barry for her winning guess in the beans guessing contest. Entries for the Writing Contest will be bound and available for check-out at the library. Many thanks to all the avid teen readers and writers who participated this year--we had the best participation ever this year in the reading program

Library Carnival Sign-Up

If you're between ages 12-19 and would like to help us plan a Library Carnival fundraiser for **November 15**, please contact the Rebecca at 831-5564 or rvandan@scls.lib.wi.us. The Carnival will include lots of games and all funds raised will be used toward the remodeling of the Young Adult section.

Meet The Library Staff

This issue we talk with Library Director, Paul Nelson



You have been the director of the Middleton Public Library for 17 years. You weren't originally from Wisconsin; how did you end up here? Had you always planned to be a library director?

You could say that family connections brought me to Wisconsin. During the summer of 1978, I lived in Springfield, Massachusetts and worked for the G.&C. Merriam Company, the publisher of dictionaries and other reference works. On the day before leaving for a family reunion in northern Wisconsin, I read an advertisement in *Library Journal* for three department head positions at the Oshkosh Public Library. "One of those jobs is mine," I told myself. This prediction turned out to be true! My wife

JoAnna and I moved to Middleton after we got married in 1986. The director's position here couldn't have opened at a more opportune time. During library school, my goal had always been to work in a public library.

What is the best part of your job? What do you like least?

By far, the best part of my job is the variety of duties and responsibilities that it provides. This position has provided me with an opportunity to develop both my administrative and public service skills. It definitely helps that I've always had a great staff and library board to work with. My least favorite activity is the increasing number of cold calls I receive from pesky sales people. It does provide great training for remaining civil when your inner voice is rehearsing a stronger response.

There are big changes ahead for the library; how will things be different after the remodeling?

The biggest challenge will be to maintain an efficient library operation on two levels. We're adding 8,000 square feet of usable space, a computer lab, study rooms, and an enclosed reading room to the library's service program, but with just a small increase in staffing. Next year, you'll probably be seeing a lot of me at our new information desk on the library's remodeled lower level.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at the library?

My wife and I keep busy attending sports events throughout the year. Our two sons, Andy, 16, and Ed, 12, participate in a year-round schedule of football, basketball, and baseball. On my own, I find particularly enjoyment in gardening, an

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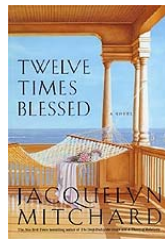
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Twelve Times Blessed & Mitchard Author Visit



Twelve Times Blessed, the new book by Wisconsin author Jacquelyn Mitchard, is about second chances, relationships, life's many trials & tribulations, and love.

The novel chronicles a year in the life of 43 year old widow True Dickinson, owner of a baby gift internet service called Twelve Times Blessed. True, who has been widowed for many years, meets and marries a man ten years younger. The older woman/younger man marriage causes a scandal in their small

Cape Cod village and the couple must deal with age issues, demanding careers, True's rebellious 10 year old son, and life threatening illnesses. Mitchard explores how couples cope when the bloom has worn off & doubts and disillusionment set in.

We are delighted that Jacquelyn Mitchard will speak & read from her novel at the Middleton Public Library on **Sunday, September 21, at 2:00 p.m.** Her visit will help kick off the library's fundraising for our expansion project; there will be a booksigning and reception following her presentation.

Fall Programs For Adults

Please mark your calendars and join us for these special events.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 A HANDS-ON COLLAGE WORKSHOP WITH ARTIST LIZZIE OZ PRIMOZIC
7:00 P.M. (ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO 18 PEOPLE; PLEASE PREREGISTER)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AUTHOR VISIT BY JACQUELYN MITCHARD
2:00 P.M. KICKOFF FOR LIBRARY REMODELING PROJECT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 "LEGAL RESEARCH IN A NUTSHELL" PRESENTED BY LAW LIBRARIANS FROM THE STATE LAW LIBRARY AND THE DANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY.
10:00 A.M. (ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO 30 PEOPLE; PLEASE PREREGISTER)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 BOOK DISCUSSION: TWO SHORT STORIES BY GRACE PALEY: "FAITH IN A TREE" AND "ZAGROWSKY TELLS."
7:00 P.M. (SOME COPIES OF STORIES AVAILABLE AT INFORMATION DESK.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL AUTHOR VISIT BY PATRICIA HENLEY
4:00 P.M. (NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 FENG SHUI WORKSHOP WITH JACQUELYN PATRICIA
7:00 P.M. (ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 30 PEOPLE; PLEASE PREREGISTER)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 BOOK DISCUSSION: *IN THE RIVER SWEET* BY PATRICIA HENLEY
7:00 P.M.

