

The Bookworm



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Construction Update

The construction supervisor for Vogel Brothers, the contractor for the library's renovation project, estimates that phase one of the construction will be completed by Friday, January 30th. In other words, the lower level will be ready for occupancy at this time. This move will involve the transfer of the library's adult nonfiction, magazine, and reference collections, the set-up of a new information desk, equipping a computer lab, and furnishing a conference room and four small study rooms. Four current staff members will also move their office furnishings to the lower level.

The Middleton Public Library will be CLOSED February 2 - February 29.

SOME SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE, HOWEVER!
(see text below)

We are tentatively scheduled to re-open on Monday, March 1.

The library will be closed throughout phase 2.

However, the following limited services will be available:

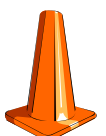
- s You may request materials remotely via LinkCat and designate the Middleton Public Library as a pick-up location.
- s You may return all of your library materials to the outside book drop 24 hours a day and to the lobby book drop during the limited times when the lobby will be open.
- s Beginning Wednesday, February 4, you may pick up your holds in the Library Archer Room on the lower level during the following hours:

Monday through Friday: 12 noon to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Library staff will not be able to answer the phone during the time that the library is closed. You may, however, leave a message on our voice-mail system, and we will be happy to return your call. Please keep in mind that the level of service we can offer during this time will be quite limited. The library will be migrating to a new phone system, which means that you may not be able to reach us at all during the first day or two of our closure.

Once again, we apologize for the inconvenience, although I have to admit that the noise and disruptions don't really seem to bother people all that much. Library use during the construction period so far is actually ahead of a comparable period one year ago. I hope that means you're excited about this work in progress. Just wait until you see the finished product. The library staff is very eager to serve you in an expanded, fully renovated facility.

-Paul Nelson, Library Director



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Phase 2 of the renovation project is scheduled to start on Monday, February 2, and continue through Sunday, February 29. This phase will include the painting and recarpeting of the main level, as well as a reconfiguration of the children's, teen, and adult popular materials sections of the library.



Northeast corner of the library. Constructing the Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room



Getting to Know Our Library Volunteers - Grace Fonstad



You have a background in libraries; please tell us about it.

My library background goes back to about third grade. I got lucky because my family built a house half a block from the public library. What could be better than that? As soon as the librarian and I became good friends and she saw in me an eager helper who was going to hang around no matter what, I knew that someday I would be a librarian too. I was on my way!

I graduated from the UW library school and found my first official job as a children's librarian; later I worked as a library administrator. It was then timeout for family and childcare & earning some education credits so I could qualify as a children's librarian. After a stint on the bookmobile and six years in a high school library I came to Kromery Middleton School. I retired in 1979.

The library has always been the perfect place for me; I hope there's one in heaven.

What are your reading interests? What authors and books do you enjoy?

I prefer style to subject matter and I read fiction and non-fiction: biography, travel, humor, psychology, poetry and essays. Favorite authors include Isabelle Allende, Rumer Godden, E.B. White, Flannery O'Connor, Eudora Welty, Alexander M. Smith, John Updike, William Faulkner, Molly Ivens, David Sedaris, Kevin Henkes—to name a few.

You have been one of the library's most enthusiastic volunteers & you have taken on a variety of responsibilities and tasks over the years. What keeps you here?

I've always been enthusiastic about libraries and what they can do to enrich and change people's lives. I've seen it happen at every level.

I've also always lamented the fact that libraries are undervalued, ignored, or undiscovered by so many people; many have no idea what libraries have to offer. Personally, in order to promote libraries, I have requested that my tombstone read: CALL THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Middleton Public Library's staff is unique in the esprit de corps they demonstrate, in their friendliness, their resourcefulness, and their high degree of civility. Middleton's fine materials collection and the availability of other collections are commendable, as are the library's efforts to serve community groups for meeting space, but the staff is the most important part of the picture. That's why we have one of the best libraries in the area.

2004 Friends of the Middleton Public Library Book Sale Dates

Sales are on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am - 1:30 pm (10-11 am - Friends Members ONLY).

January 10
February 14
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12

July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

Annual Membership Dues:

January - December
Household: \$10
Individual: \$5
Student (under 18): \$2
Business/Organization: \$25





Future Reference Desk area. Computer Lab room will be behind the Reference Desk.



Lower level, as seen from the Reference Area, looking towards the 4 private study rooms along the far wall.



Our "hole in the floor" before the elevator and stairway were installed.



The unfinished elevator tower and stairwell



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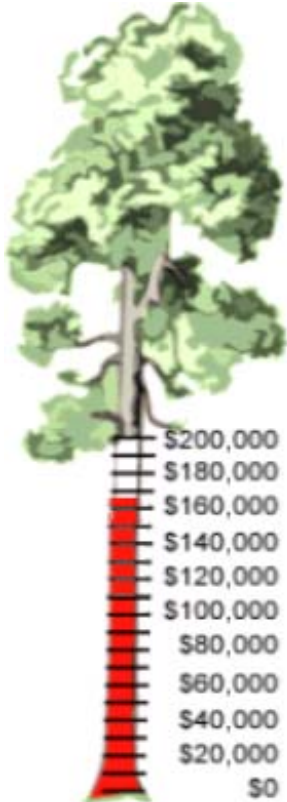
Http://www.scls.lib.wi.us/middleton

The Middleton Public Library is Open to Serve you
Monday—Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday 9 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1 pm-5 pm



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as of Jan 1
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A Special Thanks to our remodeling project donors as of this date:

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