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The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A Grand Reopening!

Welcome to the new Middleton Public Library!

Although we are still at the same location, we think you'll find an exciting transformation of the interior of our 14-year-old facility. The library now fully occupies 32,000 square feet of floor space on two levels.

The project took just 5½ months to complete. Phase 1 began on September 15, 2003, and included the completion of 10,000 square feet of unfinished space on the library's lower level. Excavation for a mechanical room and the Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room took place during the first weeks of the project. In late October, a floor-to-ceiling enclosure was erected on the main level in preparation for the construction of a new stairwell and elevator. Phase 1 activities were substantially completed on January 30, 2004 – right on schedule.

Phase 2 started promptly on Monday, February 2,

In order to allow people to continue to pick up their holds, staff set up a mini-library during the first half of the month in the staff workroom and then moved it to one of the library's lower level meeting rooms in order to accommodate the rest of February's fast-paced construction schedule. In spite of twin challenges of limited hours of operation and restricted access to the collection, library patrons checked out nearly 19,000 items, or an amazing 45% of February's average circulation. To paraphrase Sally Field, "You like us, you really really like us!"

An expanded and fully renovated library opened its doors to the public on Monday, March 1. An open house and dedication is scheduled to take place during National Library Week on Friday, April 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. Details about this special event will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Help the Library Reach Its Fundraising Goal

The response to the Middleton Public Library's fundraising campaign has been very positive. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.

At this time, we have raised nearly \$185,000 of our original goal of \$200,000. The generosity of Marlene Mack and the Friends of the Library have allowed us to fully fund the (Kenneth J. Mack) reading room, the com-

puter lab, and permanent artwork. We would also like to reach our targets for the video conferencing center, furnishings, programming, and, perhaps, most importantly, more books and other materials for our busier-than-ever library. Help us achieve a more-than-100% success rate by making a contribution to this worthy effort. Please use the form found on the last page.

A Grand Reopening (continued from page 1)

How have things changed at the Middleton Public Library? Here is what you will now find on the main level:

- An easy-to-browse display of new books and audiovisual materials
- All audiovisual materials (DVDs, videos, compacts discs, audiobooks)
- Listening and viewing stations
- Adult fiction, large print, and paperbacks
- Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room, complete with a two-sided fireplace and a browsing collection of magazines and newspapers
- Teen materials and services (nonfiction on lower level)
- All children’s materials and services
- Storytime room (renovation of this space should be completed in April)
- Help desk (staff members here will help you find what you need)
- Circulation desk (all materials are checked out on the main level)

The lower level has been designated as the library’s quiet space. Here you will find the following collections and services:

- Adult and most teen nonfiction books
- Reference desk (How may we help you?)
- Reference collection, including consumer, investment, and career materials
- New and back issues of 200 magazines and newspapers
- Computer lab with 12 Internet workstations, 6 with word processing software.
- 4 study rooms accommodating small groups of 2 to 5
- Conference room that seats 8 people comfortably
- The Archer meeting room, not yet remodeled, is accessible via the front entrance lobby



Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room



Computer Lab

On behalf of the library staff and board of trustees, I extend a sincere thank you for your patience and support during our renovation project. I’m sure that you will find it was well worth the effort.

Facts About the Project

Architect: Strang, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin.
 General Contractor: Vogel Brothers Building Company, Madison, Wisconsin.

Cost of Renovation (Preliminary) **\$1,017,500**

General construction contracts	\$ 803,000
Architect fees	\$ 100,000
Furnishings & equipment	\$ 86,500
Miscellaneous (e.g., moving shelves, rewiring computer networks).....	\$ 40,000
Collection enhancement	\$ 42,000

Sources of Funding (Preliminary)

City of Middleton capital budget	\$ 781,500
Library fundraising campaign	\$ 220,000

The Middleton Public Library: Then and Now

	1990	2003
Hardcover books	40,076	52,136
Paperback books	3,340	13,500
Audiovisual materials	2,687	14,078
Magazines & newspapers	200	284
Annual circulation	255,011	530,576
Public access computers	2 (no Internet)	28 (26 Internet)
Fulltime-equivalent staff	10.0	15.5
Annual budget	\$358,825	\$991,210
Dane County share	\$57,205	\$350,054



TAMORA PIERCE TO VISIT MIDDLETON

Mention the names Alanna, Sandry, Tris, Briar, or Kel to a fantasy reader and chances are they will know exactly who you're talking about. The creator of these characters is fantasy author Tamora Pierce and on Thursday, May 20th she will be visiting the Middleton Public Library. Ms. Pierce will talk about her writing process, take questions from the audience, and sign books at the end. The program will start at 7 p.m. and this is the only appearance Ms. Pierce will be making in Wisconsin. Teens interested in being part of the welcoming committee are welcome to email Rebecca at rvandan@scls.lib.wi.us.

TEEN BANDS TO PLAY AT THE LIBRARY

Yes, it has been loud at the library with all the construction noise, but are they really hiring rock bands to play there, too? We sure are! As part of the library's rededication weekend, high school students from two area rock bands, Apparently Nothing and Spry Specter, have been invited to play on Sunday, April 25, 2-4 p.m. (don't worry, they will be playing in the downstairs meeting room and we doubt you'll hear them unless you make a special trip down to hear them.) Join us as we celebrate the library rededication with special events April 23-25.



Our New Lower Level

Computer Classes at the Middleton Public Library

The Middleton Public Library will be offering a series of free computer classes to the public beginning in May. The library's recent renovation and expansion included a new computer lab with 12 computers that can be used by individuals as well as for group instruction.

The library is planning to offer free hour long classes on a variety of subjects, including using a computer and a mouse for the first time, setting up free email accounts, searching the World Wide Web, and

using LINKcat, the library's online catalog. In order to choose topics and class times that will be of most use to the community, the library is asking those interested to indicate, via a survey, what types of classes they would like to see offered and what times would be most convenient for them to attend.

Please stop by the library's Reference Desk or call 831-5564 or email the library at mid@scls.lib.wi.us to make suggestions for this new series of classes.

April is National Volunteer Month
Thank you to all our Library Volunteers!
Your dedication continues to make this a great library.



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 Http://www.midlibrary.org

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



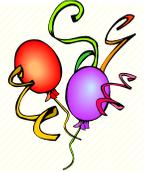
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This American Girl doll is just one of many items available to bid on.

An Invitation to the Community for the library's Grand "Re-Opening" Celebration!



We encourage everyone to join the Middleton Library Board and staff to celebrate our expanded & remodeled space

Friday, April 23, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We are deeply appreciative of the financial contributions, patience, and support of our patrons & we want to take this opportunity to say **"thank you!"**

Please join us for live music, special food, and guided tours of the "new" facility. There will be a silent auction from 6:00 to 7:30 of great items donated by local businesses. We hope to see many of you there.

For additional information email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 831-5564.

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



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Please contact me to help with fundraising events