



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Director Thanks Community For Outpouring of Support

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and library staff, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make the Middleton Public Library's April 23<sup>rd</sup> Open House and Dedication an unqualified success. More than 200 people attended this event and enjoyed music provided by students from the UW-Madison School of Music and food donated by Middleton businesses. (A special thanks to retired library employee Sheila Johnson for planning the refreshments.) More than 20 Middleton area businesses contributed items for a silent auction, which raised \$1,448 for the library's fundraising campaign. A \$10,000 donation from the Friends of the Library assured that the original goal of \$200,000 will easily be met. Invaluable publicity was supplied

by a special four-page insert in the *Middleton Times-Tribune*, which highlighted not only the library's celebration, but also its programs, services, and staff.

Speakers representing the library community acknowledged Middleton for the leadership role it has played. In his brief remarks, South Central Library System Director Peter Hamon praised the Middleton Public Library as "one of the jewels in the library system's crown."

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## Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library

The 31st annual meeting of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library will take place at **9:00 a.m. on May 8, 2004**, at the Middleton Public Library. Refreshments will be provided before and during the meeting. Paul Nelson will make a presentation on the status and growth of the library.

summary of the amount of funds raised by the Friends for the library and library programs.

All members of the Friends are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will end before the book sale starts at 10:00 a.m. We invite you to come to the annual meeting at 9:00 and then continue the morning's festivities by attending the book sale when it opens at 10:00

Other business will include the election of officers and board members for the following year and a

## **Director Thanks Community** *...Continued from Page 1*

We felt especially honored that First Lady Jessica Doyle agreed to be our special guest speaker. Mrs. Doyle praised the community for its enthusiasm, support, and involvement in its library.

As I mentioned in my welcoming remarks, the Middleton Public Library started out in 1926 as simply a shelf of books in the Burmeister-Kruse

General Store. Total circulation was about 200 in its first year of operation. What a difference 78 years make! We now have a beautifully remodeled and expanded 32,000 square-foot facility – and it takes us just 1 hour and 15 minutes, on average, to check out 200 items.

Through your support, Middleton has become one of the premier public libraries in the state. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to serve you

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

## **May & June Computer Classes at the Library**

### **Introduction to Computers**

Just the basics for complete beginners. Become familiar with the keyboard and what you see on the computer screen, plus learn how to handle that pesky computer mouse. No prior knowledge of computers is assumed.

**Sessions: Tuesday, May 18, 2:00 p.m.;**

**Wednesday, May 26, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.**

### **Introduction to the Internet**

Provides an overview of the many possibilities available online. Learn how to navigate the World Wide Web, search for websites, and set up free e-mail accounts. Some familiarity with using a mouse is assumed.

**Sessions: Thursday, May 20, 2:00 p.m.;**

**Thursday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.; & Saturday, June 26, 9:00 a.m.**

### **Introduction to LINKcat**

Learn how to use the library's computerized catalog to perform basic searches and find items, place holds on items, and check your patron record. Some familiarity with using a mouse is assumed.

**Sessions: Monday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. & Friday, June 4, 10:00 a.m.**

Classes will be held in the new computer lab on the library's lower level and are scheduled to last one hour. As class size will be limited to 12 people, pre-registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register for a class, please stop by the library's Reference Desk, call the library at 831-5564, or e-mail the library at [mid@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:mid@scls.lib.wi.us). *All classes*



*Coming soon: a schedule of computer classes we'll be offering in July*

## **Study Rooms Available on the Lower Level**

The library has four Study Rooms available for individual use and for groups of up to 5 people.

Library users age 12 and older may use the rooms for quiet group study and discussion. Individuals may use the rooms as space permits. Rooms are

available for up to 3 hours and must be vacated 15 minutes before the library closes.

No food or drink is permitted in the rooms and cell phones should be turned off. Ask at the Reference Desk for additional information about the Study Rooms.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>May 2004</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>					1
2	3 10:00 Friends Book Sorting	4 9:30 Storytime 10:45 Storytime	5 9:30 Storytime	6	7	8 9:00 Friends Annual Meeting 10:00 Friends Book Sale
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30 CLOSED Sunday Hours Resume in September	31 Memorial Day Library					

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Monday—Thursday 9am-9pm  
Friday 9am-6pm : Saturday 9am-5pm  
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm



## Local Authors @ Your Library

Two local children's authors will be speaking at the library this summer as part of our **"Discover New Trails @ Your Library"** reading program.

**Tuesday, June 29, 2-3 p.m.:** **Kashmira Sheth** will read from *Blue Jasmine*, the story of a twelve-year-old girl who moves with her family from India to the United States. This program is recommended for ages 10-14.

**Thursday, July 22, 2-3 p.m.:** **Kathleen Ernst**, author of several Pleasant Company *"History Mysteries,"* and other titles, will join us. Besides discussing her writing process, Ms. Ernst will offer an "early American" craft program in which children will make a bookmark using an old-fashioned printing process.

## Get Sirius About Reading: Teen Summer Reading 2004

Siriously, all you will want to do this summer is read... Who wouldn't, when for every hour you read, you get another chance at our Grand Prize Drawing with prizes like a DVD/MP3 player, portable CD player, gift certificates to the mall, and free movie passes?

We have so many teen programs this summer, however, we think you might pop your head out of a book occasionally... Interested in filmmaking? On July 7, we have invited a professional cartoonist/filmmaker, J.P. Somersaulter, who will describe how animated films are made through his own amusing cartoon which describes the process.

Prefer something more artistic? Try our Sisterhood of the Decorating Pants--you bring the jeans and we will provide all the stuff to funkify them. (ribbons, buttons, pins, paint, etc.--hmm, I wonder how long those Legolas pins will last?)

## Adult Summer Reading Program Begins June 14

Enthusiastic adult readers are encouraged to participate in Visions 2004, our adult summer reading program. This year our grand prize is a \$100 BookSense gift certificate good at many independently owned bookstores. Participants can turn in a prize-drawing entry slip for every 5 hours they read. Readers who read 35 hours or more can choose a book to keep from our book cart.



This program is for children ages 8-11.

**Thursday, August 5, 2-3 p.m.:** **Eve Robillard** (our own Miss Eve!) will read from her yet-unpublished children's novella, *The Goldfish Bowl that Held the Sea*. This program is for ages 8-11.

### Summer Baby Storytime

**Thursday mornings, June 24-August 5, 9:30 a.m.**

Librarians Eve Robillard and Lori Bell invite you to bring that bright and bouncy baby—ages 3 to 24 months—to our brand new Summer Baby Storytime sessions, Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. We'll read board books, do sing-songs and rhymes, and have fun with puppets. No older siblings, please.

There's lots of other teen programs to choose from: fencing, tie-dye, a writing contest, mehndi, a CD swap, pizza party, the picnic, or just guessing at the beans contest... See you this summer! Questions or comments on these programs? Please contact the Young Adult Librarian at (608)827-7410. To receive a monthly teen e-letter of events, drop us a line at: [rvandan@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:rvandan@scls.lib.wi.us).

### Tamora Pierce Coming to the Middleton Public Library!

Fantasy fans take note! The very popular fantasy writer Tamora Pierce is coming to the Middleton Public Library on Thursday, May 20th at 7 p.m. No registration is necessary. Teens, ages 12-19, will be given first seating. The program will take place in our Archer meeting rooms in the lower level with a book signing afterwards. Teens interested in being part of Tamora Pierce's welcoming committee please contact Rebecca at [rvandan@scls.lib](mailto:rvandan@scls.lib).



Participants can also turn in a slip for every Visions 2004 program they attend. This year our theme is "how to." There will be programs on "how to" knit, garden with vegetables & herbs, write a mystery, and enhance your life with aromatherapy.

We hope our adult readers are looking forward to a summer filled with reading good books and learning new skills here at the library.

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## For 'Tweens

Looking for something to read while waiting for the next Harry Potter book? Try *Midnight for Charlie Bone* by Jenny Nimmo. Much to his dismay, Charlie discovers that he is "endowed." As a descendent of the Red King, Charlie possesses the power to hear the voices of people in photographs. When his powerful Grandmother and three aunts learn of his new ability, they ship him off to the mysterious Bloor's Academy. While learning how to use his new skill, Charlie uncovers the mystery of a long-lost baby. Determined to set matters right, Charlie and his friends struggle against powerful enemies and hidden traitors. Along the way, Charlie stumbles upon some questions about his own father's disappearance. A true page-turner and lots of fun! Charlie continues his adventures in *Charlie Bone and the Time Twister*. Be sure to look for the third installment, *Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy*, later this spring. **These titles are especially recommended for readers ages 10-14.** -Lori Bell, Youth Ser-

## New Children's Only website

Parents & Kids!-- be sure to visit the link to our new **Middleton Public Library Children's Only** website. Log on to [www.midlibrary.org](http://www.midlibrary.org) and click on the **Children's** link on the left hand side of the screen.

This new site will feature information about upcoming programs and events like our Summer Reading Program and Storytimes. Looking for something good to read? Check out our *Books to Read* link for great ideas. While you're on, be sure to sign up for our monthly Children's e-newsletter. It will keep you up to date on what's happening at the library.

## Meet The Library Staff



This issue we talk with our new Youth Services Assistant, **Lori Bell**

***The Library Assistant for Youth Services is a brand new position. What does it involve? What programs do you have planned for this summer?***

I do a little bit of everything really - from book ordering & reading at storytime to planning programs. I'll also be updating the Children's Web Page and giving booktalks in the future - I love the variety! This summer I'm organizing two programs for 'tweens - *Can't See the Forest for the Trees* with Forester Ed Daub and *Hit the Bike Trail*, a program on bike maintenance, safety and fun! I can't wait.

***You have worked at the Middleton Public Library on and off for the last few years in different capacities and you worked in a campus library, too. What do you like best about working at Middleton? What do you enjoy about library work in general?***

Put simply - everything! I'm learning so much from the other two youth librarians—Ms. Eve and Ms.

Rebecca. They are both wonderful people as well as talented librarians. Our patrons are really great, too. I love connecting people with books. Nothing is more fun for me than to talk about books with others. Working at a library, being surrounded by books, was simply a natural career choice for me.

***What do you for fun when you're NOT at the library?***

I love to play volleyball - which many of our patrons know because I injured myself last season! I also read a lot and play my violin. I have several favorite TV shows that I watch faithfully (yes, I'll admit it: I cried when *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* got cancelled).

***Tell us a few of your favorite authors for children and teens. What books are you recommending these days?***

My tastes tend to run to SF/Fantasy, so J.K. Rowling, Garth Nix, Philip Pullman, Anne McCaffrey top my list. I've just discovered a great new series by Jenny Nimmo to read while I wait for the next Harry Potter book. It starts with *Midnight for Charlie Bone*, and it's a true page-turner. I also like *Vampire High* by Douglas Rees and *The Amulet of Samarkand* by Jona-