



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tattooed, Pizza-munching, Teens Swap CDs

"What?!" you exclaim as your teenager hands you a permission slip, "You want to get tattooed at the library?" Not exactly. Mehndi is the ancient art of henna design which involves dying the skin with natural herbs. Although usually associated with Indian weddings, mehndi has ancient ties with many countries. Designs can last from 1 week to 3 months--permission slips are available at the Youth Services Desk and should be returned by July 12 to participate. **Thursday, July 15, 6-8 p.m. for teens ages 12-19.**

Tired of your old CD's? **Come swap 'em on Thursday, July 22, 7-8 p.m. Teens only.** The Library is not responsible for condition or content of CD's and no money will be exchanged for CD's.

Teens are also invited to the **Teen Advisory Committee's Pizza Party on Wednesday, July 28, 4-5 p.m.** Recommend your favorite

CD's, videos, computer games, books or program ideas & we will try to purchase or implement them. All teens welcome--all programs are free. Please let us know in advance if you plan to attend so we know how many pizzas to order. Questions, comments, or want to sign up? Write rvandan@scls.lib.wi.us or call us at (608)827-7402.

-Rebecca Van Dan,
Youth Services Librarian



2004 Tie-Dye

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End of Summer Reading Picnic For Teens
Behind the Library on Saturday, August 7 from 12-2 p.m.
 Food! Prizes! Music! Games! Come find out who wins the Grand Prize Drawing, who wins the Writing Contest, try our water balloon & whipped cream games, or just hang out and munch!



Tamora Pierce Visit



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A Message From the Library Director

The Settling-In Process

Already it's been four months since we opened the doors to a beautifully renovated and expanded library facility. And what a busy time it has been! Circulation of library materials is up nearly 10%, storytime attendance has increased significantly, the teen area has become a popular destination, 12 workstations in the computer lab are in nearly constant use, computer instruction classes have been well-received, and tutors and small groups are making substantial use of our study rooms. In many ways, people have responded as though we opened a brand-new facility. And I've had my own special reaction to our recent changes. When people ask me how I like

the new surroundings, I tell them, "It's like having a new job!"

The expansion of our public service space to two levels has, in essence, created two libraries in one. The main level has become our contemporary, casual library where popular materials for all ages may be found. The lower level is a more traditional, formal space where reading, research, and other quiet pursuits are encouraged.

Now more than ever, the Middleton Public Library has something for everyone. We hope that you are as pleased as the staff is with the way in which the renovation has turned out.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

Meet The Library Staff



This issue we meet with our new Adult Services Assistant, Sarah Hartman

You started here at Middleton 6 months ago. How did you get interested in library work? What other libraries have you worked in?

I have always been a big reader and my mom took me to the library a lot as a child, so I have always enjoyed being in libraries. My first library "job," which I got in second grade, was as a volunteer date due card sorter for my elementary school library. I worked at the Monona Public Library from age 16 until this March, when I started here at Middleton. I also worked at the Beloit College Library for four years while I was a student there.

You are in charge of planning the new computer classes here; how are they going?

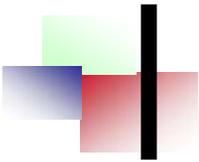
So far the Library has offered three introductory courses with sessions in May and June, and they have all gone very well. They are a lot of fun to teach, and participants have been enjoying the hands-on learning experience. Due to the popularity of and interest in the classes, we have planned three new classes for July. In the fall, we will add even more classes and continue teaching the classes already offered on a regular basis.

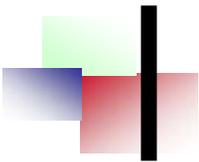
You are also selecting the titles for the library's new adult graphic novels collection. What IS a graphic novel? What other kinds of books do you like to read?

A graphic novel is basically a big, fat comic book—a story told using sequential art and often narrative text and dialogue. It is a very popular and diverse format that includes both nonfiction and every possible genre of fiction. I also like to read nonfiction about a variety of topics, and fiction of all genres, especially blends of mystery, science fiction, and horror. Some of my favorite authors are Ray Bradbury, Michael Crichton, and Nick Bantock.

What do you enjoy doing when you get away from the library?

I really love getting outside and hiking, especially with my dog. I also enjoy doing beadwork, baking, and watching martial arts movies. Now that I am done with library school and have some more free time, I hope to get back into reading Middle Egyptian (or ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs), which I studied as an undergrad at Beloit College.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>JULY 2004</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>				<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p>	
				1 9:30 Baby Storytime 2:00 Intro to Word	2 2:00 Magic with Bob Kahn	3
4  Independence Day	5 10:00 Friends Book Sorting	6 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Forester Ed Daub 2:00 Advanced Linkcat	7 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Teen Filmmaking/Animation	8 9:30 Baby Storytime 2:00 Chapter Book Read-Aloud	9	10  10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale
11	12 6:30 Friends Book Sorting 7:00 How to Knit (Pre-registered)	13 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Reptiles & Amphibians	14 10:30 Storytime 6:30 How to Write a Mystery	15 9:30 Baby Storytime 2:00 Tween Book Club 6:00 Teen Mehndi	16 10:00 Intro to Internet	17
18	19 Deadline for Teen Writing Contest 7:00 How to Knit (Pre-registered)	20 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Hit the Bike Trail	21 10:30 Storytime 6:30 Friends Book Sorting 7:00 Aromatherapy	22 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:00 Intro to Internet 2:00 History Mysteries 7:00 CD Swap for Teens	23	24
25	26 2:00 Job Information Online	27 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Metal Tooling	28 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Intro to Word 4:00 Teen Pizza Party	29 9:30 Baby Storytime	30 2:00 Wayne the Wizard	31

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 <h1 style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 2004</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p> <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> <p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p> </div>						
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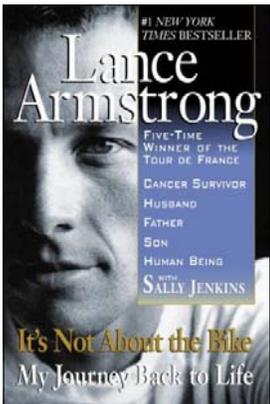
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Monday—Thursday 9am-9pm
 Friday 9am-6pm : Saturday 9am-5pm
 Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

Staff Book Recommendation



Every summer the staff compiles a list of suggested titles that we particularly like. This year we have a display of selected titles on our **“Reader’s Choice”** table. One of my favorites is Lance Armstrong’s **It’s Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life:**

This summer the Tour De France begins July 3rd. The Super Bowl & the World Series of road cycling, it is a three week, 2000 mile plus bike race, around France, through the Alps and Pyrenees Mountains, which ends in Paris. For the uninitiated, this is bike riding, not motorcycle riding. Lance Armstrong is attempting to win his sixth consecutive Tour De France.

This is an incredible feat in and of itself, but Lance Armstrong’s story is amazing. Diagnosed in 1996 with testicular cancer and close to death, Lance fought his way back to health. With his cancer in remission he won his first Tour De France in 1999.

Lance stated it best in his autobiography: “I had learned what it means to ride the Tour De France. It’s not about the bike. It’s a metaphor for life, not only the longest race in the world but also the most exalting and heartbreaking and potentially tragic.”

You can read Lance Armstrong’s continuing story in: **Every Second Counts** (Lance Armstrong, with Sally Jenkins).

-Elizabeth I. Bauer,
Circulation Services Librarian

Adult Graphic Novel Review

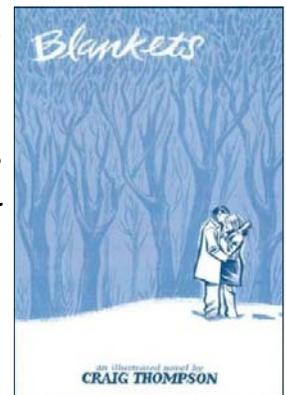
Have you discovered graphic novels yet? An exciting blend of words and art, the format’s diversity ensures that there is a graphic novel for everyone. Each newsletter we will review some of the best. Check one out today!

***Blankets: An Illustrated Novel* by Craig Thompson**

Set in the snowy Midwest, *Blankets* tells the story of a boy growing up in a strictly religious community from which he feels isolated. Unhappy at home and an outcast at school, Craig escapes from reality by drawing, an activity frowned upon by his parents and teachers. At a winter church camp, he meets Raina, a beautiful and spirited girl from Michigan

who invites him into her life and helps him come to terms with who he is. An autobiographical look at the author’s childhood and adolescence in rural Wisconsin, this critically acclaimed work explores family, first love, faith, and loss.

Thompson’s expressive black and white artwork and dynamic page layouts, as well as his sympathetic characters and the sincerity with which he portrays their emotions, make for an absorbing read.



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For 'Tweens



Looking for a fun way to quickly rack up hours for Middleton's Summer Reading Program? American Girl History Mysteries will provide you with hours of great who-done-it reading. But watch out – each of the 22 mysteries in this series is set in a different historical period so you also might learn something while tracking down the culprit!

In *Trouble at Fort La Point* (#7), Suzette Choudoir, the daughter of a French trapper and an Ojibwe mother, must discover the real culprit when her father is falsely accused of stealing pelts from the trader's store. Set in 1732 on the shores of Lake Superior, Suzette's adventure offers us a glimpse into a rapidly changing world of the early frontier. *Whistler in the Dark* (#16) takes us back to 1867 and frontier Colorado. Emma Henderson and her mother move to Twin Pines, Colorado, where her mother has been hired to start a newspaper. But someone is dead set against her. It's up to Emma to find out who before someone gets hurt!

-Lori Bell, Youth Services Assistant



Be sure to come meet Kathleen Ernst, author of these History Mysteries, on Thursday, July 22nd at 2pm. Look for all the American Girl History Mystery titles on our Children's WebSite under Books to Read – Series! Recommended for ages 8-12.

July Computer Classes at the Library

Introduction to the Internet

Provides an overview of the many possibilities available online. Learn how to navigate the World Wide Web, find information online, and set up a free e-mail account.

Prerequisites: Proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse.

Sessions: Friday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.;
Thursday, July 22, 2:00 p.m.

Advanced LINKcat

Learn how to use the library's computerized catalog to do advanced searches, manage your holds list, and limit and sort search results.

Prerequisites: "Introduction to LINKcat" (or demonstrated ability) and proficiency in using the key board and mouse.

Session: Tuesday, July 6, 2:00 p.m.

Job Information Online

Provides an overview of the many job resources available online, including local and national job listings.

Prerequisites: "Introduction to the Internet" (or demonstrated ability) and proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse.

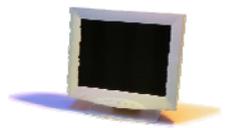
Session: Monday, July 26, 2:00 p.m.

Introduction to Word

Learn how to use Microsoft Word 2002 to create a simple document and to save, print, and open documents.

Prerequisites: Proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse.

Sessions: Thursday, July 1, 2:00 p.m.; Wednesday, July 28, 2:00



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 827-7403, or e-mail the library at mid@scls.lib.wi.us. **All classes are free and open to the public!**