



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Au revoir, Miss Eve. Bienvenue, Svetha

Children's Librarian Eve Robillard – or “Miss Eve,” as she is known to her many story-time charges – will begin her recently announced retirement on September 5, 2004. Eve has been on the staff since March 1992, which adds up to 12½ years of dedicated service to the library. Eve made this decision with very mixed feelings. As she wrote to me in a note accompanying her letter of resignation, “I love it here – but I also need time to stay home and write (and paint).” We all wish her great success as she moves into this next phase of her life. In fact, we hope that she will kick off the book tour of her first picture book here at Middleton!

Insuring that our children's services program doesn't miss a beat, Svetha Hetzler begins her duties as Middleton's new Children's Librarian on Tuesday, September 7. Svetha (pronounced Schwe-tha) has previously worked as Head of Youth Services at the Southwest County Regional Library in Boca Raton, Florida, and as a Children's Librarian at the West Babylon (New York) Public Library. She has extensive experience in programming

for all age groups, collection development, supervision, and volunteer activities.

Svetha's husband, Mark, was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Trombone at the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Music. Svetha and Mark have two daughters: Monika, 9, and Marisa, 5. Look for an interview with Svetha in our November-December newsletter.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director



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Summer Reading Program for Kids a Success!

This summer 128 preschoolers and 349 school-aged children took part in the library's summer reading program. According to our records, this dedicated group spent a total of 4,392 hours reading! It was great to have so many kids in the library attending our summer programs, selecting books to read, and choosing prizes at the Treasure Chest. Congratulations to all!

--Eve Robillard & Lori Bell, Youth Services

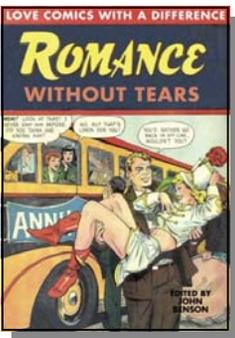


September TWO-DAY Book Sale, 9/10 - 9/11 (Bag sale on Saturday)

Friends of the Middleton Public Library have two opportunities to shop our monthly book sale. In September we will have a "Friends Only" sale on Friday, **September 10 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** For those Friends who cannot make this evening sale, we will still have a "Friends Only" sale the first hour on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. After that, the sale will be open to the public and last until 1:30 p.m.

We will again have a bag sale, and it will be bigger than ever. This will be held in the room across the hall from the book sale room in the lower level. It will start at 10:00 too, but open to the public as well.

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!

Romance Without Tears -- stories by Dana Dutch, edited by John Benson

Will Doris go against her parents' advice and call a boy to ask him out on a first date? How unlady-like! When will Joyce find a boyfriend who isn't obsessed with necking? What will Terry do when her doctor prescribes her a boyfriend? Her tomboyish ways only drive the fellows away. And

Access to both these rooms is through the LOBBY elevator or stairwell only.

We plan to have a large selection of new items in the sale room, plus many more "Special Value" items. This is the one sale you do not want to miss!

Friends memberships (\$10/household, or \$5/single) are available the day of the sale, or you may register at the Circulation Desk during the library's open hours. Memberships are good for the current year only, no matter when they are purchased.

- Kate Zimmerman, Administrative Assistant

will Cynthia get expelled from school for kissing a boy in the hallway? Find out in *Romance Without Tears*, a collection of romance comics written in the early 1950s by Dana Dutch. These stories feature self-assured, independent women who, despite their naiveté in love and life, take responsibility for their own actions and refuse to sit around waiting for a knight in shining armor to save the day. Dutch's stories challenged contemporary clichés and stereotypes and empowered women, in contrast to the vast majority of romance comics from the 1950s and later decades. The lively, full color artwork complements the feistiness of the characters, and much of it is attributed to Matt Baker, one of the time period's very few African American comic book artists.

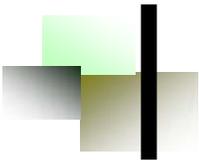
- Sarah Hartman, Reference Assistant

Fall Adult Book Discussion Group

Many of us like to travel, but sometimes it is most fun to travel via a good book while curled up in a comfortable chair in front of a fire, nibbling cookies and sipping hot cider. It sounds so great that we have decided to do it! Join Elizabeth Bauer and Liz Dannenbaum for our fall adult book discussion group in the library's new Kenneth J. Mack Reading room - fireplace included!

September 9th, we will armchair travel to Australia. Travel writer Bill Bryson details the majesty & charm, as well as the contradictions, of the land down under. Future book discussions include armchair travel to the 19th century Chicago World's Fair, time traveling librarians, and the European travels of a writer seeing new places and discovering herself.

A full list of the fall adult book discussions can be found on the Reader Choice Center, located on the north wall of the library by the new books, and at the library's three service desks. Please join us!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">SEPTEMBER 2004</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>				<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p>		
			1	2 6:30 Evening Storytime	3	4
5	6 Labor Day Library Closed	7	8 10:00 Introduction to Computers	9 7:00 Teen Back to School Book Covering Party	10	11  10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale
12 Regular Sunday Hours Resume! Library Open 1-5	13 3:30 Teen Advisory Committee 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	14 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime	15 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 10:00 Introduction to Word 4:00 Teen Books & Bagels 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	16 9:30 Baby Storytime 4:00 'Tween Book Discussion	17 2:00 Storytime	18 9:00 Finding Stuff Online
19	20 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 7:00 Intermediate Word	21 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Introduction to LINKcat	22  9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 7:00 Acing the Interview	23 9:30 Baby Storytime	24 10:00 Introduction to the Internet 2:00 Storytime	25
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Visions 2004 a Success

Over 60 enthusiastic readers, knitters, and writers participated in the library's adult summer reading program this year.

12 adults read 35 or more hours over seven weeks to qualify for a free book from our prize cart. Even better, some of those 12 read a lot MORE than 35 hours! Approximately 25 people read at least 5 hours and most of those 25 read a good deal more.

The staff & library board of the Middleton Public Library are big advocates of reading and we are delighted that our patrons take reading so "seriously."

Of course there wouldn't be any books if there weren't writers, so it was wonderful to have 20 people show up for Marshall Cook's informative program on

"How to Write A Mystery." Another group that had fun while learning a new skill were the 16 participants in the "How to Knit" class. The library extends its sincerest thanks to all the presenters at this year's programs.

Over 15 readers, knitters, writers, and gardeners won new books, CDs, cameras, and travel bags in our random prize drawings.

This year's grand prize winner for the \$100 Book-Sense gift card was Kathy Holub. Congratulations Kathy! We hope everyone found that their time reading this summer was the best prize of all. Next summer's adult reading program theme will be "A Visit to the Past" with programs on antiques and scrapbooking. Join us then!

- Liz Dannenbaum, Adult Services Librarian

Fall Programming for Adults

🌻 Wednesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

Acting the Interview: Techniques and Skills for Making Your Job Interview a Success

Sybil Pressprich, a career counselor at the UW-Madison Adult & Student Services Center, will cover preparing for the interview, answering the 10 toughest questions, and learning to relax.

Attendance for this program is limited to 25; please preregister at the library's Reference Desk by emailing mid@scls.lib.wi.us or calling 827-7423.

🌻 Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

Harvesting the Good Life: Sustainable Living & Practical Conservation

Join the authors of *Rural Renaissance: Renewing the Quest for the Good Life* as they share their journey to more sustainable living. Added bonus: those attending the workshop can enter to win a free overnight stay at the authors' bed & breakfast.

🌻 Sunday, November 7, 3:00 p.m.

Indian Classical Dance: "Navarasa"

Meenakshi Ganesan & the students of the Kalaanjali School of Dance & Music will perform.

Fall Programming for Teens

🌻 Thursday, October 21, 7-8 p.m.

Urban Legends Game for Teens Think you know which stories are true and false? Come test your common sense abilities. Win a prize for the most correct answers!

🌻 Thursday, September 9, 7-8 p.m.

Texbook covering C'mon over to the library and we'll spice up this yearly chore for you! Lot's of fun colored paper, stickers, and art supplies... Bring your textbooks, we'll provide snacks

🌻 Wednesday, September 15, 4-5 p.m.

Books & Bagels Our teen book club will be discussing *This Lullaby* by Sarah Dessen. Teens only. Contact the Young Adult Librarian (827-7402) to obtain a copy of the book.

🌻 Tuesday, October 19, 4-5 p.m.

Teens Top Ten Voting Here's your chance to help your favorite book win an award: List of titles nominated are in the Teen Section of the library. (This is a national event sponsored by the American Library Association with online voting.)

🌻 Monday, September 13 & Monday, October 11 at 3:30

Teen Advisory Committee Teens only. Tell us how to make a better teen section (and hang out & munch with your friends).

Teen Summer Reading Program Wrap-up

If your teen has been wearing a lot of tie-dye and graffiti-covered jeans, is sporting strange tattoos, waving swords around wildly, and seems to have traces of whipped cream in their nostrils, don't worry, they have probably just been spending a lot of time at the library. Teen programs this year included a CD swap, writing contest, pants decorating, pizza party, mehndi, tie-dye, fencing, filmmaking, and the picnic finale.

Sirius teen readers abounded this summer - 245 teens signed up for the Teen Summer Reading program in an attempt to win our five grand prizes (and for the love of

reading, of course). Our enormous box for reading slips proved too small, but a suitable basket was found and our five winners were chosen at the picnic: Mike Loper, Megan Peterson, Emily Loker, Sarah Eklund, and Jeff Hirschey. The winner of our Writing Contest was also announced at the picnic: Ethan Bartlett with his story, "How I Won the Battle of the Alamo." Congratulations to our winners and to all our participants who read so much this summer! Writing contest entries will be bound into a book and available for check-out soon.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian



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September Computer Classes

Look for new computer classes being offered every other month 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. Prerequisites: None. Session: Wednesday, September 8, 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, find information online, and set up a free e-mail account. Prerequisite: Proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse. Session: Friday, September 24, 10:00 a.m.

Finding Stuff Online *NEW*

Learn more about how to use search engines and subject indexes to find information on the World Wide Web. Prerequisites: "Introduction to the Internet" (or similar experience) and proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse. Session: Saturday, September 18, 9:00 a.m.

Introduction to Word

Learn how to use Microsoft Word 2002 to create a simple document and to save, print, and open documents. Prerequisite: Proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse. Session: Wednesday, September 15, 10:00 a.m.

Intermediate Word *NEW*

Using Microsoft Word 2002, learn about formatting pages and paragraphs, working with text, creating lists using bullets and numbering, and more. Prerequisites: "Introduction to Word" (or simi-

For 'Tweens

Leon and the Spitting Image by Allen Kurzweil

Well, it's back-to-school time again. Think you have it tough at school? Just be glad that you don't have to go with Leon to the Classical School, where their motto is "Nimble fingers make for nimble minds." While Leon may not be the nimblest student around, he's managed to squeak by so far. But this year he's in for trouble. Leon's new fourth-grade teacher, Miss Hagmeyer, is obsessed with sewing. Leon's sewing projects are truly horrible, and unless he makes a radical improvement, he faces repeating the fourth grade – with Miss Hagmeyer!. Things take a surprising turn for the better when Leon's "masterpiece" turns out to have a special power over his teacher! So, when things get tough at your school, pull out old Leon and have a good laugh. Maybe then, things won't seem so bad after all. Recommended for ages 8-12.

- Lori Bell, Youth Services Assistant.

Flip-Out for Fall Children's Programs!

Attention! This notice is NOT for the faint of heart. Have a rotten time discussing some unhappy books at our "Get Ready for the Next **LEMONY SNICKET**" book discussion/anti-party. Whether you've suffered through them all or squeaked by with just one, here's your chance to get some sympathy! Primarily for kids ages 8-12. Thursday, Sept. 16th from 4-5pm.

Got creative kids at home? Bring them to our "**Krafty Kids**" programs on Thursday, Sept. 30th & Thursday, Oct. 28th from 4-5pm. These programs are primarily for kids 5-12.

Have a "hallowing" good time at our **Halloween Carnival!** Come dressed in your coolest, craziest, scariest, funniest, most bizarre costume! Kids can dress up, too! Games, prizes, food and FUN! Saturday, October 30th from 1-4pm.

StoryTimes begin Sept. 14th! See the Youth Services Desk for exact days and times. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not necessary.

lar experience) and proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse. Session: Monday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.

Resume Workshop *NEW*

Learn how to create resumes using Microsoft Word 2002 and templates and how to format them for online posting and e-mail submission. Prerequisites: Proficiency in using Microsoft Word or similar word processing program and proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse. Session: Monday, September 27, 2:00 p.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. Prerequisite: Proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse. Session: Tuesday, September 21, 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 similar experience) and proficiency in using the keyboard and mouse. Session: Tuesday, September 28, 2:00 p.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 827-7403, or e-mail the library at mid@scls.lib.wi.us. All classes are free and open to the public!