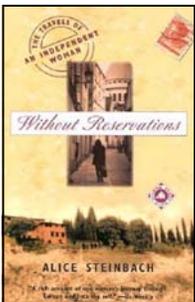




The Bookworm

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Book Discussion: *Without Reservations: The Travels of an Independent Woman* by Alice Steinbach



Several years ago, Alice Steinbach was planning a yearlong sabbatical in Europe. As she prepared for her trip, she wondered: "After the sightseeing, what do people do" with all their time? Once her trip started, Alice discovered that many people use that extra time to ponder their lives. As a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and single mother, Alice had let her life narrow

down to two roles: mother and reporter. Steinbach takes off for a year of travel in order to see Europe and discover herself.

[Join us at a discussion of this book,](#) part memoir and part travelogue, on Thursday, December 9, 2004, in the Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room at 7:00pm on the library's main level -Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Services Librarian

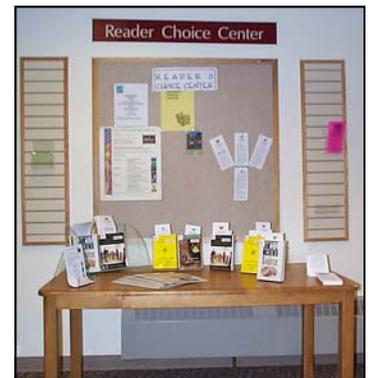
Staff Recommendations Display

Check out our new "Staff Recommendations" display on the Reader Choice table by the windows on the library's main level.

Every couple of months different staff members will present one of their favorite titles as a suggestion to people looking for a something good to read. Bookmarks will include per-

sonalized reviews about the titles.

Multiple copies of the selected books will be available for checkout; if you can't find a copy, we can put the title on hold for you. This month look for our personal endorsements of such titles as *Beach Music* by Pat Conroy and *Little Green Men* by Christopher Buckley.



Meet The Library Staff



This issue we meet our new Children's Librarian, Svetha Hetzler *Welcome to the Middleton Public Library! You are new to the area--what brings you here & what did you do before?*

I just moved to the area - July 3 to be exact. My husband was offered a position as Associate Professor of Trombone at the University of Wisconsin's School of Music. It was a great opportunity for him so we decided to head north. Before coming to the Middleton Public Library, I was the Head of Youth Services at the Southwest County Regional Library in Palm Beach County, Florida, where I supervised the youth services department, planned and implemented children's programs, and developed the children's book collection. Prior to that, I worked as a children's librarian in New York and Connecticut.

Who are some of your favorite children's authors? Can you tell us a few of your all-time favorite children's books?

There are so many authors that are my favorites, and of course depending on the day and what I'm reading, my favorites may frequently change. But the ones that come to mind right away are Jerry Spinelli, Avi, Roald Dahl, Paula Danziger, Beverly Cleary, Jon Scieszka, Karen Hesse, and Kate DiCamillo for older children. ***Continued on back page.....***

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A Message From the Library Director

The Relevance of Libraries: Characteristics of Library Users

Last year, the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) contracted with Morrill Solutions Research of Madison to conduct a scientific survey to determine the characteristics of both library users and non-users in Wisconsin. The survey results are important in that they provide more current and regional information than is available in similar surveys conducted by Gallup and other organizations, which tend to be national in scope.

What follows are some highlights from the state survey:

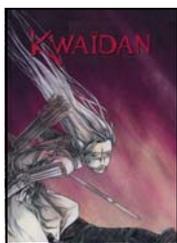
- 611 randomly selected Wisconsin residents completed the survey, resulting in an overall survey error rate of +/-4%.
- Just under half the population (48%) consider themselves regular library users. Only 20% said they used the library “not at all”.
- 80% of library users and 55% of non-users strongly believe the public library to be an essential part of their community.
- Library users voted in a higher percentage than non-users in the 2002 gubernatorial election.
- Political affiliation is no indicator of library use; persons of all political affiliations use the library.
- 45 % of users and 32% of non-users thought that libraries needed to be funded better.
- A large majority (83%) of library users agree that their public library is personally important to them. However, even among those who are not regular library users, 33% agree that their library is personally important to them.
- People’s overall satisfaction with library services is very high: 98% of library users are “very” or “somewhat” satisfied with library services.

The complete survey can be found on the WPLC website at:

<http://www.wplc.info/current/survey2003>

-Paul Nelson, Library Director

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!

Kwaidan by Jung and Jee-Yun

Enter a supernatural world of samurai, sorcery, armies of the undead, and the Kwaidan—restless spirits that haunt the living as they seek revenge, redemption, and forgiveness. Reminiscent of the cinematic work of Japanese directors Akira Kurosawa and Hayao Miyazaki, Jung and Jee-Yun’s

full color, highly detailed artwork is enchanting and dreamlike. Set in 14th Century Japan, this is the story of Setsuko, an orphan born without a face. Now a young woman, she and her lover Seminaru, a blind monk who repeatedly paints the same beautiful woman, set out on a journey to discover her origins and put to rest her haunted past. Will they eventually find the answers they are looking for, or will the demons that are hunting them stop them from reaching their destination? Translated from the original French, this is one of the most visually impressive graphic novels published in recent years.

-Sarah Hartman,
Reference Assistant

HAVE YOU
DISCOVERED
GRAPHIC
NOVELS YET?

Check out our new expanded display of graphic novels for adults!

Our new display is located on the library’s main level, on the far side of the new adult nonfiction shelving...right next to our DVD collection.

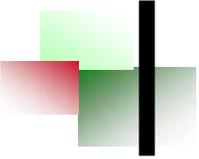
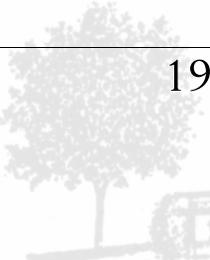
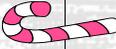
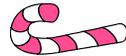
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	1 10:00 Friends Book Sorting	2	3	4 2:00 Introduction to Word 6:30 Pajama Party: Evening Family Storytime	5 10:00 Finding Stuff Online	6	
7 3:00 Indian Classical Dance	8 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	9	10 4:00 Teen Books & Bagels	11 2:00 Intermediate Word 4:00 "Krafty" Kids: Thanksgiving Craft 7:00 Book Discussion for Adults	12	13 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale	
14	15 Storytime Sign-up Begins	16 3:30 Teen Advisory Committee 7:00 Introduction to Computers	17 10:00 & 1:00 (two performances) Songbooks & Booksongs with Ken Lonquist 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	18 7:00 Teen Hypnotist Program	19	20	
21	22	23	24 Library Closing Early at 6:00	25 Thanksgiving Library Closed	26 (open regular hours, 9:00am-6:00pm)	27 (open regular hours, 9:00am-5:00pm)	
28 (open regular hours, 1:00pm-5:00pm)	28	30 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime					

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			1 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime	2 9:30 Baby Storytime	3 2:00 Storytime (all ages)	4
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26 Library Closed 	27	28 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime	29 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime	30 9:30 Baby Storytime	31 2:00 New Year's Eve Storytime Celebration (open regular hours 9:00am-6:00pm)	Library Closed New Year's Day Saturday, January 1 Open regular hours Sunday, January 2 1:00pm-5:00pm

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New Kids Program!

After School Stories and Snacks

Tuesdays at 4:00, beginning November 30.

Join us after school for stories, snacks, jokes, riddles, films, and fun! For kids 5 years old and up.

'Tween Read

Dealing with Dragons by Patricia Wrede

Princess Cimorene is not your typical princess. She hates small talk, empty conversations, and pretending to have a head completely filled with fluff. On the sly, she has learned cooking from the castle chef, Latin from the court scholar, and magic from the royal wizard. But, one by one, as her royal parents discover her activities, she is denied her intellectual activities. Determined to create her own life and escape marriage to a dreadful, empty-headed Prince, Cimorene sets out to become a dragon's princess. As far as she knows, she is the first to volunteer for such a thing – usually princesses are captured. She hopes her plan will work out, but either way, anything is better than where she is! The first in the Enchanted Forest Chronicles, *Dealing with Dragons* is followed by *Searching for Dragons*, *Calling on Dragons*, and *Talking to Dragons*.

This Just Out! – The Latest Sequels in Great Series: *The Grim Grotto*, the eleventh book in the Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket; *The Wrath of Mulgarath*, book 5 of the *Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi & Holly Black; and *The Golem's Eye*, the second book in the *Bartimaeus Trilogy* by Jonathan Stroud.

-Lori Bell, Youth Services Assistant

Coming In January:

Snow Is Falling - Books Are Calling! Winter Reading Club Beginning January 15. Our "cooler" version of the Summer Reading Program. Weekly prizes, special performers, great games!

'Tweens Only Club Muster nights, scavenger hunts, movies, and more – just for kids ages 8-12.

Programs For Teens

Get Hypnotized at the Library

You may get sleepy, but it won't be dull when hypnotist Paul Knight comes to visit. Some people are very receptive to hypnotic suggestions and become so rigid they lie straight across chair backs. Think YOU can't be hypnotized? Want to watch your friends act strangely? Join us on Thursday, November 18, 7-8 p.m., in the Archer meeting rooms. (from the lobby entrance, take the elevator or stairs to the right). Teens 12-19 only, signed permission slip is required to participate. Questions or comments? Please contact Rebecca at (608)827-7402.

Movie Night for Teens

Showing Dec. 16, 7 p.m.: *The Prince and Me*. Teens ages 12-19, take a break from studying and shopping & join us for a FREE movie & popcorn. Plot: Smart Wisconsin college girl (Julia Stiles) meets a handsome, but irritating, guy who thinks he can pick her up easily. Just as she begins to trust him, she finds out he has been lying to her about his identity.

Sign up for the new MID-Kids e-Newsletter.

Get all the latest news from the Children's Area, as well as reviews of great kid books, and upcoming program announcements conveniently sent to you via e-mail every month! Contact Lori at 827-7407 or loribell@scls.lib.wi.us.

Look for these great new picture books to enjoy on a wintry day...

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems (Caldecott Honor Book author) ++Willems

September Roses by Jeanette Winter ++ Winter

Why Epossumondas Has No Hair on His Tail by Colleen Salley ++Salley

The Trial of Cardigan Jones by Tim Egan ++Egan

You're Too Big by Simon Puttock ++Puttock





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Parents are often looking for good videos for their kids. Are there some you think are of especially good quality?

Some good videos that come to mind are: The School House Rock series, The Wiggles series, Bear in the Big Blue House series, The Happily Ever After Fairy Tales series, and the The Baby Einstein series. I also enjoy Pat the Bunny, Sing with Me, Shrek, Finding Nemo, and Eloise at the Plaza.

What do you like to do when you're not at work?

When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending time with my family – my husband and my two daughters. I also enjoy running, especially on the great rail trails that seem to be everywhere in this area. And of course, I love to read.

Please Welcome Our New Staff!

Middleton Public Library recently hired 5 new staff members:



Vijaya Rajaraman works afternoons as a Library Page I. Vijaya's enjoys Indian films, music, and literature. She is married with two children and she runs a music school out of her home.



Carrie Gehin works evenings and weekends at the Circulation Desk as a Library Page II. After working at another area library, she says she enjoys Middleton, where we charge no fines. She says the patrons are happier this way!



Ray Hestres works evenings and weekends as a Library Page I. He loves to read, cook, and listen to '80s and classical music. Ray is a senior at Middleton High School and intends to pursue a degree in music education at either UW-Eau Claire or UW- Stevens Point.



Alita Loper works evenings and weekends as a Library Page I. She loves to read, listen to classical, jazz, and some modern music, and plays tennis. She has a pet bird named Kiki and plans to attend college, somewhere!

Cindy Zellars works afternoons as a Library Page I. She recently retired from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and after just three weeks of leisure, she joins us at the library because of her desire to give back to the library and the community.

Welcome to our new staff.

Attention Friends of the Library Book Sorters and Book Sale Volunteers!

On Wednesday, November 17th, we will be having a guest speaker and a pizza party beginning at 6:30 p.m in the book sale room. Terese Floren will be giving her expert advice on how we can spot special value books. All of these "finds" will then be evaluated on the internet. If the book/item is valued at more than \$50.00, it will be given a chance to be sold on ebay, or another appropriate internet site. Reaching more people may result in additional sources of revenue for the library. And generally speaking the high-end books do not sell at our monthly sales, so

when we heard about this opportunity at a library workshop, we decided to give it a try.

We will have to pay a small commission, which is why we will only select books worth over \$50 to post online. Ms. Floren will handle all the mailing, postage, and money collection.

This event is scheduled for the evening of our 3rd Wednesday sort, so come for fun and discovery. Please rsvp to Kate Zimmerman at 827-7420, or email her at katez@scls.lib.wi.us

Meet The Library Staff (Continued from page 1)

For younger children, some of my favorites are David McPhail, Shel Silverstein, Audrey Wood, and Nancy Tafuri.

Some of my all-time favorite books include Sisters and First Flight by David McPhail, The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein, Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey, Julius by Angela Johnson, Olivia by Ian Falconer and Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. There are many excellent authors and titles—it's hard to choose!