

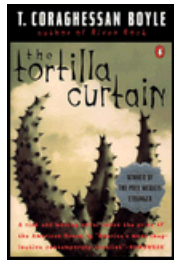


# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Dane County Celebrates T. C. Boyle

Dane County's 18 public libraries are joining together to celebrate the works of T. Coraghessan Boyle. The prolific and free-ranging author is highly regarded for his wildly imaginative stories, quirky characters, lush descriptions, and cynical humor.



The Middleton Public Library will host a book discussion of ***Tortilla Curtain*** on **Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room on the main floor of the library. ***Tortilla Curtain*** is Boyle's provocative account of immi-

gration in southern California during the mid-1990s. The novel's story is propelled by the tragicomic meeting of people from two different cultures with nothing in common.

Other Dane County libraries have chosen to discuss the following books:

***Drop City*** is a novel about a 1970s California commune which must deal with internal tensions and external conflicts and come to terms with its laidback, countercultural lifestyles in an unforgiving natural environment.

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## Reading Chi

Join us on **Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.** to hear local Feng Shui practitioner Linda Mundt discuss the essence of Feng Shui: *reading chi*. As Ms. Mundt notes, "scores of books on the study of natural and built environments grace the shelves of libraries and bookstores, yet its es-

sence—reading chi—cannot be put into a book." This program will address the valuable skill of reading chi in your home, your body, and your children.



## Meet Susan Storbeck, Reference Practicum Student



**Susan Storbeck will be working at the library's Reference Desk through mid-April. We asked Susan to tell us about herself:**

I am a library student at UW Madison and should graduate this May-- the same day I am to get married! I have a long history of using libraries as a patron. Reading was always encouraged when I was growing up. I used to walk past the library on the way home from school and was always looking for a new book to read. My favorite time of year was summer, with the Summer Reading Program and more time to read! When I'm not in school (or planning my wedding) I like to read (of course), hike, watch movies, spend time with family and play with my cat.

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In *East is East* Hiro Tanaka, the son of a young Japanese woman and an American expatriate, grows up scorned as a half-breed in his racially pure homeland. Hiro's travels take him to the U.S., where he's sure that a man of mixed race can easily fit in. Boyle gives the theme of prejudice a thorough working-over.

In *Friend of the Earth* Boyle presents a bleak vision, leavened with satire, of Southern California, circa 2025: strafing winds, oppressive heat, vast species extinction, and a ramshackle, dispirited populace.

*Road to Wellville* is a spoof of the turn-of-the-(20th)-century spa craze headquartered in Battle Creek, Michigan, featuring the oleaginous John Harvey Kellogg, the man who founded the cereal company that still bears his name.

*Water Music* presents the Scotsman Mungo, who goes to Africa in 1795 to explore the Niger, a river no European had previously seen.



**T. Coraghessan Boyle** was born in 1948 and grew up in Peekskill, New York. He is a graduate of the State University of New York at Potsdam, and received his doctorate in nineteenth-century English literature from the University of Iowa in 1977. Since

1977, Boyle has taught creative writing at the University of Southern California. While in college, Boyle exchanged his middle name, John, for the unusual Coraghessan, the name of one of his Irish ancestors. He is also the author of numerous short stories, which are regularly published in *The New Yorker* and other magazines. His commitment to the art of writing and the diversity of his story-telling themes makes him an author truly worth celebrating.

-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!



### Spotlight on Science Fiction

Graphic novels come in all genres, and science fiction is no exception. Eisner award-winning creator Doug TenNapel brings us *Creature Tech*, featuring romance, comedy, theology, and an army of hellcats. The ghost of mad scientist Dr. Jameson has stolen the Shroud of Turin in an attempt to resurrect a giant space eel and destroy the world. Will our hero Dr. Ong, his symbiotic alien partner, a giant bipedal praying mantis working for the government, and rifle-toting locals be able to put an end to Dr. Jameson's evil

plot? In *Planetes* by Makoto Yukimura, it is the year 2074 and humans have started moving into space and colonizing other planets. A realistic, slice-of-life set of stories, this series chronicles the experiences of a team of debris collectors, astronauts who remove garbage from space. Shin Takahashi's series *Saikano* follows the romantic relationship between two students, Shuji and Chise. Soon after war breaks out in Japan, Shuji discovers Chise's secret: the government has engineered her into the ultimate weapon, and she is slowly becoming more machine than human.

Want more science fiction graphic novels? Try *Ghost in the Shell* by Masamune Shirow and *Global Frequency: Planet Ablaze* by Warren Ellis.

-Sarah Hartman, Reference Assistant

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<h1>MARCH 2005</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>					<p>■ = Youth Event            ■ = Tween Event            ■ = Teen Event            ■ = Adult Event            ■ = Friends Event</p>	
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		9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 After School Snacks & Stories	9:30 Storytime 10:00 Introduction To Computers 10:30 Storytime	9:30 Baby Storytime 6:30 Pajama Party 7:00 Adult Book Discussion	2:00 Storytime		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	10:00 Friends Book Sorting 10:00 Introduction to LINKcat 3:30 Teen Advisory Committee	9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 After School Snacks & Stories	9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 3:30 Teen Book Vs. Movie	9:30 Baby Storytime 2:00 Intro to Word 4:00 Krafty Kids 7:00 "Is Starting a Small Business Right for Me?"	2:00 Storytime	10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale Conclusion of the Winter Reading Club	
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		9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 After School Snacks & Stories	9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Movie "Scooby Doo" 2:00 Introduction to Windows XP	9:30 Baby Storytime	2:00 Storytime		
27	28	29	30	31			
Easter Library Closed		9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 After School Snacks & Stories 7:00 Introduction to Power Point	9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime	9:30 Baby Storytime 2:00 Advanced Word 4:00 Tween Book To Movie			

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	<h1>APRIL 2005</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>				<p>■ = Youth Event            ■ = Tween Event            ■ = Teen Event            ■ = Adult Event            ■ = Friends Event</p>	
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 Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

## Rock Stars, Bindi Babes & Hollywood Hunks: Karaoke, India Night & Book vs. Movie Night for Teens

Think you will be the next rock superstar? Just want to sing a song to your friends? Sign up now to sing on **Thursday, March 17 (7-8 p.m.)** for our **Karaoke Night for Teens!**

On **Thursday, April 14**, go dhoti over bindis and string up your sitars as we host an **India Night for Teens**. Nilima will draw on mehndi designs (permission slips required), Indian board games will be available, Indian dance steps will be performed, & Indian snacks provided. Activities begin at **6:30 p.m.**

Prefer the book to the movie? The movie to the book? Join us on **Wednesday, March 9 at 3:30 p.m.** for a showing of **"A Wrinkle in Time"** on the big screen and on **Wednesday, April 20 at 3:30 p.m. for "13 going on 30"**. Need a copy of the book to compare? Ask for one from Rebecca at the Youth Services Desk. (Discussion to follow.)



-Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

## Please Welcome our New Staff!

Middleton Public Library recently hired several new staff members:



**Sara Simpson** re-joins the circulation desk staff as a Library Page II. Sara was a permanent staff member for some years and then a substitute desk worker while her daughters were growing up. Sara is a runner and loves to read mysteries.



**Sarah Wendorf** joins the circulation desk staff as a Library Page II. Sarah previously worked in the circulation area as a Library Page I. Sarah is also a teacher's aide at the Waunakee Public Schools.



**Kathy Rausch**, last month's featured staff member, has been promoted to Library Assistant I. Kathy is now assisting with serials and acquisitions, as well as at the Circulation Desk.



**Jean Javenkowski** joins us as a Library Page I. Jean has several children and is enjoying working at the library during school hours.

**Welcome one and all.**

## The Library Sincerely Thanks...

- **Dr. Robert Cowell** for the very informative display he put up in the library's exhibit case on T.S. Eliot's poem **The Wasteland**.
- **Sandra Haspl** for coordinating the beautiful art displays on the library's walls.
- **Sue Christianson** for the lovely, last minute doll display to highlight our new Spanish materials collection.
- **Hank Endres** for shelving magazines, videos, DVDs, and CDs; and for helping with the Children's Winter Reading Club.



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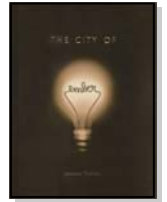
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## 'Tween Read

### *The City of Ember* by Jeanne Duprau

Ember is dying. Blackouts occur more and more often. There are shortages of everything, including the precious light bulbs. The generator is failing. There is no light without power. Beyond the city is nothing – complete darkness. What will the people of Ember do if the lights go out forever? Doon and Lina work as a team, pulling together bits and pieces of information they discover on their work assignments. Doon works in the Pipeworks, the underground labyrinth of maintenance tunnels. Lina is a Messenger, running with dire tidings from person to person. Soon they discover a daring solution, but how will they get the people to listen? Will they be in time? Recommended for ages 8 & up.



- Lori Bell, Youth Services Assistant

## 'Tweens Only Club

Are you between the ages of 8 and 12? Do you like to watch movies? Solve mysteries? Hunt for treasure? Eat? Win prizes? If you answered yes, the 'Tweens Only Club is for YOU! We started out in

January with our first ever Book-to-Movie night. 45 'tweens came to watch *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* on the BIG screen downstairs and munch on popcorn and soda. Mystery Night in February filled up in a hurry. 28 detectives examined evidence scenes, heard suspects' statements, and followed the clues to solve the mystery, *Who's a Fraydy Cat?* The 'Tweens Only Club meets once a month. Look for more 'Tween programs coming up!

## Adult Book Discussion Survey



Please take this brief survey and help us determine the best time to offer our book discussions for adults—thanks!

You can email your responses back to mid@scls.lib.wi.us, leave your form at one of the public service desks, or drop your response in the acrylic holder on the Readers Choice table.

**-Are you interested in participating in a book discussion here at the library?**

yes  no

**-What is the best time of the year for you?**

fall  winter/spring  
 summer  anytime

**-What is the best time of day for you?**

mornings  afternoons  evenings

**-What is the best day of the week for you?**

Mondays  Tuesdays  Wednesdays  
 Thursdays  Sundays

**Other comments?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number/email (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_