



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Summer Adult Book Discussions



Join us in the Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room on **Wednesday, July 13, 10:00 a.m.** and/or **Thursday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.** for a discussion on Anna Quindlen's novel *Blessings*. Quindlen's story brings two unforgettable characters together—Skip Cuddy, a poor kid with a troubled past & Lydia Blessing, a lonely, rich widow—as they try to raise an abandoned baby. Come to one discussion or both!

Our end of the summer book group potluck will be **Thursday, August 11, at 6:30 pm.** We will be discussing David McCullough's first book, *The Johnstown Flood*. McCullough is the author of the hugely popular histories *Truman* and *John Adams*, and this summer's *1776*. We'll eat first, share our reading experiences from over the summer, and then compare reactions to McCullough's retelling of this horrible Pennsylvania tragedy. **You must pre-register for this event** (email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403).

## Teen Programs in July & August

"Joust Read" is more than just our theme for the Teen Summer Reading this year—on **Wednesday, July 27 at 3 p.m.**, teens will be jousting for real at our fencing program! The UW Fencing Club will demonstrate some moves, give a little history, then let teens don protective gear and try a few moves with the experts. Permission slips are required for this program.

For teens more interested in movies and dancing, the library is offering a **"Pirates of the Caribbean Dance & Movie"** on **Thursday, July 21, 5-8 p.m.**, with a prize awarded for

the best costume. Or for more unusual dancing, try our **"Belly Dancing with Sadira"** program on **Monday, July 11, 4 p.m.**

To celebrate the end of our Teen Summer Reading Program, don't miss the **Picnic on Saturday, August 6th**—we will announce our Grand Prize winners, the winner of the Writing Contest, and will have lots of games and food. Look for the tent behind the library **at noon**, and we wish all of you good luck!

## Our Community Readers

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**This month we checked in with Jill Kranz, Director of the Middleton Senior Center, to find out about her reading habits:**



*What are you reading this summer?*

I am reading the *Little House on the Prairie* series to my six year old son. We just finished *Little House in the Big Woods*. I am also reading *The Curious Incident of the Dog in Night-Time* by Mark Haddon and *Thinking in Pictures* by Temple Grandin, two books on autism.

*What were your favorite childhood books?*

My grandparents sent me books for every birthday when I was little. My two favorites are still in my home library. The first is *How I Wanted to Pour Salt on a Rabbit's Tail and Other Stories* by Vitali Bianki which I received on my ninth birthday in 1969. The other is *That Quail, Robert* by Margaret A. Stanger. I also loved the books by Jolly Roger Bradfield. He was an author and illustrator from Minneapolis, where I grew up.

*Where is your favorite place to read?*

Curled up on my couch or in my bed.

*What books or authors would you recommend to a friend looking for something good to read?*

I would recommend anything written by my three favorite authors: John Steinbeck, John Grisham, and Jon Hassler (Hassler is a wonderful writer, also from Minnesota). I also love Barbara Kingsolver, Amy Tan, and Chicago columnist Bob Greene's books.

## Meeting Room Schedule Online

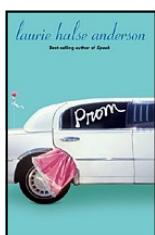
Did you know that you can view the meeting room schedule online? Go to the Middleton Library home page ([www.midlibrary.org](http://www.midlibrary.org))

For those of you who reserve the Archer rooms in our lower level, you can check availability by clicking on the "meeting rooms" link. You cannot reserve the rooms by viewing this link, but it might save you a phone call, and any time spent waiting for a response back from staff. The library does not schedule two meetings back to back; 30 minutes between groups is the norm. Kate Zimmerman usually handles the reser-

ations, and she can be reached at **827-7420**, or by email at [katez@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:katez@scls.lib.wi.us). Her voice mail is checked when she is on vacation, but not her email, so if you don't receive a response within a day or two, please call back and leave a message. The Archer meeting rooms are open to the public; certain restrictions may apply to "for profit" groups. Check with the library's Reference Desk staff about the library's four lower level study rooms.

-Kate Zimmerman, Administrative Assistant

## Teen Reading Recommendation



**Prom** by Laurie Halse Anderson

Ashley is a fairly normal unmotivated teenager--she gets mostly C's, is dating a high school dropout and seems to always be in detention. She really couldn't care less about prom, but her best friend, Nat, is chair of the prom committee. When the school math teacher steals the prom funds, however, Ashley is kicked into gear. Nat is so depressed about the prospect of no prom that Ashley is determined to have one, no matter what. With no funds, no teacher support, and just her gutsy determination driving her

on, Ashley discovers she is smarter and more resourceful than she gave herself credit for.

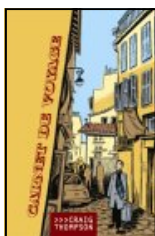
Recommended for teens 14 and up due to strong language and sexual situations, this is a hilarious book with a realistic and admirable main character. The author is well-known for her novel *Speak*, about date rape, but *Prom* is very different both in tone and scope. *Prom* is a lighthearted novel with just enough truths and character growth to make it satisfying without being preachy.

-Rebecca Van Dan, Teen 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!

### Spotlight on Travelogues

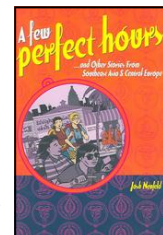


Perfect for summer reading, these black and white illustrated travelogues are not just about the places the authors visit, but also about their lives and the lives of the people they meet. Craig Thompson, award-winning author of *Blankets*, brings us *Carnet de Voyage*, a combination travel diary and sketchbook. In it, he documents a European publicity tour, full of book signings, interviews, and get-togethers with colleagues, as well as his solo excursion to Morocco to do research for his next



book. Rick Smith's *Baraka and Black Magic in Morocco* records one leg of a six month trip made by the author and his wife Tania, both frustrated with their jobs and the fast pace of American life. During their time in Morocco, they become increasingly aware of the differences between their home and the Arab world. In

*A Few Perfect Hours...and Other Stories from Southeast Asia & Central Europe*, Josh Neufeld Ellis documents his and his wife Sari's journey backpacking through a number of countries, including Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore. Travel tips, such as how to use squat toilets and bathe in the tropics, are scattered throughout the book.



- Sarah Hartman, Reference Assistant

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>JULY 2005</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>				1 2:00 Fractured Fairy Tales	2
3	 4 Independence Day Library Closed	5 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Book Bunch	6 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Teen Funky Flip Flops	7 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 6:30 PJ Party	8 2:00 Wayne the Wizard Magic Show	 9 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale
10	11 1:00 Baby Storytime 2:00 Introduction to Computers 4:00 Teen Belly Dancing 6:30 Friends Book Sort	12 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Book Bunch 7:00 Our Stories: Recording Personal & Family Histories	13 9:30 Storytime 10:00 Adult Book Discussion 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Teen Advisory Pizza Party	14 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-in Storytime 2:00 Introduction to Word 7:00 Adult Book Discussion	15 2:00 Dragons Alive	16
17	18 Deadline for Teen Writing Contest 1:00 Baby Storytime 7:00 Trends & Techniques in the World of Antiques	19 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Book Bunch	20 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Kids Can Write 6:30 Parent - Child Book Discussion 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	21 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 2:00 Intermediate Word 5:00 Teen Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean"	22 2:00 Movie "Shrek 2"	23
24	25 1:00 Baby Storytime	26 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Book Bunch	27 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 3:00 Teen Fencing Program	28 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 2:00 Advanced Word 4:00 Krafty Kids	29 10:00 Emailing 101 12:00 Tween Film & Pizza Party "The Neverending Story"	30
31						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> = Youth Event</li> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> = Tween Event</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> = Teen Event</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> = Adult Event</li> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> = Friends Event</li> </ul>

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Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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 <h1 style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 2005</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:00 Friends Book Sorting 1:00 Baby Storytime	9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Book Bunch	9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime	9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime	2:00 Medieval Fair	12:00 Teen Picnic
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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## So, You Always Wanted to Work at the Library. . .

Middleton Public Library usually hires new Library Pages each year. The Library Page I job involves checking in items, unloading delivery and holds from other libraries, shelving items out on the floor of the library, and searching the shelves for items other libraries have requested.

When the Library has job opportunities, they will be listed on the Middleton Public Library homepage ([www.midlibrary.org](http://www.midlibrary.org)), advertised in the Middleton Times Tribune, and notices will be sent to the UW-Madison Library School and the Middleton High School Guidance Office.

The requirements for hiring are being 14 years of age or older and in high school, successful completion of a

sorting/alphabetizing test, a successful job interview, and the ability to commit to a ten hour a week schedule. We also have a number of adults who work during the school hours, so adults are always urged to apply too.

Middleton Public Library has a number of graduating seniors this year and several positions will be available in the fall. The library will advertise for help in late August and early September, so watch the paper and the home page for information.

Additional questions about page positions at the library can be directed to Elizabeth I. Bauer, Circulation Services Librarian, **608-827-7401**.

## Please Welcome Our New Circulation Staff Member



**Katie Adkins** joins the Circulation Desk staff as a Library Page II. Katie also attends Edge-wood College and is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. In addition she works part time at the Spring Green Public Library. Katie loves books (her favorite authors are Nicholas Sparks and Nora Roberts,

and she is currently reading a book by Jodi Picoult), and she really enjoys working with the public. Katie finds the difference in volume of holds, check ins and check outs between Spring Green and Middleton to be astounding. Katie will be attending OzzFest in August and plans to help her sister when a new baby arrives. Welcome Katie!

## Good Bye, We Will Miss You. . .

The Middleton Public Library would like to say good-bye and best wishes to our graduating seniors:

**Ishrat Ahmed** is going to John Hopkins University to major in biology and pursue a career in neurology.

**Tanya Bolchen** is attending UW-Stevens Point and is undecided about a major.

**Ray Hestres** is attending UW-Stevens Point to pursue a career in music.

**Travis Mueller** is in his senior year at UW-Madison and will be spending a semester in Japan.

**Emilie Padfield** is attending Creighton University and plans to major in pre-med and psychology.

**Kristen Schenborn** is attending DePaul University in Chicago and plans to major in international business.

**Katie Solberg** is attending Boston College and plans to major in journalism and public relations.

*Thanks to all these young people for their hard work and dedication to the Middleton Public Library!*



*The Board and Staff of the Middleton Public Library  
wish to thank the family & friends of*

**Henry Zauner**

for donating nearly \$2,000 in his memory  
for the purchase of movies  
for the Library's DVD collection.

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## The Library Sincerely Thanks...

*A special thank you to our treasure chest volunteers – thanks for making the Middleton Public Library's Summer Reading Program such a success. We couldn't do it without you!*



Alex Bauer, Anna Biermeier, Tristan Buss, Sridevi Casuba, Beth Delu-  
hery, Jean DeVore, Margie Dewind, Hank Endres, Margo Hardy-  
man, Ashley Harrop, Donnie Harrop, Mark Hetzler, Monika  
Hetzler, Juli Loker, Julia Marion, Beaw Nellis, Sonja Oetzel, Lillian  
Quinones, Robyn Raemon, Eve Robillard, Mercedes Russell, Linda  
Ryan, Rebecca Schuh, Marica Smith, Stephen Swanson, Katie Wang

## Library Castle

Check out the Middleton Public Library Castle – a great place to read, play, and let your imaginations soar. The Library Castle was purchased with funds generously donated by **the Friends of the Middleton Public Library** – thank you for your hard work! - Svetha Hetzler, Children's Librarian

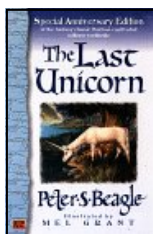


## Dragons, Dreams, & Daring Deeds

“Dragons, Dreams, & Daring Deeds” is well underway as we enter week 4 of our Summer Reading Program. If you haven't had a chance to register yet, it's not too late. Just stop by the Youth Services help desk and one of our “Treasure Chest” volunteers will be happy to sign you up. Participants must be 12 years old or younger to participate and can either read independently or be read to. We have lots of fun prize incentives for your weekly reading, as well as a chance to win one of our weekly grand prizes.

## 'Tween Read & Online Book Club

As part of our Summer Reading program, 'Tweens can participate in an online book club just for them. We'll be reading and chatting about two great adventure books this summer:



***The Last Unicorn*** by Peter S. Beagle

Join Schmendrick the Magician and Molly Grue as they try to help the last unicorn solve the mystery of what happened to the other unicorns.

Harpies, a mad king, and the Red Bull all threaten their quest until Schmendrick casts a dangerous and costly spell. Will they find the other unicorns?



***The Neverending Story*** by Michael Ende

Who can save Fantasia from the Nothing? As Sebastian reads the gripping tale of Arturo and his efforts to save the realm and the Empress, he unknowingly becomes part of their story. How will

this Neverending Story actually end? You'll have to read it to find out!

'Tweens can pick up instructions at the Youth Services Desk or go online to the Children's page ([www.midlibrary.org/tween](http://www.midlibrary.org/tween)) to learn how to participate in the online book club. If you have suggestions for further book club selections, be sure to let us know!

- Lori Bell, Youth Services Assistant