



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## A Message From the Library Director



### The City of Middleton celebrates its Sesquicentennial in 2006.

Many special events are scheduled to take place throughout the year.

You can find out about them by going to the Sesquicentennial website at <http://www.visitmiddleton.com/150.html>. You'll also find here a brief history of our community, prepared by members of the Middleton Historical Society.

The kick-off ceremony will be held at City Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 23. (No school for residents in the MCPSD that day.) At 1:00 p.m., the

Library will host "**Games Galore**", a program for kids of all ages and their parents, featuring games that were popular at different times in Middleton's history. The program will take place in the lower level Archer Room.

As part of the Library's contribution, the glass **exhibit case** in the lobby will feature displays focusing on Middleton's history and Sesquicentennial

activities throughout the year. We are also sponsoring a **Sesquicentennial creative writing contest** as part of the adult summer reading program. (Look for contest details in the May/June newsletter.)

In celebration of Middleton's Sesquicentennial, our initial series of books discussions for 2006 will focus on the theme of **Hometowns & Other Special Places**. To initiate



the series, I have chosen one of my favorite historical novels, **The Town** by Conrad Richter, the final volume of **The Awakening Land trilogy**. It tells the tale of how the Ohio wilderness was "tamed."

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m. or Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room. You may pre-register by calling 827-7403 or emailing us at [mid@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:mid@scls.lib.wi.us).

The two other books we'll discuss in this series include **My Kind of Place** by Susan Orlean and **The Orchard** by Larry Watson. Watson, the 2006 "Dane County Reads" author, will give a reading at the library on Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

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## Library Luau: Kids Winter Reading Club 2006



All kids up to the age of 12 are invited to join the Library Luau Winter Reading Club! We'll heat up the season with this six week reading incentive program. Read for at least one hour each week, turn in a time slip, and receive a prize. We'll have candy guessing contests,

raffles, games and special programs such as 'Tween Karaoke Night, Mystery Night, Geronimo Stilton Book Bunch, and many more!

Sign up begins **Friday, January 13, at 9:00 a.m.** Later that day, **at 4:00 p.m.**, children's singer and songwriter, **David Landau**, will help us kick off the Club with a lively performance.

The Kids Winter Reading Club concludes **Friday, February 24, noon-2 p.m.**, with music, food, games, and prizes. **Wear your hula skirt, wild Hawaiian shirt, or whatever you please! We're pretty relaxed here at the beach!** Call 827-7402 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register for programs.

## 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!





### *Flight*

A young woman who, as a child, wished she would be able to fly someday wakes up to find a set of wings sprouting from her back.

Having lived in the United States since he was young, a man travels to India, his birthplace, and rediscovers a home he barely remembers.

A little girl realizes that her mother has disappeared and there is a giant robot outside her house that desperately wants to be her friend. You will find these stories and many more in the first volume of the anthology ***Flight***. Showcasing up-and-coming comics creators, ***Flight*** contains fresh, experimental short stories, many of which are centered on the theme of flight. The second volume of ***Flight*** offers more such stories, with the addition of selections by well-known comics creators such as Jeff Smith and Doug TenNapel.

- Sarah Hartman, Adult Services Librarian

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 2006</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p> <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> <p>■ = Youth Event            ■ = Tween Event            ■ = Teen Event            ■ = Adult Event            ■ = Friends Event</p> </div>						
 <p>1 New Year's Day Library Closed</p>	<p>2 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 1:30 Baby Storytime</p>	<p>3 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime</p>	<p>4 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime</p>	<p>5 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9 6:30 Friends Book Sorting 1:30 Baby Storytime 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee</p>	<p>10 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime</p>	<p>11 9:30 Storytime 10:00 Introduction to Word 10:30 Storytime</p>	<p>12 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime</p>	<p>13 Sign-up begins for the Library Luau Winter Reading Club for Kids 4:30 Kick-Off Concert</p>	<p><b>SALE</b> 14 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Library Open Regular Hours) 1:30 Baby Storytime</p>	<p>17 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Book Bunch</p>	<p>18 9:30 Storytime 10:00 Intermediate Word 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Teen Books &amp; Bagels 6:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>19 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 4:00 Krafty Kids</p>	<p>20 2:00 Introduction to Excel</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 1:00 Games Galore 1:30 Baby Storytime</p>	<p>24 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Book Bunch</p>	<p>25 9:30 Storytime 10:00 Advanced Word 10:30 Storytime</p>	<p>26 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 4:00 Tween's Karaoke Night</p>	<p>27 2:00 Intermediate Excel 8:00 Teen Library Lock-In</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 10:00 Emailing 101 1:30 Baby Storytime</p>	<p>31 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Introduction to Windows XP 4:00 Book Bunch</p>				

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26	27	28				



## Artmates Exhibit at Middleton Library

Artwork and jewelry by eight members of the **Artmates** will be on exhibit at the Library during January and February. This group of area artists includes Judy Brick, Mount Horeb; Nancy Cox, Black Earth; Aimee Gauger, Mount Horeb; Chris Miles, Mount Horeb; Rhonda Nass, Cross Plains; Janet Negronida,

Hollandale; Louise Kubista, Black Earth; and Carol Watkins, Mount Horeb. Their media include pastels, oils, acrylics, polymer clay, colored pencil, pen and ink, mixed media and watercolors. For further information about Artmates contact Judy Brick at jabrick@merr.com or 608-832-6603.

### Americay at the Library



Join us on **Saturday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Archer Rooms at the conclusion of the Friends Book Sale to hear one of the area's best loved Celtic bands:

**Americay.**

They are a traditional Celtic band whose music honors the enthralling musical history of Ireland, Scotland, and Cape Breton.

This program is free & open to the public. Feel free to check out the great prices and the book sale across the hall before you take your seat!

## Teen Advisory Committee's Favorite Books



The Teen Advisory Committee is a group of volunteer teens, ages 12-19, who actively work to keep the Teen section of the library as vibrant and inviting as possible through suggestions of new music, movies, books, comfortable furnishings, and interesting program ideas. This month they are sharing some of their favorite books:

**James:** *Firegold* by Dia Calhoun  
**fantasy**

**Kathleen:** *The She* by Carol Plum-Ucci  
**horror**

**Maria:** *Perfect* by Natasha Friend  
**realistic fiction (bulimia)**

**Suvai:** *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray  
**fantasy/horror**

**Matt:** *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers  
**realistic fiction (war)**

**Chris:** *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini  
**fantasy**

**Madhuri:** *The Truth About Forever* By Sarah Dessen  
**realistic fiction (love)**

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Phone: (608) 831-5564  
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Http://www.midlibrary.org

The Middleton Public Library is  
Open to Serve you  
Monday—Thursday 9 am-9 pm  
Friday 9 am-6 pm  
Saturday 9 am-5 pm  
Sunday (Sept-May) 1 pm-5 pm



## 'Tween Read



### *The Gateway Trilogy. Book One: Night Gate* by Isobelle Carmody

To save her mother, Rage Winnoway sets out on a dangerous quest. Unsure of whether to trust a magical Firecat, but feeling she has no choice if she wants to save her mother, Rage passes through a magical gate into a strange world. Her five

faithful dogs and one curious, cowardly goat follow her through the gate and emerge on the other side transformed. Rage must solve the riddle of this new world, not only to save her mother, but to save this new world, her friends, and herself. Rage must become her true self – Courage. Recommended for ages 8-12.

- Lori Bell,  
Youth Services Librarian

## Meet The Library Staff



**This month we meet with Library Page, Cindy Zellers.**

***You did many interesting things before you joined the staff at the library. Can you tell us a little bit about your personal journey up to***

***this point?***

I retired from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in October 2004. My positions there included serving as the Finance Director, the Human Resource Director and the Director of the Environmental Compliance Program in which I actually used my major in biology. I also taught biology early in my career. I have lived in Middleton for almost thirty years and I was fortunate to serve on the Middleton- Cross Plains Board of Education for nine years, as well as currently serving on the Middleton Plan Commission. My children grew up here, but they have both moved away to work as a state trooper and a high school chemistry teacher.

***How are you enjoying working at the library? What do you like best about this job?***

I love my work at the library. It gives me a chance to work in my home community, to have some structure in my "retiree's" schedule and to

associate with some wonderful people. I value community service strongly and being at the library meets that need. I have also been exposed to a whole new variety of books and AV materials as I handle them for our patrons. I always have a big stack at home now.

***When you're not working, what do you do for fun?***

When I'm not working I enjoy exercise and I like having the opportunity to do more of it since I have retired. I also enjoy everything about food, including cooking it, reading about it, eating it, etc., I also like reading, sewing, biking and I am a new knitter these days. In addition I am volunteering in the schools helping new readers with their skills and learning a lot myself in the process.

***Do you have some favorite books or authors you'd like to suggest to our readers?***

My recent favorite books include *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson, *April, 1865: the Month that Saved America* by Jay Winik and *Nickel and Dime: on (not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich. My list of favorites has grown longer since I have been working at the library.