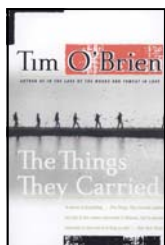




The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

October Book Discussion for Adults



In October the book discussion for adults will focus on the acclaimed novel *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien.

They carried letters; they carried pictures; they carried bombs, mines, bibles, and guns; they also carried emotional loads of fear, love, hate, loathing, courage, and anger. They carried themselves with honor, carried each other, and if they made it home alive, they carried nightmare memories of a war that we can't even begin to imagine.

Tim O'Brien, author of a number of books including several others on war, writes a series of linked stories about the Vietnam War, those who fought, and the physical and emotional loads that each carried.

Although mainly a work of fiction, Tim O'Brien fought in the Vietnam War and his stories are based on real events. War stories are never easy to read and these are no exception; yet our fall theme of "family" pervades this novel and there are glimpses of courage, love, and dignity throughout.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our morning or evening discussions of this powerful book; please pre-register by emailing mid@scls.lib.wi.us, calling 827-7403, or stopping by the library's Reference Desk.

The morning discussion will be **Wednesday, October 18, 10:00 am**; the evening discussion will be **Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.**

- Elizabeth I. Bauer, Head of Circulation Services

Our Community Writers

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Casey Schmitt won the library's Sesquicentennial Writing Contest. The story, in Casey's words, deals with what it's like for a newcomer who is "first finding a place in the Middleton community." You can read Casey's story in its entirety in the August 3, 2006, issue of *The Middleton Times Tribune*.

Since you are now living in Eugene, Oregon, please tell us about your Middleton connection.

My family moved to Middleton in 1990 as I was entering second grade. Middleton is my hometown: I went to Sauk Trail Elementary, Kromrey Middle School, MHS and then attended the UW. My parents, Pat and Peggy Schmitt, still live in town, as do most of the important people in my life. In fact, the only reason I'm now in Oregon is because of a Middleton connection—when Steve Miller, a friend who I grew up with on Boulder Lane moved out west for graduate school and needed a roommate, I went along with him!

Have you been writing long? How does writing figure into your future plans?

There's a line between meaning to write--and actually doing so. I've been meaning to write for a very long time. I've spent a solid decade accumulating ideas and working out storylines in my head, but only in the last few years have seriously put my plans to paper. I majored in English/Creative Writing at UW-Madison and produced a thesis collection of

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short stories. Since then I've done some writing work for Wisconsin Public Radio's *Whad'Ya Know?* with Michael Feldman as well as the *Onion's A.V. Club* in Minneapolis, but my true ambition is to write a novel or two someday. I'm getting a Master's in Folklore and narrative tradition and I hope to use this knowledge to build a long-term career as a folklorist/writer.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not writing prize-winning fiction?

I enjoy writing non-prize-winning fiction; both are good in my book. And I tend to read and study a lot. I'm really getting into history and cultural anthropology. I've always been extremely active in theatre and acting and I take every chance I get to direct a new play. Recently I've been working a lot with middle-school-aged kids and theatre troupes. I love hiking and camping and I bike everywhere I go—for

my money, there's nothing better than a wide open starry sky or a swimming hole.

Are you an avid reader, as well as a writer? Which authors or titles are special favorites?

I've been on a non-fiction spree over the last few years – partially for research purposes and partially out of personal interest. I've read a handful of world histories, a book on historical hoaxes, a few religious texts, and am currently working through a book on signs and symbols as they are used and regarded in different cultures. In terms of fiction, I find myself drawn to the epic “classics” – Dickens' ***Bleak House***, ***The Iliad***, ***War and Peace*** – but a few “children's” authors often slip in too, like Roald Dahl or Norton Juster. And, of course, every now and then, I do indulge in the occasional graphic novel.

Important Health Information

We regret to inform you that the bendable cat and dog reading incentive prizes were found to have small levels of lead paint. If your child chose one of these toys as a milestone prize during our Summer Reading Program, please return them to the library for safe disposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please stop by or call the Youth Services desk at (608)827-7402. Thank you and we sincerely apologize for this situation.



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!



***The King* by Rich Koslowski**

Known only as “the King” and wearing a gold mask over his face, a spectacularly popular Elvis impersonator claims to be the real deal, transformed by death into a god of song. Ex-tabloid reporter Paul Erfurt is sent to Vegas to interview the King and his closest followers. Once there, he quickly realizes that there is much more to the story than he ever could have imagined. Blue-tone artwork sets the mood for this mysterious and intriguing tale by Wisconsin author



Koslowski. ***Vampire Loves* by Joann Sfar**

By the author of ***The Rabbi's Cat*** (previously reviewed in the Bookworm), this charming graphic novel follows the love life of hopeless romantic Ferdinand. A very polite, rather shy Lithuanian vampire, Ferdinand is thrust back into the dating world after his cheating girlfriend Lani leaves him. Alternately pining for Lani and trying to meet new girls, his hilarious and bizarre adventures, including an unfortunate encounter with mummies on a cruise ship, have the reader rooting for him all the way.

- Sarah Hartman, Adult Services Librarian

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Chills and Shivers for Adults this October

Why should kids have all the Halloween fun? Adults are invited to join Dennis Boyer, author of *Driftless Spirits: Ghosts of Southwestern Wisconsin* and *Northern Frights : a Supernatural Ecology of the Wisconsin Headwaters* on **Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.**, for an evening of spooky stories from around the state. Mr. Boyer will share lore on ghostly sightings and

hauntings though a combination of storytelling and presentation. Frightful refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Middleton Public Library and a book signing will follow the event. This is a free event, but pre-registration is required. Please email mid@scls.lib.wi.us, call 827-7403, or stop by the library's Reference Desk to register.

Unaccompanied Children at the Library

We are very thrilled to see so many children regularly visiting the library, attending programs and checking out materials. To ensure everyone's safety, comfort, and enjoyment we ask that the following guidelines be followed:

- 1) **Children under 6 must be with an adult at all times.**
- 2) **We strongly encourage children over 6 to have an adult remain at the library while attending a program or using library resources.**

Library staff is not responsible for any unaccompanied children. Please make sure you go over these rules with your children and caregivers. If you have any questions or concerns, please stop by or call the Youth Services help desk at (608)827-7402.



Teen Summer Reading Program ("Just Dewey It: Decades")

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Teen Summer Reading Program at the Middleton Public Library! Grand prize winners were: **Eric Lewis, Noelle Fineout, Katie Uhlrich, Bianca Bellissimo, and Deborah Thompson.** Winners received prizes such as a CD player, DVD player, gift certificates to the mall, and movie passes.

Congratulations as well to **Katie Uhlrich**, for winning our 7th Annual Teen Writing Contest; to **Zach Lewis** for winning the Teen Drawing con-

test with his vision of the future; and to **Taylor Craney** for her winning guess of 120 candies in our Retro Candy guessing contest! (Actual number: 119) Entries for the Writing Contest and Drawing Contest will be bound and available for check-out at the library. Many thanks to all the avid teen readers, writers, and artists who participated this year!

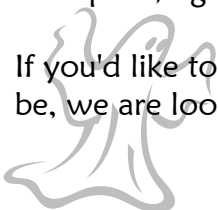
- Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

DDR for Teens & the Haunted Library...

Think you can dance the competition into the ground? Teens 12-19 are invited to show off their DDR dancing skills on **Thursday, September 28, 7-8 p.m.**, in the Archer Rooms. Prize awarded to champion, sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

If you'd like to make the library a scary place to be, we are looking for teen volunteers to help us

make the Haunted Library. Set-up will be on Oct. 18 & 19, and it will open to the public **at 7 p.m. on Oct. 19.** (There will be a "lights on" version for younger children for the first 15 minutes.) If you have questions or comments about these or other teen programs, please contact Rebecca at (608)827-7402.



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'Tweens Only Book Discussion, September 28th @ 4pm



Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins. Read how it all began in the first book of the acclaimed fantasy series, **The Underland Chronicles**. Gregor's life hasn't been the same since his dad disappeared 2 years, seven months, and thirteen days ago. When his 2 year old sister, Boots, tumbles through a grate in the basement laundry room, Gregor instinctively dives in after her.

What follows is an amazing adventure filled with giant bats, rats, cockroaches and spiders - unforgettable characters in a world on the brink of war. Kids ages 8-12 are invited to pick up a copy of **Gregor the Overlander** at the Youth Services Desk. If you attend the discussion, the book is yours to keep!

- Lori Ann Bell, Youth Services Librarian

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month



JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST IGNORANCE –

Sign up for a **SuperCharged Cardinal Red Library Card** at the
Middleton Public Library

~ Or ~

Transform your old card to a **SuperCharged Card** by
checking out a book anytime during the month of September.

Grown-ups can PowerUp for \$1.