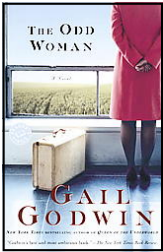




The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

November Book Discussion for Adults



Please join us to discuss one of popular author Gail Godwin's first novels, ***The Odd Woman***, on Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, November 16, at 7 p.m. Godwin has written many highly-rated and much enjoyed novels over the years, including ***A Mother and Two Daughters*** and ***Father Melancholy's Daughter***. ***The Odd Woman***, published in 1974, is something of a roman a clef—Godwin was indeed raised in North Carolina and lived with a problematic step-father.

In addition, Godwin also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois in the early '70s, a setting which serves as the story's backdrop. But there are many themes and issues in this sprawling family drama and it is interesting to see how this book portrays the emerging "feminist movement" of the time. Email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403 to register for one or both discussions.

- Liz Dannenbaum, Head of Adult Services

Our Community Readers



This month we asked **Denise Hermann**, the new principal at Middleton High School about her reading interests...

What are you reading these days?

I am reading a few books about leadership, ***The Learning Leader*** by Douglas Reeves and ***The 8th Habit*** by Stephen Covey. I also just finished the book ***Complications*** by Atul Gawande, which is an autobiographical case study of the medical world through the eyes of a young doctor.

If you could select one title for a community-wide reading experience (along the lines of the "Dane County Reads" program), which title would it be and why?

I would select the book ***The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm*** by Nancy Farmer. I feel that this book, although written for young adults, would reach people of all ages because of its timeless message about how the acts of the individual can impact society. It also demonstrates the need for us to think more globally about our world and our future. I read the book aloud, a chapter a night, to my daughters when they were young- we all loved it!

Which 3 or 4 authors rank as your all times favorites?

My favorite fiction authors include Ian McEwan, Kent Haruf, and the short stories of Dave Eggers & Bailey White. Favorite non-fiction titles include ***The Not So Big House*** and other books by Sarah Susanka about house design; ***Schoolgirls: Young Women, Self Esteem, and the Confidence*** by Peggy Orenstein; and Peter Senge's ***The Fifth Discipline*** and ***The Dance of Change***.

What is your favorite movie that was made from a book?

Larry McMurtry's book ***Terms of Endearment***. It is rare when the movie is almost as moving as the book - what a tear-jerker.

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A Message From the Library Director



We're Looking for Your Input Once Again

As part of the library's ongoing, long-range planning process, the Library Board hired Himmel & Wilson Library Consultants in 1996 to conduct a series of focus group discussions. These took place in February 1997, and more than 80 community members participated in a total of 6 sessions.

A focus group is a market-research tool used to elicit opinions and attitudes about a particular subject or area. In 1997, the library board and staff wanted to know, among other things, what worked well in the library, areas for improvement, and potential use for the unfinished space on the lower level.

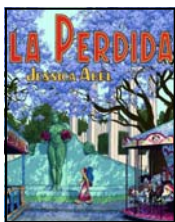
This information-gathering exercise can be summed up as follows: You spoke, we listened – or, more specifically, we carefully read the report prepared by the consultants.

The following improvements to the library's service are a direct result of your input nearly ten years ago.

- **Sunday hours.** The #1 requested service enhancement. Sunday hours were initiated in 1999.

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!



La Perdida by Jessica Abel

Abel won the 2002 Harvey Award for Best New Series for *La Perdida*, which is now available as a collected graphic novel. Carla, a young Mexican-American woman from Chicago, visits Mexico City to get in touch with her Mexican heritage. She misses her flight home, mostly on purpose, and decides to stay. Eager to explore the city and make friends with the locals, Carla begins to learn the language and understand the culture. She loves her new

- **Services to teens.** We hired a Young Adult Services Librarian, Rebecca Van Dan, in 1999. Our teen area was recently featured in VOYA magazine
- **More audiobooks.** We have always strived to provide the best collection available at any public library in the area.
- **Quiet study areas.** The 2003-04 expansion and remodeling created a lower level quiet area as well as 4 small study rooms for individual and small-group use.

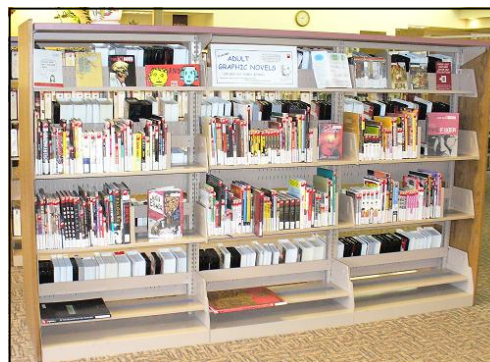
At its August meeting, the Library Board agreed to embark on a "10th anniversary" series of focus group discussions. Once again, we are looking for your input as to the future direction of the Middleton Public Library. At this time, we are planning to hold a series of focus group discussion in February 2007 – specific dates yet to be determined. Himmel & Wilson have been awarded the contract. If you'd like to include your name on a list of potential participants, please send me an email at pen@scls.lib.wi.us. Please include your address and phone number.

Thank you for your interest in the Middleton Public Library's continuing success.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

life, but are her innocence and idealism going to land her in trouble? Dialog is in both English and Spanish (don't worry, there's a glossary!).

- Sarah
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Adult
Services
Librarian



The collection has moved! Check out our expanded shelving for adult graphic novels and anime DVDs between the adult music CD and audiobook collections.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>NOVEMBER 2006</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>					
			1 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 7:00 Introduction to Excel	2 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime	3	4 10:00 Advanced Beginner Digital Camera
5	6 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 1:30 Baby Storytime 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee	7 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 4:00 Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club 4:00 Book Bunch	8 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 7:00 Intermediate Excel	9 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 2:00 Introduction to PowerPoint 7:00 Teen Movie Night	10 1:00 Emailing 101	11 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale
12	13 4:00 "Krafty" Kids 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	14 4:00 & 5:00 'Tween Dungeons & Dragons Club 6:00 Author Visit: Kashmir Sheth	15 10:00 Adult Book Discussion 4:00 Teen Books & Bagels 7:00 Advanced Excel	16 10:30 StoryTime Celebration with Curious George 7:00 Adult Book Discussion	17	18
19	20	21 4:00 Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club	22 Library Closing Early at 6:00 pm	23 Thanksgiving Library Closed	24	25
26	27	28 4:00 & 5:00 'Tween Dungeons & Dragons Club	29 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	30 4:00 'Tween 2nd Annual Harry Potter Trivia Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event 	

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3 3:00 Holiday "Krafty" Kids Special	4 10:00 Friends Book Sorting	5 4:00 Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club	6	7	8	9 SALE 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale	
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17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	
24 Christmas Eve Library Closed 	25 Christmas Day Library Closed 	26 Library Open Regular Hours 9am-9pm	27	28	29	30	
31 Library Open Regular Hours 1:00pm-5:00pm	Jan. 1, 2007 New Year's Day Library Closed					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event 	

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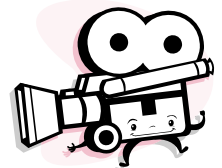
Holiday Help for the Panicked Teen (and a Movie Night & Fantasy Feature)

Are you desperate to find a last-minute holiday gift? If you are between the ages of 12 and 19, you're invited to come to our **Last Minute Gifts** program on **Thursday, Dec. 14, 7-8 p.m.** Paint a flowerpot, twist together some jewelry--you can make them in an hour, they are personalized by you & best of all, they're free! Please register at the Youth Services Desk so we know how much to purchase, limit 30.

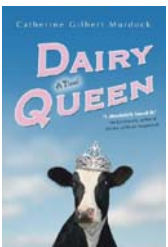
If you're more in the mood for something low-key, try our **Teen Movie Night** on **Thursday, Nov. 9, 7-8 p.m.** Vote for the movie you'd like to see in our Teen Section, then join us to see it on the big screen with free popcorn.

Teen fantasy readers won't want to miss **Books and Bagels** on **Wednesday, Nov. 15, 4-5 p.m.** In November, teens are invited to pick your 3 favorite fantasy books & join us for bagels & juice--learn what other teens are enjoying & share why you like your top picks.

All teen programs will be held in the Archer Rooms (down the stairs/elevator located in the lobby). Questions or comments? Please contact Rebecca at (608)827-7402.



Teen Book Review



Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

D.J. Schwenk is a 15 year old girl from a small town in Wisconsin who is single-handedly running the family dairy farm after her father is injured. When the star quarterback from a rival town tells her she acts like an unthinking cow, she is insulted. But, upon reflection, D.J. realizes that she does just do whatever people tell her to do. Thinking about what it is she wants, D.J. decides to do two

things that will get her town in an uproar. Yes, she is a girl and yes, Brian is from a rival team, but D.J. decides to coach him over the summer, a decision she believes has nothing to do with the fact she has a crush on him. Her town may hate her if Brian gets good enough to beat their team, but D.J.'s second desire is enough to drive the whole town insane, make her father furious, and may convince Brian never to trust D.J. again.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

National Children's Book Week Celebrations at the Library

Meet the Author: Kashmira Sheth Tuesday, November 14, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a very special Parent & Child Book Discussion with author Kashmira Sheth. Mrs. Sheth will be discussing her nationally acclaimed novel **Blue Jasmine**. You will also have a chance to discuss her latest young adult novel, **Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet**. This program is open for 'tweens, teens, and parents. A limited number of copies of **Blue Jasmine** are available at the youth services desk. Refreshments will be served.

Storytime Celebration with Curious George!

Thursday, November 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Meet Curious George at this special Storytime party for all ages.

Sign up is required for all children's programs. Stop by the youth services desk or call (608)827-7402.



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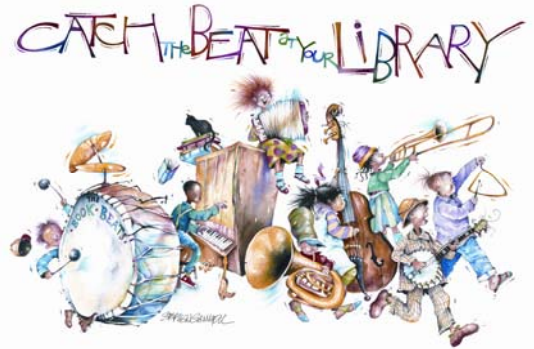
Special Holiday “Krafty” Kids

Sunday, December 3rd @ 3pm. Kids ages 5-12 will have a choice of 3 crafts with Christmas or winter themes. There will be sticker pictures and coloring sheets for younger siblings. Pre-registration is required. **Middleton Tree Lighting Ceremony** to follow at City Hall.

Coming Soon...

2007 WINTER READING CLUB

JANUARY 15TH – FEBRUARY 23RD



2007 Friends of the Library Book Sale Dates



JANUARY

Saturday Sale 1/13 9:00a-2:30p

Regular Sale & \$3 Bag Sale
(First 2 hrs- Friends Only)

FEBRUARY

Saturday Sale 2/10 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)

MARCH

Saturday Sale 3/10 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)

APRIL

Saturday Sale 4/14 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)

MAY

Saturday Sale 5/12 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)

JUNE

Saturday Sale 6/9 9:00a – 2:30p

Regular Sale & \$3 Bag Sale
(First 2 hrs- Friends Only)

JULY

Saturday Sale 7/14 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)

AUGUST

Saturday Sale 8/11 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)

SEPTEMBER

Saturday Sale 9/8 9:00a-2:30p

Regular Sale & \$3 Bag Sale
(First 2 hrs- Friends Only)

OCTOBER

Saturday Sale 10/13 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)

NOVEMBER

Saturday Sale 11/10 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)

DECEMBER

Saturday Sale 12/8 10:00a-1:30p

(1st hr- Friends Only)