



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter Programs for Children at the Middleton Public Library

Once again we have a wide range of program offerings this winter for all age groups, including storytimes, Book Bunch, 'Tween Programs, and Krafty Kids. We will also be hosting and presenting special events such as Family Karaoke, Parent & Child Book Discussion, African-American Heritage Celebration, and Opera For the Young. For a full and detailed listing of all our children's programs, please stop by the youth services help desk and pick up a flyer, visit our website at www.midlibrary.org, or give us a call at (608)827-7402.



Our Community Readers



This month we asked **Mark Goad**, the City of Middleton's Building Maintenance Custodian, about his reading interests. In addition to his work with the city, Mark is the drummer with the **calicoDrifters**, a local music group that plays country, folk, blues, and pop. So we asked him about his musical interests, too!

So what are you reading these days?

I am currently working on reading the four volume **Collected Essays, Journalism, and Letters of George Orwell**. I am also finishing **The Beatles** by Bob Spitz.

Can you tell us some of your favorite authors and titles?

I like to read short stories. Some of my favorite authors are Somerset Maugham, George Orwell, Maxim Gorky, and J. D. Salinger. Orwell has a short story titled "**Shooting an Elephant**" that is great. Gorky has a short story titled "**One Autumn Night**" that I like. My favorite book of all time is **Franny and Zooey** by J.D. Salinger. I really love the ending.

Which of your favorite books were turned into good films?

To Kill a Mockingbird is one of my favorite movies adapted from a novel. Even though they weren't very popular, I thought **The Razors Edge** came off pretty well and I also enjoyed **The World According to Garp**. But I generally prefer books to film.

So what music would you recommend these days?

The last C.D. that I really enjoyed was the soundtrack to **Little Miss Sunshine**. I really enjoy my **Elvin Jones** collection (**The Complete Blue Note Elvin Jones Sessions**). I have also been listening to older **Frank Zappa** recordings. He always used great drummers. I am looking forward to getting an mp3 player; I understand that you find yourself listening to a lot more music after getting one. Music is good for you.

(side note: Mark and the **calicoDrifters** will be playing at the library on **Saturday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m.**—adults 18 and older are encouraged to make note on their calendars now and to pre-register at the library's Reference Desk for this special event!)

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A Message From the Library Director

In Memory of Victor Tortorici

Longtime library staff member Vic Tortorici, an employee for 33 years, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 10th.

In 1973, Vic received a placement to work at the library through Dane County's Work Experience Program. As Judith Segel, Middleton Library Director from 1969 to 1973, reminisced in a recent note to us: I am so glad to have had the chance to know Vic at the beginning of his library career with the "flimsies" from the Brodac machine and his beautiful telephone voice. ("Flimsies" were the thin paper copies used with a photocharge circulation system popular in libraries in the 1960s and 1970s.)

During his first 10 years at the library, Vic's primary responsibility was in the area of library overdues. He alphabetized date-due slips and made phone calls to patrons with overdue materials.

When some library functions became computerized in 1984, the scope of Vic's job changed to data entry. He added information on new library materials to a cataloging database: author, title, publisher, date, price, call number, and shelf location. In spite of his handicap, he became very adept at using a computer.

In a thank-you note to staff, Donna, Vic's wife of 41 years, mentioned how much the library meant to Vic. She remarked that his doctor said his job here was an important factor in helping him live a long and productive life.

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!



Fade from Grace by Gabriel Benson & Jeff Amano

When John rescues his fiancée Grace from an apartment fire, he does so with the help of previously unrealized superpowers. He discovers that he can change the density of his body to stop bullets or

Staff members have created a memorial fund to commemorate Vic's 33 years of dedicated service. Anyone else wishing to contribute may do so through the Middleton Public Library's Gift Fund.

Even in his passing, Vic remains a part of the library staff, if only by his example to overcome his disability and take great pride in the work he did.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director



MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF (1987)

Front row: Vic Tortorici (Library Assistant IID), Marian Daniel (Library Assistant IIA), Christine Popenhagen (Library Assistant IIC)

Back row: Sheila Johnson (Head Library Assistant), Paul Nelson (Library Director), Barb Otis (Library Assistant IIC),

Sharon Grover (Children's Librarian),
Vranna Manor (Reference Librarian)

Not shown: Library Pages Pat Williams, Susan Bundy,
and Guy Plachetta.

walk through walls, which is how he earns his superhero name "Fade." Both proud of John's newfound crime-fighting abilities and scared for his life, Grace tends his wounds and provides moral support while watching him enter into increasingly dangerous situations. A unique cross between the superhero and romance genres, told from the point of view of a superhero's wife, this incredibly moving tale will captivate a wide variety of readers. Amano's gorgeous illustrations, which focus on color and shape instead of lines, complement the story perfectly.

- Sarah Hartman, Adult Services Librarian

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 2007</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>						
	 <p style="text-align: center;">1 New Year's Day Library Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 Sign up for Adult and Children's Winter Programs Begins</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>
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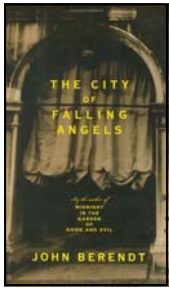
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Winter-Spring Adult Book Discussions

See the flyer on the Readers' Choice table for information on dates and times for our winter-spring discussion titles. Copies of *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* are available at the library's Reference Desk for patrons who sign up for the discussion.



The City of Falling Angels by John Berendt will lead off the series on **Wednesday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.**

Berendt arrived three days after the Gran Teatro La Fenice, the opera house in Venice, burned to the ground in 1996. Since Venice was without the usual herds of tourists,

Berendt decided to stick around and explore the rumors floating around about the fire. A cross between a travelogue and a mystery, Berendt explores the city of Venice, which for 1500 years has

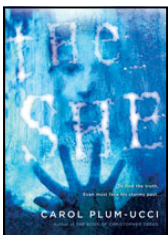
survived fire, floods, wars, plague and a variety of other calamities, and its variety of inhabitants. One of the many eccentric individuals Brendt encountered in his wanderings, Ludovico De Luigi – Venice's leading artist provocateur – summarized the story as follows:

“Look what the story offers: a great fire, cultural calamity, the spectacle of public officials blaming each other,...the satisfaction of a trial with guilty verdicts and jail sentences, the pride of Fenice's re-birth, an unsolved mystery, money secretly changing hands, and unnamed culprits hiding in the shadows... What more could anyone ask?”

Please register for this discussion at the library's Reference Desk, email mid@scls.lib.wi.us, or call 827-7403.

Teen Advisory Committee's Book Review

The She by Carol Plum Ucci



Set in West Hook on the South Jersey Coast, Carol Plum-Ucci's *The She* takes us into the life of seventeen year old Evan Barrett. Evan is haunted by the mysterious death of his parents. Raised by his older brother Emmett, Evan's outside life is surprisingly

normal considering his tragic childhood. This book is wonderfully written and takes the reader on an intense, inspirational journey through the struggle to maintain personal beliefs, the heart-ache of love, and the human desire to expose the truth.

- Kathleen de la O, TAC member.

Thank You Friends!

The Friends of the Middleton Public Library want to express our appreciation to all the “friends” who have donated their time, talent, and gifts to help the library continue its wonderful programs and services during 2006. The monthly book sales, online sales, and sale racks have generated over \$24,000 in revenue this past year!

With an endless supply of donated items, we project an even better year in 2007. Friends membership cards are now available for 2007, and they can be obtained at the Circulation Desk during library hours or during any of the monthly

book sales. **Rates are the same: \$10/household; \$5/individual; \$2/student under 18.**

We will begin the year with our **first sale on Saturday, January 13, which includes a bag sale.** *There will be a change of hours for our three annual bag sales: If you are a Friend, you can shop both the regular book sale room and the bag sale room across the hall from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The general public will be able to attend both areas from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. See you there!*



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2007 Winter Reading Club

January 15th – February 23rd

Kids ages 0-12 can join in the fun of our Winter Reading club. The **Weekly Reading Prize Game** begins **Monday, January 15th** – sign up in person at the **Treasure Chest!** Just read for **1 hour**, turn in a **timeslip**, and pick a **prize!** What could be easier? Registration for all other special event programs such as **Family Karaoke, Opera for the Young**, and an **African-American Celebration**, as well as our **book discussions, StoryTimes**, and other programs, begins **January 2nd @ 9am**. Some programs have limited space, so be sure to sign up right away. For complete program information, visit our Children's Page on our website @ www.midlibrary.org or stop by the Youth Services Desk.



Meet the Middleton Public Library Staff



Sunhyung Geurts – “Sun” is married and attending college. The rest of Sun’s family (and dog) are in Korea, which she will be visiting in the spring. Sun likes to read, enjoys the poetry of Pablo Neruda, the acting and directing of Kitano Takeshi, and listening to a variety of music. Sun’s future plans are to be optimistic and happy and to finish her PhD in literature.



Lynne Heneghan – Lynne is currently attending Middleton High School. She has an older sister; enjoys the *Harry Potter* and *Left Behind* series; loves the New Jersey shore; and hope to become a children’s ministry director at a Methodist church.



Rick Kurz – Rick is retired from WP& L/Alliant Energy. He is married with three children; likes all types of water activities; loves to read (especially during the winter); and his main hobby is cooking. Besides working at the library, Rick also travels and volunteers. Rick hopes to return to visit Spain sometime soon, and to visit Prague.



Marlys Rittman – Marlys is married with three children and five grandchildren. She enjoys mystery novels set in England and especially the authors Alexander McCall Smith, Anne Tyler, Sue Monk Kidd, and Elizabeth Berg. Marlys has a cat and enjoys traveling. She took a recent trip to Arizona for her daughter’s wedding.



Regina Ruocco – Regina is married with three kids and a very large dog. Regina volunteers at the elementary and middle schools; loves to read; and especially enjoyed the movies *The Philadelphia Story* and *Life is Beautiful*. She traveled to Italy in 2005. Regina’s future plans are to remain healthy and happy.



Wendy Schmidt – Wendy is married with a daughter and four pets (dog, rabbit, hamster, guinea pig). She loves music and videos (she thinks *Rear Window* is one of Hitchcock’s best); meditating; and Paul Newman (not necessarily in that order). She and her family just built a house and her favorite vacation scenery was on the Oregon coast where they stayed in a haunted lighthouse bed & breakfast.