



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Friends of the Library Scholarship Award

The first scholarship from the Friends of the Middleton Public Library was awarded to Middleton senior **Alita Loper**. Alita has worked as a library page since the beginning of her sophomore year. She is an accomplished student and leader, having participated in many co-curricular activities, including Key Club, French Club (vice president), National Honor Society, and the tennis team. In addition she has been active in the community, volunteering for the Kiwanis Kids Day as well as run/walk benefits for cystic fibrosis and cancer.

Alita will be attending UW-

LaCrosse next year to study Finance. The Friends of the Middleton Public Library are thrilled to join an impressive list of community organizations that support higher education through scholarships. The Friends plan to award a scholarship each year to a senior at Middleton High School who, like Alita, has worked or volunteered at the Middleton Public Library, has demonstrated similar skills in leadership, and who plans to pursue a 2 or 4 year college degree.

- Pauline Harrop,
President of the Friends of the
Middleton Public Library



This month we chat with **Alita Loper** (right), first winner of the new Friends of the Middleton Public Library academic scholarship award.

How did you end up working at the library & what do you enjoy most about it?

I've always enjoyed reading, and my second home in the summer months has always been the library. I began by wanting to use my "off time" in the summer more productively, so I began by volunteering at the library...and then that turned into a part time job. I have no complaints about that!

What are you planning to do over the summer?

This summer I'm planning to go to Florida for the first time and visit Disneyworld. I've always been envious of my friends when they talk about going on the rides. I am also working a lot. I have a full-time baby-sitting job that allows me to spend time with a neighbor of mine while having fun and playing games, which is another passion of mine. I will also be taking on extra hours at the library.

Who are some of your favorite authors & what books do you recommend to friends?

My absolute favorite author of all time is Janet Evanovich. She has written hilarious novels that leave stitches in my side long after finishing one of them. I have always loved reading Harry Potter books and Agatha Christie mysteries. A book I have recently read and am recommending is **Monkey Love** by Brenda Scott Royce.

New library staff



Katrina Fingerson, a junior at Middleton High School, is a Brewers fan. She likes the Red Hot Chili Peppers, enjoys comedians Lewis Black and Kathy Griffin, recommends the movie "White Chicks," and enjoyed the book **Acrobat** by Gonzolo Lira. Katrina, a new Page I here at the library, has a cat named Sassy, enjoyed Disney World and Epcot as a favorite vacation, and hopes to attend UW-Madison and pursue a degree in Social Work.



Roslyn Reilly ("Roz") is also a new Page I. Roz is a retiree who enjoys mysteries and regional authors and has traveled much of Europe. Roz is married with two children, and lives with a dog and three cats. She is currently an "armchair traveler" while planning a trip to some of the more remote spots in the United Kingdom. Roz attended UW-Madison and received degrees in History and Italian Literature.

A Message From the Library Director

Middleton Public Library Web Survey Report

In my previous newsletter article, I shared the general results from a series of 6 focus group discussions conducted by Library Consultant Ethel Himmel. In this article, I provide a summary of a web survey we conducted around the same time.

A total of 327 people responded to the survey between March 14 and 24, 2007. The breakdown of respondents, based on how they accessed the survey, is as follows: 155 general, 95 education, 66 "other", and 11 business. The survey was mounted on the consultant's website and promoted by the library to users of the computer lab (general respondents), the Middleton-Cross Plains School District (education), the Friends email list (other), and the Middleton Chamber of Commerce (business).

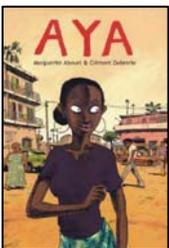
Although the majority of respondents live in the 53562 zip code, a total of 29 unique zip codes were cited.

The results show a computer-savvy group of respondents. Nearly 60% claim to be Internet users for more than 10 years and more than 90% for more than 5 years. A significant majority have access to the Internet at home and at work. More than half of the respondents access the library's website at least once a week. LINKcat (the shared online catalog) is the most frequently cited reason for accessing the library's website. It was mentioned 225 times, followed by library information (149), and the calendar of events (95).

Access to email was cited as the most important reason for using the library's computers.

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. Check one out today!



Aya by Marguerite Aboutet and Clément Oubrerie

Aboutet, who grew up in Ivory Coast in the 1970s and now lives in France, teamed up with French artist Oubrerie to tell the tale of a 19-year-old woman named Aya and her best friends Adjoua and Bintou. It's

Survey respondents tend to be a peripatetic group. 55% of them visit other public libraries in the area, with other Madison Public Library facilities heading the list: Ashman, Central, and Sequoya.

Respondents were given a series of five "forced choices" as a way to show their preference for one of two enhancements to library services.

Survey says.....

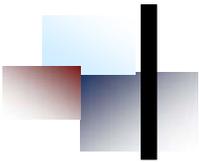
- Slight preference for "larger selection of materials" over "longer hours of service."
- Three-to-two preference for "more new books" over "more DVDs and videos."
- Strong preference for "Library open Sundays" vs. Library open mornings."
- Strong preference for "more books" vs. "more computers."
- Strong preference for "more self service and longer hours" vs. "more personal assistance and shorter hours."

Demographically, nearly 50% of the respondents are in the 35-54 age. 71% are female and 29% male.

The information gathered in the focus group discussions and web survey is one of a number of elements that are being used to develop the library's long range plan for 2008-2012.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

1978, and Aya is a hard working student from a working class family living in Ivory Coast's capital. While Aya's conservative father wants her to forget about school and marry a rich man (his boss's less than brilliant son in particular), she isn't interested in boys. Adjoua and Bintou do enough partying and chasing boys for all three of them! Instead, Aya prefers to study hard to get into a university and become a doctor. With colorful, expressive art and equally colorful characters, this book provides a fascinating look at everyday life in Ivory Coast during what is considered the country's golden years.

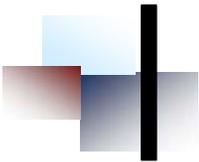
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Special Author Reading & Musical Event for Adults

Don't miss our special end-of-the-summer event for adults with author & musician Inna Larsen on **Thursday, August 2, 7:00 p.m.** Ms. Larsen is the author of the novel **Heartstrings**, which is set in St. Paul in the 1890s. She is also an accomplished musician who plays Norway's national instrument, the hardanger fiddle. To get an advanced "preview" of the glorious sound the hardanger fiddle makes, you can hear soundclips off the Hardanger Fiddle Association of

America website: www.hfaa.org. Ms. Larsen will also read a few pieces from her novel and there will be an author signing at the evening's conclusion. Please email mid@scls.lib.wi.us, call 827-7403, or stop by the library Reference Desk to register for this event.



An Easy Way to Keep Track of the Books You Own & Read!

We are offering a new computer class that offers an easy way to keep track of the books you own or the books you've read...and even the books you want to read! Come to our **Everything LibraryThing** class on **Tuesday, July 31, at 7:00 p.m.** to learn how to use the LibraryThing website to do just that and much more: read and write book reviews, get reading recommendations, and chat online with other readers. Once you've entered your books into a LibraryThing

account, you can even share the list with friends and family just by sending them a link!

This class will be held in the computer lab on the library's lower level and is scheduled to last one hour. To register, please stop by the Reference Desk, call the library at 827-7403, or send an email to mid@scls.lib.wi.us. All of our computer classes are free and open to the public.



Comedy & the Picnic for Teens

Teens: do you love Whose Line is it Anyway? or Saturday Night Live? If so, you'll want to check out our free comedy night with the Atlas Improv Company on **Wednesday, July 18, 4-5 p.m.** Learn the basics of comedy improv & see if this comedy troupe can tickle your funny bone...

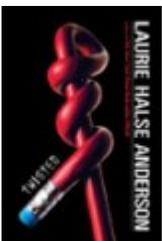
food, games, & fun! We will be in the tent behind the library (or in the Archer Rooms if it rains) on **Saturday, August 4, 12-2 p.m.**

In August, the End of Summer Reading Picnic is one event you won't want to miss. Find out which five lucky teens will win our Grand Prize Drawing, who will win the Writing Contest, or just come for the

We also have lots of other programs for teens this summer--stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up a Reading Log, check out our orange & red flyers for a list of all the programs we have to offer, and have a chance at our Grand Prizes this summer.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

Teen Book Review



Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson

Tyler was a loser for a long time, but his senior year things changed radically. He now has a reputation and impressive muscles after a summer of hard labor. But even he is astounded when Bethany, the most popular senior girl, decides Tyler is possible dating material. Bethany, however, is the daughter of his father's boss, and Tyler's dad is very controlling, abusive, and afraid the relationship will

ruin his career. Bethany's brother isn't too happy with Tyler either. When someone tries to hurt Bethany and Tyler is blamed, Tyler begins to lose control over all aspects of his life. Ultimately, he must decide whether taking a stand for his convictions is worth the hurt it may inflict on those he cares about. A riveting, unpredictable read that gives insight into how personalities are formed. (recommended for older teens)

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Special Library Exhibit in July

Throughout July the exhibit case in the library lobby will feature **Books About the Sea**. This intriguing & informative display is the creation of library patron Robert Cowell. In this display, you may recognize some old friends and discover some new ones. Among the books presented are Kipling's *Captains Courageous*, Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, Hemingway's *Old Man and the Sea*, Conrad's *Tales of the Sea*, and Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. Among the newer books are Horwitz's *Blue Latitudes* and the sea novels of Patrick O'Brien.

Of special interest will be a wooden model of the last surviving whaleship "from the golden age of American whaling," the Charles W. Morgan. The Morgan was launched in 1841, made 37 voyages during its 80-year career, earned more money than any other whaleship, and is currently docked and on view at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. In addition to books about whaling, a chart shows Buzzard's Bay, the location of New Bedford, America's whaling capital, and the source of the whale oil that for a time lighted America's lamps.

Thank you, Robert, for sharing your expertise in this area with the library & its patrons!

Friends Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library was held on Saturday, May 12. New officers of the Board of Directors were elected: Pauline Harrop, President; Mary Drake, Vice President; Roger Hanson, Treasurer; and Mike Lutz, Secretary. Re-elected to continue serving as members of the Board were Paul Allen, and Thom Boykoff.

Outgoing President Paul Allen was recognized and thanked for his many years of service as President of the Board. He shared his observations of the growth and changes in the Friends organization over those years: the significant contributions the Friends were able to make to the remodeled Library; ongoing support of Library programs, supplies and events; and the Friends' high school scholarship--the newest program sponsored by the Friends which was awarded for the first time this year. He also made note of the many volunteers who make the Friends organization so successful, including book sorters, sellers and organizers of the popular book sales and rack sales.

In the Treasurer's Report, Roger Hanson reported that the Friends ended 2006 with assets of \$22,000, having contributed \$25,000 to fund

Library programs during the year. He noted that the Friends raise approximately \$2,000 per month through book sales.

The next meeting of the Board of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library was scheduled for **September 10 at 7 p.m.** All persons interested in supporting the Library through the work of the Friends are invited to attend.

- Pauline Harrop, President of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library



Library Director Paul Nelson presents outgoing Friends of the Library President Paul Allen with a gold library card in recognition of his 7 years of service. Included in the picture (left to right): Pauline Harrop (President); Thom Boykoff, Allen, Nelson, Mike Lutz (Secretary), Mary Drake (Vice-president)