



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library of the Year

The Wisconsin Library Association is pleased to name Middleton Public Library as the 2007 Library of the Year. The Middleton Library represents the best of the award's criteria: sense of place in the community, municipal support, stellar staff, creative and popular programming, great holdings, and an exceptionally engaged community. Board President Patricia Bornhofen says, "Anyone who has worried that libraries might be becoming obsolete in the new electronic era should go to the Middleton Library to see how unfounded that concern is. We've had almost three years now of unprecedented records for circulation and attendance. The real concern may be parking."

In fact, following a remodeling and expansion project that was completed in 2004, program

attendance has increased an amazing 300%. That's not surprising, given the friendly and knowledgeable staff team, led by Director Paul Nelson, and their focus on tailoring service to their users. The engaged library board, active Friends group, and strong support from city officials also position this library to provide exemplary service.

City Administrator Mike Davis says, "Middleton Public Library serves as the hub of a dynamic Downtown Middleton, inviting visitors to explore our City both at the Library and beyond."

The Middleton Public Library just might be one reason Money Magazine ranked the city number one on their 2007 list of "Best Places to Live."

- Lisa Strand, WLA Director



The Staff of the Middleton Public Library
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Our Community Readers



Middleton's "First Lady"—Kris Sonnentag

What are you reading these days?

I just finished reading Jodi Picoult's new bestselling novel ***Nineteen***

Minutes which deals with school violence and bullying—two hot topics in the educational field. I am also working my way through ***Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*** before I allow myself to view the movie.

What were your favorite books growing up?

I grew up listening to my mom read all the Winnie the Pooh stories. Now I share them with my first graders at Sauk Trail. Later on I became a huge Nancy Drew fan & tried to read every book in the series. As a teenager I enjoyed the "Betsy-Tacy" books by Maud Hart Lovelace.

What do you do for fun in the summer after the school year ends?

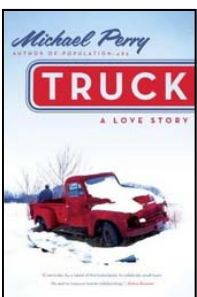
During the summer months I really look forward to taking many short trips around Wis-

consin and neighboring states with my girlfriends. We love to visit historical sites, small out-of-the-way towns, and unique shops. I have just completed my 10th year teaching (9 of them at Sauk Trail) and I love not being on a schedule in the summer. This year's discovery was Mt. Vernon, IA, home of Cornell College. Summer also offers me the luxury of more free time for uninterrupted reading—my favorite pastime!

What do you think is the very best thing about living in Middleton?

I truly love the wonderful people and small town community feel of Middleton. When our family relocated here 13 years ago from a Chicago suburb, Middleton became the 8th place we had lived. We were looking for a friendly town with great schools and Middleton definitely "fit the bill." My husband, Kurt, even decided to leave the corporate world after 22 years and start his own Subway business here, so Middleton could become our permanent hometown! (editor's note: and he also became our new mayor, another serious commitment to the community!)

Kick-off Fall Book Discussions for Adults



Lovers of good books are encouraged to join us in September to discuss Michael Perry's funny, poignant, and wise new book, ***Truck: a Love Story***. In this book Perry traces a year in his life through his efforts to grow a garden, restore his beloved truck, and create a loving relationship with a woman he meets. Along the way Perry also ruminates on the fragility of life, the meaning of deer hunting, the joy of cooking, and the appeal of stock car racing. You don't have to take our word on how good this book is: the Wisconsin

Library Association just awarded ***Truck*** its highest literary honor, the Banta Award.

We are offering two discussion dates for ***Truck***: **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19**, or **noon on Thursday, September 20**. We will serve light munchies at both meetings and people are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch with them on the 20th if they like. We appreciate knowing how many to expect, so please pre-register by calling 827-7403, emailing mid@scls.lib.wi.us, or stopping by the library's Reference Desk.

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Meet the New Library Staff

You will see lots of new faces around the library this fall...we will introduce more new staff to you next issue!



Jessica Brooks, Library Assistant I, comes to the Middleton Public Library from the Monroe Street branch of the Madison Public Library. Jessica is an avid reader; she loves science fiction and fantasy and recommends *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell, anything by author Tamora Pierce, and the *Dead End Jobs* series by Elaine Viets. As well as working at the library, Jessica also volunteers at the Dictionary of American Regional English office, and at Yahara House. She is a member of the Tolkien and Fantasy Society and Wisconsin Women Library Workers. Jessica is the proud owner of three cats; she has backpacked across Europe; and she hopes to learn to speak a variety of languages, especially Gaelic.



Debra Lycke-Scheurell, Library Page II, originally worked at the Waunakee Public Library. Debi graduated from University of Washington-Seattle with a degree in Com-

parative Literature. She is a Chicago Bears fan married to a Green Bay Packer fan and they have two dogs. Debi's favorite vacations have been to India and the Bahamas and she plans to learn to play guitar, travel the world, and write the great American Novel. Debi enjoys the comedian George Carlin, classic rock music, and authors Annie Dillard, Anthea Min, Margaret George, Salman Rushdie, and Gabriel Garcia-Marquez.



Nate Snortum, Library Page I, has added a part-time library job to a full time job as well as graduate work in Library Science, via the distance learning program of UW-Milwaukee. Nathan also keeps busy at home with his wife, daughter, foster daughter, and two dogs. An avid reader, Nate recommends Phillip Pullman's *Dark Materials* trilogy, Howard Zinn's *People's History of the United States*, and *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. Nate likes to cook anything Thai; he enjoys Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones, the Decemberists, and the Replacements. Some favorite vacations include Duluth MN, the Black Hills of South Dakota, and the Nikko National Park in Japan.

Author Visit: Mocktails with Laurie



Have you read *Red is for Remembrance* or *Blue is for Nightmares*? Join us for "mocktails" and to meet the author, **Laurie Faria Stolarz**, on **Thursday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.** in the downstairs Archer Rooms. Laurie is an author of teen books that are spooky and suspenseful (a blend of

horror, fantasy & suspense). Where does she come up with her ideas? Come find out! (all ages welcome, teens 12-19 given first seating) Teens are also invited to our Books & Brownies on **Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m.**) to discuss her book, *Blue is for Nightmares*.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Young Adult Librarian

Please save the date!

The Friends of the Middleton Public Library will host a reception to celebrate the Middleton Public Library's award as the Wisconsin Library Association's 2007 Library of the Year. This special event will be held **Sunday, October 21**, from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** in the library's lower level Archer Rooms.

The public is invited to enjoy refreshments, music, a short program, and a digital slide show.





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Summer Reading Program Breaks All Records!

Congratulations to all the kids who helped break our previous records for summer reading program participation! 1227 kids joined in the fun of the Weekly Reading Prize Game! That's 237 more than in 2006! More importantly, you guys are reading - A LOT! Together, you read 20,495 hours and 274 of you reached the top 30 hour milestone prize award of a brand-new hardcover book! Well Done!



Reader's Advisory Corner!

The Youth Services Department realizes what a challenge it can be to keep up with children's reading levels and interests. With this in mind, we regularly add and update booklists and bibliographies on various themes such as *Family Listening: Audio Books for the Whole Family to Enjoy*, *School is Cool: Books to Help Understand the School Experience*, *Beyond Easy Readers: Chapter Books for Independent Readers*, *Fantasy for 'Tweens*, *Science Fiction for 'Tweens*, and *Preschool Favorites*. These booklists are a great starting point for your discovery into our collection. Remember, our youth services staff loves to offer tips and suggestions for anyone that is stumped on what to read next, so don't be afraid to stop by and ask for help.

New for Children and Families at the Middleton Public Library!

We are happy to announce that we will be offering a broad range of Monday evening programs this fall which will include storytimes, school-aged, 'tween and family programs. We have added additional sessions to our morning storytimes and afternoon programs to accommodate more patrons while keeping the groups at a manageable size. And of course, we will continue to hold special events such as the Harry Potter Book Discussion in September and the Halloween Carnival in October. Please stop by the youth services desk to pick up a detailed listing of all our programs or visit our website at www.midlibrary.org.



Registration begins

Tuesday, September 4th @ 9am

for Storytimes and Children's Fall Programs