



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Martin Luther King Day Luncheon

The library will be hosting its first annual Martin Luther King Day luncheon on **Monday, January 21, noon to 1pm**, in honor of the great civil rights leader.

Jon Gramling, publisher & editor of *The Capital City Hues*, will speak on "Dr.

King & Our Times." *The free meal and presentation* are open to adults 18 and older, but registration is limited.

Registration begins **Monday, December 17**, at the library's Reference Desk (827-7403).



Meet the Library Director



This month we meet with our library director, **Paul Nelson**

How does it feel to be the director of the "Library of the Year"?

I'm very proud of the recognition it gives us for the great things we do. And it's an especially well-deserved honor for a hard-working staff and a very supportive community. I don't know how meaningful this statistic is, but each of our 20 fulltime-equivalent employees is responsible for 36,000 circulations. The state average for other library employees is 18,000. (Oops! Maybe I shouldn't have mentioned this. Everyone is going to want to be paid double what they earn now!)

As wonderful as it is to be selected as the Library of the Year, I still find what's most gratifying are the frequent expressions of satisfaction I hear from people who use the library, which are mostly along the lines of..."You have such a friendly and helpful staff!"

Now that you've decided to retire next summer from this job, what do you look forward to doing after that?

I look at next year not so much as a transition to retirement but as an opportunity to reformat my career. My options will include teaching, consulting, and perhaps even serving as an interim library director on a short-term basis. After my dad retired, having served 38 years as a Lutheran minister, he still found himself in the pulpit on an occasional Sunday morning. (I never asked him if he recycled his old sermons.)

As for other things, I should be able to give more attention to the blog I just started ("Retiring Guy") and write the short stories that have been percolating inside my head for the past 30 years. I also have some ambitious home landscaping projects in mind and plan to do a lot more bicycling.

Sounds like I'm going to be busier than ever, doesn't it? Where's the hammock time?

What are you reading these days?

Right now I'm re-reading *After This*, by Alice Dermott. I have to admit that much of my reading – and reading plans – of late have me focusing on favorite titles: *Confederacy of Dunces*, *Rabbit Run* (and the rest of this series), and *Gone South*, this last title by the inexplicably neglected, nearly forgotten, it seems, Robert McCammon.

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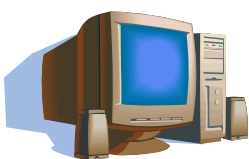
Meet New Reference Staff Member Jenny Carr



Jenny comes to us with a background in school librarianship; she will get her MLS this spring from UW-Madison. Jenny and her husband Steve have 3 kids: Heidi (13), Emmy (11) and Benji (8) and a menagerie of pets (Gracie the dog,

Bambi the albino rat, a few dwarf hamsters and a bowl of goldfish). She enjoys reading, playing tennis, and gardening, and her favorite authors include Barbara Kingsolver and Ken Follett. Jenny worked for Fed-Ex for 10 years and has had lots of experience working, with and helping, the public. We are very pleased to have her on staff.

November Programs for Adults



On **Tuesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m.**, computer expert Cris Carpenter presents a program on choosing between upgrading your current computer or buying a new one. Cris will offer guidelines and advice on how to make this expensive decision. Pre-register at the library's Reference Desk or call 827-7403.

Two days later, on **Thursday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m.**, travel writer and newspaper columnist Mary Bergin will take us on a tour of a Wisconsin we may not know! Bergin, the author of *Sidetracked in Wisconsin: a Guide for Thoughtful Travelers*, has traveled the state extensively and has many out of the way places to share. There will be a book signing after the event. Pre-register at the library's Reference Desk or call 827-7403.

Save The Date!



On **Friday, January 18, at 2:00**, we will be view the film *Nobody's Fool* and then discuss the book by Richard Russo which the film was based on. Adult readers and film enthusiasts are encouraged to join us for this special event.

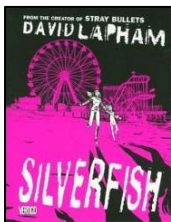
National Children's Book Week Celebration

Meet Dave Keane, author and illustrator of the *Joe Sherlock Kid Detective Series*. Door prizes for all who pre-register. **Wednesday, November 14 from 4-5 p.m.** For ages 5 and up. Call (608)827-7402 or stop by the Youth Services Help Desk to sign-up.



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!

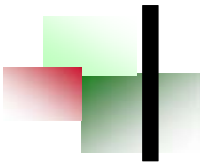




Silverfish by David Lapham

Set in New Jersey in 1988, this story stars Mia Fleming, a teenager who is trying to adjust to life with Suzanne, her new stepmother, while still grieving over her mother's death. With her dad and Suzanne out of

town, Mia and her friends do some snooping around. When they discover that no one in Suzanne's address book knows anyone by that name, not to mention that she's got a suitcase filled with cash and a bloody knife stashed in her closet, things quickly get out of control. The expressive, black and white art set on black pages adds to the suspense of this story of double lives and murder. Lapham, best known for his *Stray Bullets* series, is an Eisner-award winning writer and artist.

- Sarah Hartman, Adult Services Librarian

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER 2007</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>						
				1 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime	2 10:00 Introduction to the Internet 4:00 Teen Dungeons & Dragons	3
4	5 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 1:30 Baby Storytime 6:30 Family Fun Night	6 9:15 Storytime 10:00 Storytime 11:00 Storytime 4:00 'Tween D&D 7:00 Buying a New Computer	7 9:15 Storytime 10:00 Storytime 10:45 Storytime 4:00 Book Bunch 7:00 Finding Stuff Online	8 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Drop-In Storytime 7:00 Travel Writer, Mary Bergin	9	10  10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only)
11	12 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee 6:30 Friends Book Sorting 6:30 Evening Storytime	13 10:30 Special Storytime with Clifford 4:00 'Tween D&D	14 4:00 Author Visit: Dave Keane 4:00 Teen Books & Brownies 7:00 Consumer Information Online	15 10:00 Adult Book Discussion 7:00 Guitar Hero for Teens	16 4:00 Teen Dungeons & Dragons	17
18	19 4:00 & 6:30 "Krafty" Kids Happy Thanksgiving	20 4:00 'Tween D&D	21 Library Closing Early at 6:00 pm	22  Thanksgiving Library Closed	23 4:00 Teen Dungeons & Dragons	24
25	26 6:30 'Tween 3rd Annual Harry Potter Trivia Challenge	27 4:00 'Tween D&D	28 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	29	30 4:00 Teen Dungeons & Dragons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event

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Monday—Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday 9am-6pm : Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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2	3 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee	4 10:00 Drop-In Storytime 4:00 'Tween D&D	5 10:00 Drop-In Storytime 4:00 Teen Books & Brownies	6 4:00 Gingerbread Houses for Teens	7	8 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only)
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23 Library Closed 	24 Christmas Eve Library Closed 	25 Christmas Day Library Closed 	26	27 2:00 Winter Break Book-to-Movie: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve Library Closing Early at 6pm	Jan. 1, 2008 New Year's Day Library Closed				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event

3rd Annual Harry Potter Trivia Challenge!

Monday, November 26th @ 6:30pm

Come test your knowledge of all things Potter at our annual trivia challenge. Contestants compete individually in a spelling bee style format. Every contestant receives 3 gold galleons to use for incorrect answers. This year we will be filmed for broadcast on Middleton's Cable Access Channel 10! Great prizes awarded to the winners including Barnes & Noble Gift Cards, Books, CDs, and more! All 7 books and 5 movies are fair game.

You must be between the ages of 8 and 12 to enter and pre-registration is required. Call 827-7402 soon as there are limited spaces for this extremely popular event. Friends and family – come out to support your Potter expert!



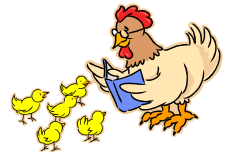
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3 Weeks of StoryTime Favorites

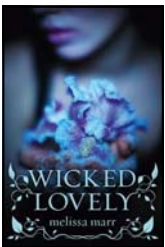
We know how hectic the holiday season can be, so in December, instead of our regular StoryTime schedule we're offering 3 weeks of drop-in StoryTimes filled with our favorite books and movies. Just come when it suits your schedule – no sign up necessary! **Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:00am**

from **December 4th to 19th**. We'll also have a special **Pajama Party StoryTime** on **Monday, December 10th @ 6:30pm**.

Wear your PJs and bring your teddy bears! No sign up required - all ages are welcome.



Teen Book Review



Wicked Lovely by Melissa Marr

Aislann has always seen fairies in our world, but knows she can never admit it. She knows how cruel they are and her grandmother has warned her of the consequences. But when the Summer King and an ice fairy begin to stalk her, ignoring them doesn't seem to be enough. They appear as mortals, determined to make her forget her boyfriend and to take the

challenge of the Ice Queen. Aislann is forced to act, though the stakes for simply playing the game may cost her everything she loves. With interesting characters like a tattooed rebel with a gentle, romantic side, and the volatile King of Faerie, as well as a suspenseful battle of wills that make the pages fly, this book is sure to win the author many devoted fans.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

Reader's Advisory Corner: Parenting Collection

Did you know that our children's area features a Parenting Collection filled with interesting and timely titles to help busy parents?

The collection includes materials on topics such as health, discipline, sleep patterns, and nutrition, as well as special situations like the arrival of a new baby, moving, and safety.

Some of the new titles include **Raising Happy Children for Dummies** by Sue Atkins; **Top 100**

Recipes for a Healthy Lunchbox by Nicola Graimes; **Screamfree Parenting: Raising Your Kids by Keeping Your Cool** by Hal Edward Runkel, and **School Success for Children with Special Needs** by Amy James.

Stop by the Youth Services Desk for further information about this special, up-to-date resource.

- Kathy Rausch, Youth Services

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From the Friends of the Middleton Public Library

Thank you for being a Friend of the Middleton Public Library!

Your membership dues, book donations, book sales, and volunteering have made it possible for The Friends to provide donations for:

- Award winning Children's and Adult programming
- Enhanced library collections
- Presentations of special topics and guest speakers (including: Laurie Faria Stolarz)
- Environmental enhancements and garden displays
- Computer and other equipment purchases

Remember to renew your membership in January! It's inexpensive and it's tax deductible! Membership forms are available at the Library or our web site www.midlibrary.org/library/friends

Household \$10, Individual \$5, Student \$2, Business or Organization \$25

Membership forms can be returned to the Library Circulation Desk, or mailed to:

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The donation of books is our biggest source of funding and is also tax deductible!

2008 Friends of the Library Book Sale Dates



JANUARY

Saturday Sale 1/12 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

FEBRUARY

Saturday Sale 2/9 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

MARCH

Saturday Sale 3/8 9:00a – 2:30p
Regular Sale & \$3 Bag Sale
(First 2 hrs- Friends Only)

APRIL

Saturday Sale 4/12 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

MAY

Saturday Sale 5/10 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

JUNE

Saturday Sale 6/14 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

JULY

Saturday Sale 7/12 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

AUGUST

Saturday Sale 8/9 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

SEPTEMBER

Saturday Sale 9/13 9:00a-2:30p
Regular Sale & \$3 Bag Sale
(First 2 hrs- Friends Only)

OCTOBER

Saturday Sale 10/11 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

NOVEMBER

Saturday Sale 11/8 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)

DECEMBER

Saturday Sale 12/13 10:00a-1:30p
(1st hr- Friends Only)