



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## March Madness Book Sale

This is one of the year's "big" ones! On **Saturday, March 8**, the Friends of the Middleton Library will hold a \$3/bag sale across the hall from the book sale room in conjunction with the regular monthly sale. Doors will open an hour earlier for Friends to shop exclusively from **9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** So if you have not purchased a membership, stop in at the library during their open hours, or sign up for a membership at the start of the sale. This is an excellent opportunity to inexpensively fill your bookshelves at home, as well as help the library fund its variety of programs for young and old. The public is invited from **11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** to have the opportunity to buy things at prices cheaper than those at the used book stores. So help your library, help your community, and help yourself to "score."

- Friends of the Middleton Public Library are invited to a continental breakfast during the "Friends members-only" segment of the **Saturday, March 8**, book sale. This is our gift to Friends during this long winter.

- Anyone who comes to help close at 2:45 on March 8--and brings their own boxes--can have any of the remaining books (in the bag sale room). This offer is extended to Friends members only. We will finish packing the room and close right at 3:30 p.m.

- The Friends need boxes for the bag sale. Please bring them to one of the sale rooms on March 8th. We appreciate your help!

- The April book sale will be **Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** (first hour, Friends members only).

## Our Community Reader



This month we checked in with Middleton Police Chief **Brad Keil** about what he enjoys reading....

### *What are your favorite books or authors?*

When I have time to read for pleasure I enjoy a good John Grisham book. He is by far my favorite author. I enjoy the mystery and suspense of his books and the legal themes explored in his novels.

### *What's the best movie adaptation of a book in your opinion?*

I don't know that I have ever seen a movie that truly captures the detail that one gets from reading a book, but I did enjoy the movie **The Firm** very much and thought that the filmmakers did a nice job of capturing the theme.

### *What do you do for fun when you're not overseeing law & order in the City of Middleton?*

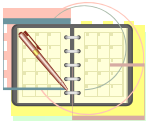
I love the outdoors and try to get out as much as possible no matter what time of year. I love to fish and hunt. I bird hunt and train for Hunt Tests with my English Springer Spaniel Scout. I do some road and trail biking and I kayak. I received my first pair of snowshoes as a Christmas gift from my girlfriend, Sandra. We have snow shod a couple of times in the Mercer/Hurley WI area where we have discovered a number of waterfalls. I have been involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters in the past as a Big Brother and as a Board Member. I started mentoring last year and have just been matched up with a new middle school student this year which I am looking forward to.

### *What are you reading these days?*

I just started taking a Spanish class through the UW Extension and have been spending most my free time reading my textbook. I have not had much time lately to read anything else.

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Mark your calendar for the **Saturday, May 10,**  
**Friends of the Middleton Public Library Annual Meeting!**  
 Check the library's website and next library newsletter for time of meeting  
 and overview of the event.

## A Message From the Library Director

### **Kudos to the Best Group of Library Users Ever!! Thanks for your support in 2007**

At a time when we anticipated seeing a leveling off in activity, the Middleton Public Library, thanks to you, experienced its busiest, most successful year ever, with record-breaking numbers in most categories of use.

- 715,826: Items checked out of the library in a year.
- 483,613: Visits to the library in a year.
- 193,784: Items lent to other LINK libraries.
- 190,884: Items borrowed from other South Central Library System libraries.
- 87,500: Hours that all Internet computers were in use.
- 12,220: Total attendance at library programs.
- 7,188: Hours study rooms were in use.
- 1,200: Children who participated in summer reading program.
- 513: Number of programs offered for children, teens, and adults.

Among the major accomplishments you helped us achieve in 2007:

**Community Input.** As part of its long-range planning process, the Library Board of Trustees hired Library Consultant Ethel Himmel to conduct a series of 6 focus group discussion, as well as to develop a web survey. The general results showed a high level of satisfaction with the services offered by the library. If anything, you wish we could do much more!

**Circulation Services.** In March, the library offered self-service holds pick-up for patrons, which has helped to create efficiencies and streamline the flow of traffic at one of the busiest library circulation desks in the state. Your response to this new service was very positive.

**Children's and Young Adult Services.** Monday evening programs were offered for the first time, in a direct response to results from the March focus group discussions. The evening programs have proven to be successful. We've been able to reach out to parents who otherwise aren't able to attend programs with their children during the day.

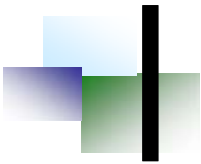
**Computers and Technology.** The library added 6 Internet PCs; 2 express Internet stations; and 4 laptops for public use, bringing the total number to 31 computers with Internet access. (And, based on the number of you who use our computers during the late afternoon and on the weekends, it's still not enough!)

*And, best of all.....*

**Community Honors.** Not only was Middleton selected as the "Best Place to Live" by Money magazine, but the Middleton Public Library was also selected as the **2007 Wisconsin Library Association Library of the Year!**

Thanks for making the Middleton Public Library a very special place in our community!

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

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 Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

## Author Jane Hamilton on April 21

Award winning author Jane Hamilton will read from her novels and discuss her books at the Middleton Public Library on **Monday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.** Ms. Hamilton, the author of such notable books as *The Book of Ruth* and *Map of the World*, is the author Dane County librarians have chosen to celebrate in 2008. Ms. Hamilton's books were twice chosen as selections for Oprah Winfrey's book discussions.

Middleton is hosting two book discussions on *Map of the World* before Ms. Hamilton visits. Please join us on either **Wednesday, April 16,**

**at 7:00 p.m.** or **Thursday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m.** to discuss this emotionally compelling novel that focuses on a family visited by an unexpected tragedy.

To pre-register for either Ms. Hamilton's reading or the book discussions, call 827-7403, email [mid@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:mid@scls.lib.wi.us), or stop by the library's Reference Desk.



## Manga/Anime Fest for Teens

Are you obsessed with manga or anime? Are you curious about Japanese culture? You won't want to miss our Manga/Anime Fest for teens on **Thursday, March 27, 7-8 p.m.**

- Artists: turn in a manga drawing by March 24 for a chance at a \$25 prize.
- Manga collectors: bring your manga to swap with other attendees.
- Fashionistas: the Fest is cosplay, with a prize for best costume.
- Singers: we'll have karaoke...

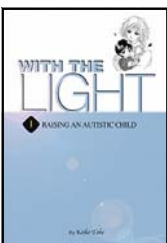
Join us in the Archer Rooms for Japanese food & games and to play Sumo Sushi Roll. Questions or comments? Please contact Rebecca at (608)827-7402.

- Rebecca Van Dan,  
Young Adult Librarian



## 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!



*With the Light: Raising an Autistic Child, Volume 1* by Keiko Tobe

This award-winning manga, or Japanese graphic novel, tells the story of Sachiko and Masato Azuma, a young couple expecting their first child. Sachiko gives birth to a beautiful baby boy, and they name him Hikaru,

which means "to be bright." It doesn't take long for Sachiko to realize her son isn't like her friends' children: he cries all of the time, hates to be touched, and isn't learning to talk. After seeing several doctors, Hikaru is diagnosed with autism. This sensitive portrayal of an often-misunderstood condition follows the family as they deal with discrimination from friends and family, and as Hikaru begins to attend school and learns how to interact with other children his age.

If you like the first volume, make sure to look for the second volume, which is scheduled to be published at the end of March.

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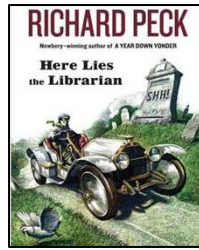
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## 'Tween Book Review



*Here Lies the Librarian* by Richard Peck

When a tornado rips through their sleepy, rural town, Peewee and Jack have no idea the changes it will bring. In the wake of the tornado, four young, newly graduated librarians arrive to reopen the town's library. They call Peewee by her given name, Eleanor, and introduce her to a whole new world where ladies wear dresses and hold teas. In a time when cars are just beginning to appear on the dirt roads, and people are divided over the old ways and the new, Peewee finds herself torn between the life she has always led and the possibilities of a new future. A Newbery Award winning author, Richard Peck brings this exciting era to life with humor and realism.

'Tweens ages 8-12 can join us for a Book Discussion of *Here Lies the Librarian* on **Thursday, April 17th @ 4 p.m.** Stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

## Celebrate National Poetry Month at the Middleton Public Library!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Calling All Poets Poetry Anthology For Kids

Your original poems must be submitted by **9:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Youth Services Desk. Either type or use your very best handwriting. Illustrations should be in black & white. Subject & length are up to you! All entries will be published and bound into our poetry anthology. *Calling All Poets* and can be checked out at the library! Pick up instructions and drop off poems at the Youth Services Desk. **(ages 5-12)**

### Poetry Café

**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**

All poets who submitted entries for our *Calling All Poets Poetry Anthology* are invited to bring their friends and family to a special poetry reception in their honor. Poets will have the opportunity to read their poems aloud or simply to listen as they are read out loud. Refreshments will be served and sign up is required.

### Parenting Workshop: Baby Signs

**Monday, April 7th @  
6:30 p.m.**

Tamara Smith, certified baby sign language instructor, will present an introductory sign language workshop for parents. Sign up is required.

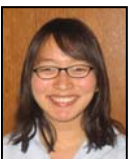
## New Library Staff



**Chris Sarch** joins the library staff as a Page I. Chris is married, and although she has no children or pets, she has instead a wonderful flower garden! Chris also works part time as an RN case worker for UW Health. Her favorite authors include Laurie King, Sandra Dallas, John Mortimer, Lee Smith, and Kaye Gibbons. Chris's favorite travel destinations are Europe (especially England) and Hawaii. Future travel includes Asia, Australia, and South America. Chris is lobbying for spending winters in Hawaii & she hopes to pursue her interests in art & history via college classes.



**Melissa Rader**, also a new Library Page I, is proud owner of a black cat named Jane. Melissa is getting married in October & plans to start her Master's degree in Library Science. She works another job full time in addition to her library shifts here. Melissa is currently reading the Philip Pullman books, Sally Lockhart mysteries, and she has a weak spot for Nancy Drew.



### **A New Face at the Youth Services Desk**

**Fumiko**, our new practicum student from UW-Madison, was born in New Jersey, but grew up in Ohio. She hopes to be a young adult or children's librarian. She enjoys swimming and drawing. Her current favorite books are *Matilda* by Roald Dahl and *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, though her favorites tend to change daily.