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THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Catch the Reading Bug - 2008 Summer Reading Program for Children & 'Tweens June 9th - August 2nd



Everyone knows reading is fun all by itself, but why not make it even more exciting by joining the Summer Reading Program at the library! Summer reading is essential for maintaining students' academic skills, and our program is

designed to motivate kids to read even more than they would have otherwise. Kids ages 0-12 can earn great weekly prizes and super milestone prizes just by reading with the Weekly Reading Prize Game. If Everything begins Monday, June 9th!

your children received 5 hour milestone prizes last year, why not aim for a 10 hour milestone this year! We've even added the Ultimate 50 Hour Milestone Prize this year for our extra, super-duper readers. For more information, please pick up a brochure or visit our web site. While you're there be sure to check out the amazing special programs available for kids and their parents, including Book Bunch & Lunch; 'Tweens Drama Club; Parent-Child Book Discussions; Special Performers; and more!

Our Community Reader

This issue we asked Middleton Times-Tribune newspaper editor Matt Geiger about his reading interests:

What are you reading these days? How did you end up choosing that title or titles?

I'm currently reading a collection of three short stories by William Faulkner (Spotted Horses, Old Man and The Bear).

During the first few minutes when you sit down with one of his books, no matter how many you've read in the past, you feel as if you were thrown behind the wheel of a space ship with

Inside this issue:		no experience and told to fly it perfectly. Then you suddenly find yourself in Mississippi, cruis-
Summer Reading	1	ing though 100-word sentences as if they were Hallmark cards. It's great.
Program for Kids		Were any of your favorite books made into films that you actually liked?
Our Community Reader	1	I think Fight Club was probably better as a movie than as a book. Into the Wild is essentially the perfect book in my opinion, but the movie really did it justice. The
Message from the Library Director	2	soundtrack by Eddie Vedder was amazing too.
Teen Summer Reading Program	2	What 3 books would you like to see everyone in Middleton read at some point?

Calendar of Events

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

'Tween Book Discussion

Adult Summer Reading Program

Thanks to Our Volunteers

I think Tracks, by Robyn Davidson, should be on everyone's list. She traveled 1,700 miles across the Australian Outback with three camels, her dog and (for a while) an old aboriginal man named Eddie. Te-Tao Ching by Lao Tzu is incredible--it can certainly shake up western ideas about the nature of being. The third is The Sun Also Rises by Hemingway. Really, anything by Hemingway!

When you're not busy editing the local newspaper or reading, what do you do for fun?

As long as I'm outdoors with my two cattle dogs I'm happy.



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A Message From the Library Director

Progress Report on the Hiring of New Library Director

Since I announced my retirement last August, the Library Board has kept to its original timetable for the recruitment and hiring of a new Director. As a result, the Library should be able to experience a seamless transition.

and a representative from the library's Management Team.

This group will meet in a closed session at the May 13th library board meeting to determine

Nineteen candidates submitted their application materials by the March 17th deadline. Of this group, twelve provided written responses to an achievement history questionnaire, an opportunity for each of them to describe the training, experience, and skills that make them especially suitable for the position. These documents are currently being reviewed by the members of the selection team and the Area Leaders library staff. The selection team includes all 9 library board

members, the directors of the South Central Library System and the Dane County Library Service, the president of the Friends of the Library, and a representative from the library's Management Team.

This group will meet in a closed session at the May 13th library board meeting to determine which candidates will be invited to participate in the next steps of the hiring process. They will also finalize a list of formal interview questions and discuss a format for contacting references. The interviews will be scheduled during late May and early June. It's anticipated that the determination of a final offer will be made at the June 10th library board meeting. The targeted starting date for the new Director is Tuesday, September 2nd.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

Remember: Sunday hours at the library cease from May 25th until Sept. 7th

Metamorphosis@your library: Teen Summer Reading 2008

Is your teenager morphing into a book-reading creature? Do books seem to be permanently attached to their hands with snickers emanating from them at odd moments? They may be afflicted with Metamorphosis Reading, a library-spread addiction that offers some intriguing prize possibilities. At Middleton Public Library, for every hour read teens 12-19 get a chance at our Grand Prize Drawing of a Nintendo wii, gift certificates to the mall and Barnes & Noble, or movie passes...

We have so many teen programs this summer, however, we think teens might pop their heads out of a book occasionally... Interested in Hip Hop dance? On June 30, we have invited a hip hop dancer to show us some fun moves. Prefer something more literary or artistic? Teens are in-

vited to submit original artwork and stories for our Writing & Drawing Contests. Both have cash prizes and will be collected into a book that will be available for check-out.

Clara

There are lots of other teen programs to choose from:

fencing, tie-dye, mehndi, an ice cream social, Movie Monday, or just guessing at the candyguessing contest... See you this summer! Questions or comments on these programs? Please contact Rebecca at (608)827-7410. To receive a monthly teen e-letter of events, drop us a line at: rvandan@scls.lib.wi.us.

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4	5 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 6:30 Pajama Party Storytime	6	7 7:00 Introduction to Excel	8 2:00 Online Photo Albums I	9	10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only) 11:00 Friends Annual Meeting
11 Mother's Day	4:00 Teen Advisory Committee 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	13	7:00 Intermediate Excel	2:00 Online Photo Albums II	16	17
18	19	20	6:30 Friends Book Sorting 7:00 Advanced Excel	22	23	24
25 <u>Library Closed</u> Sunday Hours Resume September 7th	<u>Library Closed</u>	27	28	7:00 Life Size Board Game Race for Teens	30	31

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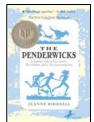
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Friends of the Middleton Public Library Annual Meeting

All members of the Friends of the Library, as well as all interested Middleton Public Library patrons, are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Friends on Saturday morning, May 10, at 11 am, in the Archer Rooms. The of excellence for our awardprogram will include summaries of the funding provided by the Friends to the Library in 2007; information on funding for 2008; and

highlights of Library performance this past year. Board members and officers for the coming year will be elected. Please join us to learn how your dollars are providing a margin winning Library! Light refreshments will be provided.

'Tween Book Discussion



The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters. Two Rabbits. and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne **Birdsail**

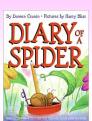
Rosalind, Skye, Jane and Batty - the four Penderwick sisters - are off for their summer vacation. Mr. Pender-

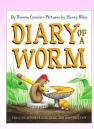
wick has rented a nice, little cottage on the grounds of Arundel, a beautiful sprawling estate filled with gardens, paths, and most importantly, Jeffrey. Jeffrey lives in the estate manor with his Mother. Unfortunately, while Jeffrey likes the sisters at first meeting, his mother definitely does not. Still, what would a summer vacation be without a mean grown-up to make their adventures more exciting! 'Tweens ages 8-12 are invited to join us this summer for a book discussion of this great summer read. Registration begins Monday, June 9th.

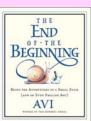
Be on the lookout for other books featured in our programs this summer:











Maybelle in the Soup by Katie Speck Fanny at Chez Panisse by Alice Waters **Diary of a Worm & Diary of a Spider** by Doreen Cronin The End of the Beginning by Avi

Book Bunch Celebrates National Library Week in 2008



The Bookworm

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The Middleton Public Library is Open to Serve you Monday—Thursday 9 am-9 pm Friday 9 am-6 pm Saturday 9 am-5 pm Sunday (Sept-May) 1 pm-5 pm

Save the Dates!

For the Adult Summer Reading Program—great prizes, good times—just for reading!



- ·Registration for programs begins: Monday, May 12
- ·Reading logs available: Monday, June 9
- ·Kickoff event with Celtic music group StoneRing:

Thursday, June 19, 7pm

- •The Weird in Wisconsin talk & slide presentation w/author Linda Godfrey: **Thursday, July 15, 7pm**
- ·Summer supper & book discussion: Thursday, July 24, 6:30pm
- · "An Evening in Paris" w/Jennifer Peters: Wednesday, July 30, 7pm

(registration is required for programs)

The Middleton Public Library is tremendously fortunate to have so many wonderful and hard working volunteers. You shelve materials, assist at the book sales, sort donations, and help with the Treasure Chest (and pitch in with several other tasks as well!). You devote countless hours to supporting your library and your work makes it possible for us to be Wisconsin's Library of the Year.



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