



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## From the Library Director



A 12-year-old boy was sleeping in a cardboard box one Minnesota winter as a fundraiser for a noble charity. When asked what motivated him he said, "I just want to know that my life mattered. You know, make a difference in the world." Perhaps no one person can save the world, but like the young man in the news story all of us can change the world in some small way.

Middleton residents can contribute in small ways, with big and even global affects. Everyone is invited to join in the effort to achieve a sustainable lifestyle. Start by learning how making adjust-

ments to your life will reduce your carbon footprint. The term "carbon footprint," as defined by Wisconsin Focus on Energy, "refers to the amount of carbon dioxide each of us emits as a result of our daily activities. Carbon dioxide, like methane and nitrous oxide, is a greenhouse gas that traps heat within the earth's atmosphere, contributing to global warming and climate change."

Starting in January of 2009, the Middleton Public Library will implement green initiatives to focus on helping people learn how to do the right thing to preserve our environment and build a better future, today.

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## Our Community Reader...Middleton City Council Representative, Steve Leo



*So what are you reading these days?*

**Dark Sun** by Richard Rhodes. It's a history of the development of the hydrogen bomb. It's amazing we survived the twentieth century.

*Who are some of your favorite authors and what do they have in common?* Science Fiction has a lot of dreck, but the Good Stuff is pure gold. Ursula K. LeGuin remains a favorite from my teen years: **The Left Hand of Darkness**, **The Word For World Is Forest**, and **The Dispossessed** just blew me away as

a young adult. The books have held up well over the years, as has the author. I like Dan Simmons a lot: **The Hyperion Cantos** are four of the best sci-fi novels ever written (I read the last two courtesy of the Middleton Public Library!), and his novels **Ilium** and **Olympus** combine Greek classics with quantum teleportation, nanotechnology, machine evolution, and a reincarnated classics professor from the University of Indiana. Highly recommended!

*What books do you wish everyone in Middleton would read?*

**To Kill A Mockingbird** by Harper Lee (I want to be Atticus Finch when I grow up) and **Fear and Loathing In Las Vegas**, by the late, lamented Hunter S. Thompson.

*When you're not working as a Middleton City Council representative to improve and maintain Money Magazine's 2007 Best Place to Live, what do you do for fun?*

Between my day job and my Council responsibilities, I don't have a lot of spare time. Time permitting, I like to garden and bike in the spring, summer, and fall, and to go cross country skiing in the winter. I have a new weblog called "Middleton Matters", where I write about city issues and anything else that comes to mind. Oh....and reading!

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Wisconsin's Aldo Leopold once said, "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Our goal is two pronged, 1) to provide library users with the necessary tools to make those changes in their lives that will have an impact on our environment, and 2) to be living examples of an entity that shows respect for the land.

First, library users can expect to find current information on a variety of sustainability topics, such as renewable energies, crafting with recycled materials, conservation and green living. This special ecological collection includes a mixture of formats including magazines, books, DVDs and electronic resources. Over the course of the coming year, the Library staff will plan activities and programs

to promote stewardship of our environment. Secondly, the Library staff and community members will assess current operations, services and practices. It is our goal to develop environmentally inspired practices. Look for updates on our progress on the library's website. The library's newly formed "Go Green Committee" views this projects as a long term commitment. We see conservation efforts as a living organism that is subject to evolution and growth as information becomes available and research advances.

Please join us in the effort to go green in Middleton. Look for our new display, get informed, advocate for harmony between man and its environment, reduce your carbon footprint, and send us your ideas and success stories on conservation.

- Pamela Westby, Library Director



We're happy to announce the appointment of **Amanda Moss Struckmeyer** as our new Youth Services Librarian! A musician and a blogger, Amanda plans to incorporate both music and technology into her programming. Amanda's main focus will be library services to children who are the 'Tween age range (8-12). Look for more information on Amanda in our next issue!


## One-on-One Computer Help at the Library



Would you like to learn how to get your own email address, place holds in LINKcat, scan photographs, find magazine and newspaper articles online, add bullet points to your resume, or even just use a mouse? From January through May, you will be able to sign up for a 30 minute computer tutorial with one of our staff on the third Friday of each month, between 9:00 a.m. and

noon. For more information, a list of available topics, or to sign up for the current month, please stop by the Reference Desk, call 827-7403, or email [mid@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:mid@scls.lib.wi.us).

Our regular computer classes will resume in March. Look for more information in early February!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>JANUARY 2009</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ = Youth Event</li> <li>■ = Tween Event</li> <li>■ = Teen Event</li> <li>■ = Adult Event</li> <li>■ = Friends Event</li> </ul>
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## Dane County Celebrates...Author Chris Bohjalian!



In addition to our “regularly scheduled” book discussions for adults this season (and we have some great books to discuss, such a **Loving Frank** and **Death in a Prairie House**; pick up a flyer on the Readers’ Choice table!), we will also have a special book discussion on Thursday morning, **February 26, at 10am**. This discussion will focus on the novel by Dane County Celebrates author Chris

Bohjalian: **Trans-Sister Radio**. This novel considers how the gender reassignment of a man affects the primary woman in his life as well as his relationships with others. *Publisher’s Weekly* reviewed this novel by saying: “Questions of what constitutes community tolerance are explored here, but the novel’s central focus is on the definition of sex and gender in the characters’ personal lives. Please join us to explore these issues together. All readers welcome; RSVPs appreciated!

## Acting and the Anti-Valentines for Teens

Teens: do you love to act? Join us for an **Acting Workshop** on Thursday, **Jan. 29, 7-8 p.m.** in the Archer Rooms of the library. Pete Rydberg from the Middleton School of Performing Arts will join us to give some great tips & ideas for auditioning. Please bring a piece you might like to use for an audition.

In February, teens who are tired of all the commercial hype of Valentine’s Day, are invited to

join us for **Heart Burns: the Anti-Valentines program** on Friday, **Feb. 13, 4-5 p.m.** Black attire suggested--take a swipe at Cupid, throw darts at mushy valentines, or join us in making anti-valentines.



- Rebecca Van Dan,  
Head of Young Adult Services

## We welcome 5 new faces to our Library Page 1 staff!



**Diane Medcalf** is a retired law librarian. She enjoys volunteer activities and has two cats. Barbara Kingsolver is one of her favorite authors. Diane also likes blues, jazz and zydeco.



**Melanie Klump** is a junior in high school who hopes to become a veterinarian and would like to own “a lot of animals.” Her favorite books are the *Twilight* series, the *Redwall* series and anything by Tamora Pierce .



**Beth Andert** plays the violin, viola and piano and has aspirations of playing in a professional orchestra. Beth says she has “no favorite books because there are too many good ones.”



**Ray Koepcke** is a high school sophomore who recently traveled to Switzerland with family. Ray plans on attending college and pursuing a career in digital art or writing.



**Jacqueline Rodriguez** is bi-lingual, a skill much welcomed by the library! She likes all kinds of music. Her favorite vacation destination is Puerto Rico.



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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



## Bon Voyage, Miss Lori!



Youth Services librarian, Lori Bell, is moving to England. Farewell & Best Wishes, Miss Lori - We will Miss You!

## Winter Reading Club: Read Around the World @ The Middleton Public Library!

### January 19th to February 27th

A fun 6 week reading incentive program for children and 'tweens. Earn prizes and recognition for your reading efforts this winter season!

*Special Events & Programs during the Winter Reading Club:*

### Read Around the World After-School Book Club

**Wednesdays @ 4pm: Jan. 21st – Feb. 25th**

Visit a different continent every week through chapter books, picture books, films, food & fun.

### Krafty Kids: Animals Around the World Thursday, January 22nd @ 4pm

### Monday Movie Matinee

**Monday, January 26th @ 2pm**

School's out today! Come watch Around the World in 80 Days starring Jackie Chan on our HUGE screen. Snacks served. Rated PG.

### Krafty Kids: Be My Valentine Thursday, February 5th @ 4 pm

### Parenting Workshop

Sylvan Learning Center Presents "At-Home Studying & Homework Strategies"

**Monday, February 9th @ 6:30pm**

### Book Bistro: Everybody Reads...Everybody Eats...Everybody Brings...

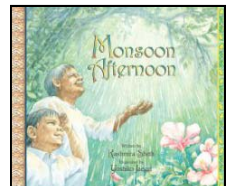
**Monday, February 23 @ 6:30pm.**

Choose a book by Norah Dooley and bring an inspired dish to share

Please RSVP with Book & Dish by Feb. 16th

### Author Visit: Kashmira Sheth Wednesday, February 25th @ 4pm

Children's author Kashmira Sheth will be visiting the Middleton Public Library to talk about her two latest picture books, Monsoon Afternoon and My Dadima Wears a Sari. Also by Kashmira Sheth, children and teen novels: Blue Jasmine, Koyal Dark Mango Sweet, and Keeping Corner. Snacks will be served.



Please join us for any of these programs. Pick up a detailed a brochure at the library or visit our website [www.midlibrary.org/children](http://www.midlibrary.org/children).