



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Be Creative @ Your Library – 2009 Summer Reading Program for Children & ‘Tweens June 11th – August 1st



It wouldn't be summer without the library's Summer Reading Program! Help us achieve a new record of participation this summer. The independent reading incentive program begins on **Thursday,**

June 11. A full listing of library events can be found online, or you can pick up a printed brochure at the Main Level/Youth Services Help Desk.

Look for Svetha and Amanda at your schools in May when we'll be sharing the fun and exciting things you can look forward to this summer. We'll be at Sunset Ridge Elementary School on May 19, Elm Lawn Elementary School on May 20, West Middleton Elementary School on May 26, Sauk Trail Elementary School on May 27 and Northside Elementary School on May 29.

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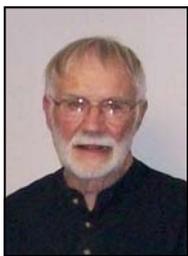
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Our Community Reader



This issue we meet with Library Board member, **Wayne Otto.**

What are you reading these days? Any special titles you're recommending to friends and family?

I've been reading a variety of things, but here are three that I have recommended to others: ***Moral Machines: Teaching Robots Right from Wrong*** by Wendall Wallach and Colin Allen. Advances in Artificial Intelligence are giving robots responsibility for making ever more crucial decisions; the problems involved in programming them with moral decision-making abilities are examined in this book. ***The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young Americans and Jeopardizes Our Future*** by Mark Bauerlein. Some have judged me a troglodyte curmudgeon for even mentioning such a book, but the author makes some important points. ***How to Live: A Search for Wisdom from Old People*** by Henry Alford. My favorite line from this book is: "Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle."

What's the best part of serving on the Board of the Middleton Public Library?

Well, I'm the new kid on the Board and have attended only three meetings so far. But after 30 years of suffering through long, meandering faculty meetings at the UW, I really like it that the Board meetings are well focused and relatively short. I'm impressed by the knowledge and dedication of the other members of the Board. And as an already enthusiastic fan of the Middleton Public Library I am pleased to be learning more about its operation and hoping to be able to make some worthwhile contributions myself. ***Continued on Page 2...***

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When you're not reading or thinking about library and community issues, what do you do for fun and relaxation?

I have long admired Native American Indian arts and crafts, particularly those of the Southwest, so I wove Navajo rugs for a time. More recently I have drifted into gourd art. Of course "gourd art" takes many shapes and styles as evidenced in the Gourd Society's library exhibits. I like to choose or think of a figure or pattern that appeals to me and then try to put it on a gourd. It's challenging and relaxing. I like being outside, so I enjoy gardening and even mowing the lawn. I draw a line through "shoveling snow" after the twentieth snowfall of a winter, but at least it takes place outdoors. My wife and I go to the gym about every other day; I think the stretching routines have saved my back from total collapse. And of course every day, every afternoon at five there's Cocktail Hour. (Imagine Spike Jones's rendition of "Cocktails for Two" playing in the back-

ground.)

What is the one book you would like to see everyone in Middleton read?

This is a tough one! First I thought I should pick something intellectual, like *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*. Then I thought I should pick something controversial, like Richard Dawkin's *The God Delusion*. But my wife threw up her hands & my trusted friend Rick told me such a pick could evoke talk, but might lead to fisticuffs or worse. So then I considered *Trans-sister Radio* by Chris Bohjalian. We discussed that one at the library recently and I told Elizabeth that I thought it should be required reading for everyone because it faces up to some sensitive transgender issues. But I really don't think that reading should be "required," so I think I'll go with Bill Bryson's *A Short History of Nearly Everything*. If you read that, you won't be sorry.

Looking for a Good Read?



In addition to the *Staff Recommendations* on the library's Readers' Choice table, the library has also started a new reading blog on the library website. Staff will be sharing what books they're enjoying these days and we urge all of you to log on and let us know what you're reading and recommending! On the library homepage (www.midlibrary.org), click on the "Link to Middleton Reads Blog" under the online library events calendar or go to middletonreads.blogspot.com

A Message From the Library Director

Middleton Public Library Goes Green!

How can we use less energy? How can we help the environment every day without compromising ourselves? How can we make our world better? These are the questions we are all asking ourselves. The Middleton Public Library want to help you find the answers, through our new services focused on green living. It is our way of making a positive impact on our world.

Join us in the effort to protect our environment:

Check out our new "Go Green" resources. We've added

more than 200 new book titles, nearly 50 new audios and several new magazines to create a special Go Green collection. There are a dozen Energy Meters available for home use. For the online browser numerous journals and periodical articles on the topic of conservation can be found in the electronic database *GreenFile*. Read and learn about practical green tips by way of our bi-monthly newsletter.

And please join us to hear environmental activist Sonya Newenouse here at the library on **Tuesday, May 5, 7pm.**

-Pamela Westby, Library Director

D-I-Y (Do-It-Yourself) Programs at the Library

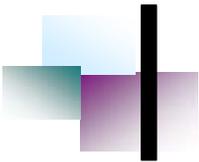
Do you enjoy coming to the library and participating at library events? Are there times when your schedule gets so busy, you can't come to all the events you would like to? Do you attend almost all the library events but still yearn to do more?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the D-I-Y station is for you. The station has activities for you to do at your leisure, whenever the library is open. Simply read the easy to follow directions and you are on your way. Our D-I-Y themes for May are graphic novels & comic books and moms; and our June themes are calligraphy and dads.

What types of activities will you find at the D-I-Y station? Examples include submitting the name of a favorite author, creating a poem, going on a scavenger hunt in the nonfiction section, simple crafts, and lots more! All of the materials you'll need are provided at the D-I-Y station. Sometimes, you might even find a special drawing for great prizes! The D-I-Y station is perfect for kids of all ages and families.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>MAY 2009</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>				1 10:00 Bilingual Storytime (English/Spanish) All Ages Drop-in	2
3	4 9:30 Friends Book Sorting 6:30 All Ages Drop-in Storytime	5 9:15 Toddler Storytime 10:00 Big Kids Storytime 11:00 All Ages Drop-in Storytime 4:00 'Tweens D&D 7:00 Sonya Newenhouse	6 9:15 Toddler Storytime 10:00 Big Kids Storytime 10:45 All Ages Drop-in Storytime 7:00 Introduction to Word	7 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Drop-in Storytime	8 10:00 Bilingual Storytime (English/Spanish) All Ages Drop-in	9 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only) 10:30 Friends Annual Meeting
10 Mother's Day	11 6:30 All Ages Drop-in Storytime 6:30 Columbia Support Network 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	12 12:30 Drop-in Knitting 4:00 'Tweens D&D	13 7:00 Intermediate Word	14 9:30 Parent-Child Craft & Play 4:00 Krafty Kids	15	16
17	18 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee	19 4:00 'Tweens D&D	20 6:30 Friends Book Sorting 7:00 Advanced Word	21 9:30 Parent-Child Craft & Play 7:00 Teen DDR	22	23
24 <u>Library Closed</u> Sunday Hours Resume September 13th	25 <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>Library Closed</u>	26	27 9:30 Friends Book Sorting	28 9:30 Parent-Child Craft & Play	29	30
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7	8 Adult Summer Reading Program Begins! 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	9	10 Teen Summer Reading Program Begins! 7:00 Author Mary Bergin: "Hungry for WI"	11 Youth Summer Reading Program Begins! 7:00 Teen Rock Band 2	12 2:00 Kids' Only Book Sale	13 SALE 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (first hour - Friends Only)
14	15 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee Ice cream social 6:30 All Ages Storytime	16 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 2:00 Sidewalk Chalk 7:00 Author Chad Lewis	17 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 2:00 Middleton Magicians 6:30 Friends Sorting	18 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Drop-in Storytime 3:00 Games Galore 4:00 Skateboarding Tips & Tricks	19 10:00 Bilingual Storytime 2:00 Concert: Mr. Billy	20 2:00 Book Bistro: Dads & Donuts
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Monday—Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday 9am-6pm : Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

Friends of the Middleton Public Library 2009 Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. in the Archer Rooms

All members of the Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend the **Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library**. Reports on the year's activities will be given and highlights of plans for 2009 will be shared. Refreshments will be served.

Many individuals are working year-round to carry out the Friends' mission. Book sorters and sellers, and event planners and organizers are all dedicated to promoting and serving the Library. The Annual Meeting is a time to honor that work, to set our agenda for another year, and to elect the Friends' Board of Directors.

Funds generated by the Friends are an important source of Library funding. Over \$28,000 in funding has been approved for 2009 and includes support for programs including an Annual Scholarship Award to a Middleton High School senior, Winter & Summer

Reading Programs for children, adults and teens, and a wide variety of other library programs and materials.



These funds are raised through the always popular monthly book sales, plus internet book sales, book rack sales in the Library, and special events such as the wine tasting evening at Barriques last November.

The slate of Board officers and members proposed for re-election is as follows: President – Pauline Harrop; Vice President – Mary Drake; Secretary – Mike Lutz; Treasurer – Roger Hanson; Member – Paul Allen; Member – Thomas Boykoff; Library Liaison – Svetha Hetzler

Attend the Annual Meeting and share your thoughts and join with others who have a passion for this award-winning community library!

Adult Summer Reading Program Begins in June!

Here are related dates to make note of:
Registration for programs begins **Monday, May 11**.
Reading Logs will be available beginning **Monday, June 8**.

We have great programs planned and great prizes to give away; we hope all adult readers will participate! The Grand Prize is a \$100 Book Sense gift certificate!



Blog for an extra prize slip!

If you post a comment on our new **Middleton Reads blog** (click on the link on our website www.midlibrary.org or go to middletonreads.blogspot.com) you can pick up one extra prize slip towards the Adult Summer Reading Program \$100 Book Sense gift certificate grand prize!

Go to the blog topic **Middleton Readers Recommend** and post a comment suggesting a book you think others would like! Make sure to include your first and last name with your comment, then stop by the Reference Desk anytime before noon on **Friday, July 31**, to pick up your extra slip!

Teen Summer Reading Program 2009

Whether your teen's interests hover around skateboarding, photography, multicultural activities, or just ice cream and chocolate, they will find quite a variety of activities to choose from at the Middleton Public Library this summer. Our Summer Reading Program offers chances at great prizes like an iPod touch and gift certificates to the mall for every hour read. The Teen Summer Reading Program runs from **June 10-August 1**.

Other programs coming up in May and June include **DDR (Dance Dance Revolution)** on **May 21, 7-8 p.m.**, and **Skateboarding Tips & Tricks** on **Thursday, June 18, 4-5 p.m.** Together with the Middleton

Youth Center, the Library is hosting this event at Quarry Park and teens are invited to learn some skateboarding tips and tricks from Derek and Dave of the Alumni Boardshop. Use of the facility is at your own risk, and safety equipment is highly recommended. Teen artists, writers, and photographers may also be interested in our **Writing and Drawing Contests** (for cash prizes!) and our **Photo Diary of a Day** challenge. Be sure to check out our Teen Summer Reading flyers for more details and for other teen events coming up this summer!

- Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

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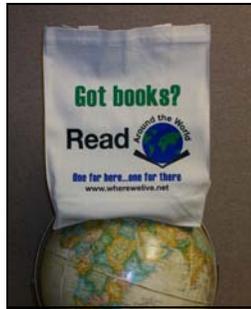
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Celebrate Earth Day Year-round with a Special Book Bag!



The library has bought some great canvas bags from **Dane Buy Local** as a way to reduce the amount of paper and plastic shopping bags used around Dane County. These sturdy bags, which have a great story, will tote your library materials, as well as your groceries. Here's part of the story of these bags: "Sewn by women in Sri Lanka and imprinted by a worker-owned co-op in Madison, they represent the personal contributions of individuals who want to create a better life for their neighbors and future generations. Sewing one bag helped a Sri Lankan woman to triple her income within a year (originally less than \$1.50 a day). And it helped her avoid a daily commute of six hours on a hot, crowded train."

Beginning April 22 (Earth Day!) the library will be selling these bags for \$5.00 a bag; all profits go back to the women who made them.

Special Presentation by the Colombia Support Network Monday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.

The Colombia Support Network is a non-profit organization based in Madison which works to create grassroots sister-community relationships between American and threatened Colombian communities. CSN will be screening the one hour film ***Plan Colombia: Cashing-in on the Drug War Failure***, a documentary on the current US policy towards Colombia. The program's director will be available to answer questions and share her experiences. For more information call 827-7403.



Greener Living Tip for May-June

(adapted from ***Enact: Steps to Greener Living*** by Sonya Newenhouse)

Think: What Goes Down Your Drain?

Wastewater generated in Wisconsin communities is treated using physical and biological processes so that the water returned to the environment is good quality and considered safe for fish and wildlife. However not all pollutants can be removed, including:

- **Water softeners.** A household water softener can contribute between 325 and 740 pounds of chlorides per year to municipal wastewater.
- **Medications.** If we flush expired or unused medications down the toilet or drain, some drugs can pass through the sewage treatment plant and into surface waters. Dane County's unused medication collection program information can be found at www.meddropdane.org.

Please join us for a library presentation by Ms. Newenhouse on **Tuesday, May 5, 7pm**. Ms. Newenhouse is the president of **Community Car** & she will be talking about the many ways we can help change and preserve the world. To register for this program or get more information email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403.

