



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Live Art at the Library



On **Sunday, October 4, from 1-4pm**, local artist John Norback will give a special demonstration on “encaustic art” (wax on canvas) on the library’s upper level. This demonstration is in conjunction with the Madison Area Open Art Studios annual

event in October, as well as the “Picturing America” grant the library received this year from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Join us on the 4th to learn about this lovely and unusual artistic medium. For more information about the Open Art Studios visit their website: maoas.com



The library will be closed on Monday, October 12th (Columbus Day) for a staff inservice meeting.

Meet Merle Watkins, UW-Madison Library School student at the Reference Desk this fall



What are you reading these days?

What books are you recommending to other readers?

This has been kind of a crazy summer for me: I had the opportunity to go to England and France for two multi-media courses; I was also very excited about the release of the latest Harry Potter film. So my recent recommendations really revolve around those. They would include: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (my favorite book), *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* AND *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* (I seriously cannot read one without finishing out the series), *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris (I can now highly relate to the struggles with language), and *Europe Through the Back Door* by Rick Steves.

As for what books I am recommending to others in general, I would have to say *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card. It was amazing. *Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs* by Chuck Klosterman, which focuses a lot on popular culture, is a fun read. *And Live from New York: An Uncensored History of Saturday Night Live* by Tom Shales and James Andrew Miller offers readers a chance to hear about the show from various writers and cast members.

Who were your favorite authors growing up?

I loved the *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis, and I still

re-read them from time to time. Also, I really enjoyed Laura Ingalls Wilder books, any Sherlock Holmes stories by Arthur Conan Doyle, and *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi.

What made you decide to get a degree in library studies?

My background was in journalism and I was working at a newspaper when I realized I needed a change. When I considered what I was doing with my free time, I realized I spent a lot of it at the local library. I love what libraries provide and I don't think a lot of people realize how much they offer. I especially love the idea that each item represents a different voice at the library, and each patron has the opportunity to select what he or she wants to.

When you're not reading, what do you like to do for fun?

I'm a huge fan of traveling. I love getting in the car and checking out different parts of the country. Also, I am really into music and movies (I tend to quote some movies a little too often). I also like to cook, knit, keep up with friends, and play volleyball. And after my trip to Europe, I'm an even bigger fan of photography, video, and the possibilities we now have to create photo albums or post videos online. There's so much you can do.



A Message from the Library Director

2009 Banned Books Week is September 26 – October 3

Since 1982, libraries have designated the last week of September as Banned Books Week. Why do libraries celebrate Banned Books Week? The short answer is that Banned Books Week reminds people to exercise what the American Library Association (ALA) calls “a precious democratic freedom” to choose what we read. Librarians want to preserve that right, because we believe the act of reading is a sacred one and that democratic freedoms matter.

These beliefs serve as the foundation for our library policies and practices. For example, our Collection Development Policy states that library staff “recognizes that some materials are controversial and that any given item may offend some patrons.” The policy goes on to say that “Selection of materials will not be made on the basis of anticipated approval or disapproval but solely on the basis of the principles” of its educational, recreational, informational and cultural value. To view the policy in its entirety visit our website, click the Library Info tab, then click on the Library Policies link.

I clearly recall my first experience with a request to remove a book. The title was the children’s picture book *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak. The patron was offended by the nudity depicted in some of the artwork. Indeed, this patron was not alone in her objection, as Sendak’s

title made the top 25 books challenged in 1990-2000 reported to ALA. The book, however, received multiple prestigious awards, including the 1971 Caldecott Award and continues to be a well-loved classic by children and parents.

According to the ALA President Carol Brey-Casiano, “Not every book is right for every person, but providing a wide range of reading choices is vital for learning, exploration, and imagination. The abilities to read, speak, think, and express ourselves freely are core American values.”

Please join me in celebrating the right to read, visit our display during the week of September 26th through October 3rd, read through the American Library Association’s 2008 list of banned books, and give me your feedback by completing the survey at the display. I look forward to hearing from you!

Candidly Yours,

- Pamela K. Westby, Library Director

Intellectual freedom can exist when all individuals have the right to hold any belief on any subject and when “society makes an equal commitment to the right of unrestricted access to information and ideas regardless of the communication medium used, the content of the work, and the viewpoints of both the author and receiver of information.”---ALA Intellectual Freedom Manual, 7th Edition

FRIENDS SPECIAL SEPTEMBER BOOKSALE!

The Friends of the Middleton Public Library are adding Sunday hours to their September book sale. Sale hours will be:

Saturday, September 12: 9am-11am (Friends only)
11am-2:30 pm (General Public)

Sunday, September 13: 1-3:30 (General Public)



Bag sales in the Archer Rooms both days!

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		1	2 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Library Closed	8	9	10 10:00 Book Discussion for Adults	11	12  9:00-2:30 Friends Book Sale (first 2 hours - Friends Only)
13  Sunday Hours Resume! Library Open 1-5 1:00-3:30 Friends Book Sale	14 9:30 Friends Book Sorting	15 9:30 Storytime 2-3yo 10:30 Storytime 4-5yo 12:30 Drop-In Knitting 7:00 Personal Health Records	16 9:30 Storytime 2-3yo 10:00 Easy Cover Letters & Resumes Computer Class 10:30 Storytime all ages 4:00 After School Library Club	17 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Storytime all ages 4:00 Tween D&D 7:00 Wii Olympics	18 10:00 Bilingual All Ages Storytime	19 2:00 PAWS to Read
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	<p>9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 2-3yo</p> <p>10:30 Storytime 4-5yo</p> <p>3:30 'Tween Knitting Club</p> <p>7:00 Author Michael Schuler</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 2-3yo</p> <p>10:00 Intro to eBay pt 1 (registration required)</p> <p>10:30 Storytime all ages</p> <p>4:00 After School Library Club</p>	<p>9:30 Baby Storytime</p> <p>10:00 Book Discussion for Adults</p> <p>10:30 Storytime all ages</p> <p>2:00 Introduction to Excel</p> <p>4:00 'Tween D&D</p>	<p>10:00 Bilingual All Ages Storytime</p>	<p>SALE</p> <p>9:00 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast</p> <p>10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only)</p>
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	<p>Library Closed for Staff Inservice</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 2-3yo</p> <p>10:30 Storytime 4-5yo</p> <p>3:30 'Tween Knitting Club</p> <p>7:00 The Lives of Belle & Bob LaFollette</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 2-3yo</p> <p>10:00 Intro to eBay pt 2 (registration required)</p> <p>10:30 Storytime all ages</p> <p>4:00 After School Library Club</p> <p>4:00 Books & Brownies</p>	<p>9:30 Baby Storytime</p> <p>10:30 Storytime all ages</p> <p>1:00 Homeschoolers' Club</p> <p>2:00 Intermediate Excel</p> <p>4:00 Krafty Kids</p> <p>4:00 'Tween D&D</p>	<p>10:00 Bilingual All Ages Storytime</p> <p>4:00 Games Galore</p>	
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	<p>4:00 Teen Advisory Committee</p> <p>6:30 Parent-Child Book Discussion</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 2-3yo</p> <p>10:30 Storytime 4-5yo</p> <p>12:30 Drop-In Knitting</p> <p>3:30 'Tween Knitting Club</p> <p>5:30 Mock Newbery Book Club</p>	<p>9:30 Storytime 2-3yo</p> <p>10:00 Intro to eBay pt 3 (registration required)</p> <p>10:30 Storytime all ages</p> <p>4:00 After School Library Club</p> <p>6:30 Friends Book Sort</p>	<p>9:30 Baby Storytime</p> <p>10:00 Working with Dried Flowers</p> <p>10:30 Storytime all ages</p> <p>4:00 'Tween Novel in 90 Minutes</p> <p>6:30 Parent Workshop</p>	<p>10:00 Bilingual All Ages Storytime</p>	
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New Book Lists on the Middleton Reads Blog

Please check out our website (www.midlibrary.org) and take a minute to click on the link to our reader's blog. In addition to reviews by the staff about good books they've read & links to helpful book sites, we now have some great book lists to access on topics like Going Green, Being Human, and African American Authors. You can also access the site directly by going to

<http://middletonreads.blogspot.com>

Happy reading!

Teen Events: The Sports, The Spooky & The Scribbling

Get your zipper fingers ready: teens are invited to compete in the **wii Olympics** on **Thursday, Sept. 17, starting at 7 pm** in the Archer Rooms of the Library. Sign up at the Help Desk for the event you wish to compete in, then battle it out for the "Olympic" medals!

Teen writers are encouraged to submit plays for our **Play Writing Contest**; the winning playwright will win \$25 and their story will be acted out in December. **Entries due by 6 pm on Friday, Sept. 18.** Would you rather act in the play? Look for upcoming details on tryouts and a public performance in our Novem-

ber/December flyers. (Performance will be over Winter Break.)

We dare you to come to the Middleton Library this Halloween... Teens are invited to help us set up the **Haunted Library** on Oct. 28 from 3:30-5 pm and act in it on **Thursday, Oct. 29, 4-6 pm.**

Everyone is welcome to attend the Haunted Library on the 29th in our lower level Archer Rooms, with a lights on version for children for the first 15 minutes of the program.

- Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



On **Saturday, October 10, 9-11am**, current Middleton Public Library volunteers are encouraged to stop by the Marion Fuller Archer Room for a cup of coffee and a bagel or doughnut so the library can give you a big THANKS

for all you do. Enjoy the book sale across the hall at the same time! People with an interest in volunteering here at the library are welcome to stop by for a glass of juice & something to nibble as well & fill out a volunteer form. Questions? Call Liz at 827-7423.



Special October Programs for Adults

The library is offering several different programs for adults in October.

Thursday, October 1, 7pm: Rubes® Cartoonist Leigh Rubin will deliver a lively presentation on how to stay fresh and creative on the job...and in life in general.

Tuesday, October 6, 7pm Author & speaker Michael Schuler will offer his insights into living a fulfilling & sustainable life.

Tuesday, October 13, 7pm Author Bob Kann will share his knowledge about one of Wisconsin's most progressive & influential couples, Belle & Bob La Follette.

Thursday, October 22, 10am Master Gardener Becky Nickel will inspire us to create festive grape vine wreaths.

For more information, or to register for these programs, email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403.

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New Book Club: Get the Inside Scoop on the Newbery Award!

Each year, the Newbery Medal is awarded to the most distinguished piece of children's literature published during the previous calendar year. But have you ever wondered who chooses the Newbery winner and honor books, or what the selection process is like? Adults and teens are invited to find out by joining our upcoming Mock Newbery Book Club, which will be facilitated by Amanda Struckmeyer, a Youth Services Librarian who was a member of the 2009 Newbery Award Committee. The format of this group will mirror the process followed by the actual award committee; we'll be reading books for children (up to age 14) and evaluating and discussing them in order to select which title we believe should win the 2010 Newbery Award. We'll be meeting on Tuesdays (**October 20, November 17, December 15, and January 12**) at **5:30pm**. For more information, registration, and a reading list, contact Amanda at (608)827-7407 or astruckmeyer@scls.lib.wi.us.



Middleton Public Library Board Members

Marjorie Kozich, Library Board President; Wayne Otto, Library Board Vice President; John Westbury, Library Board Secretary; Hans Hilbert, Library Board Council Liaison; Patricia Bornhofen, Mary Fulton, Joan Gillman, Sandra Smith, Steve Soeteber

Calling all Pet Lovers!

Do you love dogs, cats and pets of all kinds? If you said yes, you won't want to miss our pet-inspired youth programs this season.

Paws to Read

Saturday, September 19, 2-3:30 pm.

Read to a therapy dog! Sign up for a time slot and bring your favorite book to read.

After School Library Club: Crazy Cats

Wednesday, September 16, 4-4:45 pm.

We'll be reading the *Bad Kitty* stories by Nick Bruel, watch a cat film and have feline fun! Snacks will be served.

Parent-Child Book Discussion: Marley Stories

Monday, October 19, 6:30 pm.

Read and discuss a story about the dog Marley. You may read the adult book (*Marley and Me*), the children's novel (*Marley: A Dog Like No Other*) or the children's picture book (*Bad Dog, Marley*). Refreshments will be served.

DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Station

Visit our DIY station for fun activities. In September, our DIY station will feature pets. In October, watch out for monsters!

Celebrate October with crafts, costumes, monsters and scary movies

Krafty Kids

Thursday, October 15, 4-4:45 pm

Make and take Halloween and pirate crafts.

Scary Short Film Festival

Friday, October 30, 2-3:00 pm

Watch several not-too spooky films. Snacks will be served.

Accessory and Hat Making

Thursday, October 29, 2:30 pm.

Create fun costumes, accessories and hats and show them off at our costume parade.

Costume Parade

Thursday, October 29, 3:30 pm

Parade around the library and enjoy some pre-holiday trick-or-treating!

After School Library Club: Monster Stories

Wednesday, October 28, 4-4:45 pm

Celebrate the season with outrageous monster stories, poetry, film and fun. Snacks will be served.

New & Exciting Programs!

Homeschooler's Club

Thursday, October 15, 1:00 pm.

We'll focus on finding great literature portraying the Latino experience.

'Tween Knitting Workshop

Tuesdays, September 22-December 22, 3:30-5:00 pm.

New and experienced knitters are welcome. Materials, instruction and snacks provided. For ages 8-12 only.

Be sure to check the library's website, the events calendar or stop by the Main Level Help desk to pick up a full and detailed list of our storytimes, children's, 'twens and parenting programs.

