



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 2010 Adult Winter Reading Program



This year's program begins on Monday, January 11 at 9 am & concludes on Thursday, February 25 at 9 pm.

To participate one need only pick up a reading log; read 35 hours (newspapers, magazines, audio books, & cereal boxes count!); and write 2 short book reviews.

The special kickoff event on **Friday, January 15, 2:00 pm**, will be David Bacco from **David Bacco Chocolates** to talk about the art of creating great

chocolates; registration, **beginning Monday, December 14**, will be mandatory for this delicious event!

Everyone who completes a reading log & 2 short book reviews may attend another special program with hypno-therapist and dream interpreter Debbie Smoker on **Thursday, February 25, at 7 pm**. Debbie will talk about making new & empowering choices for 2010 by discovering and drawing upon the elements inside & outside of us. There will also be a prize drawing for a \$25 Borders gift certificate.

## Community Reader



Joan Gillman, Library Board Member, shares her reading interests:

**What are you reading these days? Any special titles you're recommending to friends & loved ones?**

I have *What on Earth Have I Done?* by Robert Fulghum in my car (great short stories for a short trip), Jane Hamilton's *Laura Rider's Masterpiece* is on my Play Away for housework and walks, and I am reading *Begging for Change* by Robert Egger (a hardcover) for an interview that I'll be doing with him. The tag line is the dollars and sense of making non-profits responsive, efficient and rewarding for all. For friends I am recommending all 3 of Malcom Gladwells books *Turning Point*, *Blink*, and *Outliers*.

**If you could have everyone in Middleton read the same book at the same time, which book would you choose?**

Thomas Friedman's *The World is Flat*. It's been out for a while but it really helped me understand how we got to where we are today. I hope he is coming out with a new book soon. His writing on the environment in *the NYTimes* scares me into action. I am really working on being more aware of my footprint and legacy for the next generation. Better late than never.

**You are an active member of the Library's Board of Trustees. What made you interested in volunteering for the Board and what are your hopes for the library?**

A good friend of mine asked me once, when I was taking my credit card out of a packed wallet, what card could I not do without. The answer was automatic, a library card. I bought my condo in walking distance of the library. It is my greatest resource and I want to be sure it stays in the top 3 libraries in the state (one can't always be #1).

**When you're not busy on campus teaching and advising or working hard for the Middleton Public Library, what do you like to do for fun and relaxation?**

The obvious answer is read. I have a book on CD in my car, a book by my bed and another on Play Away (a really terrific way to read while doing laundry, walking, etc.). In addition, I love the theater and movies and spending time with my terrific friends. When I can combine them with a great dinner at a local eatery, it is perfect. Oh yes, I should add I do love to cook and have friends over for dinner. My new thing is doing it healthy, less fat and sugar. A real challenge.

## From the Director's Desk

Middleton is one of 18 public libraries (plus the Dane County Library System) that exist in Dane County. We exist because democracy is important to our residents. Like many great things we've come to take for granted, public libraries were first introduced in the country by Benjamin Franklin during the mid 1700s. Since that time, public libraries have not only been a tradition for Americans but a lifeline to information, resources and reading.

The average Middleton resident pays only \$60 per year for public library service. As an individual that would be the price of two books at Barnes and Noble or a partial subscription to the Wisconsin State Journal or a 2-month home-delivered subscription to cable service. What a bargain! Consider the plethora of books, newspapers, magazines and audio recordings, and the cutting edge technology that is at our fingertips. In Middleton, we offer 49 public computers, over 250 magazines and newspapers, and over 90,000 books. Like many libraries across the nation we are seeing usage increases of over 6%. Clearly the demand is growing for public information and sharing.

Over the years, the Middleton city council and library board have wisely recognized the efficiency and cost effectiveness of public library service. For this reason, our library is strong, vital and relevant. From birth to death, there is something for everyone at the library. We not only advocate for early literacy through collections, story-times and special events, help to keep bored teens off the street through programs, collections and computer access,

but offer resources for lifelong learning: job seekers, generalist, small business entrepreneurs and distance learners. In addition, our volunteers and Friends of the Library make it possible for us to offer an average of 10 programs per week, which draw in an average of 30 participants per event.

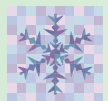
All of this wouldn't be possible without the healthy infrastructure of the Dane County Library System and our regional library system, South Central Library System. Without the coordinated delivery system and our technology consortia, Middleton's services would not meet the standards we all enjoy today.

So allow me to thank you for supporting the library: as a user, taxpayer, donor, volunteer, member of the Friends of the Library, government official, or simply as a reader of this newsletter. Thank you for helping Middleton Public Library play its important role in the community. On behalf of the library board, staff and myself, let me say, *"We look forward to serving you in the coming year!"*



- Pamela Westby, Library Director

## Go Green Tips as the Temperature Gets Colder



### First steps:

- Set your thermostat back 4° while at home and 5° to 10° when sleeping or away. Decreasing the temperature of your home by 4° in winter reduces the CO<sup>2</sup> emissions by 800 pounds annually.
- Close blinds and drapes at night to keep the heat in.
- Pile your bed with down comforters or wool blankets and use a feather bed. These will keep you warm so that you can turn the thermostat much lower at night.
- Wear slippers and sweaters at home in the winter and keep the afghans or blankets on your couch for friends and family.
- Close the heat vents and shut the door to one or two rooms you don't need to heat. Do not close more than two rooms because you might cause heating system problems.
- Clean and clear space around the radiators, registers, and cold-air returns.
- If you have a fireplace, make sure the damper is closed when you are not using it.
- Use "draft stoppers" to block drafts under your door. You can make one yourself or use a towel.

More tips next month!

From *Enact: Steps to Greener Living*  
by Sonya Newenhouse (p.19)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER 2009</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>						
 <p>1 Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>2 9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>3 9:30 Storytime 2-3yo 10:30 Storytime 4-5yo 3:30 Tween Knitting Club</p>	<p>4 9:30 Storytime 2-3yo 10:30 Storytime all ages 4:00 Teashop Girls Club 7:00 Winter Gardens</p>	<p>5 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Storytime all ages 4:00 Teen D&amp;D</p>	<p>6 10:00 Bilingual All Ages Storytime 10:00 Introduction to PowerPoint</p>	<p>7 2:00 Price is Right Family Game</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee 6:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>10 9:30 Storytime 2-3yo 10:30 Storytime 4-5yo 3:30 Tween Knitting Club 6:00 Paws to Read</p>	<p>11 9:30 Storytime 2-3yo 10:30 Storytime all ages 4:00 Teashop Girls Club</p>	<p>12 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:00 Book Discussion 10:30 Storytime all ages 2:00 Digital Photo Books 4:00 Krafty Kids 4:00 Teen D&amp;D 6:30 Parent Workshop Child Development</p>	<p>13 10:00 Bilingual All Ages Storytime</p>	<p>14 <b>SALE</b> 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only) 10:00 National Library Game Day</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 6:30 Meet Laura Schaefer - Author Visit</p>	<p>17 12:30 Drop-in Knitting 3:30 Tween Knitting Club 5:30 Mock Newbery Book Club</p>	<p>18 10:30 Storytime Celebration: Meet Spot! 4:00 Teen Books &amp; Brownies 6:30 Friends Book Sort 7:00 Consumer Information Online</p>	<p>19 4:00 Teen D&amp;D 6:00 Teen Bitten Program</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 3:30 Tween Knitting Club</p>	<p>25 9:30 Friends Book Sorting Library Closing Early at 6pm</p>	 <p>26 Thanksgiving Library Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>					<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p>

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 <h1 style="color: red; margin: 0;">DECEMBER 2009</h1> <p style="color: green; margin: 0;">Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>						
		1	2	3	4	5
		<p>9:30 Parent-Child Craft &amp; Play</p> <p>3:30 'Tween Knitting Club</p>	<p>10:00 All Ages Storytime</p> <p>4:00 Books and Cooks</p>	<p>9:30 Baby Storytime</p> <p>4:00 Teen D&amp;D</p> <p>4:00 'Tween Eco-Crafters: Gift Making</p>	<p>10:00 Bilingual All Ages Storytime</p> <p>4:00 Teen Play Casting</p>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<p> Winter Solstice</p> <p>2:00 'Tween Sock Monkey Making Workshop</p>	<p>3:30 'Tween Knitting Club</p>		<p>Christmas Eve Library Closed</p> 	<p>Christmas Day Library Closed</p> 	<p>Holiday Weekend Library Closed</p>
27	28	29	30	31	Jan. 1, 2010	
<p>Holiday Weekend Library Closed</p>	<p>4:00 Teen Play Practice</p>	<p>4:00 Teen Play Practice</p>	<p>9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p> <p>4:00 Teen Play</p>	<p>New Year's Eve Library Closing Early at 6pm</p>	<p>New Year's Day Library Closed</p>	<p>■ = Youth Event</p> <p>■ = 'Tween Event</p> <p>■ = Teen Event</p> <p>■ = Adult Event</p> <p>■ = Friends Event</p>

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Monday—Thursday 9am-9pm  
Friday 9am-6pm : Saturday 9am-5pm  
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm



## Vampires, Werewolves & a Play: Upcoming Teen Programs

Has your teen been sprouting fangs or howling at the moon lately? Have the names "Jake" or "Edward" been mentioned so often in your household, you feel like they are family? If so, your teen has probably been bitten by the Twilight bug and they won't want to miss our **\*Bitten\* program on Nov. 19, starting at twilight. (6 pm)** Team Jacob will compete with Team Edward to see who can find Bella first. Prize for best costume.

If your teens are more theatrically inclined, they are invited to try out for our teen-written, teen-produced play on **Dec. 4 at 4 pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us for the **\*Fractured Fairy Tales Play\* on Dec. 30 at 4 pm**.



-Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

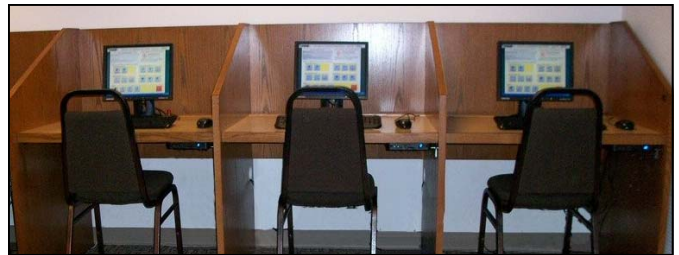
## Computing for a Greener Tomorrow

Using this year's planned computer replacement budget, as well as a donation from Ralph & Lila Meyer, we were able to equip the computer lab with greener PCs. These small, inexpensive, and energy efficient computers use a fraction of power as our old tower PCs. Using around 13-18 watts, versus 60-100 watts of our old ones, we will see some real energy savings. They are also very quiet, something we like to encourage in our computer lab.

While not suited for high processing applications, they are a perfect fit for the tasks used here at the

library such as web browsing and word processing. They have easily accessible USB ports and a headphone jack, as well as an enhanced menu system.

- Patrick Williams,  
Head of Information Technology



## Enjoy a Good Mystery?



Please join us at 3:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, November through February, to explore the "dark side" of human nature by way of four different crime novels:

**November 11 at 3pm**

***An Unsuitable Job for a Woman*** by PD James

**December 9 at 3pm**

***The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*** by Alexander McCall Smith

**January 13 at 3pm**

***The Big Sleep*** by Raymond Chandler

**February 10 at 3pm**

***The Lincoln Lawyer*** by Michael Connelly

All mystery readers welcome! For more information email [mid@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:mid@scls.lib.wi.us) or call 827-7403.



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## Books for Babies at the Middleton Public Library



**Do you have a new baby,  
or are you expecting?**

The Middleton Public Library is delighted to announce that our Books for Babies program has begun! Expectant parents and parents of newborns (up to 4 months old) are invited to visit the Main Level Help Desk to pick up a gift bag full of goodies. Each bag includes a free board book, a bib, information on early literacy and reading with babies, and a menu of library resources for babies and parents. Funding for the Books for Babies program was provided by a generous grant from the Middleton Kiwanis.

### November Programs for Children:

#### The Teashop Girls Club

Wed, Nov. 4 & Nov. 11, 4:00-4:45 p.m. 'Tween Boys and Girls, ages 8-12.

Help with the planning and preparations for a special visit with Laura Schaeffer, author of The Teashop Girls. Select recipes, make bookmarks, sachets and other decorations for the event.

#### Author Visit: Meet and greet Laura Schaefer!

Mon., Nov. 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All Ages

Laura Schaefer, local author will be at the Middleton Public Library to discuss her novel, The Teashop Girls. The story is based in Madison and many familiar and local establishments are mentioned, making for a memorable read. Refreshments will be served.

#### Price Is Right Family Game: Get Ready for Your Holiday Feast

Sat. Nov. 7, 2:00-2:45 p.m. All Ages.

Just like the TV game show! Guess the prices of traditional Thanksgiving feast merchandise. Winners get to take home featured items.

#### Paws to Read

Tues., Nov. 10, 6-7:30 p.m. All Ages.

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

#### Krafty Kids: Thanksgiving Crafts

Thurs., Nov. 12, 4 – 4:45 p.m. Ages 5 and up.

#### Parenting Workshop: Child Development & Screening

Thurs., Nov. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Children's Service Society of Wisconsin will be at the Middleton Public Library to discuss developmental screening for young children.

#### National Library Gaming Day

Sat., Nov. 14, 10 a.m.- 4p.m. All Ages.

Be part of the American Library Association National Gaming Celebration. Stop at the Youth Service Desk anytime between 10 am and 4 pm to play a game. All Ages.

#### Storytime Celebration: Meet Spot!

Wed. Nov. 18 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. All Ages.

Eric Hill's beloved storybook character, Spot, will be at the Middleton Public Library to meet you! All Ages.

### December Programs for Children:

#### 'Tween Knitting

Tues., Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 3:30 -5:00 pm. Ages 8-12.

#### Parent-Child Craft and Play

Tuesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, 9:30-10:30 a.m. All Ages.

Drop-in program for any child with an adult. Children play while adults work on knitting, crochet, or any other craft.

#### Books & Cooks

Wed., Dec. 2, 4 – 4:45 pm. All Ages.

Read some cookie books and make cookies in a jar. Makes a great gift!

#### 'Tween Eco-Crafters

Thurs, Dec. 3, 10 17, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Ages 8-12.

Gift Making Workshop

#### 'Tween Sock Monkey Making Workshop

Mon., Dec. 21, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ages 8-12.

