



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

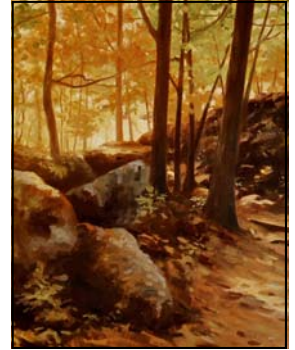
Analysis and Interpretation - An Exhibition of Oil Paintings

on display at the Middleton Public Library January and February

Joan Canto, Mary Diman, Tom Gilbert, and Ching Kung are realist painters with diverse interests. This is only the second time the four have shown together, although, because of their friendship, they are sometimes compelled to paint together. The exhibit reveals the current interests of each: Landscape, portrait, floral, and still life. Each of the artists has been painting and showing for several years and each has a profession in the scientific

community outside of their respective studios.

Canto uses color in her portraits to create drama and capture the intimacy of the moment; Diman's painterly observations are about the complexity of light on form; Gilbert's landscapes capture the moods and natural quality of nature; and Kung successfully merges Chinese aesthetics and traditional Western oil painting techniques.



Meet Katie Atkins, Circulation Supervisor



What are you reading these days? What titles or authors are you recommending to friends?

I am currently reading the *House of Night* series by Kristin and PC Cast. It is a teenage fantasy series about vampires and magic. I am a huge fan of Jodi Picoult, Nicholas Sparks, and Nora Roberts and read almost everything by them. I would recommend *Salem Falls* by Picoult. It is my favorite of her books.

How did you come to work at the Middleton Public Library? What do you like best about working here?

I worked at the Spring Green Community Library when I was in High School, but had to give it up when I moved to Madison to go to school. I saw the posting for a Page 1 job here and applied right away! I love libraries, both as an employee and a patron. Some of my favorite things about working here are building relationships with patrons and staff and being surrounded by all of the great books and movies we have.

Who were your favorite authors when you were growing up?

I loved Lois Lowry books when I was growing up. *The Giver* remains one of my favorite books to this day. I also loved Roald Dahl. *The BFG* is one of the first books I remember reading in school that I couldn't put down. One of my favorite stories from when I was younger is *The Polar Express*. My family still reads it together every year, even though I am the youngest child!

What do you do for fun when you're not helping our patrons at the Circulation Desk?

I am a big sports fan. I play volleyball any chance I can get and I am coaching this winter too. I love going to Brewers games during the season, and enjoy Badger hockey games too. I also love to spend days reading and watching movies.

From the Director's Desk

Middleton Public Library is a member of the South Central Library System (SCLS), a state-funded agency that serves the 52 public libraries and all residents in 7 counties. As a member of the South Central Library System, Middleton Public Library shares with other member libraries management computer software, specifically designed for public libraries, the LINKCat catalog. That software and centralized equipment was purchased by SCLS, to manage the circulation aspects of the library operations. LINKCat allows customers to search and request materials in other libraries. That means City of Middleton residents may use and check out any of the over 3 million items at other public libraries in all member counties

Each governing body of a municipality that wants its library to be a system agrees to meet 10 requirements. One is to share collections through walk-in service with all residents in the system, a network of cooperation among libraries that has been in place for decades. Another requirement is

that the municipality's governing body fund its library at an amount not less than the average of the previous three years. This is known as public library Maintenance of Effort (MOE). It is the minimum funding a city must provide, under W.S. 43.15(4)(c)5.

Last month, the Middleton Common Council approved a budget that cut library funding to the minimum level required by law to participate in the system. Unfortunately, the minimum level is a major reduction to the library operating budget. On one hand, it saved the average city of Middleton taxpayer \$3.79 in 2010. On the other hand, it reduced book purchases by \$58,000 and the audiobook budget by \$10,000. Library users can expect to see fewer items on the new book shelves and a drop in new movies and music titles in 2010. *Of course, we will strive to provide the same friendly service as always.*

- Pamela Westby, Library Director




Join the Library on facebook!




Did you know the Middleton Public Library has a facebook page? Add us as a friend on facebook to see upcoming events, answer our surveys, and win free prizes!

Enjoy a Good Mystery?

Adults who savor authors like P.D. James and Dana Stabenow are invited to join us at the Middleton Public Library for a new book discussion group. During the dark winter months we'll explore the cold, dark side of human nature by discussing some great mystery & detective stories. On **Wednesday, January 13, at 3:00**, we'll take on the classic noir detective novel ***The Big Sleep*** by Raymond Chandler and on **Wednesday**

February 14, at 3:00 we'll visit the courtroom with Michael Connelly's ***The Lincoln Lawyer***. Please join us in the Kenneth J. Mack Reading Room; hot tea will be available. For more information email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>JANUARY 2010</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>				 <p>1 New Year's Day Library Closed</p>	2
3	<p>4 9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	5	<p>6 10:00 Play Literacy Goes to the Vet</p>	7	8	<p>9 SALE 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only)</p>
10	<p>11 Adult Winter Reading Program Begins 6:30 Friends Book Sorting</p>	<p>12 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 5:30 Mock Newbery Book Club</p>	<p>13 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 3:00 Mystery Book Discussion 3:15 Tween Wii Wednesday</p>	<p>14 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime</p>	<p>15 10:00 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime 2:00 AWRP Kickoff - David Bacco Chocolates (Registration Required)</p>	<p>16 Children's Winter Reading Program Begins</p>
17	 <p>18 Library Closed for Staff In-Service</p>	<p>19 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime</p>	<p>20 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 4:00 Teen Books & Brownies 4:00 Books & Cooks 6:30 Friends Sorting</p>	<p>21 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 4:00 "Krafty" Kids</p>	<p>22 10:00 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</p>	<p>23 2:00 PAWS to Read</p>
24	<p>25 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee 6:00 Pajamarama Storytime</p>	<p>26 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 3:30 Tween Knitting</p>	<p>27 9:30 Friends Sorting 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 4:00 Books & Cooks</p>	<p>28 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 1:00 & 4:00 Tween Book Club 7:00 Teen Beach Party</p>	<p>29 10:00 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</p>	30
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Monday—Thursday 9am-9pm
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Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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Food & Fun at the Adult Winter Reading Program Finale!

MyMenu on Mineral Point Road has graciously offered to donate delicious appetizers for the Adult Winter Reading Program finale on Thursday, **February 25, 7:00 p.m.** Dessert items will also be available. All adults 18 and older who turn in their Winter Reading Program Log & write two short book reviews are invited to attend a special evening with hypnotherapist Debbie Smoker. We'll snack on good

food and talk about starting 2010 with the best attitudes and habits. There will also be a prize drawing for a \$25 Borders gift card. For more information about the Adult Winter Reading Program, which begins **Monday, January 11**, email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403.

Go Green Home Heating Tips

56% of household energy is used to heat the home!

To help minimize the cost to the wallet & the planet, consider adopting these practices:

- 🌿 Check your furnace filter monthly and replace or clean as needed.
- 🌿 Have your gas furnace tuned up at least every other year. One study found that a \$150 tune-up resulted in 12% savings on heating costs.
- 🌿 Apply a plastic thermal film to your windows for the winter season.
- 🌿 Install and program a programmable thermostat to decrease the temperature at night and when you are away. Again, an expense of less than \$100 can save 12% on your annual energy bill.



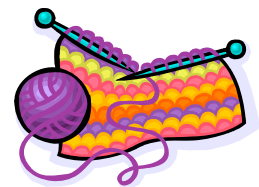
From *Enact : Steps to Greener Living* by Sonya Newenhouse

Drop-In Needlework at the Library

Adults are invited to join a group of enthusiastic crafters every **Tuesday, 1:30 to 2:30**, in the library's KJ Mack Reading Room, beginning **Tuesday, January 12**.

Bring your latest wool or thread project and share your questions and expertise with others. Novices to knitting, crocheting, or embroidery

are welcome; someone is likely to be on hand with suggestions and tips. Those who are interested in doing so are encouraged to donate one or more completed handicraft projects to Middleton Outreach Ministry for their clients. For more information call Liz at 827-7423.



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This year, some of our staff have reached their 5 year anniversary working at the Middleton Public Library. We thank them all for their hard work & dedication!



Katie Adkins

Joe Goad

Jean Javenkoski

Peter Matias

Elizabeth Nelson

Margie Pearce

Sara Simpson

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

Warm Up With A Good Book & Join the 2010 Children's Winter Reading Club

Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, February 28, 2010

Readers and Pre-Readers 8 years old and younger are invited to join the Kids Club.
Readers 8-12 years old are invited to join the 'Tween Club.



Pick Up Your Reading Log starting on Saturday, January 16th at the Youth Services Help Desk. Participants who reach their reading goal will receive a prize and can enter a grand prize drawing. Be sure to bring reading logs in by Sunday, February 28th, 4:30, end of Children's Winter Reading Program.



Lego Drive

Do you have large or medium-sized Legos to spare? Please consider donating them to the library for our **Lego Block Party** during Spring Break Week in March.

There is a lot going on for everyone this winter. Be sure to check out the events calendar, the library's website, or stop by the help desk for a full listing of all our programs including **Storytimes, Play Literacy Goes to the Vet, Books & Cooks, Wii Wednesday, 'Tween Book Club, 'Tween Knitting Club, Paws to Read, Parenting Workshop for School Success, Mo Willems Birthday Party, and Krafty Kids.**

Books for Babies

The Books for Babies program is in full swing! Expectant parents and parents of children up to 4 months old are invited to visit the Main Level Help Desk for a free Books for Babies kit, which includes a board book. Many thanks to the Middleton Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this program.

