

The Bookworm

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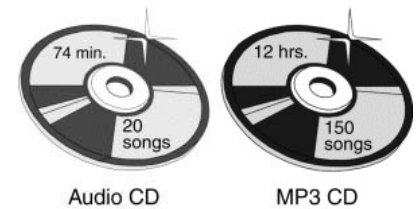


Audio Books on MP3 CDs



Audio book lovers will note there is a third format now available on the shelves. Along with the regular books on CD and the newer Playaways, we now have audio books on MP3 CDs. The biggest difference is the number of CDs needed for each audio book. The MP3 format compresses the audio file at a higher rate, allowing a larger file to be placed onto a CD, which means fewer CDs per title. In addition, *MP3 CDs can only be played on an*

MP3-compatible CD player or on any computer with the appropriate software. MP3 CDs are environmentally friendly because they require less packaging and there is less for the landfill when they get broken. They are also less expensive so the library can buy more titles!



Holds Notification via text

The South Central Library System now offers another method of notifying patrons of their holds – text message! The library system does not charge for this service, however there may be a text charge from the patron's mobile phone service provider. Text messages for holds are sent to the patron after 9:00 pm, on the day the hold is checked in at the library. If you are interested in more information, or in signing up for this service, please talk to the Circulation Desk staff at Middleton Public Library.



Meet the Library Staff



This month we meet with our new Reference team member, **Emily Goad**.

Welcome to your new position at the library's Reference Desk! How did you get interested in working in libraries?

Thanks! I've always loved libraries - when I was a kid, it was a special treat to come to the library and pick out books. Working in a library was a natural choice for me: they let me combine my love of reading and social work.

What are you reading these days? What title or titles would you recommend to a friend looking for a really good read?

I just finished ***Camus, A Romance*** by Elizabeth Hawes, and ***Stitches*** by David Small. Now I'm reading ***Shutter Island*** by Dennis Lehane and ***The Good Wife*** by Stewart O'Nan. I would definitely recommend Stewart O'Nan's ***Prayer for the Dying***, J.D. Sallinger's ***Franny and Zooey*** and ANYTHING by Jack Kerouac - especially ***Dharma Bums***.

You'll be teaching a lot of computer classes at the library; what's your favorite library database?

NovelistPlus! I absolutely love this database - it's a wonderful way of perusing books, finding book reviews and getting great recommendations based on your taste in genre!

What do you do for fun when you're not helping patrons here at the library?

I love to read, cook, watch movies and spend time outside with my dog Roufus. When it's warm out, I go camping and love to ride my bike. I also love to travel.

From the Director's Desk

Part of the Solution, Not the Problem

During a recent trip to Wisconsin's state capital for Library Legislative Day, I heard plenty of talk about the economic crisis, and tight budgets. In Wisconsin, and across the nation, elected officials are scratching their heads, looking for the ways to help their constituents deal with the stresses and changes in finances and at the same time trying to find ways to soothe raging taxpayers.

The elected representatives in our district seemed to know that the work of libraries and the services we provide are actually **part of the solution, not the problem**. At a remarkably low cost, residents in Dane County receive access to resources for job searching, resume writing, starting and managing small businesses, study tools for the GED, ACT, TOEFL, GRE (in print and online), and other major educational and career-development exams. Middleton is often a test sites for exams and offers free test-proctoring services.

Our computers are used for online job applications, filing taxes, registering for college courses, and completing FAFSA for educational grants and scholarship, setting up email accounts, locating consumer reports evaluations and accessing updated medical information. In Middleton, our wireless Internet access provides service to laptop users who visit the library free of charge during library hours. In 2009, more than 5,100 people accessed our free wireless, an average of 97 logins per week.

In addition to our print reference collection and equipment such as public computers, printers,

copiers, fax machine, scanner, and study rooms, Middleton provides digital information to a business research database for small business called ReferenceUSA. Wisconsin's electronic gateway to full text magazine and newspaper articles, known as Badgerlink, is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (the Division for Libraries, Technology & Community Learning) and can be accessed in the library, at home, at the office and anywhere Internet access is available. From 2008 to 2009, use of Badgerlink's digital offerings doubled, and usage grew by about 80%.

Today, more than ever, library services are essential contributors to the **solution, not the problem**. If you have benefited from our Library, I encourage you to share your stories with your local elected officials or send them to me at **Pamela@scls.lib.wi.us** or at 7425 Hubbard Avenue and I will pass them on to local, county and state officials. Showing your support for libraries will similarly make **YOU part of the solution**.

- Pamela Westby, Library Director

Brighten a Smile

Last month, the Middleton Public Library staff of 53 members collected and donated 62 new toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste for Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM), whose goal is to *improve the quality of life for all citizens, especially those with critical needs*.



A New Face at Youth Services

Please welcome **Sarah Goebel** to the Middleton Public Library's Youth Services Team. We are looking forward to sharing Sarah's friendly energy and knowledge with our library patrons. Sarah is a huge advocate of public libraries and we are eager for our patrons to experience her enthusiasm with the rest of Middleton!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | <h1>MARCH 2010</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2> | | | | | |
| | 1 9:30 Friends Book Sorting | 2 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 1:30 Drop-In Needlework 3:30 'Tween Knitting | 3 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime | 4 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 4:00 'Tweens Games | 5 10:00 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime | 6 |
| 7 | 8 6:30 Friends Book Sorting | 9 1:30 Drop-In Needlework 3:30 'Tween Knitting 6:30 Library Board Meeting | 10 3:00 Mystery Book Discussion | 11 9:30 Baby Signs 1:00 & 4:00 'Tween Book Club 7:00 Images of the West | 12 10:00 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime | 13 9:00-2:30 Friends Book Sale (First 2 hours - Friends Only) |
| 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins 1:30-4:00 Friends Book Sale | 15 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee 7:00 Friends Board Meeting | 16 1:30 Drop-In Needlework 3:30 'Tween Knitting | 17 10:00 Play Literacy: Grocery Shopping! 4:00 Books & Brownies 6:30 Friends Book Sorting | 18 10:00 Book Discussion for Adults 4:00 'Tweens Games 6:00 Pajamarama Storytime | 19 10:00 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime | 20 |
| 21 | 22 2:00 'Tween Shakespeare | 23 1:30 Drop-In Needlework 2:00 Skype Computer Class 3:30 'Tween Knitting | 24 2:00 Lego Block Party | 25 7:00 Teen Magna / Anime Fest | 26 10:00 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime | 27 |
| 28 | 29 6:30 Jen Bryant: Author Visit | 30 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 1:30 Drop-In Needlework 3:30 'Tween Knitting | 31 9:30 Friends Book Sort 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 4:00 Young Illustrators | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ = Youth Event ■ = 'Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event |

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Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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Linda Meyer will be exhibiting her paintings at the library in March and April. Linda is a self-taught artist who focuses her work on flowers and birds. She loves painting and recreating the beauty of nature on canvas. Stop by and check out her work!



Eco-Tip: Steps to Greener Living

Organic and Beyond

First Steps:

1. During each major grocery shopping trip, buy one organic product instead of a conventional one.
2. Wash your fruits and vegetables in warm, mildly soapy water whether they are organic or conventional. Even organic produce may have residue of manure and fertilizers that are unhealthy to consume.
3. Consider organic choices for common fruits and vegetables whose conventionally grown counterparts are especially high in pesticides: apples, bell peppers, celery, cherries, peaches, strawberries, and spinach.

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



Special Library Program for Mystery Lovers

The Library is delighted to host three top-notch mystery writers on **Saturday, April 10, at 2:00 pm**, in the library's Archer Room. **The Minnesota Crime Wave** includes Ellen Hart, William Kent Krueger, and Carl Brookins. Ellen Hart writes the very popular Jane Lawless series. Jane, an amateur sleuth and successful Twin Cities restaurateur, is aided in solving crime by her irreplaceable best friend Cordelia Thorn. William Kent Krueger's absorbing series centers on the

weary, but dogged, "Cork" O'Connor. Cork is a former law man up by the Boundary Waters. He uses Ojibwe lore and philosophy to guide him as he tracks bad guys. Carl Brookins writes "stand alone" mysteries which reviewers call "satisfying" and "fun." We hope you can join us for this special event. For more information, or to register, email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403.



Explore America's Frontier through Paintings

Please join UW-Madison Art History professor, **Anna Andrzejewski**, on **Thursday, March 11, 7:00 pm**, for a special program held in conjunction with the library's art grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities. Dr. Andrzejewski will present a slide show of paintings from the 19th century in order to explain how America's mental vision of the "West" was shaped through these lovely and romantic images.

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Teen Events in Spring: Anime/Manga and Earth Day

Are you obsessed with Japanese culture, manga or anime, or just like to sing karaoke? If so, you won't want to miss our **Manga/Anime Fest** for teens on **Thursday, March 25, 7-8 p.m.** Manga artists are invited to turn in a drawing by March 19 to have it displayed in the Manga Art Con-



test. (\$25 prize for best drawing.) Bring your old manga to swap (and get some freebies!) and cosplay (dress up like your

favorite manga character) for additional prizes.

Nature lovers of all ages are invited to take a walk with us on **Earth Day (April 22, 4 pm)** for a tour of Middleton with an educator from Dane Co. Land & Water Resources. We will learn how to identify different types of trees & plants, and meet in the library afterwards to plant seeds & make pet rocks.



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

Thank you to all our Library Volunteers!

Volunteers are the special piece of our library puzzle! Each of us is a piece that helps create the whole library picture; we wouldn't be complete without **you!** Thank you for **all** you do!



- Shelves
- Book Sorters
- Book Sale Workers
- Friends Board members
- Library Board members
- Technical Service assistants
- Children's program assistants
- Teens, adults of all ages, parents & kids: everyone!

Celebrate National Volunteer Week April 18-24!

Some books for Children and Teens by **Jen Bryan** (ask at the Youth Services Desk for a more complete list!)



Call Me Marianne.

A boy meets an older woman at the zoo, and together they observe the animals while she tells him about the process of writing poetry.



Georgia's Bones.

Artist Georgia O'Keeffe was interested in the shapes she saw

around her, from her childhood on a Wisconsin farm to her adult life in New York City and New Mexico.



Kaleidoscope Eyes.

In 1968, with the Vietnam War raging, thirteen-year-old Lyza inherits a project from her deceased grandfather, who had been using his knowledge of maps and the geography of Lyza's New Jersey hometown to locate the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.

Author Visit with Jen Bryant

Monday, March 29 at 6:30 pm.

Meet and greet national award winning author, **Jen Bryant** at the Middleton Public Library.

A River of Words was a recipient of a Caldecott and Charlotte Zolotow Honor in 2009.

All Ages are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served and are being kindly donated by **My Menu.**

Stop by or call the Main Level Help Desk ((608) 827-7402) to register.



A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams

This picture book biography of William Carlos Williams traces childhood events that lead him to become a doctor and a poet.



Ringside 1925: Views from the Scopes Trial.

Visitors, spectators, and residents of Dayton, Tennessee, in 1925 describe, in a series of free-verse poems, the Scopes "monkey trial" and its effects on that small town and its citizens.