

The Bookworm

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Music of the Civil War

Adults and teens are invited to a special musical program commemorating the 150th anniversary of the terrible conflict that divided our country. Phil Passen, one of the few musicians not only to play the hammered dulcimer, but to also to sing while accompanying himself on the instrument, will perform songs like “Shiloh Hill” and “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” at the library on **Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm**. For more information or to register for this program email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403.



Meet Community Reader, Author Kathleen Ernst



*Congratulations on your new mystery **Old World Murder!** Who are some of the crime & detective authors you admire?*

Some of my favorite mystery authors include Julia Spencer Fleming, Dana Stabenow, Nevada Barr, Erin Hart, and Sandi Ault. I gravitate toward traditional mysteries with well-developed characters and a strong sense of place. I also love Margaret Lawrence and C.S. Harris, who write historical mysteries.

You have written a number of children’s books and mysteries; what were some of the most important books to you when you were growing up?

Surprisingly, perhaps, I was not a Nancy Drew fan! I did love Trixie Belden mysteries, though. For many years Marguerite Henry’s **Misty of Chincoteague** was my favorite book. I also loved historical fiction from a very young age, starting with Laura Ingalls Wilder’s **Little House** series.

If you could choose one book for everyone in Middleton to read which title would you choose and why?

It’s hard to pick, but here goes: **A Northern Light** by Jennifer Donnelly. It is a lovely and lyrical book that shows the true conflict of a bright young woman trying to choose her path in a time and place where any choice came with a steep price.

What’s ahead for your intrepid protagonist Chloe Ellefson?

Chloe’s going to be busy! Book 2, **The Heirloom Murders** (September 2011) is set partly at Old World Wisconsin and partly in Green County’s Swiss community. In addition to confronting a mystery, she will also confront someone from her troubled past. And the third book in the series will take her further afield—although Chloe will keep her job at Old World Wisconsin, she will be visiting other historic sites as the series progresses.

Kathleen Ernst will be discussing her mystery, *Old World Murder*, at the library on Wednesday, March 9, 7pm. For more information call 827-7403.

Celebrate with Local Poets

Four published Wisconsin poets—three of them from Middleton—will help the library celebrate April as National Poetry Month with a special poetry reading on **Monday, April 25, 7pm**. Join Wisconsin Poet Laureate Bruce Dethlefsen, Jeanie Tomasko, Richard Roe, and Alice D’Alessio for an evening of wild, witty, and wise words. For more information or to register for this program email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 827-7403.

From the Director's Desk

With each passing year, I find good cause to recognize both major and minor milestones. Whether it is an anniversary of an event or attaining a long awaited goal, I enjoy reflecting on the journey and celebrating it with others. This year marks an important year for libraries in our state and in our nation, so please join me in reflecting on the journey of public libraries and their efforts to promote intellectual freedom and to provide equal access to information free from discrimination.



National: The American Library Association is 135 Years Old in 2011. “During the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, 103 librarians, 90 men and 13 women,

responded to a call for a "Convention of Librarians" to be held October 4-6 at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. At the end of the meeting, according to Ed Holley in his essay "ALA at 100," "the register was passed around for all to sign who wished to become charter members," making October 6, 1876 to be ALA's birthday. In attendance were 90 men and 13 women, among them Justin Winsor (Boston Public, Harvard), William Frederick Poole (Chicago Public, Newberry), Charles Ammi Cutter (Boston Athenaeum), Melvil Dewey, and Richard Rogers Bowker. Attendees came from as far west as Chicago and from England” (retrieved February 28, 2011 from: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/missionhistory/history/index.cfm>.)



State: Wisconsin Library Association is 120 years old in 2011. “On February 11, 1891, a group of individuals gathered in the office of the State Superintendent of Public

Instruction, located in Wisconsin's second Capitol, for the purpose of establishing a state library association. At that meeting, a constitution (based on that of the New York Library Association) was adopted and officers were elected. They included K. A. Linderfelt, president; R. G. Thwaites, vice-president; and F. A. Hutchins, secretary-treasurer. The first conference of the newly established association took

place in Madison on March 11, 1891. Although much of the focus of the early years of the Wisconsin Library Association was on the development of public libraries, twelve decades of library leadership and support by the association has had a positive impact on all types of Wisconsin libraries. As Wisconsin libraries face a tough year due to the economy, it is also a time to acknowledge the tremendous library growth and development that has occurred in the last 120 years. Through good times and hard times Wisconsin libraries have persevered in meeting the information and knowledge needs of the state's residents. That's something to celebrate” (retrieved February 28, 2011 from <http://heritage.wisconsinlibraries.org/2011/01/wla-is-one-twenty-in-twenty-on.html>.)



Local: Middleton Public Library is 84 years old in 2011.

“On February 27, 1927, the members of the Middleton Progressive Women's Club

started a library by donating a shelf's worth of books, which were made available at the Burmeister-Kruse Department Store, located at the northwest corner of Hubbard and Parmenter.” To learn more about the history of your local library, visit the Historical Overview of the Middleton Public Library section on the Library's website under the Library Information Tab (including historical photos and a video slideshow): <http://www.midlibrary.org/library/libraryhistory.asp>

Personal (minor milestone): Library Director Pamela K. (Halbakken) Westby is 50 years old in 2011. According to the Ancestry database available at the Middleton Public Library: On May 24, 1961 Pamela K. Halbakken was born in Otter Tail County of Minnesota to Homer W. and Marjorie C. Halbakken. (*I sure hope 50 is nifty!*)

- Pamela Westby, Library Director

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | <h1>MARCH 2011</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p> | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ = Youth Event ■ = Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | <p>9:30 Toddler Storytime</p> <p>10:30 Big Kids Storytime</p> | <p>9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime</p> <p>10:30 All Ages Storytime</p> <p>2:00 Storytime Matinee</p> | <p>9:30 Baby Storytime</p> <p>10:30 All Ages Storytime</p> <p>4:00 Science with Seuss</p> | <p>9:30 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</p> | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | <p>9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p> <p>6:00 Tween D&D</p> <p>6:30 American Girl Party</p> | <p>9:30 Toddler Storytime</p> <p>10:30 Big Kids Storytime</p> <p>6:30 Library Board Meeting</p> | <p>9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime</p> <p>10:30 All Ages Storytime</p> <p>3:30 Afternoon Library Club</p> <p>7:00 Mystery Author Kathleen Ernst</p> | <p>9:30 Baby Storytime</p> <p>10:30 All Ages Storytime</p> | <p>9:30 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</p> | <p>SALE</p> <p>9:00-2:30 Friends Book Sale (First 2 hours - Friends Only)</p> <p>11:00 One on Ones</p> |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
|  <p>SALE</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> <p>1:30-4:00 Friends Book Sale</p> | <p>4:00 Teen Advisory Committee</p> <p>6:30 Friends Book Sorting</p> | | <p>12:00 WI Women's Initiative Presentation</p> <p>4:00 Books & Brownies</p> <p>7:00 Creative Writing for Adults (reg. required)</p> |  <p>10:00 Book Discussion for Adults</p> <p>12:00 Library Adventure Club</p> | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
|  | <p>7:00 Friends Board Meeting</p> | <p>2:00 Monday Movie Matinee</p> <p>7:00 Book Discussion for Adults</p> | <p>9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p> <p>2:00 Science Alliance Presents "World Works!"</p> | <p>10:00 Max & Ruby Party</p> <p>7:00 Redefined, UW-Madison Accapella Singing Group</p> | <p>1:00 Library Lego Block Party</p> <p>3:00 One on Ones</p> | <p>9:00 One on Ones</p> <p>10:00 Chess Club</p> |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| | | <p>11:00 One on Ones</p> | <p>9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p> | <p>7:00 Teen Magna / Anime Fest</p> | | |

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| | | | | | 1 3:00 Intro to OverDrive Audio Books (reg. required) | 2 |
| 3 | 4 9:30 Friends Book Sorting 5:00 Tween Book Discussion and Movie | 5 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 3:30 Tween Knitting | 6 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 2:00 Storytime Matinee | 7 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime | 8 9:30 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime 3:00 Intro to OverDrive ebooks (reg. required) | 9 SALE 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only) 2:30 Krafty Kids |
| 10 SALE 1:30-4:00 Friends Book Sale | 11 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee 6:30 Friends Book Sort 7:00 Friends Board Meeting | 12 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 3:30 Tween Knitting 6:30 Library Board Meeting | 13 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 4:00 Books & Brownies | 14 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 7:00 Music of the Civil War | 15 9:30 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime 3:00 Test Drive an eReader: hands on (reg. required) | 16 2:30 Baby-Sitters Club Book Discussion and Party |
| 17 | 18 | 19 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 3:30 Tween Knitting | 20 9:30 Friends Sorting 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 12:00 WI Women's Initiative Presentation 2:00 Matinee Storytime 7:00 Author Anthony Bukoski | 21 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:00 Book Discussion for Adults 10:30 All Ages Storytime 12:00 Library Adventure Club | 22 9:30 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime 10:00 Earth Day Art and Science | 23 |
| 24  Easter Library Closed | 25 7:00 Poetry Reading by Wisconsin Poets | 26 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 3:30 Tween Knitting 7:00 Book Discussion for Adults | 27 9:30 Friends Sorting 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 3:30 Poetry Pizza Party | 28 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:00 Intro to Yoga (reg. required) 10:30 All Ages Storytime 4:00 Tween Crafternoon 7:00 Teen Dance | 29 9:30 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime | 30 1:00 Children's Day/Book Day Día de Los Niños/Día de Los Libros Celebration |

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Enjoy Spring Break at the Library!

Movie Matinee: Toy Story

Tuesday, March 22 at 2pm

All ages are welcome. Sign up at the Main Level Help Desk.

Science Alliance Presents World Works

Wednesday, March 23 at 2pm

An exciting, fun, and interactive environmental program! All ages are welcome. Sign up at the Main Level Help Desk.

Max and Ruby Party!

Thursday, March 24 at 10 am

Meet Max, Rosemary Wells' beloved character from the Max and Ruby series. We'll also read some stories, make a craft, and watch a film. All ages are welcome. Sign up at the Main Level Help Desk.

- Svetha Hetzler, Head of Children's Services

Library Lego Block Party!

Friday, March 25 at 1pm

Bring your creativity and imagination and we'll supply the Legos! All ages are welcome. Sign up at the Main Level Help Desk.

Chess Club

Saturday, March 26 at 10 am

All ages and levels are welcome. Sign up is not required.

Check out the calendar insert, go online, stop by, or call the Youth Services Desk at (608) 827-7402 for more details on all of our March and April programs.



Koha Migration Update

In our last issue of the Bookworm, we reported forthcoming enhancements to the online catalog, LINKcat. On February 22, 1011, South Central Library System staff released this statement: "SCLS has been working on new software to run LINKcat, and we anticipated going live in February. However, delays in software development meant we had to postpone the launch. At this time, SCLS is working with the software developer to

add functionality for customers and identify a new 2011 launch date." Like the staff at the other 42 member libraries belonging to LINKcat, Middleton Public Library staff continues to work with system staff to help expedite the process; and bring to you the best possible product in the least amount of time. We appreciate your continued support and patience!

- Pamela Westby, Library Director

Dancing & Manga Cosplay for Teens

Teens who love anime/manga are invited to come to the library for our **Manga/Anime Fest** on **Thursday, March 31, from 7-8 p.m.** Bring any manga you'd like to swap & we'll have lots of freebies! Manga artists are invited to turn in any artwork for our Manga Art Contest by March 22 (entries will be displayed at the Fest, \$25 prize for best drawing). Prize also for best costume. Join us for Japanese food, karaoke, and to play Sumo Sushi Roll...

If you love to dance or hear live music, don't miss our **Teen Dance Party** on **Thursday, April 28, from 7-8 pm.** Try our Dance Off Competition for special prizes. Please excuse any noise that may leak into the library this evening.



-Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

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Upcoming Events for 'Tweens Ages 8-12

- Science with Seuss on March 3
- American Girl Book Discussion and Party on March 7
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Book Discussion, Dinner, and Movie on April 4
- Experienced Knitters' Workshop starting on April 5
- Baby-Sitters Club Book Discussion and Party on April 16
- Earth Day Art and Science on April 22
- Crafternoons: May Baskets on April 28
- El día de los niños/El día de los libros Celebration for families on April 30

Get more information and register at the
Help Desk or by
calling (608)827-7402.



Middleton Public Library Board Members

Marjorie Kozich, Library Board President; Sandra Smith, Library Board Vice President; John Westbury, Library Board Secretary; Gurdip Brar, Library Board Council Liaison; Christopher Clay, Joan Gillman, Stephanie Hammes, Rusty Shoemaker-Allen, Steve Soeteber

The Staff & Library Board of the Middleton Public Library encourage everyone to use their library during National Library Week, April 10-April 16!



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