



# The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Friends of the Middleton Public Library Summer Events



**National Mustard Day**  
Saturday August 6  
(There are no events on Sunday,  
as previously published)

Enjoy fun-filled activities and tasty treats on Saturday at the National Mustard Museum; just down the street from the library. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the

Friends of the Middleton Public Library to fund library programs throughout the year! **We need volunteers to help at this event too,** for hot dog cooking, face painting, and mustard games. Please contact the Help Desk at the library to sign up to help - 827-7402

**Middleton Good Neighbor Festival Parade**  
Sunday, August 28

Dress up as your favorite book character and ride on or walk beside the Friends of the Middleton Public Library float as part of the city's annual summer parade! If you'd like to participate, please sign up at the Main Level Help Desk - 827-7402



## We're Looking for a Few Good Needles (and Yarn!) Donate Your Extras to Our 'Tween Knitting Group!



Did you know that the library hosts a booming 'tween knitting group? It's true! The group is open to knitters of all skill levels (including beginners), ages 8-12. Our knitters have made all kinds of beautiful creations, such as scarves, purses, stuffed animals, baby blankets, cabled hats, and lots more. Most of the group members are new to knitting, and it is really amazing to see their skills and confidence grow.

Naturally, we go through a lot of materials! The Friends of the Middleton Public Library generously provides us with funding to purchase supplies (Thank you, Friends!), but we'd like to give everyone a chance to donate yarn or needles. If you have knitting supplies you'd like to contribute, please feel free to drop them off at the Help Desk. If you've got questions regarding whether certain items are suitable for our group, call Amanda at (608) 827-7407. Thank you for your generosity!

## Meet Community Reader, Katy Shannon



*What are you reading and recommending these days?*

I love mysteries, and I just finished Janet Evanovich's ***Stephanie Plum*** series, but I'm beginning the summer by re-reading a couple of my Jane Austen favorites: ***Pride and Prejudice*** and ***Emma***. A book I read recently that I'd recommend is ***Thirteen***

***Moons*** by Charles Frazier; it's one of my new favorites. And, of course, I am constantly previewing Spanish and bilingual children's books to use in the bilingual storytime at the library. I usually try these out on my own kids. One of our all-time favorites is ***Ferdinand / Ferdinando***, by Munro Leaf.

*If you could get everyone in Middleton to read the same book which book would it be?*

I think a great book, and one that a lot of people from Middleton have already read, is ***The Help*** by Kathryn Stockett. I found the women in the novel inspiring. They made me feel hopeful and reminded me of the many advantages we enjoy living in this country today.

*What do you enjoy best about the library's bilingual storytime?*

The most fun thing about the bilingual storytime is hearing my young patrons pipe up in Spanish during stories and songs. Hearing their little voices speak Spanish is music to my ears!

*What is your favorite summertime activity?*

My very favorite summertime activity is having a picnic at the beach with my family on a really hot day. ¡Me encanta ir a la playa!

## From the Director's Desk

You have a lot of choices to make each and every day. Some choices are harder than others, like how to divide our resources of time and money. We might decide to sacrifice leisure activities or family time to earn a degree or to complete a project. It can be painful, but often we think the end goal is worth the discomfort. If we have a solid foundation, like a set of principles, then it may be fair to say that 95 times out of 100 the decisions are essentially made for us.

In the world of library management, the same can be said. Administrators and staff members are restricted by both internal and external factors, e.g. the budget, the number of employees, the layout design and functionality of the library facility, the demographics and needs of the public, and the demands of the culture. There are times when the only way to achieve an important goal is to redirect our resources to a short list, leaving less energy for other worthy causes.

When I come to a crossroads for the Middleton Public Library I always revert to the core values that bring me here. Those values are grounded in my belief that public information through public libraries supports free thinking which benefits the community and the right to a democratic society. Specifically, I admire the work of Melvil Dewey and Benjamin Franklin, but I am particularly fond of a set of principles published in 1931 by S.R. Ranganathan, commonly known as the Five Laws of Library Science.

These laws are as follows:

**1. Books are for use.** The library collections at the Middleton Public Library are made accessible to you free of dis-

crimination and with as few barriers as possible. Middleton patrons checkout over 800,000 items last year, the third highest circulation in Dane County.

**2. Every reader his [or her] book.** Middleton Public Library collections vary from foreign language to Easy Readers, from Romance to graphic novels. In this pluralistic society that we live in, our goal is to provide something for everyone, but not necessarily everything for everyone.

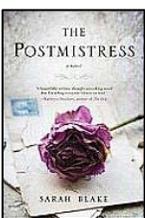
**3. Every book its reader.** In our collection of over 90,000 print materials and over 7,000 ebooks, Middleton Public Library selectors strive to deliver a balanced collection that reflects both ends of the spectrum, from the independent researcher to the leisurely reader.

**4. Save the time of the reader.** Through careful labeling, standard classification, online catalog descriptions and subject assignments, organized shelving units, self checkout stations and open holds Middleton Public Library staff is committed to saving you time and effort in finding the information you need.

**5. The library is a growing organism.** Over the years Middleton information seekers use the library in very different ways than they did a decade ago. For instance, we offer many online databases that are now available to you through library computers or from your PC at home, like Ancestry, Heritage Quest, ReferenceUSA Business, Consumer Reports, Novelist, Mango Language Learning, and Overdrive (downloadable ebooks and audiobooks). Our statistical numbers are some of the highest in the system!

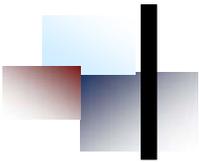
- Pamela Westby, Library Director

## September Book Discussion: The Postmistress



Join us on **Thursday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Archer Room as we discuss this debut novel by Sarah Blake. Set alternately between a small town on Cape Cod and war-torn Europe in 1940, the author weaves together the stories of three different women: single, 40 year old postmistress Iris James; young newlywed Emma Trask whose doctor husband leaves her to volunteer in London during the Blitz; and American war correspondent

Frankie Bard who travels Europe and delivers personal radio accounts of what she encounters. “Blake captures two different worlds—a naïve nation in denial and, across the ocean, a continent wracked with terror—with a deft sense of character and plot, and a perfect willingness to take on big, complex questions, such as the merits of truth and truth-telling in war-time” (*Publisher's Weekly*).

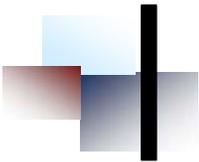
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10	11 9:30 Stories & Yoga 2:00 Games Galore 4:00 Teen Pizza Taste Test 6:30 Friends Book Sort	12 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 6:30 Library Board Meeting	13 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 2:00 Book Club	14 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 2:00 Krafty Kids	15 9:30 Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime 2:00 Concert: Tai Chil Animal Frolics 4:00 YouTube Party	16 10:00 Chess Club
17	18 2:00 Book Club 6:30 Camping Out! Evening Storytime	19 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 3:00 Crafternoon 6:30 Summer Supper & Book Discussion (registration required)	20 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 Friends Book Sorting 10:30 All Ages Storytime 7:00 Adult Creative Writing Group (registration required)	21 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 1:00 Sushi Workshop 5:00 Film Fest / Ice Cream Social	22 9:30 Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime 2:00 LEGO Block Party	23
24	25 4:00 Greece-ology with Percy Jackson	26 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 7:00 Computer Maintenance	27 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 Friends Book Sorting 10:30 All Ages Storytime 2:00 Book Club 4:00 Yoga	28 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 2:00 What's in Your Bookbag? 7:00 Landscape and History of Ireland	29 9:30 Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime 2:00 Concert: Magic Mark	30
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	1 <b>9:30 Friends Book Sorting</b> <b>2:00 Ice Cream Social</b>	2 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 4:30 Clue In To Your World with Magician Scott Obermann	3 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 12:00 Around the World Family picnic 4:00 Wii Party 7:00 Intro to Facebook	4 <b>9:30 Baby Storytime</b> <b>10:30 All Ages Storytime</b>	5 9:30 Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime 2:00 Concert: Bubble Wonders	6 National Mustard Day - Friends of the Library Fundraising Event 12:00 Teen Summer Reading Picnic
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## One World, Many Stories!: Summer Reading Program June 13 – August 6

It's not too late to join. The summer reading program is open to readers and pre-readers and is as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1) Pick up a reading log
- 2) Set a reading goal or "read-to-me" goal
- 3) Receive prizes when you are ½ way to your goal and when you reach your final goal!

Fun events for all ages and interests all summer long:

- Games Galore: play classic board games
- Book Bunch & Lunch visits France!

- Camping Out!: Pajama Storytime
- Ice Cream Social
- Around the World Picnic
- Library Lego Block Party
- Friday Family Concerts
- Krafty Kids
- Storytimes



Please stop by the Main Level Help Desk to pick up a detailed flier. You can also give us a call at (608)827-7402 or visit our website at [www.midlibrary.org](http://www.midlibrary.org).

### Technology Classes in August

Interested in social networking? Free photo editing online? Downloading eBooks from the library's OverDrive collection? Register for classes this August at the library!



Join Emily on **Wednesday, August 3, 7pm**, for Introduction to Facebook. This class is geared for those who already have a Facebook account, but are unsure what to do with it now that they have it. Learn how to find friends, edit your profile, and control what you share during this step-by-step overview of Facebook and its options.

Walker is teaching Introduction to eBooks on **Tuesday, August 16, 7pm**. Learn how to find, download, and access eBooks via the library system's OverDrive database.

Sarah M. is teaching Introduction to Picasa on **Wednesday, August 24, at 7pm**. Picasa is the free popular photo editing program from Google. **Note: a Google account is required to attend this class!** To sign up for an account go to <https://www.google.com/accounts>

For more information or to register email [mid@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:mid@scls.lib.wi.us) or call 827-7403.

## Geocaching & YouTube: Summer Programs for Teens

Teens: need to escape somewhere cool this summer? Stop by the Middleton Public Library & check out our teen programs! On **Wednesday, July 6, at 4 pm**, Laura Skalitzky will be showing us how to do Geocaching, a sort of treasure hunt using a GPS unit. Once you find our hidden cache and learn how it works, you'll know how to find many caches hidden all around Wisconsin and the world.

**YouTube** Whether you like to make your own videos, or watch funny clips on YouTube, you'll want to stop by our YouTube Party on **Friday, July 15, at 4 pm**. Make a short movie about your favorite book and you could win a special prize and have your video featured on the library's facebook page. (Permission slips available at the Help Desk.) Entries can be submitted on flash drive or via web link, and video may be posted to any video streaming website. We will be

watching both the entries and our favorite YouTube clips at this event.

There are lots of other teen programs to choose from: be sure to pick up a flyer of teen summer programs if you haven't already! From yoga to an ice cream social/movie fest and from a Wii Party to a Pizza Taste-testing, the library is sure to offer something that might interest you. Don't forget to come to the Picnic on **Saturday, August 6, at noon** to see who wins the Grand Prizes for the Teen Reading Program! Questions or comments on these programs? Please contact Rebecca at (608)827-7410. To receive a teen e-letter of upcoming events, you can register on the City of Middleton's webpage under "E-subscribe", choosing "Library" and "Teen Events".

-Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services

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## Middleton Staff Help Raise Money for WPT

On a sunny Sunday in June a group of us volunteered at the Wisconsin Public Television auction. It was fun to work together to help raise money for an organization that has the goal to “enrich, educate, and entertain a diverse group of children and adults.” Not unlike the library! Thanks to Amanda Struckmeyer for organizing our team.



Dayle, Joe, Emily, Jenny V., Amanda, Elizabeth, Kathy, Sally, Katie, and Liz work the phones.



Katie dons a special vest to assist in the exciting three minute firehouse auction!

### Middleton Public Library Board Members

Rusty Shoemaker-Allen, Library Board President; Stephanie Hammes, Library Board Vice President; Christopher Clay, Library Board Secretary; Gurdip Brar, Library Board Council Liaison; Joan Gillman, Lisa Helmuth, Anne Irish, Jill Kubiak, Steve Soeteber

## Note from the Director regarding the new LINKcat:

I sure hope you like the *look* of our new enhanced LINKcat. Have you explored the “browse shelf” option after selecting a title? I believe there are some nice features to the system and from the long term perspective. In the short term, however, we are deeply disappointed in the inconveniences you’ve encountered.

In fact, I know that some of you are wondering, “How much longer will I have to endure the problems of our new online catalog?” We are aware of numerous issues regarding its functionality, specifically we are most concerned with those that affect you: slow response time, inaccuracies with your holds and fees, and poor results in the basic search module (relevancy). It was my hope that by the time this issue of our newsletter was ready for publication, the fixes would have been in place or at least provide you with answers to your questions. Unfortunately, it is not the case.

Right now, all I can tell you is this: we will continue to devote time and energy to solving these for you. We are tirelessly advocating on your behalf to resolve these issues by working with our vendor (South Central Library System) and our vendor’s vendor to create a viable action plan and timeline.

You are invited to send me your comments (be as specific as possible) and I will forward them on, so they can be properly vetted. Here is how you can help: complete our online comment form; email me directly at Pamela@scls.lib.wi.us; or complete a paper Suggestion Form available near the new books and materials displays on the Main Level of the Library. After all, this is your library and you are the reason we are here!

- Pamela Westby, Library Director