



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beyond the Page Fund Raising Campaign



We here at the library are thrilled to announce a county-wide initiative called Beyond the Page.

The Beyond the Page campaign is a joint effort of the Dane County Library Service and the Madison Community Foundation to create

a permanent endowment that will support humanities

programming in all 28 public libraries in Dane County – forever.

Annual grants from the Beyond the Page Fund will dramatically increase the number of exhibitions, lectures, and author visits and make possible a myriad of other lifelong learning opportunities for all ages and throughout our county. For more information about the campaign and how you can contribute, visit

www.beyondthepage.info



Friends of the Middleton Public Library Book Sales

- Saturday, May 12, 10am-3pm *First Hour Friends Members Only
- Sunday, May 13, 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Saturday, June 9, 9am-4pm BAG SALE *First Two Hours Friends Only

May's sale features a great selection of **COOKBOOKS!** We have all kinds, from old to new, along with our usual great selection of fiction and nonfiction books. Most books are under \$2.

On Sunday, May 13th, ALL COOKBOOKS are HALF-PRICE!

The Friends organization provides ALL funding for programs at the Middleton Public Library! Memberships are available at the sales and at the library Circulation Desk.

Community Reader: Amy Gugerty, Friends of the Middleton Public Library Board Member



What books/authors have you been reading and recommending to others lately?

I just started reading ***Soccer Against the Enemy*** by Simon Kuper, which examines the sport in relation to politics and society, and the importance it has to people around the world. I am also reading ***Around My French Table*** by Dorie Greenspan. She has an easygoing writing style that makes French cooking seem accessible and not at all intimidating. I can't wait to try some recipes from it!

If you could get everyone in Middleton to read one book, what would it be?

Picking only one book is tough! I have to go with ***Watchmen*** by Alan Moore, though. It is a powerhouse of writing and showcases how the graphic novel medium is not immature, as some people view it. The layers and nuances in ***Watchmen*** are many, and it warrants multiple readings, as you catch something new each time.

What do you enjoy most about Middleton Public Library?

My favorite part of the library is how inviting it is. There are so many comfy seating areas where you can read or get work done and the librarians always have a smile when you come in the door!

What are you especially looking forward to this summer?

The thing I am most looking forward to this summer is Euro 2012. As a major soccer fan, I cannot wait to see all of the excitement and drama the tournament always manages to bring.

From the Director's Desk

"I believe reading is about experiencing joy, and that we learn something about ourselves, and the world, with every book we read, whether a romance, biography, mass-market thriller, or a literary novel." Nancy Pearl

My personal view is that the true focus of the public library has always been providing *access*, mostly access to reading resources, but access to learning experiences, as well. Nowadays, readers are looking for more reading access options than ever before. Not only do they seek information and stories in the printed form (e.g., newspapers, magazines or books), but through electronic means (databases, reading devices or even directly to their smartphone).

As in the past, librarians in today's public libraries are adapting to these information gathering trends by adding new format collections. For example, Middleton Public Library's newest reading format is the addition of 10 circulating Sony Readers. Library patrons can check out a Sony Reader device for a period of four weeks; select from a variety of electronic books to download (free from the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium); and enjoy.

Though library circulation numbers may wax and wane here

Introducing "Sheldon"



There's a new feature at the Middleton Public Library that utilizes today's Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

technology to improve circulation services. Library patrons can view the system in action from the window in the front entry, near the book drop.

Installed mid-March, the system is referred to as an Automated Materials Handling System (AMHS) and uses RFID along with two conveyor belts positioned at each book drop, to check in and sort library items. The most important benefit for library users to know is that check-in response time is quicker, even instant for the majority of returned items.

How does it work? First of all, library materials are physically tagged with small computer chips that are linked to the library catalog. Secondly, library patrons are asked to return their library materials to either the

and there, the statistics are still impressive and certainly support the notion that readers are still finding libraries to be useful. It certainly seems to be the case at the Middleton Public Library where patrons checked out more than 796,000 items in 2011, an average of 218 items per hour. Comparing those 2011 annual circulation stats to Middleton's 1990 total figures of 255,011, there was an increase of 201% over 21 years; and compared to the 2003 annual circulation of 523,796, the numbers increased by 52% in 8 years.

While I anticipate that the use of electronic resources will continue to grow by leaps and bounds (e.g., the use of our 63 databases and the over 12,000 OverDrive ebooks), I predict that the Library's physical collections of over 90,000 books in print, 292 magazines and 15 newspapers subscriptions, 800 software and maps, 9,600 audios and 14,600 videos will remain a fundamental resource for our patrons for at least another decade or two.

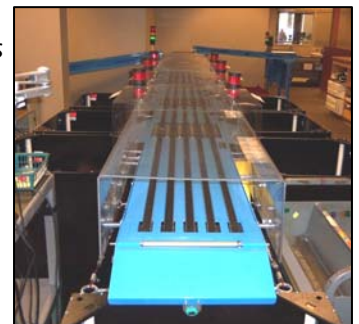
So whatever format you prefer, keep reading, learning and experiencing joy – I plan to.

-Pamela Westby, Library Director

outside or inside book drops in a one-at-a-time fashion, this helps to ensure accuracy. Lastly, as each item is returned, the conveyor moves the item along where it passes over the RFID antennae and is checked in; the system software identifies the item by type (e.g., a children's picture book versus an audiobook); and using the item-type information, the conveyor belt sorts the item into the appropriate bin for shelving. That means that materials are shelved and ready for checkout at a much quicker rate – another bonus for library patrons.

Middleton, along with Fitchburg, Sun Prairie and Verona Public Libraries, are using the AMHS to increase efficiencies and better serve the public.

Middleton's Library Staff has named its system "Sheldon" after Sheldon Cooper, a theoretical physicist from the TV series *The Big Bang Theory*. "Bazinga!"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>MAY 2012</h1> <h2>Events at the Middleton Public Library</h2>					<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p>
		1 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 2:00 All Ages Storytime 3:00 Creation Station	2 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 3:30 Elephant & Piggie Party! 6:00 Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's	3 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime	4 9:30 Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime	5
6	7 9:30 Friends Book Sorting 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee	8 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 2:00 All Ages Storytime	9 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 4:00 Teen Books & Brownies	10 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 2:00 Techno Minutes 7:00 Author Hallie Klecker	11 9:30 Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime	12 10:00-3:00 Friends Book Sale (1st hour - Friends Only) 2:00 PAWS to Read
13 1:30-3:30 Friends Book Sale Mother's Day	14 6:00 Tween Read It and Eat 6:30 Friends Book Sorting 7:00 Friends Annual Meeting	15 7:00 Techno Minutes	16 7:00 Dollar-A-Day Boys: the CCC & the Great Depression	17 10:00 Adult Book Discussion 6:00 WWBI: Pricing for Profit	18 2:00 Techno Minutes	19
20	21	22 7:00 Adult Book Discussion	23 9:30 Friends Book Sorting 6:30 Adult Creative Writing Group (registration required)	24 7:00 Geek Prom	25	26 10:00 Chess Club 10:00 Techno Minutes
27 Library Closed Sunday Hours Resume September 9th	28 Memorial Day Library Closed	29	30 9:30 Friends Book Sorting	31		

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3	4 Start of Summer Reading Program for Adults 9:30 Friends Book Sorting	5 2:00 Techno Minutes 6:00 Getting to Know Medicare	6	7	8	9 SALE 9:00-4:00 Friends Book Sale (first 2 hours - Friends Only)
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17 Father's Day	18 2:00 Lego Block Party! 7:00 Microsoft Excel - Basics 7:45 Seeing Stars Indoor Planetarium	19 9:30 Toddler Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 2:00 Twisted Tuesdays!	20 9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 Friends Sorting 10:30 All Ages Storytime 12:00 Kids Book Club 3:00 Teen Fencing	21 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 All Ages Storytime 7:00 A Visit with Mark Twain	22 9:30 Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime 2:00 Techno Minutes 2:00 Friday Afternoon Family Concert	23 10:00 Chess Club
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Programs for Adults

For more information or to register for any of these programs, email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call 608-827-7403.

Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease – Wednesday, May 2 at 6:00 pm

Participants will learn how to identify the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and what to do next if they or someone they know are experiencing any of the signs. The presentation also addresses some myths and facts regarding Alzheimer's disease along with an understanding of what is involved in getting a proper diagnosis. The presentation emphasizes the importance of early detection and talking about this disease to break down the stigma that surrounds it. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Keys to Healthy, Gluten-Free Living with Hallie Klecker – Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm

Hallie Klecker—nutrition educator, blogger, and author of *The Pure Kitchen*—will discuss how to go gluten-free with ease and share tips for transitioning to a whole foods diet. She'll discuss converting favorite recipes into healthier ones and suggest brands and products for healthy, gluten-free living. A book signing will conclude the event.

Dollar-A-Day Boys: the CCC & the Great Depression – Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm

Author and filmmaker Bill Jamerson will present a program in song & story about the Civilian Conservation Corps and how they built several state parks including Devil's Lake and Peninsula State Park, as well as building 483 bridges, erecting 4000 miles of telephone poles, and much more.

Pricing for Profit, presented by the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative – Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 pm

Practice several easy-to-use methods that can help you set prices at profitable levels. Learn techniques for introducing these new pricing levels to your customers while identifying ways to reduce your own costs to remain competitive. **Registration is required - please call 608-257-5450 or register online at www.wwbic.com.**

Getting to Know Medicare – Tuesday, June 5 at 6:00 pm and Monday, June 11 at 10:00 am

Whether you're new to Medicare or have had it for years, most people have questions. Come join us and learn the details of Medicare. There are always changes happening, so bring your questions and have them answered by licensed professionals. This is an educational seminar. There will be no products marketed or sold. Please feel free to bring a family member or friend.

A Visit with Mark Twain – Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 pm

Join us for this special event, as performer Dave Ehlert uses Twain's humor and wisdom to make the famous author "come to life." Dave has performed as Mark Twain in Branson, MO, to sold-out audiences and has toured the United States portraying the great American writer. Don't miss this special, one-time-only event!

The Seven Pillars of Wellness – Thursday, June 28 at 7:00 pm

The Seven Pillars to Wellness is for anyone who is looking to improve their quality and quantity of life. This information will be a guide to help bring all aspects of health and wellness to the forefront. These principles have stood the test of time and are the cornerstone of a healthy lifestyle. Presented by Dr. Matt Kingston of Madison Chiropractic Solutions.

Programs for Children

"Elephant & Piggie" Party!

Wednesday, May 2 3:30-4:15 pm

Enjoy Mo Willems' funny and whimsical stories featuring Elephant and Piggie. We'll also have fun-filled activities and tasty treats. All ages are welcome. Sign up at the Main Level Help Desk.

Summer Reading Program - Dream Big: Read!

Read and earn prizes! Registration starts on **June 11**, and the program ends on **August 4**. Open to readers and pre-readers of all ages. More details available online and at the Main Level Help Desk.

Visit the library all summer long and join us for special events, including movies, book clubs, craft workshops, concerts, storytimes, games, food events and much more! Stop by the Main Level Help Desk or call (608) 827-7402 for more information.

Programs for 'Tweens (ages 8-12)

Be sure to sign up for our reading incentive program starting **June 11** to read and earn prizes all summer long! We have a great line-up of events for 'tweens, including:

39 Clues Book Club
Sharpie Tie-Dye
Indoor Planetarium
Zoo Animal Visit
Stuntology
Sushi Workshop
Drum Circle



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Artwork on Display May-June at Middleton Public Library: Shape Shifters

“The Shape Shifters is a group of artists who gather once a month to discuss the process of creating. Painting is about adjusting, shifting, and redefining the arrangements of shapes, colors, values, and textures to express our view of the world. Art is really about communicating, and we critique each others' work to gain insight into how well we have told our story.”

The Shape Shifters are: **Betty Willmore, Caitlin Stolle, Carol Snell, Eunice Eide, Marilyn Knipfer, Jane Busse, & Sandra Haspl.**



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

Teen Programs in May & June

Whether you're a movie buff, otaku (manga fan), or would like to try a bit of fencing, there are lots of unusual programs for teens coming up this spring and summer.

If you'd like to protest the pageantry of prom or just show fellow geek solidarity, stop by our **Geek Prom** on **Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 pm**, for a Rubik's Cube race, a spelling bee, and many other treasures of geekdom.

Manga fans won't want to miss our **Manga/Anime Fest** on **June 14 at 6:30 pm** with special guest manga artist Nick Katzfey. (Come dressed as your favorite character & be sure to bring any manga/anime you'd like to swap.)

Krystyna Kostecka of Cracovia School of Foil Fencing will be coming on **June 20 at 3:00 pm** for our **Fencing program**, so get your permission slips in early if you're the swashbuckling pirate type in desperate need of a sword master.

Moviemongers won't want to miss our **Movie Fest & Ice Cream Social** on **June 26 at 1:00 pm**. Choose from a number of new movies which one you'd most like to see on the big screen & grab some ice cream to eat while you're watching!



See our teen program fliers for more information or call our Help Desk at 608-827-7402.

Middleton Senior Writing Group meeting at the Middleton Public Library



The Middleton Senior Writing Group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 pm in the library's Archer Room. Each month participants will write on a specific theme or topic and share their writing with others. For more information about joining the group, contact **Joyce Nigbor** at 608-833-0159 or via email: nigbor@wisc.edu.