



The Bookworm



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH LIBRARY MAKER EVENTS



The Middleton Public Library is proud to fill many needs for many people; we connect readers with books, viewers with DVDs, listeners with audiobooks, and researchers

with databases. If you've spent time within our walls, you realize that circulating materials and providing access to online resources is only part of what we do. Chances are you've noticed that we also host a wide variety of programs for community members of all ages. These programs include storytimes, book clubs, and guest speakers, as well as many creative programs. We often refer to the library being a "makerspace," or a place where members of the public can come, create, innovate, be with friends and make new ones. Our programs on knitting, cooking, crafts, tie dye, and origami are all examples of the library serving as a makerspace.

Libraries have long been places for the community to come together, learn, and explore. By providing interactive maker



programs, we're offering one more way for members of the public to engage with one another, gain new skills, and do some experimenting.

In 2013, we offered a series of Make-It Monday programs for 'tweens on Monday afternoons and evenings. Each Make-It Monday focused on a different science and engineering-related project. 'Tweens had the chance to use basic tools and materials, such as drinking straws, balloons, rubber bands, and plastic cups, to create cars, slingshots, specialty bubble makers, and more. 'Tweens and their families were thrilled to have a chance to explore science and engineering at the library as they worked together on their creations, while getting to know other like-minded members of the community.



Make-It Mondays are just one example of the Middleton Public Library serving as a makerspace. Stay tuned for more maker programming and community engagement opportunities in 2014!

" Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING



Wow! You got a pair of new eyeglasses. You look good, very fashionable.

So what will you do with the old pair? Not into the nightstand drawer we

hope. Did you know the local chapter of Lions Clubs International has an eyeglass recycling collection box located outside the library main entrance?

There is a great demand for eyeglasses you no longer use. These glasses are collected, refurbished and then distributed to those in need throughout the world. You can visit the Lions website www.lionsclubs.org to follow a slide show about the journey of a pair of used eyeglasses. It's worth seeing.

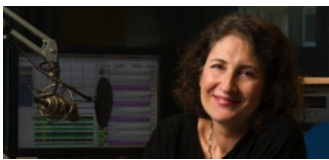
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



"Dr. King's Dream," presented by Mixed Blood Theatre

Monday, January 20th at 7:00 PM

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led American society through some of its most profound changes with passion, devotion, and courage. Drawn from his own letters, sermons, books and speeches, this one-man show memorably illuminates why he is honored with a holiday each January. Performed by Mixed Blood Theatre from Minneapolis and funded in part by a grant from the Beyond the Page Endowment. All ages are welcome! Note: Winner of the MLK essay contest for teens will read the speech starting at 6:45 PM.



Origami Workshops with Ruthanne Bessman

"Show your Love" –

Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 PM

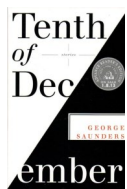
Just in time for Valentine's Day, create a "beating heart" bookmark, a folded Valentine card, and more!

"Tomoko Fuse Boxes" –

Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30 PM

A more advanced pattern in the art of Japanese paper folding. Participants will make a square box originally designed by master Japanese artist Tomoko Fuse.

Both workshops will be led by master origami artist Ruthanne Bessman, the designer of the spectacular public art piece, *Dimensions*, behind the library's circulation desk. She is also the host of "Classics by Request" on WPR. Space is limited and registration is required for these sessions.



"Let's Talk About Texts" Book Group Reads

George Saunders' Tenth of December

Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 PM

Craftsman Table and Tap (upstairs room)

6712 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave, Middleton

Join us for a book discussion aimed at the 20 & 30-something crowd. This month, we'll read Saunders'

highly acclaimed collection of short stories, which was nominated for a 2013 National Book Award. RSVP to mid@scls.lib.wi.us. Copies of the book are available at the library's reference desk.



Getting to Know Medicare

Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 6th 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.



Pay Less for College

Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 PM

Paying for college is often one of the largest expenses a family will deal with financially. There are many ways to pay for college, the most sought after being scholarships. Learn how the funding of college really works: how to minimize loans, increase scholarships, save in appropriate ways--many of the things schools won't teach you to reduce the cost of college. Both parents and students are welcome to attend this talk by presenter Robert DeCock, a Certified College Planning Specialist based in Middleton.



Tai Chi for Wellness

Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 PM

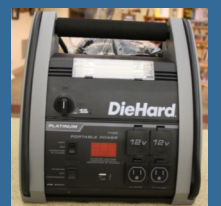
Curious about Tai Chi? Instructor Tina Dewey will begin with standing meditation and warm-ups and move on to an introduction to the Sun style of Tai Chi, including a full demonstration of Dr. Paul Lam's Tai Chi for Arthritis. No experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing that allows easy movement.

For more information or to register for these classes, email mid@scls.lib.wi.us or call the reference desk at 608-827-7403.

WE HAVE THE POWER

This is the season of inclement weather which means potential for stalled cars and dead batteries. How can the library assist you if you need a jump in one of our nearby parking lots? The Middleton Public Library now maintains a charged portable power source which can be used to jump start vehicles as well as inflate tires.

The power source is available at the library circulation desk and can be loaned out on a temporary basis. Anyone borrowing the power source will have to surrender their driver's license until the equipment is returned.



TEEN EVENTS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

What social change would you most like to see in the world? That is the theme of our **MLK Jr. Essay Contest for Teens**. Turn in your entry to the Help Desk of the library by Jan. 6 and it will be eligible for a \$50 prize and be read aloud at our **MLK event on Monday, January 20 at 6:45pm**.



On **January 16 at 7pm**, don't miss our **Doctor Who Party** for Whovians of all ages. The Tardis has landed in the library, so grab a bow tie, try

one of our Whovian mocktails, try your trivia prowess, wibbly wobbly pingy pongy, or make a sonic screwdriver! It is just what the Doctor ordered...

If you are annoyed by all the consumerism around Valentine's Day and need a haven from sappy oversentimentalism, stop by our **Heart Burns Anti-Valentine's Party on Thursday, February 13, from 7-8pm**. Join us in making anti-valentines, eating broken heart cookies, and sharing bad pickup lines.

"ALL DRESSED UP" DONATIONS

Do you have a fancy dress, dressy shoes, or glittery hairpins that you would like to clear out of your attic? In January and February, the Middleton Public Library will be partnering with the Junior League of Madison to provide prom dresses to lower income teens. The event, called All Dressed Up, has volunteer hairstylists and style guides help the teens choose from donated dresses at a one day event. A bin for dresses and accessories will be in the library lobby for donations until Feb. 14. Klinke's Cleaners has offered to clean the dresses for free and donations may also be dropped off at any of their locations between Feb. 10-22. Please consider making a donation to make the day an extra-special one for lower income teens!



TECHNOLOGY CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY:

LOAD UP YOUR SHINY NEW EREADER WITH FREE EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY!



Library eBooks for Your Tablet Device

Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 PM
Sunday, February 2nd at 10:00 AM

Learn how to download and read eBooks from the library on your tablet device using the free Overdrive app. Devices covered in this class: iPad, Android tablets (various brands), Kindle Fire HD and HDX, and Nook HD and HD+.

Library eBooks for Your Amazon Kindle Thursday, January 23rd at 7:00 PM

Learn how to download and read Kindle file format eBooks on your Kindle Ereader (Basic Kindle, Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle DX, or any older model Kindle). Those with Kindle Fire devices should attend the "Library eBooks for Your Tablet" class on January 9th.

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Monday - Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday 9am-6pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

We're kicking off 2014 with something for everyone – whether you're a bookworm, foodie, Lego creator, chess champion, yogi, or crafter, we've got something for you! Don't be afraid to try something new!

For a full listing of all our events, check out the events calendar or visit our website at www.midlibrary.org. Please stop by the Main Level Help Desk or call (608)827-7402 to register. Space is limited and sign up is required unless otherwise stated.

Chess Club for All ages and levels
Sunday, February 16, 1:30-3:30pm
Sign-up is not required.



Fairy Tale Feast
Family Event.

Saturday, January 18, 2:30-3:30pm
Stop by the Main Level Help Desk or call (608)827-7402 to sign up.

Kids Book Club: Caldecott Film Festival
Thursday, January 23, 3:30-4:15pm
Kindergarten-3rd grade

Library Lego Block Party
All ages.
Saturday, January 25, 2:30-3:30pm
Sign-up is not required.



Krafty Kids: Valentine's Day
Saturday, February 1, 2:30-3:30pm
Kindergarten-5th grade
Sign-up is not required.



Kids Book Club
Wednesday, February 26, 3:30-4:15pm
Kindergarten-3rd grade

Parent & Child Yoga with little om BIG OM
Thursday, February 27, 9:00-9:45am
18 months-5 years old
Space is limited for this event.