



# The Bookworm



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS - FOR COMMUNITY CANVASES



**Community Canvases** is our way of inviting you to share your artistic flair and show your community support in the first annual Middleton Community Art Project!

### All ages and all abilities are welcome to:

- Purchase a canvas at the Middleton Public Library
- Create an original work on the 6" X 6" canvas
- Return completed canvases to the Library by June 14
- See the community mosaic created from the 200 canvases in the Stairwell Gallery at the Middleton Public Library
- Bid on the canvases at the Silent Auction in the fall and help support public art in Middleton

Brochure and Participation Agreement Form are available at [www.midlibrary.org/canvases](http://www.midlibrary.org/canvases)

**Community Canvases** is presented by Middleton Public Arts Committee, Hubbard Art Center and Middleton Public Library.



## IPADS AT THE LIBRARY!



The Youth Services Department is now circulating three iPads, loaded with literacy-related apps for children of all ages. The iPads are housed at the Main Level Help Desk and are available for use in the library. These devices allow us to encourage our young community mem-

## COMMUNITY CANVASES OPEN ART STUDIO



Bring your 6"x6" canvas that you've purchased for Middleton's community art project, and receive free instruction from local artist Kathy Esch. The library will supply brushes and acrylic paints to those who need them.

Participants are also welcome to bring their own supplies. This open studio time will run on **Saturday, March 29 from 10am to 2:30pm** with a lunch break in the middle (participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch). Space is limited and registration is required. Call 827-7403 or email [info@midlibrary.org](mailto:info@midlibrary.org)

### Open Studio for Kids & Teens

Wednesday, March 12th 4-8pm &  
Saturday, April 12th 3:30-6pm  
**At the Hubbard Avenue Art Center**  
**7448 Hubbard Avenue**  
(no registration required)

This open studio time and supplies are funded by Robin Hackman and Pat Adler.

bers to become more comfortable with technology, and they provide a means for literacy growth and learning through the content of the apps.

We encourage children and their caregivers to use the iPads together and enjoy all that the apps have to offer!

## MARCH/APRIL EVENTS FOR ADULTS AT THE LIBRARY



### **Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers**, a Three-Part Course. **Wednesdays: March 5th, 12th & 19th at 6:00 pm**

When someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's, friends and family have many questions. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help? Join us for this series of programs that provide answers to the questions that arise in the early, middle and late stages of the disease. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you need to know, what you need to plan, and what you can do at each point along the way. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

### **Insurance for your Business. Thursday, March 13th at 6:00pm**

Do you own your own small business? Learn how to protect it with the correct type of insurance. This class will be fun, interactive and easy to understand. Attendees will learn why they need insurance, what it covers, where to purchase. The coverage's discussed: General liability, Property, Auto liability, Worker Compensation, Umbrella, Professional liability. Presented by the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation. For more information or to register for this class, contact WWBIC directly at 608-257-5450 or register online at [www.wwbic.com](http://www.wwbic.com).



### **"What's it Worth?" Antique Appraisal. Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00am**

Mark Moran, a former senior editor of antiques and collectibles books for Krause Publications, will examine and appraise one item each for 40 registered participants. Average appraisal time will be 4 minutes per item; non participants are welcome to attend and enjoy the action. Participants must contact the library directly to reserve a spot. Limit one item per household, please.

### **Travel Tips with Shelley. Thursday, March 27th at 6:30pm**

Join Shelley Peterman-Schwarz, bestselling writer and Wisconsin State Journal columnist, as she shares her travel tips and strategies for those of us with physical limitations who are looking to travel, get out more, and enjoy life! Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis more than 30 years ago, Shelley has refused to let her significant disabilities prevent her from traveling to destinations near and far! She appears monthly on News 3 at Noon with Mark Koehn on WISC-TV. She is the author of 7 books and is also one of Dr. Oz's Sharecare.com Community Experts.

### **Career Change 101. Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00pm**

Considering a new career but feeling overwhelmed and confused about how to get started? Are you looking for specific ideas and steps to take to get the career change process started? Wondering about what resources are available and how to use them effectively? This is the workshop for you! At this orientation workshop you will learn about the career planning process as well as how to find local and online resources available to you, clarify a path to a more fulfilling career, and take your career in a new direction. Career Change 101 is facilitated by experienced, caring career counselors from UW-Madison's Adult Career and Special Student Services.



### **"Discovering Austen"**

**Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00pm**

Join us for an evening of live theater!

"Discovering Austen" takes place in the dressing room of an actor who has been cast as Jane Austen herself. Still searching for the essence of her character only hours from opening, she explores Austen's writing in an attempt to find the author in the pages of her novels and letters. Discovering Austen is a wonderful opportunity to see both Austen's characters and the author herself come to life. Funded by a grant from the Beyond the Page Endowment.

### **GROUNDS FOR READING:**

#### **Coffee, Tea & Books**

Shop the Friends Book Sale Room on the lower level while enjoying a spot of tea or cup of coffee and visit with other readers; before the Austen event, Wed April 16th from 3-7pm.



### **Social Security 101. Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00pm**

This class is designed to re-introduce the Social Security Income program and prepare beneficiaries to make the best decision on when to collect. This class covers the basic rules and taxation of Social Security Income as well as the various options for collecting it. Presented by Jesse Gutz and The Retirement Classroom, the folks behind the "Getting to Know Medicare" programs.

### **Getting to Know Medicare. Thursday, April 17th at 10:00am**

Whether you're new to Medicare or have had it for years, most people have questions. Come join Jesse Gutz of The Retirement Classroom and learn the details of Medicare and all its component parts. 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.

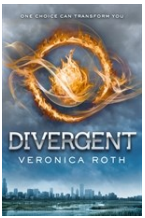


### **Wisconsin Poet Laureate Max Garland. Monday, April 28th at 7:00pm**

Join us as we celebrate National Poetry Month by welcoming Max Garland, Wisconsin's current Poet Laureate. A former letter-carrier who is currently an English professor at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Max is the author of several books of poetry, including two—*The Postal Confessions* and *Hunger Wide as Heaven*—that earned him national prizes. Max will read some of his work and talk about the importance of poetry as an art form. Copies of his books will be offered for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, email [info@midlibrary.org](mailto:info@midlibrary.org) or call 827-7403

## TEEN EVENTS IN MARCH & APRIL: ROCK BANDS & DIVERGENT



Are you a fan of the **Divergent** book series? The Library will be holding a **Divergent program** for teens on **March 20, 7-8 pm**. Take our test to see which faction you should belong to, then go on missions with your new faction members that involves trades and cooperation with the other factions.

Fans of John and Hank Green are invited to stop by the library on **Wednesday, March 12, 4-5 pm** for a **Nerd-fighters program!** Whether you love John Green's books or just want to see some of their hilarious videos, teens are invited to share the quirky amusement.

Teen bookworms might also enjoy our monthly **Books and Brownies book discussion group**. On **Wednesday, April 9, 4-5 pm**, join us for a discussion of *The Maze Runner*, about a boy who wakes up in a box with no memories. A group of boys say they arrived the same way and think that the maze beyond their compound holds the key to unlocking the mystery. Copies of the book and Kindles with

downloaded titles available at the Help Desk as supply allows.



On **Thursday, April 24, 6-8 pm**, all ages are invited to come hear local **Teen Bands CTRL, Ukulele Wednesday** and **The Shindigs** in our lower level Archer Rooms. No cover fee. Please excuse any noise that may leak into the library this evening.

Don't forget about our monthly **Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)** meetings! Our next meetings will be **Monday, March 10, 4-5 pm** and **Monday, April 7, 4-5 pm**. TAC counts as volunteer hours and suggests and plans teen programs as well as recommending changes and purchases for the Teen section of the library. We would love to hear your opinions!

Questions or comments on any of the Library's Teen programs? Please contact Rebecca at: (608) 827-7402.

### NEED HOMEWORK HELP? NEED CAREER ASSISTANCE? TRY TUTOR.COM!

Are you struggling with your homework? Our new tutor.com database can match you with expert tutors in all subjects and levels. You and your tutor work in a safe, online classroom and everything is anonymous. You can choose your favorite tutors to work with again in the future, and there is even a smart phone app you can download to use the database on your phone! Download your essay and a tutor will send it back with suggestions to help you become a better writer. Try the test preparation guides to help you study for the ACT or SAT.



If you are looking for career assistance, tutor.com provides help with resume and cover letter writing, as well as providing listings of local job openings. Tutor.com is available daily from 3pm-midnight through the library's website: [www.midlibrary.org/tutor](http://www.midlibrary.org/tutor). Many thanks to **Katie's Kids** for their donation, which helped make the subscription to this database possible.

## TECHNOLOGY CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY



### Introduction to Kickstarter.

**Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00pm**

Crowd-funding services like Kickstarter and Indiegogo let creators and entrepreneurs connect directly with their customers and fans in order to fund projects. Come learn how to set up a new Kickstarter project, set achievable goals, publicize your campaign, and get funded!



### Build Your Own Video Game with Twine!

**Monday, March 31st at 7:00pm**

Twine is an easy-to-use online tool that lets anyone who can type a story create their own text-based video game. Twine games combine interactive storytelling with a choose-your-own-adventure format to let game designers (like you!) create expres-

sive, personal works. Video games are especially good at creating empathy in the player, and other Twine games have successfully explored issues of identity, social topics, surrealism, and even comedy. Come learn how to get started with this exciting new form of expression.



### Library eBooks for Your Tablet.

**Thursday, April 10th at 7:00pm**

Learn how to download and read free 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, and Nook HD.

For more information or to register for any of these classes, email [mid@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:mid@scls.lib.wi.us) or call 608-827-7403.

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Open to **Serve** you:  
Monday - Thursday 9am-9pm  
Friday 9am-6pm  
Saturday 9am-5pm  
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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*All Programs at the library are funded by the Friends of the Middleton Public Library.*

## SPRING BREAK EVENTS AT THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY!



### Money Monday

**Monday, March 24, 2-3pm**

Grades K-5

Sign up for the financial literacy treasure hunt that brings parents and children together on a quest to make money make sense. The library becomes part of the game as kids and parents work together to solve clues combining mystery and history and do hands on financial literacy activities together. The treasure hunt will begin and end in the storytime room. Parents and children can expect to spend about 30-45 minutes on their quest. To register, stop by the Main Level Help Desk or call (608) 827-7402.

The Financial Literacy Hunt is brought to you by Joel Thomas, President of The Financial Resiliency Foundation and WI Governor's Council on Financial Literacy Award Winner.



### Charlie Brown Movie Matinee

**Tuesday, March 25, 2:30-4:00pm**

Grades K and up

Watch the feature length animated musical film from 1969 that made Charlie Brown and the

Peanuts Gang famous! Snacks will be served. Sign up is not required.



### Kids in the Kitchen

**Wednesday, March 26, 10:30am**

Grades 1-4

Karen Gleason of Wildtree will guide participants in creating and enjoying a healthy snack while learning about positive food choices. Space is limited; please sign up at the Help Desk or by calling (608) 827-7402.



### Percy Jackson Party and Movie

**Thursday, March 27, 1:30-4:00pm**

Grades 2 and up

Celebrate Percy Jackson with Mythology-inspired crafts, a taste of a Greek snack, and a showing of **Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters** (rated PG) on the big screen! Please register at the Help Desk or by calling (608) 827-7402.

Please check our website (www.midlibrary.org) or pick up an events flyer at the Main Level Help Desk for a complete listing of all our events.