



The Bookworm



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

December 2015 marks the 5th anniversary of Middleton Public Library's first public art installation of the origami mural *Dimensions*. Since that time, the library has hosted art classes for all ages, including a Community Canvases art project in 2014. To celebrate, the library will be hosting monthly origami workshops led by world renowned artist Ruthanne Bessman. Visit www.midlibrary.org/events for dates and times. The front entry exhibit case will feature this year's

winning submissions from **OrigamiUSA** entitled "*Origami by Children*" featuring the work of over two dozen artists ages 5-18. The exhibit will be on display starting December 1st.



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FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Friends of the Middleton Public Library are looking for people who would like to meet new people and have fun while sorting books for the Friends of the Middleton library book sales. The commitment is flexible and sorters generally meet the first Monday of the month at 9:30 am, the second Monday at 6:30pm and the third & fourth Wednesdays at 9:30am. Visit www.fompl.org for the complete schedule. If you are interested in this fantastic volunteer opportunity please contact Sara Simpson at sarasimpson@midlibrary.org or Kathy Nix at nixkl@tds.net.

LIBRARY COMMONS SPACE

As the library's upper level was being re-carpeted in October, we identified an area which was adaptable to create a library commons space. The purpose being to provide a place for groups of all ages to connect, discover and learn.



MEET LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER, CHRISTOPHER CLAY



My wife, daughter and I relocated to Middleton from Illinois 16 years ago. Once we got settled and learned our way around town, the library was one of the first places we sought out and explored. We fell in love with it and have been weekly (almost daily) visitors and loyal advocates of all the library offers. In my free time, when

I'm not enjoying the things borrowed from the library, or attending one of the many great events and programs it hosts, I write and make art of all kinds. I value time spent with family and friends — especially if it involves delicious food, movies and games or just good conversation and laughter. I am honored to be a second term member of the Middleton Public Library Board of Trustees.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



Dementia Friendly Middleton, Part 1: Dementia Friendly Communities Tuesday, November 3rd at 1:00 PM

Learn what it means to be dementia friendly, what is happening in Middleton and other Dane County communities, and how you can make a difference. Presented by Paul Rusk, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin. This program is part of a 3 part series about Alzheimer's and dementia and what we as a community can do to make our city a more welcoming and comfortable place for those with dementia. These programs are presented by the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin. November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month.



Getting to Know Medicare Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM

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. Presented by The Retirement Classroom – theretirementclassroom.com



Insurance for Your Business Thursday, November 5th at 6:30 PM

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, and options for purchasing it. Types of coverage discussed:

General liability, Property, Auto liability, Worker Compensation, Umbrella, and Professional liability. Presented by the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation. Register directly with the WWBIC by calling 608-257-5450 or register online at www.wwbic.com/classes.



Strategies for Social Security and Retirement Income Monday, November 9th at 6:00 PM

This class is designed to help accomplish the most important goal of all retirees – to not run out of money. We will discuss the various methods of filing for Social Security as well as strategies you can use to optimize it. The class will also provide a process you can use to calculate your retirement income needs, and introduce a few options on structuring income in retirement. Presented by The Retirement Classroom – theretirementclassroom.com



Dementia Friendly Middleton, Part 2: Boost Your Brain Health Tuesday, November 10th at 1:00 PM

Get tips on how to improve your memory and help reduce your risk of Alzheimer's and dementia. Presented by Deanna Truedson, Outreach Coordinator of the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin.



All About the Wisconsin Coastal Guide with Dr. David Hart Wednesday, November 11th at 7:00 PM

Join UW-Madison Scientist David Hart as he discusses the *Wisconsin Coastal Guide*, an interactive online map that promotes coastal heritage tourism along Wisconsin's Great Lakes Circle Tour routes. The Guide shares information about features such as parks, beaches, lighthouses, and shipwrecks to promote a deep travel experience along the Great Lakes. Come learn all about this fascinating project that combines conservation, tourism, and technology. David Hart is Assistant Director for Extension at UW's Sea Grant Institute. For more information about Wisconsin's water resources, visit the library during the month of November to see the "*Wisconsin: A Wealth of Water*" traveling photo display!



Author Kathleen Ernst discusses *Death on the Prairie* Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 PM

Author Kathleen Ernst reads from and discusses her latest Chloe Ellefson mystery, *Death on the Prairie*, the 6th in the series. Copies of Ms. Ernst's books will be available for purchase at the event. The evening will conclude with a book signing.



Let's Talk About Texts Book Discussion: Redeployment by Phil Klay Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 PM

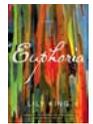
The Craftsman Table & Tap
6712 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave. in Middleton

Join us on the second floor of the Craftsman Table & Tap for "Let's Talk About Texts," our bi-monthly book discussion, where we'll be discussing *Redeployment*, Phil Klay's National Book Award-winning collection of short stories about the Iraq war. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, drinks, and lively discussion. A limited number of copies of the book are available at the reference desk on the library's lower level.



Dementia Friendly Middleton, Part 3: Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia Tuesday, November 17th at 1:00 PM

Learn what is normal for our brains as we age, how our memories work, and what we can do if we are concerned for ourselves or others. You'll also learn the difference between Alzheimer's & dementia and receive practical tips to help you or a loved one with memory challenges. Presented by Paul Rusk, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin.



Morning Book Discussion: *Euphoria* by Lily King Thursday, November 19th at 10:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Thursday morning book group where we'll be discussing Lily King's bestselling book *Euphoria*, a historical novel loosely based on the life of anthropologist Margaret Mead. A limited number of copies may be available at the lower-level reference desk.



Woodcarving for Beginners Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 PM

Are you curious about woodcarving but never tried it? Then join the Capital Area Carvers for an introductory class on shaping wood using simple tools. Participants will carve a small ball from a block of wood and then transform it into an owl. All tools and supplies will be provided. Space and supplies are limited. Registration is required.



Origami Open House! Saturday, December 12th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Join us for an "Origami Open House" on Saturday, December 12th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the library's lower level Archer Room. Master artist Ruthanne Bessman and the Mad City Folders will be on hand to offer instruction in a variety of origami projects. These paper folding projects are self-paced and appropriate for all ages and skill levels.



Morning Book Discussion: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson Thursday, December 17th at 10:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Thursday morning book group where we'll be discussing Erik Larson's *Dead Wake*, a narrative historical account of the sinking of the British ocean liner by a German U-boat in May of 1915. A limited number of copies may be available at the lower-level reference desk.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, email info@midlibrary.org or call the reference desk at 608-827-7403. Register online at midlibrary.org/events via our events calendar

TEEN EVENTS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: BOOK BATTLES, CRAFT FAIR, AND HOLIDAYS UNRAVELED



Read it, Write it, Battle it!

Are you competing in the Battle of the Books at school? Don't miss our **Battle of the Books Prep Games** program on **Nov. 7 at 2pm!** We will have cover matching games, character maps, meanings of character names, and act out some of our favorite scenes! (For Middle and Senior Divisions.) High school booklovers may also enjoy our **Books & Brownies** discussion on **Nov. 11 at 4:15pm.** Our book for this month is "**I'll Give You the Sun,**" about fraternal twins whose lives seem to have changed places in the space of 3 years, romantically, artistically, and superstitiously.

Have you heard of NaNoWriMo? It challenges participants worldwide to write an entire novel during the month of November. Join us on **Nov. 30, 4:30-6 pm** for a **Writing Workshop** with YA fantasy writer **Georgia Beaverson** and bring along your writing! We will talk about world building and order in pizza. (teens only, please register so we know how much pizza to order.)



Make it, Sell it!

If you're in grades 3-12 and interested in selling items you've made, sign up for a table at our **Young Entrepreneurs' Craft Fair** on **Sat., Nov. 21, 2-4 pm!** Details and applications are available at our Main Level Help Desk and due back by Nov. 9. Anyone is welcome to shop at the Fair, all items will be priced at \$10 or under.

Whether you're a beginner or have experience making origami, check out our **Origami Open House** on **Dec. 12, 1-4 pm.** Master artist Ruthanne Bessman and the Mad City Folders will be on hand to offer instruction on a variety of origami projects. All ages welcome!



Fun & Games!

Do you have an ugly sweater lurking in your closet? Let it shine at our **Holidays Unraveled** event on **Dec. 4 at 4:30pm!** We will have an Ugliest Sweater award and also have a competition for gingerbread house decorating, a multicultural holiday trivia contest, and mug decorating with a hot cocoa bar! Bring a silly, cheap gift for our white elephant exchange...

Need some stress relief? Join us for **Killer Uno & Ultimate Spoons** on **Sat., Dec. 19 at 2pm**—teens only, all skill levels welcome! (or bring a favorite board or card game!) If you are a fan of Nintendo DS, bring yours along and check out the **3DS Club!** The club is open to all ages and the first meeting will be **Nov. 5, 6:30-8:30 pm.** To register for any of these programs, visit our Events Calendar online or call/stop by the Help Desk of the library: 608-827-7402. We hope to see you at the library soon!



TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Register online at www.midlibrary.org/events, call 608-827-7403, or see the Reference Desk.



Power Point Basics Saturday, November 7th @ 10am in the Archer Room

This class is a basic introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint, a program used to create slideshows and presentations. Topics include getting started, adding text and graphics, and presenting your slideshow.



Excel Basics, Tuesday December 1st @ 7pm in the Archer Room

Microsoft Excel is a powerful tool that helps you create spreadsheets to keep track of all kinds of numerical data simply and easily. Class participants will learn how to make a simple spreadsheet, create formulas to automatically update data, and more.



Excel Beyond the Basics, Tuesday December 15th @ 7pm in the Archer Room

Interested in taking your Microsoft Excel skills to a higher level? This course, designed for intermediate users, goes beyond the basics to help you get more utility and efficiency out of your Excel use. Participants will explore advanced formulas and multiple spreadsheets, and will learn to create visual representations of data by using charts and graphs.



Creating Holiday Newsletters, Tuesday November 17th @ 7pm in the Archer Room

It's that time of year when you start receiving holiday cards and letters! Need new ideas for your yearly letter? Join us! You will get tips on how to create an exciting newsletter. We will go over different programs you can use to create newsletters, like Microsoft Word, with examples, as well as give you links to free templates online.

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

Middleton Public Library Board Members

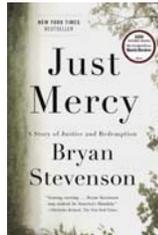
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All Programs at the library are funded by the Friends of the Middleton Public Library.



And Justice for All: a Community Panel Discussion was held on October 12th by a collaboration with the UW Go Big Read selection *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Panelists were Middleton's Chief of Police Chuck Foulke, Dane County Sherriff Dave Mahoney, Urban League of Greater Madison DEO Dr. Reuben Anthony, Dane County Judge Josann Reynolds, and MCPASD Director of Equity and Student Achievement Percy Brown and garnered some meaningful audience participation from the standing room only crowd. The discussion centered on themes from the book related to racial disparity in the criminal justice and equality versus equity.

spend some time with us

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YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS' CRAFT FAIR

On **Saturday, November 21**, 'tweens and teens in grades 3-12 will have an opportunity to showcase their handmade wares and sell them at our Young Entrepreneurs' Craft Fair. If you're interested in selling items you've made, sign up to host a table at the fair! Details and applications are available at the Main Level Help Desk (applications are due back by November 9).

All ages are welcome to shop at the fair! All items will be priced at \$10 or under. Our young entrepreneurs will be accepting cash only. Stop by and support Middleton's next generation of business people!

