



The Bookworm



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



NIFTY AT NINETY

On **February 22, 1927**, the Middleton Progressive Woman's Club created a shelf of books in the

Burmeister-Kruse Department Store, located at the northwest corner of Hubbard and Parmenter. Now, 90 years later, this humble shelf has grown to 42,000 square feet that hosts nearly a half million people each year and is a member of the South Central Library System.

In 2016, the Middleton Public Library continued offering 21st century library services by creating opportunities for institutions, organizations, and individuals to connect and thrive. Physical, public space was in high demand. As just one example, 2016 saw an increase of 13% in study room bookings over the 4021 bookings in 2015. Rising numbers in this and other areas point toward the critical role our library plays as neutral mediator at the center of the community. While square footage continues to be at a premium, the exceptional library staff continues to expand the library's multi-layered approach to services.

Materials and programs will always be the bread and butter of library service. The evolution of in-

formation access, however, is showing us that many people who use the building are not walking through the doors just to read a book or use the computers; many patrons do not necessarily have a definite purpose at all. People go just to be part of the community in the building. As we work to maximize our current space while planning for the future, we need to attend closely to such social infrastructures. These are the public facilities and conditions that allow connections between people and community organizations: open, accessible, and welcoming public places where residents can congregate, unite, and share.

To move these efforts forward, the library board has created both a Building Committee and a Development Committee that will focus on facility updates and financial development. In 2017, to elevate levels of education and economic potential we will continue to find ways to work together with the formal and informal networks of agencies, corporations, nonprofits, and community organizations that make Middleton better.

Stay tuned for **90th birthday party fun** happening during **National Library Week, April 9-15!**

- Jocelyne Sansing, Library Director

2017 ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND!

Read 30 hours and become eligible for great prizes like Barnes & Noble gift cards, gift certificates to local restaurants and more! You choose what to read—blogs, newspapers and audio books all count. Stop by the lower level reference desk to pick up a reading log and get started. On the back of your reading log, let us know the top 5 books you've read in the last year and we'll compile a "best of" list in early March. All completed reading logs must be turned in by Tuesday, February 28th at 9:00 PM in order to be eligible for the prize drawing.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY



Morning Book Discussion:
Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig
Thursday, January 12th, at 10:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Thursday morning book group where we'll be discussing *Last Bus to Wisdom*, Ivan Doig's final novel completed just prior to his death in early 2015. Light refreshments will be provided. Copies of the book will be available at the reference desk on the library's lower level.



Let's Talk About Texts:
Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff
Thursday, January 12th, at 7:00 PM

Craftsman Table & Tap, 6712 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave in Middleton

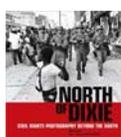
Our bi-monthly book group meets in January to discuss Lauren Groff's *Fates and Furies*, a novel examining a marriage and creative partnership over the span of twenty-four years and a finalist for the 2015 National Book Award. Everyone is welcome to join us on the second floor of the Craftsman for drinks and lively conversation! Copies of the book are available at the library's lower-level reference desk.



Preparing Kids for College: A Parent's Task and Responsibility
Wednesday, January 25th, at 7:30 PM

(please note the later start time)

Planning for college correctly requires proper perspective and a vision of a realistic, affordable path. Learn cost-saving dynamics to achieve college success for your children. Presenter Robert DeCock is a frequent lecturer, writer, and advisor on achieving success in the pre-college process. He was the founder in 2010 of Middleton-based Parents Planning 4 College.



Historian Mark Speltz: North of Dixie: Civil Rights Photography Beyond the South
Wednesday, February 1st, at 7:00 PM

Mark Speltz discusses his new book, *North of Dixie*, published in November of 2016 by Getty Publications. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event, and the evening will conclude with a book signing.

"The history of the civil rights movement is commonly illustrated with well-known photographs from Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma—leaving the visual story of the movement outside the South remaining to be told. In *North of Dixie*, historian Mark Speltz shines a light past the most iconic photographs of the era to focus on images of everyday activists who fought campaigns against segregation, police brutality,

and job discrimination in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and many other cities." — publisher's description.



Morning Book Discussion:
The World Without Us by Alan Weisman
Thursday, February 9th, at 10:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to join us for our monthly Thursday morning book discussion group! This month, we're discussing Alan Weisman's

The World Without Us, a unique examination of humanity's impact on the Earth that asks us to imagine what would happen to the planet if humans were to suddenly vanish. Light refreshments will be provided. Copies of the book will be available at the reference desk on the library's lower level.



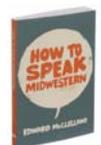
Crafts for Adults: Hand-Stamped Textiles
Thursday, February 9th, at 6:30 PM

Learn how to stamp your own designs onto fabric using a simple stamp-creation technique, as well as a variety of common household objects. All materials will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Ages 16+ only, please.



Four Seasons Theater presents:
The Stories of Fiddler on the Roof
Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:30 PM

Four Seasons Theater Company presents an evening of music and literature exploring the short fiction of Sholem Aleichem (1859-1916), whose stories about Tevye the Dairyman were the basis for the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Funded in part by a grant from the Beyond the Page endowment.



Edward McClelland on
How to Speak Midwestern
Thursday, March 2nd, at 7:00 PM

Author and journalist Edward McClelland discusses his new book *How to Speak Midwestern*, an irreverent look at Midwestern speech patterns that the New York Times called "a dictionary wrapped in some serious dialectology inside a gift book trailing a serious whiff of relevance." Copies of the book will be available for purchase and the evening will conclude with a book signing.

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in the Archer Room on the library's lower level. For more information or to register for any of these events, visit midlibrary.org/events or email info@midlibrary.org.

All Library events are made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the Middleton Public Library. Learn more at www.midfriends.org



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



January 2017

EVENTS AT THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



<p>CLOSED</p> <p>Library Closed - New Year's Day</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Adult Winter Reading Program Begins</p> <p>9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p> <p>4:00 Mock Printz Awards</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Friends Book Sale</p> <p>6:30 3DS Club</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 Friends Book Sale</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p> 2:00 John Becker - Magic + Music = FUN!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Big Kids Storytime</p> <p>10:30 Big Kids Storytime</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Little Kids Storytime</p> <p>9:30 Friends Book Sorting</p> <p>10:30 Little Kids Storytime</p> <p>3:30 After School Art: Pt 1</p> <p>4:30 After School Art: Pt 1</p> <p>4:30 Dungeons and Dragons</p> <p>6:30 Creative Writing Group for Adults</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 Friends Book Sale</p> <p>9:30 Baby Lapsit Storytime</p> <p>10:30 Tiny Tots Storytime</p> <p>6:00 Minecraft Club</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 Friends Book Sale</p> <p>10:30 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</p> <p>3:30 Chapter Book Champions Club</p>	<p>21</p>	
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TEEN EVENTS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY



Debate it!

Teens: want to challenge your brain? Sign up to debate on **Thursday, Jan. 26, 6pm** at our **That's Debatable** event! Topics include racial profiling and the refugee crisis. All ages welcome to listen in.

If you'd rather save your debate skills to talk about books, stop by our **Mock Printz Award** on **Monday, Jan. 2 at 4pm**, where we will be discussing the best teen books written in 2016—vote for your favorite! A list of nominated titles is available at the Help Desk, or feel free to bring your favorite 2016 title along and tell us about it!



Books & Movies & Art!

Ugh, do I really have to tell you about the horror movie thing? OK, fine... Our Teen Advisory Committee wants to have a horror movie showing, but your favorite teen librarian really dislikes them. They've gathered a number of really awful-looking gory horror movies (really, these are PG-13, you guys?) and if anyone comes I'll be forced to watch the one people vote for. **They're Making Me Show a Horror Movie** is on **Saturday, Jan. 14 at 2pm**, but I'm sure you have lots of other, better things to do that day, right?

Author Meredith Russo will be speaking at the library on **Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6pm** about her book, ***If I Was Your Girl***, which features a transgender teen. A dessert bar will be offered at this event and a community art project will follow.

On **Monday, Feb. 27 at 6pm**, we will be discussing ***Girl from Everywhere*** at our **Books & Brownies teen book discussion group**. If you love fantasy, time travel, maps, or high action/adventure, be sure to check this title out! (Kindles are available at the Help Desk to check out, loaded with this title and all of our upcoming discussion books.)



Cooking Challenge!

Are you an amazing teen chef looking for a challenge? Sign up to compete in our **Teen Chopped** event on **Feb. 23 at 7pm**! Competition is limited to grades 6-12, but all ages welcome to watch the event! Winning chef will receive a \$50 gift certificate! All of our teen programs are free, due to the generous support of our Friends group—we hope to see you in the Library soon!

'SCHOLAR'D FOR LIFE' LECTURE SERIES RETURNING IN 2017!



The Library's popular series returns on **Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 PM** with **UW-Madison History professor David McDonald** presenting a lecture entitled "**Putin's Russia: A Historian's Perspective.**" McDonald is the Alice D. Mortenson/Petrovich Professor of History at UW-Madison. A graduate of the University of Toronto and the recipient of a doctorate at Columbia University, he teaches and conducts research in the history of the Russian Empire.

This lecture offers a historian's perspective on Russia's recent turn to an assertive foreign policy and more authoritarian rule at home. The talk offers several perspectives on this behavior and the challenges it presents to the West, to Putin's government and to citizens of the Russian Federation.

"Scholar'd for Life" is a lecture series presented by the Middleton Public Library in partnership with the UW-Madison Speaker's Bureau. Taking the "Wisconsin Idea" as its starting point, this series aims

to promote lifelong learning, intellectual curiosity, and engagement between academics and the community as a whole.

And mark your calendars for other great lectures throughout 2017:

Kathy Cramer, Professor of Political Science: "**Scott Walker and the Rise of Rural Consciousness.**" **Thursday, May 11th, at 7PM**

Steven Nadler, Professor of Philosophy: "**Jewish Philosophy and the Problem of Evil, or Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?**" **Thursday, June 22nd, at 7:00 PM**

John Dunne, Distinguished Chair in Contemplative Humanities at the Center for Healthy Minds: "**An Interdisciplinary Approach to Studying Mindfulness.**" **Thursday, November 2nd, at 7:00 PM**

Plus an additional, yet-to-be scheduled lecture in August or September!

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BOOK TO MOVIE



2017 is shaping up to be a big year for book-to-movie adaptations. Check out some of the upcoming book-based films premiering in the first half of 2017 (Though if you ask us, the book is usually better!)

January

- Hidden Figures** – Margot Lee Shetterly (Jan 6)
- Live by Night** – Dennis Lehane (Jan 13)
- The Yellow Birds** – Kevin Powers (Jan 21)
- A Dog's Purpose** – W. Bruce Cameron (Jan 27)

February

- Same Kind of Different as Me** – Ron Hall (Feb 3)
- Fifty Shades Darker** – E L James (Feb 10)
- Tulip Fever** – Deborah Moggach (Feb 24)

March

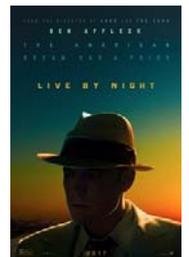
- Before I Fall** – Lauren Oliver (March 3)
- The Sense of an Ending** – Julian Barnes (March 10)
- The Zookeeper's Wife** – Diane Ackerman (March 31)

April

- Wonder** – R.J. Palacio (April 7)
- The Lost City of Z** – David Grann (April 21)
- The Circle** – David Eggers (April 28)

May

- The Dinner** – Herman Koch (May 5)
- Everything, Everything** – Nicola Yoon (May 19)



DISCOVER OUR DISCOVERY KITS

New Year – New Hobbies! Our Discovery Kits for all ages provide everything you need to explore, learn and have fun with a new hobby – books, DVDs, CDs, musical instruments, art supplies, and more. From Zumba to origami, birdwatching to playing the uku-

lele, juggling to Osmo, or solar power to rhythm instruments, our kits have something to interest everyone. Everything comes packaged in a convenient plastic bin. Be sure to read the information card in the kit for rules regarding check-out.

