



The Bookworm



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS ... NEXT CHAPTER FUNDRAISING REACHES \$105,000!



The Next Chapter fundraising goal of \$200,000 is halfway raised thanks to the **Friends of the Library!** Through a generous naming rights gift of \$30,000, the Friends of the Library has turned the former book sale room into the **Friends of the Library Community Room** – nearly doubling the available community room space for the public. This expansion of public space not only meets the first Next Chapter goal of 'Increasing Public Square Footage,' but allows for the expansion of programming and services that the library is able to provide.

Additionally, four individual donors have secured naming rights for three of four Study Rooms and the main level Artists' Gallery. These are users of

the library and community members who believe in the importance of public spaces and inclusive access for



all. **This leaves \$95,000 to go!** A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has already contributed to the fundraising campaign. As we turn the page on the next decade, let's keep the Next Chapter momentum going! Each and every dollar supports the second and third Next Chapter goals of 'Creating Flexible Spaces for New Ways of Gathering' and 'Improving Customer Service Experiences.' Visit www.midlibrary.org/NextChapter to donate today!

THE NEW LINKCAT IS HERE

WWW.LINKCAT.INFO



What's new?

Overall, the new LINKcat software is similar to the previous version. At the same time, some new features will give you more flexibility to manage your checked out items and holds.

Stylistically, the display is sleeker and more modern. The larger font size and increased white-space make the new interface more usable, particularly on small screens such as smartphones and tablets.

Here are some of the new features:

- Saved searches
- Entire title displays in checkouts, holds, etc. (includes disc numbers!)
- Select multiple items in checkouts and holds for modifying (renewing, suspending, etc.)
- Navigate between search results when viewing a title's details page
- Optionally, choose a library when searching to see its copies first when viewing a title

What's different?

All of your LINKcat features are still there but some things have changed! **Here are some of the changes:**

- Reading History is now called Checkout History
- Your LINKcat account is now called My Dashboard
- New Dashboard page provides an overview of your Checked out items and Holds
- Browse the shelf is now called View nearby items on shelf
- Access your Lists from your Dashboard - scroll down and click My Lists

Thank you for your patience during the transition.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY



Self-Care and a Proactive Approach to Personal Wellness

Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00pm

In our modern, fast-paced world, it is more important than ever to take time to care for ourselves. Let this year be the year you dedicate to being your best self. Energy Therapist, Liza Abitz, will share some great tips and cutting-edge modalities. This is not about making and breaking New Year's resolutions, this is about creating space and time for yourself.



Getting to Know Medicare

Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30pm

A class designed to simplify Medicare and to help you make a more informed decision on your coverage without all of the headaches and confusion.



On Spice: Reading with Caitlin PenzeyMoog

Sunday, January 26 at 2:00pm

Part reading, part spice lesson, join author Caitlin PenzeyMoog for a tour of the spice trade. This talk focuses on pepper and cinnamon, with an emphasis on the different varieties, their histories from the ancient world through the Middle Ages, and common misconceptions about the spices, including how most cinnamon you use isn't cinnamon at all. Grind long pepper in a mortar and pestle, see the tree bark that becomes cinnamon, and bring your questions about spices. Books will be available for purchase.



Project Home: Home Energy Improvements

Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30pm

Learn about the 3 most common culprits of energy loss. Understand how air sealing and insulating need to work together to improve the energy performance and comfort of your home. Also discuss simple steps you can take to make proven, cost effective energy upgrades to your home.



Retirement & Taxes Simplified

Wednesday, February 12 at 5:30pm

A class designed for those looking for a worry

free retirement. Topics include:

- The importance of having a written income plan
- If the market corrects will you be okay?
- Reducing taxes in retirement



First Steps for Families (ADAW Family Education series)

Thursday, February 20 at 5:30pm

A year-long series of educational events for families, friends, and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or other dementias. Free and open to the public. No registration required.



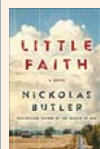
A Conversation with Bill Stokes: Author of Margaret's War

Sunday, February 23 at 6:30pm

Learn more about the history of German WWII POWs in Wisconsin and the writing of *Margaret's War*, the fascinating story of a small Midwestern town where German POWs have been brought in to work on farms.

Bill, who lives in Mazomanie, is retired after 35 years as a columnist and feature writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Wisconsin State Journal*, the *Milwaukee Journal*, and the *Stevens Point Daily Journal*.

Upcoming Book Discussions



Little Faith by Nickolas Butler

**Tuesday, January 14 at 10:00am
AND**

Thursday, January 16 at 10:00am



Trust Exercise by Susan Choi

Monday, January 27 at 7:00pm
At Grape Water Wine Bar,
7466 Hubbard Ave



Nomadland by Jessica Bruder

**Tuesday, February 18 at 10:00am
AND**

Thursday, February 20 at 10:00am

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



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January 2020

EVENTS AT THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



				1 New Year's Day Library Closed	2 2:00 Drop-In Techno Minutes 6:00 Minecraft Club	3	4
5	10:30 little om BIG OM Toddler Yoga 4:15 T.A.Co. Meeting 6:00 little om BIG OM Family Yoga 6:00 Coding Club 7:00 Gentle Flow & Alignment Yoga	6	9:30 Big Kids Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime	7	9:30 Little Kids Storytime 10:30 Little Kids Storytime 4:30 Anime Club	8	9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 2:00 Drop-In Techno Minutes 6:00 Minecraft Club
12 1:30 Chess Club	10:30 Soccer & Basketball with i9 Sports 6:00 Super Sweet Storytime 6:00 Coding Club	13	9:30 Big Kids Storytime 10:00 Adult Book Discussion 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 6:00 Self-Care and a Proactive Approach to Personal Wellness	14	9:30 Little Kids Storytime 10:30 Little Kids Storytime 4:30 Crochet Club: Wrist Warmers 5:30 Getting to Know Medicare	15	9:30 Baby Lapsit Storytime 10:30 Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime 3:00 Crafty Kids: Winter Wonderland
19	12:30, 2:00, 3:30, & 6:00 Family Escape Room: Let it Snow!	20	9:30 Big Kids Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 6:00 Teen Crafts: Personalized Calendars	21	9:30 Little Kids Storytime 10:30 Little Kids Storytime 4:30 Crochet Club: Wrist Warmers	22	9:30 Baby Lapsit Storytime 10:30 Friday Fun Day! 4:30 VR Club
26 2:00 On Spice: Reading with Caitlin PenzeyMoog	4:30 & 6:00 'Tween Escape Room: Happy Birthday, Mr. Braille 6:00 Coding Club 7:00 Let's Talk About Texts - Trust Exercise	27	9:30 Big Kids Storytime 10:30 Big Kids Storytime 6:30 Project Home: Home Energy Improvements	28	9:30 Little Kids Storytime 10:30 Little Kids Storytime 4:30 Crochet Club: Wrist Warmers	29	9:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 10:30 Tiny Tots Storytime 2:00 Drop-In Techno Minutes 6:00 Minecraft Club
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Monday - Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday 9am-6pm : Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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THE FRIENDS BOOKSHOP

Now that the new bookshop is up and running and looking fantastic, we thought we'd touch base on some updates. There are a few items on our punch list for the bookshop. We are looking to install some blinds for the windows in there to help with the direct sunlight that comes into the room. Hopefully they will be in place by the end of January.

Sometimes the bookshop looks closed / dark due to the sensor light that shuts off when there is no movement detected in the room. However, the bookshop is open for all of the hours the library is open and is staffed frequently with volunteers. Bookshop customers should pay for books at the upper level service desk when the bookshop is unstaffed. Our bookshop is currently staffed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

We are in the process of working on securing permanent signage for outside the door of our bookshop. This will occur in conjunction with the library's interior updates.

We appreciate your patience while we get these things done, and we encourage you to contact us if there are any more tweaks or finishing touches you think would benefit the bookshop.

The Friends organization welcomes all volunteers. If any person, family or group has an interest in volunteering, please email

Karen at travels@icloud.com. We have many behind the scenes jobs that can be done including delivering book donations to various locations, stuffing envelopes, book selling, book sorting, housekeeping tasks in our bookshop and book sort rooms, and more!

Anyone who currently or is planning to volunteer with the Friends organization should look for information about a Registration Event coming soon in January/February to allow all of our volunteers to be updated or initially registered with our organization and the library as a volunteer. This will entail filling out a short application form and completing a background check. The Friends organization is also working on a volunteer handbook that will clearly state all of the information/policies about our organization and the many volunteer opportunities we have at the library.



Adult Winter Reading Program

READ 30 HOURS AND BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR GREAT PRIZES!

Stop by the Reference Desk
for your reading log!

January 6-
February 29



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FAMILY ESCAPE ROOM: LET IT SNOW!

Monday, January 20th - AGES 5 AND UP

It is just too cold to play outside today, but you and your family really want to build a snowman. Unfortunately, the directions and ingredients for making fake snow have been accidentally locked away!

Can you and your family solve the puzzles and unlock the box?

Registration is required: space is limited. Register Online at

**www.midlibrary.org/events or
call 608-827-7402**

Choose 1 session only.

Register all participants. No younger siblings, please.

Four 1-Hour sessions:

Monday, January 20th

12:30 - 1:30pm

2:00 - 3:00pm

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 7:00pm



Virtual Reality Workshop for Adults

Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00pm

In this class we will explore virtual reality technology by playing with a VR mask in different scenes, like being an eagle flying over Paris, viewing the night sky constellations, or exploring the sunken Titanic on a submarine. Come have some fun!

