



# The Bookworm



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Greeting Good Neighbors!

Throughout the COVID-19 closure, library staff have reworked processes, procedures, spaces, and services to continue offering the best possible service to the public.

What began as quick fixes has now become the new normal. While our target reopening date continues to move, we are working behind the scenes with guidance from Dane County Public Health to create the safest possible environment for library staff and the public. This includes the continued and diligent use of PPE and sanitizing, staffing for social distancing, and quarantining returns. When the library begins its phased reopening, you can expect these measures to remain in place along with an 'express service model' that limits the number of visitors in the building, encourages grab-and-go self-checkout, and prioritizes computer use. Curbside pickup along with virtual programs and gatherings will continue.

We have taken advantage of this closure to continue minor facility work on the Next Chapter Project. Our fundraising goal of \$200,000 is right on track at \$150,000 and the Library Board Development Committee is seeking support for the last \$25,000 with a matching grant from the Madison Community Foundation. Investing in the immediate needs of our public spaces while planning for

the long-term future is more important now than ever before!

In honor of Juneteenth the Library Board shared a value statement with the City of Middleton Common Council reaffirming the library's commitment to racial and social justice. In addition to offering timely materials and programs that support these efforts, libraries throughout Dane County will engage in internal staff development work focused on racial equity beginning this year and continuing indefinitely. 2021-2022 Beyond the Page programs will be unified under the common theme of racial equity throughout all Dane County Libraries. We aim to leverage libraries to engage communities in meaningful reflection and dialogue about race, that result in action towards shifting systemic policies, practices, and procedures.

As we continue to navigate the ongoing pandemic and an equally historic revolution of racial equity, we see repeatedly, public libraries are more than just buildings and gatherings aren't just events. They are often experiences, connections, and moments that remind us of who we are, who we have been, and who we might become. We look forward to gathering in person soon.

Health and Hope,  
Jocelyne Sansing, Middleton Public Library Director

## ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**This summer there are two ways to play, choose either a 40 hour reading log or Book Bingo!**

**Reading Log:** Read 40 hours (audio books, periodicals and online reading all count!). Pickup a reading log from the library curbside, or print it yourself from [www.midlibrary.org/AdultSRP](http://www.midlibrary.org/AdultSRP) and return it in person, or by mail. Or fill out the reading log form online.

**Book Bingo:** Bingo cards are available online to print, or you can use the online form for entry at [www.midlibrary.org/AdultSRP](http://www.midlibrary.org/AdultSRP). Keep track of the books you read by writing the title in the matching square. Book titles may be used only once per card. Complete 5 in a row, turn in your card and you'll be entered into a drawing for some fantastic prizes. Complete all 25 squares and be entered into a drawing for the Grand Prize.

Submit your Reading Log or Bingo Card no later than **5pm on Saturday, August 15th** for a chance to win great prizes! To participate in Adult Summer Reading you can either submit a reading log **or** play Bingo. One entry per person. For readers 18 and older.



## SCHOLAR'D FOR LIFE: ELECTION EDITION

### FREE ONLINE LIVE PRESENTATIONS

Thursdays at 6:30pm, via Zoom and FacebookLive

Please register online to receive the Zoom link via e-mail before the event. Register at [www.midlibrary.org/events](http://www.midlibrary.org/events)



turn for information to make the decisions that affect their lives? How can news media work to restore faith in neutral coverage in the face of increasing partisanship and vitriol? Professor Kathleen Culver will discuss where we are, how we got here and where we all may head next.



**Professor Howard Schweber:**  
**The Future of the Supreme Court After the Election of 2016**  
**Thursday, July 9 at 6:30pm**

The election of President Trump has led to the appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch and the abolition of the filibuster in the Senate for Supreme Court nominations. What will be the likely impact of that appointment on the development of constitutional doctrine, the politics of Supreme Court nominations, and the future of the Court?



**Professor Michael W. Wagner:**  
**Beyond the Left-Right Divide: Partisan Polarization in the Age of Donald Trump**  
**Thursday, July 30 at 6:30pm**

The talk will describe how what we think of as the contemporary political divide in the United States is far more complicated than it appears in the typical "red state-blue state" coverage we see in the news media.



**Professor Jordan Ellenberg:**  
**How Math Corrodes Democracy (But Might Still Save It)**  
**Thursday, July 16 at 6:30pm**

In most US states, Wisconsin included, legislators draw the boundaries of the districts they are elected from, and thus retain a great deal of personal influence in the outcome of elections. The practice of drawing district lines with the goal of benefiting one political party over the others is called gerrymandering. Learn how computational and political developments have made this a bigger problem than ever before, and how new developments in math are helping fix it.



**Professor Daniel Kapust:**  
**The Dangers and Possibilities of Political Rhetoric**  
**Thursday, August 13 at 6:30pm**

Politics, for better or worse, is about talking. Candidates seeking office, office holders advancing policies, pundits trying to influence opinion, citizens sharing their views with their representatives: political speech is all around us. Yet even though speech is intimately connected to the promise of politics in America, political speech is brings dangers as well. This presentation focuses on the dangers and possibilities of political rhetoric, focusing especially its place in democratic politics.



**Professor Kathleen Culver:**  
**Truth, Trust and the Future of Journalism Ethics**  
**Thursday, July 23 at 6:30pm**

In an era of declining trust and so-called fake news, where can citizens



**Professor David T. Canon:**  
**Voting During a Pandemic -- Casting Your Vote and Making it Count**  
**Thursday, August 20 at 6:30pm**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# July 2020

## EVENTS AT THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



			10:00 Library in the Park! (at Orchid Heights Park) 10:00 Little Kids Storytime Online 12:00 Virtual Book Bunch & Lunch via Zoom			
5	Summer Digital Escape Room: Week 6 10:30 Virtual Little om BIG OM: Toddler Yoga w/ ZOOM! 4:15 Virtual Teen Advisory Committee 6:00 Evening Storytime Online	6	7	8	9	10
12	Summer Digital Escape Room: Week 7 2:00 Crafty Kids To-Go: Under the Sea 6:00 Evening Storytime Online	13	14	15	16	17
19	Summer Digital Escape Room: Week 8 6:00 Evening Storytime Online 7:00 Let's Talk About Texts	20	21	22	23	24
26	Summer Digital Escape Room: Week 9 6:00 Evening Storytime Online	27	28	29	30	31

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 <h1>August 2020</h1> <h2>EVENTS AT THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY</h2>							
2	Summer Digital Escape Room: Week 10 10:30 Virtual litte om BIG OM: Toddler Yoga w/ ZOOM! 6:00 Evening Storytime Online	3	4	10:00 Little Kids Storytime Online 10:00 Virtual 'Hour of Code' Club for Kids 12:00 Virtual Book Bunch & Lunch via Zoom	6	10:00 Library in the Park! (at Harvey John and Lucille Taylor Park)	
9	Summer Digital Escape Room: Week 11 6:00 Evening Storytime Online	10	10:00 Big Kids Storytime Online 5:30 Library Board Meeting	12	10:00 Little Kids Storytime Online 12:00 Virtual Book Bunch & Lunch via Zoom 6:00 Give & Take Discussion: Taxes & the Government	14	10:00 Baby Lapsit Storytime Online End of Summer Reading Program
16	17	18	19	6:00 Middle School Pool Night (at Walter R. Bauman Aquatic Center) 6:30 Voting During a Pandemic - Casting Your Vote and Making it Count (via Zoom)	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	6:00 Give & Take Discussion: The Environment	27	28	29
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## LIBRARIAN'S CHOICE REQUEST SERVICE

Need some help finding your next great read? Try the Librarian's Choice Request Service. Visit [www.midlibrary.org/ Librarians-Choice-Request](http://www.midlibrary.org/Librarians-Choice-Request) and fill out the online form to let the library know what types of materials you would like us to select for you. Library staff will check for requests Mon-

days through Fridays. As soon as your items are ready, you will receive an email notification and can schedule curbside pickup service at [midlibrary.org/pickup](http://midlibrary.org/pickup).



## LIVE STORYTIMES ONLINE



**Monday Evenings**  
w/ Ms. Katie  
at 6pm



**Big Kids**  
w/ Ms. Lori,  
Tuesdays at 10am



**Little Kids**  
w/ Ms. Tiffani,  
Wednesdays at 10am



**Baby Lapsit**  
w/ Ms. Katie,  
Fridays at 10am

### Books, music, and movement activities will be shared!

Join Ms. Katie for a **Monday Evening Storytime** - every Monday at 6:00 pm. Designed for ages 2-6, but all are welcome!

Join Ms. Lori for **Big Kids Storytime** at 10:00 am on Tuesdays. Designed for ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome!

Join Ms. Tiffani on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am** for **Little Kids Storytime**. Designed for ages 1-3, but all ages are welcome!

**Baby Lapsit Storytime** on **Fridays at 10:00 am** with Ms. Katie. Join us for songs, rhymes, and short, interactive books specifically designed for young babies. Designed for babies 0-1 year old, but of course all are welcome!

To access Storytimes, visit [www.midlibrary.org](http://www.midlibrary.org) and click on "Online Storytimes" in the right corner of the page. Alternately, login to your FB page, and visit [Facebook.org/midpublib](https://www.facebook.com/midpublib). You can choose a recorded Storytime or the Storytime that is "Live". No Facebook account needed. Also, we will be adding Facebook Live Recordings to our website all summer long! Check [www.midlibrary.org/children/Resources](http://www.midlibrary.org/children/Resources) each week for new videos.

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www.midlibrary.org  
info@midlibrary.org

Open to **Serve** you:

Monday - Thursday 9am-9pm

Friday 9am-6pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

## Middleton Public Library Board Members

Robert Burck, Library Board President  
/Council Liaison; Courtney Ward-  
Reichard, Library Board President  
Elect; Roshelle Ritzenhaler, Library  
Board Secretary; Marybeth Paulisse,  
Library Board Treasurer/MCPASD Liai-  
son; Chris Morris, Robert Seltzer, Rose  
Sime, Thomas Yost, Cindy Zellers

## THANK YOU!

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by the Friends of the Middleton Public Library.*



## Library in the Park

- Find us under the pavilion!
- Free books
- Sign up for Summer Reading
- Do a craft (while they last)!



The Middleton Public Library is going to the parks this summer! Join in the fun at Harvey John & Lucille Taylor Park and Orchid Heights Park. All visits will offer Summer Reading Program sign up, free books, and a take-and-make craft (while supplies last).

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTES:**

1. Mask wearing is encouraged when visiting the library table
2. Only one family at the library table at one time
3. Those waiting to visit the library table should social distance at least 6ft from each other AND the library table
4. To eliminate multiple people touching the books, all books will be behind plexiglass or plastic sheeting and

only library staff will touch the items. Look with eyes and not with hands!

5. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and afterwards

**Harvey John and Lucille Taylor Park** (5280 Bishops Bay Pkwy): **Every other Thursday** from **10-11am** on **July 9, July 23, August 6**. Look for the library near the pavilion.

**Orchid Heights Park** (3960 Valley Ridge Rd): **Every other Wednesdays** from **10-11am** on **July 1, July 15, July 29**. Look for the library near the pavilion.