**Director's Letter**

August will be the library's second month as a fine free library, and with new, earlier hours. Since July 1 we have been open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday. So far we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback on our new hours. I encourage you to share your opinion on our new hours, positive or negative, so that we may continue to serve the Middlebury community in the best way possible.

There's been another change in the library of late: more people than ever are using the library as a space to work remotely and hold meetings (in person or electronically). To facilitate this, I want to remind everyone that we have two small conference room available on a first come, first served basis, as well as one small conference room that can be booked in advance. To book the space, please reserve at the circulation desk or by calling 802-388-4095. If you have been using the library for work or meetings, please let us know what else we might do to support remote work at the library.

In September we will begin holding in-person, indoor library programming for adults again. I want to again thank the library staff for their flexibility and the Middlebury community for your patience. We are thrilled to begin offering programming again soon, and, as always, I look forward to seeing you in the library!

Dana Hart
Director
In the Lobby

Sidewalk Poetry
On display this month are poems written by community members. There were so many wonderful entries for the Sidewalk Poetry location in front of the library we wanted to share as many as we could with you! Stop in to read them soon.

Project Independence
IPL and Project Independence have been getting together on Zoom since March 26, 2020 - that is 70 weeks! Stop in the reference room to view some art projects the Project Independence folks have been doing.

Fish Tales with Steve
Tuesday, August 24 @ 9:00 AM
Join Ilsley Public Library and Steve from Green Mountain Adventures next to the Otter Creek River to hear some "real fish stories" and learn about fishing in Addison County. As well as an opportunity to try casting with an expert.
Registration required: https://www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org/event/fish-tales-with-steve/

Yoga Philosophy
Prem Prakash
August 11, 7:00 PM
Join Prem Prakash for virtual exploration and discussion on topics such as: yoga texts, guided meditation, pranayama, chakras and more. This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month.
Contact renee.ursitti@ilsleypubliclibrary.org for information or to register for this group.

Summer Reading through end of August

Summer Reading Raffle
There are 3 ways to enter

1. POST A SELFIE OF YOU HOLDING A BOOK YOU READ DURING THIS SUMMER TO OUR ONE OF OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES ALONG WITH #PLSUMMER21
2. VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SUBMIT A SHORT BOOK REVIEW OF A BOOK YOU READ DURING THIS SUMMER.
3. BRING YOUR TAILS & TALES SUMMER READING CARD TO IPL. EACH TIME YOU COMPLETE A SUGGESTED ACTIVITY, STICK IT IN TO HAVE IT CHECKED OFF.

Each of these actions gets your name entered into that week's raffle and the grand prize raffle.

Week 1 $10 Midd Money
Week 2 $50 GC Middlebury Montaneros
Week 3 $75 GC A&W

Raffle Winners To Date
Week #1 - Joseph Kafumbe
Week #1 - Thalia Wygmans
Week #3 - Stella Gray
It is so easy to enter! Stop in or post your selfie.

Wondering What To Read Next
Wonder no more. Visit our "What to Read Next" page on the website to find links to Reader's Advisories, Staff Picks and best seller's lists. https://www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org/find-it/what-to-read-next/

Take & Make - August 16
Dancing Water
Available while supplies last. Each kit contains everything needed to make one mini wall hanging.
PROGRAMMING

TAKE & MAKES  Available While Supplies Last
Aug 2: Personalize a Mug OR Embroidery Kit OR STEAM
Aug 9: Make a Bracelet
Aug 16: Create Your Own Book

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

 Tweens and Teens
 Email kathryn.jalberte@ilsleypubliclibrary.org for Zoom Link
 August 3rd @ 7pm: Star Wars Virtual Trivia
 Test your knowledge of all things Star Wars at a trivia night for all ages! Players are invited to form a team and compete in this
 virtual event. Costumes encouraged!

BOOKS ON STICKS

Riverfront Park, Marbleworks:
July 30 - Aug 13: Down by the Bay by Raffi
Aug 13 - Aug 27: Dude by Aaron Reynolds
Aug 27 - Sept 10: Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown

Harrow Way:
July 23 - Aug 6: Elmer by David McKee
Aug 6 - Aug 20: If You’re Happy and You Know It by Jane Cabrera
Aug 20 - Sept 3: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

Thank you to the Friends of Ilsley Public Library, Haymaker Buns, and
The Better Middlebury Partnership for sponsoring our Summer Reading programs
Thank you to Kris Andrews, Mary Jane Simpson, and Elliott Monk for our sewing and STEAM make-and-take activities.

Books on Sticks on Harrow Way is enjoyed by community members from birth to 100!

"My kids are excited to spend their Middlebury Money downtown!"

Experience MIDDLEBURY

STEAM Take-and-Make: Periscope

A Mo-Willems themed Book Bike Storytime at the free lunch program

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

All’s Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson
Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Falling Over Sideways by Jordan Sonnenblick
Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson
Real Friends by Shannon Hale
Restart by Gordon Korman
Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks
Smile by Raina Telgemeier
Wonder by R.J. Palacio