

# CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

## DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

### Our Student Neighbors

By Davy Mayer, President, CNI

From employment to sporting events to attracting visitors, The University of Wisconsin influences all aspects of downtown living. But none of these things would exist were it not for the university's biggest customer base: students.

Most of you probably have students living nearby or even next door. Some of them may be grad students or upperclassmen, but for many this is their first year living on their own, outside of the influence of parents or the watchful eyes of dorm housefellow.

Like anyone in a new living situation, there are lessons to be learned. When is garbage pick-up? What side of the street do I park on in a snowstorm? Just how loud can I turn up my stereo until the police magically appear at my door?

That last one is something many of us have experienced, at least adjacently. As sure as the sun rises and the rain falls, a 20-something needs to get their heads out of the books once in awhile and cut loose. Are those sophomores in the house next door intentionally trying to make me go deaf, or are they completely oblivious?

It's probably the latter and not at all malicious. A lot of first-time student renters are coming from the dorms, where all of their neighbors were students and mostly shared the same schedule of sleep, work and play time. It might not dawn on them that the old fogies living next door are in bed by 11pm.

Your first instinct might be to pick up the phone and call the police. The officers of the MPD have a long history of dealing with noise problems and other quality-of-life issues that affect downtown residents. But before you make a call and get those blue lights flashing, I'd ask you to consider a different approach.

Knock on their door. "I appreciate the fact that you're all having a good time, but I have to get up early in the morning. Could you just turn it down a bit?" You might be surprised at how a kind word can quickly fix

a situation. And instead of starting down the path of an adversarial relationship that could last a year or more, you could find yourself with good neighbors who help carry your groceries, shovel your walk, or watch your house while you're gone.

The holidays are sometimes known as The Thievin' Season. Criminals know that when the vast majority of students are away for a few weeks, it's a golden opportunity for burglary. Do your student neighbors a

favor: remind them to lock all of their windows before they go. An unlocked window is a red carpet for burglars (and most of the burglaries we experience downtown are crimes of opportunity, not forced entries). Keep an eye on their homes while they're gone. Offer to take in their mail so it's not so apparent that they're away.

And lastly, remember your student neighbors while you're shopping for holiday gifts -- a CNI membership makes a great one!



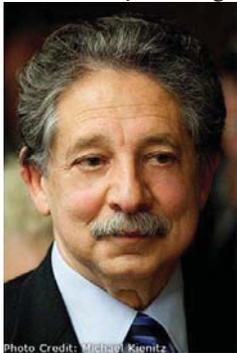
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# The Lamp House

By Mayor Paul R. Soglin

This fall, the Madison Common Council created an Ad Hoc Plan Committee to look at issues surrounding the landmark Lamp House located at 22 N Butler Street. The Lamp House was designed in 1903 by one of the twentieth century's greatest architects, Frank Lloyd Wright, for his childhood friend, Robert Lamp.

As it states on the City of Madison's Planning Website, "it is ironic, given the controversy that surrounded Frank Lloyd Wright's life and the near veneration that



his buildings now inspire, that the earliest surviving example of his work in his boyhood hometown is all but unknown to most Madisonians.

The stacked boxes of the original design and overall cubical form gives the Lamp House its unique style that served as a transition from Wright's more Prairie influenced work to the more Modern designs of his later career.

The views from the Lamp House out into the neighborhood and beyond were a very precise design decision by Wright, so much so that he moved and altered a house on Butler Street to create a specific entry procession and sculpted the topography of the land to take advantage of views to Lake Mendota and Lake Monona. While the views to Lake Monona have been compromised by redevelopment, the views to Lake Mendota remain.

The City of Madison Common Council designated the Lamp House as a local landmark in 1976. Since then Madison has seen significant redevelopment throughout the downtown, which has helped to create the vibrant city that we cherish today. The benefits from this downtown revival have been significant, but as a city we also value the cultural and historic resources that our city has to offer. The Lamp House block, like many others downtown, has a mixture of recent redevelopment and older housing stock. However, what makes this block so unique is the landmark Lamp House that

is tucked in the middle. It is the unusual location of the Lamp House that makes this effort an important one. The land uses, scale and general context surrounding the block have also changed significantly since the house was first built. It is these factors that will be among the important issues that the Ad Hoc committee will consider as it formulates its recommendations.

The Ad Hoc Plan Committee work is expected to be finished by the end of the year. Through a combination of Committee meetings, a tour of the block and a public design workshop, the committee hopes to have recommendations for the future of the block that can be forwarded on to both the Madison Plan Commission and the Common Council to help guide any redevelopment on the block. After the Committee members hear from the public and study existing plans and policies, they hope to come up with a clear set of guidelines, and/or recommendations for the future of the block.



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# Clean Lakes, Land, for Our Quality of Life

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

In Dane County we're fortunate to enjoy an incredible quality of life – the county's abundant lakes and natural spaces are big reasons why.

My 2014 budget makes the largest investment in lakes and lands in county history with bold solutions to reduce the amount of algae-causing phosphorus that enters and fouls our lakes and new partnerships to make our county parks better than ever.



Dane County's farm families have made important contributions to the ongoing efforts to improve lake health. My budget expands on this strong partnership with additional resources for farmers to help us clean up our lakes.

A new \$2 million "Phosphorus Reduction and Remediation Grant Program," will allow for the acquisition and remediation of lands responsible for the highest percentage of phosphorus run-off in the Yahara System.

I also fund exciting new technology for our second Cow Power manure digester, nearing completion in the Town of Springfield, that will eliminate 100% of the phosphorus in the manure the facility processes.

And to help farmers address manure storage concerns during long, wet, winters and springs my budget also establishes a drop off site near the digester where farmers can safely dispose of their manure.

Your Dane County parks will also be better than ever with new shelters and

trails, and additional resources for park upkeep. My budget creates the "Dane County Youth Conservation Corps," a life-skill development partnership with Operation Fresh Start will put young people to work keeping county parks and their amenities clean, accessible, and family friendly.

I also create a new parks "Partnership and Outreach Coordinator" to build support for the county parks system and enhance the many free amenities we offer residents and visitors.

These investments in lakes and lands in my 2014 budget will help protect the many reasons why more than a half-million people love to call Dane County home.



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# Start Early

By Mary M. Kolar, District 1 Dane County Supervisor

On Monday evening, November 18th, the Dane County Board of Supervisors approved an operating budget of nearly \$510 million and a capital budget of just over \$51 million. The 2014 budget process concluded on Wednesday, November 20th, when County Executive Joe Parisi signed the documents.

The result of months of committee meetings is a budget that was described by Dane County Board Chair John Hendrick as one that “embraces the future”. The budget continues to fund human services, including funds for the operation of a Day Resource Center once a facility is located. Your tax dollars are continuing to be invested in making our community safer, and our lakes cleaner.



As a new Supervisor, this was my first experience with the budget process. Thank you to all of you who contacted me about the budget. My advice to anyone attempting to influence the final budget is to start early.

Nearly half of the county’s operating budget, over \$252 million, is for human services. Roughly one quarter, over \$83 million, is allocated to provide services for the Developmentally Disabled (DD).

Downtown resident, Deb Raettig, is Executive Director of the Community Support Network, Inc (CSN). Community Support Network enables DD adults to have meaningful employment both at the CSN facility on North Sherman Avenue and at businesses throughout the county. Deb contacted me in early September so that I could see first-hand how CSN uses the county funds this service provider receives. After touring the facility and being briefed by Deb on CSN’s aggressive pursuit of cutting costs while still providing much needed service to DD adults and their families, I left being very thankful for people like Deb. She and her staff are representative of the network of DD service

providers throughout the county who are dedicated to ensuring all human beings live safe and healthy lives. The County Board recognizes the critical importance of these services and allocated as much funding as possible. Since the budget was approved, I have received notes of appreciation from many DD service providers for the funds allocated towards their programs in 2014.

Late in the process, I received requests from others seeking county funds. As much as I wanted to help, I had to tell people that the budget was well on its way to completion. A multitude of competing proposals had been worked out through numerous meetings along the way. If anything would be added, something else would have to be cut. My advice to anyone with a proposal that requires county expenditures is to start as soon as possible. It is not too early to start building a case for next year’s budget.



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## Bipartisanship for a change

By Representative Chris Taylor

You hear a lot about the partisan bickering in the state legislature these days. Rightly so, with all the extremist policies the Republicans, under Governor Walker's leadership, are pushing. Make no mistake, when it comes to fighting for progressive values, you can often find me right in the middle of the figurative fracas.



My guiding principle as a state legislator is not only to stand up for my constituents' progressive values by advancing pro-active policies, but also to collaborate with other policymakers, regardless of political party, to get things done on issues on which we can agree. Because you may only read about the partisan battles, I wanted to

take a moment to fill you in on five bipartisan bills I'm working on that I believe will move Wisconsin forward.

I am authoring a bill that would create an independent investigation and review of any officer-involved death. After the Paul Heenen shooting in Madison, I began working with Rep. Garey Bies (R-Sister Bay), a former Deputy Sheriff, on a bill to create a more independent, transparent process. It is my hope that our bill will reinforce our community's support for law enforcement. Assembly Bill 409 will likely get a public hearing in the coming months.

I'm also working on a bill with Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Powers Lake) to close a loop-hole in our childcare laws. Our bill will extend the state-wide smoking ban to in-home childcare facilities. Second-hand smoke can have serious repercussions for young children, including asthma, reduced lung capacity and an increased rate of illnesses such as bronchitis, pneumonia and many more. When you strip the partisan gridlock aside, we probably all agree that children shouldn't be exposed to second hand smoke. This bill was recently submitted and doesn't yet have a bill number.

Protecting personal privacy is another passion of mine.

That's why I'm pleased to be working with Representatives Tyler August (R-Lake Geneva), Fred Kessler (D-Milwaukee) and Dave Craig (R-Big Bend) on a bill that would prevent individuals, including law enforcement, from using drone recording devices to spy on people in places where they expect privacy, without a warrant. As technology advances, we must remain vigilant in ensuring everyone's most basic right to privacy is protected, which is what AB-203 does.

As a mother of two young boys, I'm particularly aware of the importance of guaranteeing children spend enough time each day playing outside. This bill, which I'm working on with Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), encourages children to participate in outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, and any other outdoor, nature-based activity. According to a recent survey conducted by the Kaiser Family Fund, children ages 8-18 spend more than 7.5 hours each day, or 53 hours a week, on smart phones, computers and watching TV. This statistic coincides with staggering rates of childhood obesity. This bill was also recently submitted and does not yet have a number.

Finally, I'm working with Rep. Gary Tauchen (R-Bonduel) on a bill that creates a purchase power agreement to encourage the creation of renewable energy projects such as home-based solar projects. By allowing companies other than utility companies to provide these services for homeowners and small businesses, we can generate an even greater amount of our energy from clean renewable sources, which will hopefully leave a cleaner environment for future generations. This bill is still in the drafting stage and I hope to introduce it soon.

To stay in the loop on the bills I'm working on and to stay in the loop as to what's going on at the Capitol, simply email me at [rep.taylor@legis.wi.gov](mailto:rep.taylor@legis.wi.gov) and I'd be happy to add you to my email list. As the holiday season is upon us, I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.



# Mansion Hill Report

By Gene Devitt, Mansion Hill District Chair

People who live on Mansion Hill just love it for its beauty, its historical significance, and its interesting, friendly, and occasionally quirky neighbors. However, after being relatively peaceful for many years, except for the occasional over-exuberant student party, we have recently been treated to a succession of important and potentially destructive development proposals that threaten Madison's and Wisconsin's first and most important historic district, the Mansion Hill Historic District.

The Mansion Hill Historic District is approximately 40 years old. Fundamental to a number of restrictions that were incorporated in the original ordinance and later modifications, was a prohibition against the removal of buildings that had been evaluated and nominated as contributing structures to the Historic District. The philosophy behind this is that it is just not the 19th century mansions that count, but also the neighboring more common structures that are often immediately adjacent to their grander neighbors. This is part of the fabric that makes Mansion Hill great and explains the social structure that developed there since 1850 wherein more modest structures intended to house the children of the owners' of the grand houses or renters, commonly widows, were sprinkled throughout the district. Almost all of these structures have been modified to some degree to accommodate, first indoor plumbing and later subdivision into rental apartments. Lately, a few of these divided houses have been reconverted back to single family use. It is not the goal that all of the properties should be redeveloped as single family because the neighborhood never was all single family and many valued and interested neighbors enjoy living in just part of one of the historic houses.

In other cities, we can see a preserved stately mansion surrounded on all sides by high rise development. It is sad to say that these preserved properties look embarrassed and lonely in their new environment. That is exactly what we need to avoid here in Mansion Hill and in other Madison Historic Districts. There is currently a proposal before the Landmarks Commission seeking a Certificates of Appropriateness that will allow:

- Demolition of structure at 121 West Gilman.
- Removal/demolition of structure at 123 W. Gilman.
- New development in historic district (with relocation of current structure to another site within the historic district).
- Demolition of structure at 127 West Gilman.
- New development in the historic district on West Gilman.

The demolition of 121 West Gilman, the Highlander, built sometime in the '70s is not an issue. The moving and demolition of the two structures are a concern. The issue is, if elimination of two contributing structures from the 100 block of West Gilman Street sets a precedent about who can or cannot move or demolish contributing structures. It is obvious that this is the first step on a slippery slope. Serious historic districts that we love in other cities, like Georgetown in Washington D.C., would never allow this. We are answering the question about whether or not Madison is going to have serious historic districts by objections to the moving or destruction of the two structures.



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# Year-Round Giving to the Community

By Moira Urich, *Community Shares of Wisconsin*

Many of us step up our donations to nonprofit organizations at holiday time. But it's good to know that most business owners downtown are dedicated to supporting charitable efforts all year long. Here are just a few examples of the philanthropy that our local business owners practice every day.

Mitch Eveland, owner of **Capitol Centre Market**, is "always thinking of other people, always looking for ways to help the customer and the community at large," said Mike Behneman, store manager. It's likely one reason why Eveland won the Excellence in Operations Award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association this year. Eveland recently started a Round Up and Share program—estimated to raise over \$25,000 this year, including matching funds from the store—to support Community Shares of Wisconsin and its 62 nonprofit member groups.

We should all be so lucky to have a neighbor like Eveland: every December he gives a gift card to each of the 200 of the apartment dwellers in the building next door, most of whom are low income, senior citizens, or people with disabilities. He travels to retirement centers and nursing homes to make ice cream sundaes. Food pantries are a natural fit, so when an employee is on his way to volunteer at a food pantry, Eveland will some-

times fill the entire SUV with products. And though he has not yet opened his new store in Lake Mills, he's already a regular donor to the food pantry there. He's also donating \$5,000 in holiday toys (from another local business, Capitol Kids) to give holiday gifts to low-income children in Lake Mills.

**Community Pharmacy** also supports local organizations—especially small, grassroots nonprofits. "Our focus is on social justice, the environment, and women's health" says Doreen Kunert, who helps coordinate the store's donations. "We support groups like Tenant Resource Center, Centro Hispano, and Pets for Vets which assists veterans who have PTSD. Our commitment to philanthropy has remained steady through the years, even when we've made cuts in other areas of our budget. We believe it is critical to offer financial donations to small, justice-oriented nonprofits in the community."



The team at Community Pharmacy



Mitch Eveland, owner of Capitol Centre Market,

In addition to having great pizza, **Ian's** may be best known for providing free pizza to the protestors at the Capitol in 2011. But they have a year-round philanthropy program that focuses on nonprofit donations, according to Adam May, Marketing Director. "We had extra money from the nationwide and even worldwide donations that poured in during the protests, so we asked our Facebook followers how we should direct those funds. As a result we've donated significant amounts to Porchlight and Second Harvest."

Ian's also helps incentivize donations for campaigns

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like the Partners in Giving workplace giving campaign among state workers. “We recently offered a pizza party to state workers at the Department of Veterans Affairs who had an internal contest to see which group could raise more money for the participating nonprofits,” said May. “And our Frances Street location is especially involved with groups on UW campus. It’s a key part of our company values to give back when we can.”

Peg Scholtes at **Capitol Kids** noted that, like owners of most independent businesses, she often donates items to fundraisers. On occasion she also donates a certain percentage of daily sales to a nonprofit. And she frequently says yes when approached by organizations asking to help low-income families with gifts of toys or clothes.



Capitol Kids co-owners, mother and daughter Peg Scholtes and Jenna Hansen

A former executive director of a nonprofit herself, Peg is fully aware of the challenges faced by those working in philanthropy. “Most business owners do like to help out and are grateful to be in a community or neighborhood they love. We especially enjoy working with Downtown Madison Inc. and other organizations that bring children and families downtown. Frequent partners include the Madison Children’s Museum, Madison Creative Arts Program, the Madison Library, the Overture Center, and MMOCA.

Whether we’re talking about planning activities or making donations, we always have a greater collective impact when working together. And all of these efforts on the part of local businesses help make Madison the vibrant community that it is.”

## Downtown Holiday Trolley, Carolers and More!

*By Mary Carbine, Madison’s Central Business Improvement District (BID)*

Downtown holiday shopping is especially jolly with the Downtown Trolley! The BID-funded red “Holiday Shopping Trolley” will run Saturdays Dec. 7, 14 and 21, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, up & down State Street and around the Capitol Square. Catch at bus stops. The trolley will be decorated and staffed by volunteer Downtown Information Ambassadors who will greet riders, hand out treats for kids, and offer shopping suggestions, directions, and downtown maps. Riders on the trolley will also be treated to free downtown Madison welcome bags filled with promotions, coupons, special offers and information from downtown businesses and organizations (free, one per trolley rider, while supplies last).

Also on Saturdays Dec. 7, 14 and 21, volunteer community and UW-Madison choral groups and dancers will stroll State Street and the Capitol Square to carol and perform for shoppers on Saturdays in December. Performances start at 11:00 am at the Madison Children’s Museum, 100 N. Hamilton St. and at 1:00 pm in the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, 227 State Street.

For a schedule of caroling groups, full Holiday Trolley information, and other downtown holiday season events, see [www.visitdowntownmadison.com](http://www.visitdowntownmadison.com), “Events.”

Shop local and downtown for the holidays! Enjoy the BID-funded seasonal evergreen displays and winter snowflake lights on State Street and the Capitol Square. Stop by the Downtown Visitor Center at 452 State St., open every day, or our Overture Center Downtown Info Table (Saturdays Dec. 7, 14 and 21, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm) for a Downtown Map & Guide with list of shops and restaurants, plus shopping and dining suggestions from Downtown Ambassadors. Through Dec. 28, the Downtown Visitor Center will be open Mon.-Tue. 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Wed.-Sat. 11:00 am-5:00 pm, and Sun. noon-4:00 pm. Winter hours begin Dec. 29: Sun.-Wed. 11:00 am-2:00 pm, and newly expanded hours Thurs.-Sat. 11:00 am-5:00 pm.

# Why is Lead Poisoning Still an Important Issue?

## Renters can Play Important Role in Prevention



Some people might think that lead poisoning is a problem that we've already solved. Unfortunately,

ly, it is still an ongoing health challenge for many communities. In response to this challenge Public Health-Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) is conducting an online survey of families who rent their housing to evaluate if they have been provided with information about lead-based paint hazards in compliance with a federal law. Federal law requires that individuals renting or purchasing a home built before 1978 must be informed about the presence of lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards in the home or rental unit, and be provided any related records or reports, and prevention materials from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Information gathered from this survey is anonymous and will allow PHMDC to determine if further action is necessary to ensure that this important information about childhood lead poisoning and potential poisoning hazards is being provided to families. If you reside in a rental unit built before 1978, we invite you to take the survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/LEAD\\_HAZARD\\_SURVEY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LEAD_HAZARD_SURVEY)

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The only good news about this health threat is that it is both preventable and avoidable. One of the first preventative steps you can take is to identify the potential lead hazards in your home, which is particularly important if you are living in a home or apartment unit built before 1978. Young children and pregnant women have a greater risk of lead exposure due to the use of lead-based paints in these older buildings. These families can get free help to identify these hazards from PHMDC by calling our office at (608) 266-4821.

Private companies also provide this service, which may cost around \$100 to \$150 depending on the services provided. Information on private companies providing lead risk investigation can be found at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/CompanyList/LeadConsultants.pdf](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/CompanyList/LeadConsultants.pdf) or by calling our office at the above number.

Children at risk of lead poisoning should also have a blood test performed by their health care provider at ages 1 and 2 years old. This is important because lead poisoning often occurs without showing obvious symptoms and frequently goes unrecognized. Parents should contact their health care provider to make an appointment for the test. This is especially important if you live in an older house or apartment or are in environments where there are known lead hazards.

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week provides us with an important reminder about the dangers of lead exposure to our children and the need to protect this vulnerable population. It also provides opportunities to identify gaps in peoples' awareness of the facts about childhood lead poisoning prevention and guide efforts to help fill these gaps.

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For more detailed information on lead poisoning prevention see our web page at: [www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental/healthyHomes/lead/index.cfm](http://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental/healthyHomes/lead/index.cfm).

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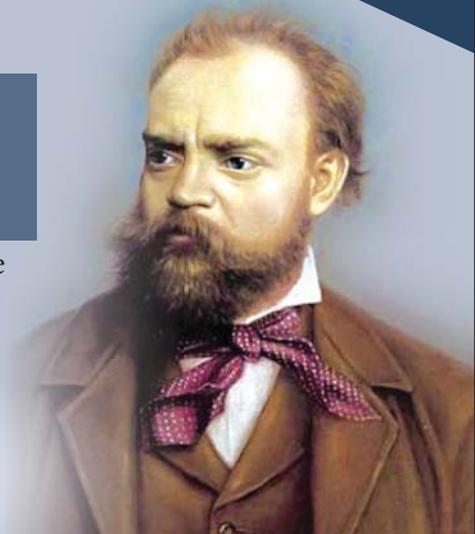
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## Holiday Dinner

Mark your calendar for a special dinner on Wednesday, December 25, sponsored by the Senior Center and South Madison Coalition. Doors open at 11 am with a social hour of hors d’oeuvres. Dinner, featuring roast turkey and all the trimmings, is served at noon. Holiday entertainment will be provided by John Duggleby with songs on the guitar with a dash of humor. Special thanks to Gaylord’s Catering and Capitol Centre Market. Cash contributions by participants are encouraged. Make a reservation and transportation arrangements, if needed, by calling 251-8405 no later than noon on December 17.

## Come Together Party

Don’t miss the annual celebration with the African American, Latino, and Hmong seniors on Wednesday, December 11 from 5-8 pm. There will be good food and entertainment. Space is limited. You must pre-register with Pam or Yolanda at NESCO by calling 608-243-5252. Special thanks to the sponsors: Heritage Credit Union and Madison Senior Center.

## Technology for the New Year!

- Learn all about your iPad—whether it’s brand new or you’ve had it for a while. Join instructor Amy Moschkau on Tuesday, January 7 and 14 from 1 – 3 pm. \$20 fee.
- Facebook for Beginners: Leave with a basic knowledge of what Facebook and step-by-step instructions on how to start your own Facebook account on Tuesday, January 28 from 1 – 3 pm. \$12 fee.
- Digital Camera Workshop: Explore various types of digital cameras and how their features and controls help you achieve better pictures. Learn to solve the problems of exposure, camera shake, red-eye, and photo editing. Join Instructor John Lorimer on Thursdays, January 16 and 23 from 9:30 – 11:30 am. \$20 fee. Register at 266-6581.



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## Upcoming Events At The Central Library

**NIGHT LIGHT: Madison Storytellers**, December 6, 8-11 pm

Madison Storytellers is a group of folks in Madison who like to get together to share stories. Whether listening or offering a story of your own, the power of narrative ties us all together. The format of the night is based on The Moth (themoth.org). Stage. Open Mic. Stories. No slides. 12 minutes tops. Storytellers can read or use notes if they wish, but we encourage people to speak without notes. Each event has a theme around which stories can be loosely based. Learn more at [www.madisonstorytellers.com](http://www.madisonstorytellers.com).

**Self Publishing Basics Workshop**, Saturday, December 14, 1-3:30 pm

Self publishing need not be a solitary pursuit. Join a team of librarians and local published authors for an information-packed workshop that will introduce you to the basics of self publishing online and prepare you for the road ahead. Learn about free tools that you can use to turn your work into an eBook. Hear about the issues and challenges that face authors who publish on their own. Get practical advice about marketing and building an audience for your work. Learn about library resources that can help at every stage of the process, from writing to cover design. Hear local authors speak about their own publishing experiences and ask them your questions. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about presenters or to register online, visit [www.wisconsinbookfestival.org](http://www.wisconsinbookfestival.org)

**Bad Cinema – “Invasion U.S.A.”** by Joseph Zito. Thursday, December 19, 6:30 pm

A one-man army comes to the rescue of the United States when a spy attempts an invasion. Starring Chuck Norris, Richard Lynch, and Melissa Prophet.

**Classic and Contemporary Films for Cinephiles – “Dead Man”** by Jim Jarmusch. Thursday, January 2, 6:30 pm. A dark, bitter commentary on modern American life cloaked in the form of a surrealist western, stars Johnny Depp as William Blake, a newly-orphaned ac-

countant who leaves his home in Cleveland to accept a job in the frontier town of Machine.

**Community Cinema – “Las Marthas”** by Cristina Ibarra. Thursday, January 9, 6:30 pm

The annual debutante ball in Laredo, Texas is unlike any other in the country — its 94 percent Latino debutantes and their attendants all dress as Martha Washington or other patriotic figures from America’s colonial period.

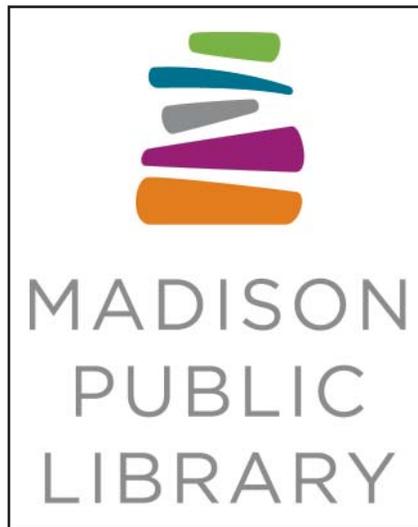
**Bad Cinema – “Gymkata”** by Robert Clouse. Thursday, January 16, 6:30 pm.

Gymkata is a 1985 martial arts film starring Olympic gymnast Kurt Thomas as Jonathan Cabot, an Olympic gymnast who combines his gymnastic ability with martial arts to enter a deadly competition in a fictional country, Parmistan.

**Curtain’s Up with CTM presents: An Evening with Lois Lowry**, Friday, January 31, 7 pm

Join Children’s Theater of Madison for an evening with author Lois Lowry! This premiere event will include a Q&A session with Lois Lowry mod-

erated by CTM’s Artistic Director, Roseann Sheridan. Ms. Lowry will be joined by APT Actor Paul Bentzen, who will be performing the title role in CTM’s upcoming production of *The Giver*. Excerpts from the beloved novel will be read and a scene from the production will be performed. Ms. Lowry will sign books after the event. A Wisconsin Book Festival event.





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