

# Neighborhood **BRIEFS** *Continued from page 2*

## Readers invited to help shape the future of books

Wisconsin's citizens consistently rank among the country's top book buyers. But the book as we know it may soon be obsolete. Technology now allows publishers to print books on demand or in batches just big enough to cover short-term sales. Younger readers, flocking to the Internet, want to download books or just search or sample them online. What are the implications for publishers, booksellers and would-be authors? Wisconsin Center for the Book invites readers to participate on Saturday, Oct. 13, in the 2007 Wisconsin Book Festival in the UW-Memorial Library. From 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. the topic "How the Changing Nature of the Book Will Affect Wisconsin Readers, Writers, Publishers and Booksellers" will be discussed. Further information is available by contacting Judi K-Turkel, Book Festival coordinator for Wisconsin Center for the Book, [jkt@cpqa.computerreport.com](mailto:jkt@cpqa.computerreport.com), or call 231-1003.

## Levitan presentation, book signing at Memorial Union

Stuart D. Levitan, Madison-area media figure and author of "Madison: The Illustrated Sesquicentennial History," will have a signing and presentation titled "Gown & Town: The UW in Wisconsin History, 1850-1935," at the Memorial Union's Play Circle Theater, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16. The illustrated history, full of photographs, maps, and bird's-eye views, captures Madison's early history from its first days as a city to the Great Depression. Further information is available at 263-0734 or [publicity@uwpress.wisc.edu](mailto:publicity@uwpress.wisc.edu).

## Czech conference to be held here

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society (MGS) will be holding its

biennial conference at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison Oct. 18 to 20. Further information is available on the Web site, [www.cgsi.org](http://www.cgsi.org). The 2005 conference was held in Prague, Czech Republic and Bratislava, Slovakia.

## Conference on the Wisconsin River set at Devil's Head

Registration is now open for The Soul of the River: A Wisconsin River Gathering, a series of events celebrating the Wisconsin River on Oct. 19 and 20. The Gathering features field trips on the river on Friday, Oct. 19 and a one-day conference on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Devil's Head Resort near Baraboo. Hosting the Gathering is the River Alliance of Wisconsin, Madison, a statewide non-profit river conservation organization. The Saturday program will feature a mix of historical and cultural stories about the Wisconsin River along with practical information about how to have a say in local decisions affecting the Wisconsin River and its tributaries. More information is available at [www.wisconsinrivers.org](http://www.wisconsinrivers.org) or by calling 257-2424.

## Free seminars help seniors make future living decisions

Two free seminars by Amy Onofrey, Senior Living Solutions, LLC, will help seniors accurately assess their living situations and learn how to better them. The programs are co-sponsored by Support for Active Independent Lives (SAIL) and the West Madison Senior Coalition (WMSC).

Both seminars will be held at Lutheran Church of the Living Christ's fellowship hall. "Is a New Lifestyle Right for Me?" will be presented at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16. "How to Select Senior Housing that is Right for You" will be presented at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23. Reservations may be made by call-

ing SAIL at 276-1560 or WMSC at 238-7368 at least 5 days prior to the program.

## Spotlight Film and Video series returns to MMoCA

The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art continues its Spotlight Film and Video series starting Thursday, Oct. 18. The series includes a Thai independent feature film; a trio of scathing political videos; a program of humorous narrative videos that explore Hollywood popular culture; a seven-hour underground Beat collage; and a program of idiosyncratic performance art videos. Tickets may be purchased at the door 30 minutes before each screening. More information about MMoCA's film program is available at [www.mmoca.org](http://www.mmoca.org).

## Conference on reading, dyslexia coming to Madison

The Madison Reading and Learning Center and Walbridge School are collaborating to present Dr. Sally and Bennett Shaywitz in a special conference scheduled for October 12 to 13 at the Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall. Dr. Shaywitz, of Yale University, is one of the world's leading experts on reading and dyslexia. The conference will also feature other professional speakers in the field of reading and learning disabilities. The goal is to further public understanding of dyslexia and reading challenges and how to address them. The public is welcome. Further information is available from Al Arnold of Walbridge School, 833-1338, or Janice Schreiber-Poznik of the Madison Reading and Learning Center, 238-7323.

## Legion breakfast to raise funds for veterans, youth

American Legion Post 501 will hold its monthly pancake/sausage breakfast from