



The

Library

Connection

From the Director

Are unused electrical outlets properly covered? Are tripping hazards removed? Are exits clearly marked? These and many other safety issues are a daily concern for staff here at the library. The library, as well as other departments in the city, has an active Safety Committee that coordinates safety training, reviews safety procedures and encourages library staff to bring safety concerns to their attention. They are a proactive committee that is responsive to suggestions.

Unfortunately, accidents can and do happen but it is the Safety Committee's goal to anticipate and identify problem areas to prevent accidents, both to staff and library users. We are proud that the library has been a recipient of the City Manager's Safety Excellence Award for the past six years.

In this New Year, we resolve to continue our efforts to improve building safety by monitoring and taking corrective measures when possible. We encourage everyone to think safety at work, at home, and at the library. "Have a Safe and Happy New Year" is a greeting that library staff takes very seriously.

Melissa Barnard

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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Events

Battle of the Books

Briefing

Saturday, January 11

1st Written Battle

Wednesday, February 12

2nd Written Battle

Wednesday, February 19

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, March 1

Teen Cram Night

Sunday, January 12

Soaring!

Friday, January 31

"Having Fun with Books"

Success by 6 Playgroup

Thursday, February 6

Mother ~ Daughter Tea

Monday, February 17

Seuss Night

Monday, March 3

Database Demonstrations

Thursday, January 23

Thursday, January 30

Thursday, February 6

Thursday, February 13

Meetings

Library Board

Wednesday, January 15

Wednesday, February 19

7 p.m., Library Boardroom

Cable Access Advisory

Commission

Wednesday, February 12

7 p.m., City Hall Council

Chambers

Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, January 11

Saturday, February 8

1 p.m., Library Lounge

Soaring!

Enjoy a staged reading of "Soaring!" the critically acclaimed musical about the Wright Brothers and their historic flight from Kitty Hawk. "Soaring!" was presented as a workshop at the Midland Center for the Arts and will now appear with most of the original cast to read and sing this wonderful story!

Friday, January 31

7:30 p.m., Library Auditorium

FREE

The library will be hosting flight related events all year to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers' Flight from Kitty Hawk. Watch for this logo for upcoming events:

100th
Anniversary of the
wright brothers' flight

Database

Scavenger Hunt

Test your skill with the great databases available from the library's web page (access to over 9,000 magazines, newspapers, journals, and reference books) by participating in the winter "Database Scavenger Hunt." Beginning **January 23**, pick up a playing form at the reference desk, answer the questions, and return the form to the reference desk for a prize. It's a fun way to learn more about the online resources available!



Access Databases

~ From home ~

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

~ From the library ~

Click on "Magazines and E-sources"

Database Demonstrations Discover the library's incredible database capabilities!

Free demonstrations by company representatives ~ No registration required ~ Library Lounge

For Business

Information on over 12 million U.S. and Canadian businesses.

January 23, 7 p.m.

Reference USA

For Life

General Reference, Health and Wellness, Biography and History.

January 30, 7 p.m.

GALE Group

For Investors

Business and financial data, industry analysis, and more!

February 6, 7 p.m.

Mergent, FIS Online

For Readers

Browse for book ideas, plot summaries, favorite authors and more!

February 13, 7 p.m.

Novelist, Magill

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

Email: gadml@midland-mi.org

January/February 2003

Spotlight on ...

New Exterior Sign for the Library

15 years of sun, rain, snow, and wind have taken their toll...the brown wooden library sign that resided on the corner of St. Andrews and Eastman Roads is gone now, but the new sign with its interior lighting, updated graphics, and attractive styling is here!



This new sign complements our beautiful building, incorporates the City of Midland logo, and welcomes patrons to the "library corner" and the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.



Time

Cram Night

Need a quiet place to study for exams? Come to the library on **Sunday, January 12** from 6-9 p.m. for pizza, pop, snacks and study time. The library will be open to students only (Grades 9-12). Call 837-3466 for more information.



Teen

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Join teens who have a voice at the library. TAB meets at 1 p.m. in the Library Lounge the second Saturday of each month during the school year.

2003 schedule

January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10



For cool teen stuff online visit TeenSpot!
www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/ys/teenspot.html



Circle Time

(Ages 24 months to 3 years)

Be an active participant with books, finger plays, puppets, songs, and activities.

Tuesdays **January 14, 21, 28**
at 6:15 or 7:15 p.m. *or*
Wednesdays **January 15, 22, 29**
at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Listeners Story Time

(Ages 3-5)

A time for your independent preschooler to experience the joy of children's literature. We'll read from the best picture books, tell tales, and share stories on the flannel board.

Thursdays **January 16, 23, 30**
at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
6:15 p.m., or 7:15 p.m.

Baby Time and Toddler Time will return in March...



Corner



NEW! Steady Reader Audio Collection

These new audiotape/book sets are recorded at a 10-15% slower rate than regular audiotapes to help new or struggling readers. These tapes are a great tool for improving reading comprehension and ability. See the special display in Youth Services.

Kids'

"Having Fun with Books" Playgroup (Ages 0-5)

Thursday, **February 6**, 6-7:30 p.m.

This collaborative playgroup presented by "Success by 6" and the Youth Services staff will have stories, crafts, and snacks. No registration required.

Seuss Night (early readers and up)

Join the annual *Read Across America* celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Join us for Seuss stories, Seuss activities, and a bit of Seuss mischief. No registration required.



Monday, **March 3**, 6-8:30 p.m., Story Room

Battle of the Books Update

After an amazing start, the Battle continues:

January 11 ~ Battle Briefing, 2-3 p.m., Library Auditorium

January 20 ~ Team Registration Deadline

February 12 ~ First Written Battle

February 19 ~ Second Written Battle

March 1 ~ Oral Battle Day

March 6 ~ Championship Battle
4:30 p.m., Library Auditorium

March 6 ~ Battle Reception, 5:30 p.m.

All teams are invited! Library Lounge

March 1 - 9 ~ Battle Banners displayed on the Mezzanine



Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, snacks and more! Register for one session: Tuesdays 4:15-5 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30-7:15 p.m., or Wednesdays 4:15-5 p.m. *Registration begins on the first day of the program month!*

January 14 and 15 ~ *Books and Bears*

February 11 and 12 ~ *Be My Valentine*



Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)

Register for this fun book discussion group. Pack a brown bag dinner (we'll provide dessert & a drink) and join us in the Library Lounge from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

January 28 ~ *Peppermints in the Parlor* by Barbara Brooks Wallace

February 25 ~ *Riding Freedom* by Pam Munoz Ryan

Free Children's Movies

Friday, **January 3**, 2 p.m., *Chicken Run*, 84 minutes, Rated G, Auditorium

Friday, **January 17**, 2 p.m., *Big Fat Liar*, 88 minutes, Rated PG, Lounge

Questions?

Call Youth Services at 837-3466

For Adults



Mother ~ Daughter Tea

Enjoy refreshing tea, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and delightful entertainment.

Monday, February 17

2 p.m. ~ Library Mezzanine

Program details to be announced. Tickets are \$5 each or 2 for \$9



Mark your calendars now for the
2003 Midland Writers Conference!

Saturday, June 14!

More details soon...



Join us in the Library Lounge for upcoming meetings of this adult book discussion group:



Thursday, January 16, 7-8 p.m.

Seabiscuit: An American Legend

by Laura Hillenbrand

Thursday, February 20, 7-8 p.m.

Balzac and the Little Chinese

Seamstress by Sijie Dai

Classic Movies in the Afternoon

Free Admission ~ 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

February 11 - *Roman Holiday* (1953) 120 minutes

February 25 - *After the Thin Man* (1936) 113 minutes



Library Board Bulletin

The Library of Michigan Foundation sponsors the annual State Librarian's Excellence Award recognizing Michigan libraries for exemplary service. The Library Board nominated the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. In addition to submitting the nomination, the Library Board requested letters of support from community and business leaders, and a member of the Teen Advisory Board. While the library did not receive the Excellence Award, it was one of the top five considered. The Library Board would like to thank those who sent in letters and shared wonderful comments, memories and thoughts about the library. Not discouraged, the Library Board is considering applying for the award again.

At the November meeting, the Board discussed and approved a library planning process that would include input from Library Board members, staff, and the community. Copies of Library Board agendas and meeting minutes are on the library's website and at the Government Information Center located in the Reference area.

Improved Online Catalog Accessible from Home!

Offering "My Account" to keep track of your library items and "My List" to keep a list of books you want to read, this new system includes images of book jackets, published reviews and links to web sites.

Update

Congratulations! Three programs produced at MCTV received top honors in the Philo T. Farnsworth Regional Video Contest: "UNICEF Talks" (produced by Margaret Clark and Coleen Fulks), "Northwood Roundball Replay" (produced by Bob Hartley), and "Rotary Pancake Supper" (produced by Jeremy Ruble and Ron Beacom).

Join these award winners and come to the next MCTV orientation/studio training class:

Saturday, January 11 or Saturday, February 8

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the MCTV studio

The cost is \$10 ~ Call 837-3474 for more information.

Tune in to MCTV 3 for these upcoming special events:

Midland/Dow Hockey ~ The Midland Symphony Orchestra's performance on February 8 ~ Dow Corning USTA Women's Challenger at the Midland Tennis Center. Check the *Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time* for dates and times.



In the event of bad weather and/or community emergencies, tune in to **MGTV 5**. Midland County's Central Dispatch Center (911) has the ability to override MGTV's signal to cablecast emergency information.



"Learn A Test"

Log on to this new resource from home at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary and prepare for a number of school and career exams, including: ACT, SAT, GED, GRE, ASVAB, Civil Service, Firefighter, Police Officer, Real Estate, Financial Broker, Paramedic, EMT Basic, United States Citizenship, Postal Worker, and Cosmetology.

Review courses and testing for English as a second language as well as reading, writing, math, and grammar skills. Immediate scoring and a detailed explanation of answers is available.

Displays & Exhibits

January

Mezzanine Gallery ~ "Wild in Art" Exhibit, Wildlife Recovery Association

Display Cases ~ "Curl up with a Quilt," Display by Library Staff

February

Mezzanine Gallery ~ Midland Artists Guild Annual Exhibit

Display Cases ~ Noah's Ark Collection, Display by Library Staff

New to the Library?

Stop at the check out desk and pick up a copy of our new Welcome Brochure. It contains everything you need to know about the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library!

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Join the library at the
Midland Mall for

Kids' Day 2003

Saturday, January 25

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Teen Event)

Sunday, January 26

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Library Hours

Monday - Friday ~ 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday ~ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday ~ 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays Memorial Day - Labor Day

Phone Numbers

General Information ~ 837-3430

Reference Services ~ 837-3449

Circulation Services ~ 837-3457

Youth Services ~ 837-3466

MCTV Network ~ 837-3474

TDD ~ 837-3472

Friends ~ 839-8159

Web Access

Web Page: [www.midland-mi.org/
gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary)

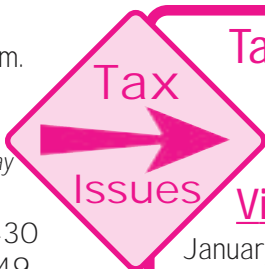
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Tax time is here! There are many ways to get tax forms and assistance!

Print forms from the library's web page: www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

Call 1-800-TAX-FORM (Federal) or 1-800-FORM-2-ME (Michigan)

Visit the library! Federal Forms will be available in the Midland Room after January 1 and Michigan Forms will be available after January 15.

Tax Questions? For Federal assistance call 1-800-829-1040 or for Michigan assistance call 1-800-827-4000. Local volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons will staff a "Tax Help Desk" in the Midland Room beginning in February. Check the posted schedule or call 837-3449 for more information.

Forums **Friends** Thank you to all who helped make the Holiday Used Book Sale a big success. Whether you donated items for the sale, helped sort and organize the items, or shopped at the sale - it was appreciated!

Friends **Good news!** The Friends are moving back to the library! To contain costs and to ease the day-to-day operation, the Friends membership has decided to vacate the Eastman Road office and return their operations to the library.

Visit the Friends website @ www.mindnet.org/~fogadml/ for the latest board meeting minutes, used book sale news, volunteer opportunities, and other announcements. Call 839-8159 for more information.

The
Friends Spring
Used Book Sale
March 14, 15, & 16!
Watch for details...

