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Holiday Hours

Thursday, January 1
Closed



Library Hours
Monday–Friday 9 AM–9 PM
Saturday 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday 1 PM–5 PM
Closed Sundays from Memorial Day – Labor Day
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Friends' Forum

Thank You! The November Book Sale was overwhelmed by the number of generous book donations! Thank you so much to the volunteers who sorted, sorted, sorted and endlessly boxed the many donated books. The large number of Midlanders who came to the sale and bought a record number of books are also appreciated. Their purchases help make our library the home to many vibrant programs such as Battle of the Books! See you at the next Used Book Sale on March 12, 13, and 14!

Join! The Friends are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers and also for members to serve on the Friends Board. Call 839-8159 for more information.

Welcome! New program coordinators Mindy Hibner (Hospitality) and Joann Taylor (Membership) have joined the ranks - thanks in advance for all your hard work.

Celebrating 25 Years of Battle of the Books!

Help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Battle of the Books by sharing your memories of past Battles. Pick up a form in Youth Services or on our website:
www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/Battle2004/anniversary.html



Watch for more information regarding our special Battle Celebration on March 13!

Tax Time!

Tax season is here again. Tax forms can be found near the Reference Desk.

AARP Volunteers will be at the library to provide assistance in selecting your tax forms, deciding which deductions or credits you are eligible for, and helping fill out your forms. Call the Reference Desk for more information at 837-3449.

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Valentine Cabaret

Spend a Valentine evening enjoying a starlit night of romantic music provided by three talented singers who are backed by three wonderful jazz musicians. Lisa Rosenstock, Carol Rumba and Molly McFadden have conceived, written and put together a New York Cabaret show which was such a hit last October at the Center for the Arts— they will perform it at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library! This evening of dreamy jazz tunes will take place in the Library Auditorium on Valentine's Day with an Afterglow immediately following serving hot chocolate, NY's famous coffee, English tea and a wonderful array of desserts and chocolates.

For further information and to buy your tickets contact the Library Checkout Desk (advance sales are encouraged) at 837-3457.



Saturday, February 14
8 PM, Library Auditorium

Adults: \$12 single or \$20 per couple
Children: \$7 (full time student or child)

A Seussentennial ~ Happy 100th Birthday Dr. Seuss!

He is one of our favorites, our favorites by far
Who puts elephants in trees and a fish in a car.
He can spell "On Beyond Zebra" cook "Green Eggs and Ham"
Then serve them right up to a fellow named Sam.

He sees pants that are empty and is frightened I fear
Of bicycles pedaled by no one, oh, dear!
Just spooky green pants rolling off in the night
Pale green pants that just don't seem right!

He's turning 100 and how lucky we are
To invite all our friends to a birthday hurrah!
On Tuesday March 2 join us all for some fun
With Cat in the Hat and Thing 2 and Thing 1.



Many readers will gather, many readers will cheer
When we celebrate the Doc's one hundredth year!
So come to the library, come be our guest
At a party for who? Have you already guessed?

Becca Hastings, Youth Services

Tuesday, March 2 from 6-8 PM

- 6-7 PM Games, Activities and Crafts
- 7-7:30 PM Story Time
Special Guest Readers: Mayor Black, Fire Chief Garcia, Police Chief St. Louis, Library Board Members
- 7:30-8 PM Family Reading and Crafts

Started in 1998 as a way to get kids excited about reading, the National Education Association's Read Across America has become the nation's largest reading event.

Gong Xi Fa Cai! Gung Hay Fat Choy! Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Welcome the 2004 Chinese New Year (the Year of the Monkey) with a fun and traditional Chinese Celebration at the library.

Friday, January 23
Chinese New Year Lion Dance
5-6 PM, Library Auditorium

Music and Dance Performances
6-6:30 PM, Story Room

Chinese Brush Writing Demonstration
6:30-7:30 PM

Chinese Brush Painting Demonstration
7-8 PM

Children's Activities & Crafts
6:30-8 PM

Light refreshments will be served.



Spotlight On

All Videos and DVDs
now check out for 7 days!

Come and browse our great selection.
Checkout fee is \$1.25 each.

Teen Time

The ever popular TAB sponsored Cram Night is back! Join fellow book meisters for an evening of purpose and pizza. Study for exams in a quiet atmosphere or with friends at a group table. Sunday, January 18 the Library will be open 6 to 9 PM to students only in grades 9-12 (Student I.D. required). Pizza and snacks in the Library Lounge. Doors open at 5:45 PM.



Upcoming TAB Meetings

Saturday, January 10
1 PM, Library Lounge

Saturday, February 14
1 PM, Library Lounge

Exhibits & Displays

Mezzanine Gallery

January

"Art After 70" by Eldred Paulsen

February

Midland Artists Guild
Annual Exhibit

Lower Level Display Cases

January

"Redwall" Series
by Elaine Warakowski

February

Battle of the Books
by Youth Services Department

Kids Corner

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)
Book discussion and activity group. Bring your dinner (we'll provide dessert and a drink). Registration begins on the first day of the program month.



The Wheel on the School

by Meindert DeJong
Tuesday, January 27
5:30-6:30 PM

The Westing Game

by Ellen Raskin
Tuesday, February 24
5:30-6:30 PM

Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, snacks, and more! Register on the first day of the program month.

Snowflake Flurry

Tuesday, January 13
4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, January 14

4:15-5 PM

Seeing Red!

Tuesday, February 10
4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, February 11

4:15-5 PM

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Tuesdays at 10 AM on
January 13, 20, 27

Thursdays at 7 PM on
January 15, 22, 29

Circle Time (Ages 2-3)

Tuesdays at 7 PM on
January 13, 20, 27

Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM
on January 15, 22, 29

Success by 6 (Ages 0-5)

These playgroups will have stories, crafts, snacks and play. Drop-in.

Winter Wonderland

Tuesday, January 6
from 1-2:30 PM

Hearts, Hearts, Hearts

Thursday, February 12
from 6-7:30 PM

Questions? Call Youth Services for more information at 837-3466.

The Art of Picture Books!

Explore wonderfully crafted picture books at the Library! Then discover what illustrator David Small left out of Sarah Stewart's *The Library*, wave to a mystery bi-plane pilot in Wendell Minor's *The Seashore Book* and luxuriate in the sumptuous detail of Gennady Spirin's *The Frog Princess: A Russian Folktale*. View the original art from these award winning children's illustrators from January 10-March 14 at the Midland Center for the Arts (museum fees apply) at three exhibits:

Fine Art of Illustrating for Children: Art from the Collection of Francis & Mary Lois Molson

Wendell Minor America the Beautiful: Celebrating Fifteen Years of Picture Book Art

Visual Stories: Art Work of James Ransome

You can also join in story time fun, activities and crafts each Saturday during the exhibit. Contact Rebecca Hastings in Youth Services (839-3466) or Valeri Ryba at MCFTA (631-5930, ext.1225) for more information.

Battle of the Books Update

Battle of the Books Season is swinging into full gear with several upcoming events:



Battle Briefing

Saturday, January 10, 2-3 PM
Here's a chance for your team to observe how the Written and Oral Battles are conducted.

Team Registration Deadline

Monday, January 19

First Written Battle

Thursday, February 19

Second Written Battle

Thursday, February 26

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, March 6

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 11

Battle Reception

ALL Battle Teams are invited to this celebration following the Championship Battle.

For Adults

Auto Repair Reference

Center Demonstration

Thursday, January 22

7 PM, Free

Library Lounge



Interested in do-it-yourself auto repair or just want to know what your mechanic is talking about? Join us for a demonstration of this new database, using the Chilton's manuals. Learn how to look up maintenance and repair information for your car or truck. This database is available in the library or from your computer with your library card.

Investor Workshop
Thursday, February 5, 7-9 PM
Friday, February 6, 10 AM - Noon
Morningsstar.com Library Edition
ValueLine.com
These two investment services are now available online from library computers. This workshop will demonstrate how to use these very powerful investment resources and an investment advisor will be on hand to answer your questions.

MCTV Network

Snow Day?

The kids wake up and see several inches of snow on the ground...do they have school? Tune in to MGTV 5 & MPS-TV 17 and get all the latest school closing information. Winter storm warning updates will also be shown on MGTV 5.

Become an MCTV Volunteer Access User!

Receive training on studio and field cameras, editing, lighting, and audio. Orientations are from 10 AM to 1 PM on January 10 and February 14. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474 for more information.

Citizen Participation is a key part of City of Midland government. Tune to MGTV 5 for the TV coverage of several City of Midland's advisory board and commission meetings: Parks and Recreation, Zoning Board of Appeals, West Main Street Historic District, Library Board, Downtown Development Authority, Cable Access, and Barstow Airport. Check the City of Midland website (www.midland-mi.org) for a program listing or look in the Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time.

From the Director

Coffee Bar Plans are BREWING!

The City Council approved an agreement between the City of Midland and the Arnold Center, Inc. to operate a coffee bar in the library. All construction and start-up costs will be covered by grants and donated funds from the Martha G. Arnold Endowment Fund, Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, Charles J. Strosacker Foundation, Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation, Midland Area Community Foundation, Community Mental Health for Central Michigan, and private donations. We thank our contributors for their interest and confidence in this project.

As you read this newsletter, construction may have already begun in the Midland Room. Videos, DVDs, music compact discs, and books on tape and CD will be relocated to the Midland Room while Youth Services will be expanding into the lower level audiovisual area.

The New Year will be exciting at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

Melissa Barnard



Read the book and join us for lively discussion at 7 PM, Library Lounge

January 15

Atonement by Ian McEwan

February 19

The Yokota Officers Club
by Sarah Bird

Classic Movies in the Afternoon

Free admission at 2 PM in the Library Auditorium. Doors will open at 1:45 PM.

February 10-*Breakfast at Tiffanys*
1961, 114 minutes

February 24-*It's a Date*
1940, 103 minutes



Library Board

I have lived in Midland for nearly fifty years, and have enjoyed the Library since my early years. I continue to marvel at the presence of this jewel in a city of such moderate size. What astounds me is the tantalizing menu of selections - all those materials just waiting to be discovered and checked out.

There are many different ways to enjoy our library. I find the library a great reference source for just about everything, but still consider a leisurely night of browsing through the bookshelves in search of that next "great book" close to a perfect evening. Others enjoy the reading room, access to the Internet, the many wonderful events, genealogy, Youth Services programs, the audio and video selections and many of the other features. I am proud to serve on the Library Board to help this fine facility continue forward on its track of excellence, and look forward to your comments and suggestions throughout my service.

Stu Bush, Library Board Chair

Upcoming Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 21

7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Wednesday, February 18

7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

(Library Board Meetings are cablecast "Live" on MGTV 5)