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Sunday, January 1  
Monday, January 2

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

### Library Hours

Monday-Friday ..... 9 AM-9 PM  
Saturday ..... 10 AM-5 PM  
Sunday ..... 1 PM-5 PM  
*Closed Sundays Memorial Day - Labor Day*

### Phone Numbers

Information ..... 837-3430  
Reference ..... 837-3449  
Check Out Desk ..... 837-3457  
On-Call/Renewals 24/7 ..... 835-3280  
Youth and Teen Services ..... 837-3466  
MCTV Network ..... 837-3474  
TDD ..... 837-3472  
Friends ..... 839-8159

### Web Access

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

### Email

[gadml@midland-mi.org](mailto:gadml@midland-mi.org)

### Library Director


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### About this Publication

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### Tax Time

 The "Tax Corner" is located on the main floor behind the Reference Desk. Selected Federal and State paper tax forms will be available as they are received. Due to a limited number of forms being provided by the government, you are encouraged to print your forms off the computer. A computer devoted exclusively to the printing of tax forms is available. Tax forms and instructions can be accessed on the Internet at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary).

AARP volunteers will again provide invaluable expertise starting in late January. Call the Reference Desk at 837-3449 for more information.

### BEE Safe

**Family Wellness Day: Sunday, February 5 from 12 NOON-6 PM**

Join us at the Midland Mall for Family Wellness Day. Library staff will have healthy information to share with you at their display.



### Exhibits and Displays

**Lower Level Display Cases in January** ~ Coalition for Choice Exhibit

**Mezzanine Gallery in February** ~ Midland Artist Guild Annual Exhibit

### Cup and Chaucer News



Introducing a special eggnog flavored coffee available in January, Amaretto flavored coffee in February, and a new Chai tea - come and taste these delicious new flavors. As always, Senior Citizens receive 10% off regular priced items every day!



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2006

## Library Wins Excellence Award

A beautiful crystal trophy is on display in the Library's lobby recognizing the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library as the winner of the 2005 State Librarian's Excellence Award. The Library of Michigan Foundation sponsors the award that is presented to one library in the state each year. The Hantz Group, Inc. based in Southfield, Michigan donated the \$5,000 monetary award.

The Library received the award for new and improved services, partnerships in the community, and commitment to customer service. The Library Board submitted the nomination along with letters of support from community members. Thank you to the Library Board for believing in the Library and to those who sent wonderful letters about the Library. This award was earned through the hard work and dedication of the Library Staff - the heart of this organization. We also share this award with the community whose continued support allows the Library to provide and enhance services and programs.



Judith Moore, Executive Director of the Library of Michigan Foundation, Judy Stein, Chair of the Library Board, Melissa Barnard, Library Director, and Nancy Robertson, Acting State Librarian for the Library of Michigan.

### Excerpts from Support Letters:

*"Truly the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library positively impacts the lives of our community members' ability to enjoy a lifetime of learning."*

Gary Hughes, Superintendent of Midland Public Schools

*"Grace A. Dow Memorial Library has been an integral part of my life and the lives of my family for years now. The staff consistently goes far beyond any basic standard of customer service."* Eric Gardner, Associate Professor of English at Saginaw Valley State University

*"I consider it (the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library) to be an anchor in my community and view it as a crossroads to the diversity of Midland."*

Peter Welter, Library Patron

*"There isn't any other place I recommend for my friends to go to when they need to study for exams. There isn't any other place I'd go when I need information of any kind."*

Alyssa Shoemith, Teen Advisory Board Member

*"The coffee bar project has been well received by the community because we brought together two respected local agencies that strive to improve services to their respective clientele."* Mike Shea, Director of the Arnold Center, Inc.

*"The facilities, staff, and resources of this terrific library are up-to-date, efficient, cost-effective, and world-class. The library plays a key role in this community, and is very well utilized."* Andrew Liveris, CEO of The Dow Chemical Company

*"The library supports a community that is very committed to education and an excellent quality of life for all its residents."* Janet Botz, Executive Director and Chief Communications Officer of Dow Corning

## CELEBRATE WITH US!

Thursday, January 12

9 AM-9 PM

★ Cookies and punch will be served all day.

★ Commemorative ribbon bookmarks for patrons.

★ Special craft project for children in the Youth Services area.

★ Drop in instruction for Antiques Reference Database, 11 AM-1 PM, and Heritage Quest Genealogy Database, 4-6 PM in Conference Room C.

★ Meet the Library Board from 6-7 PM. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres in the Cup and Chaucer.



## TEEN TIME

### Knitting for Teens and Tweens

Saturday, January 14 at 2 PM, Library Lounge (Grades 4 and up)

Learn a bit of knitting history along with how to knit some of the new fashion accessories that will keep you stylin'! No gender boundaries. Materials and refreshments provided. Limited space so sign up in Youth Services or call 837-3466.



### Got Exams? We've got Cram Night!

Sunday, January 15 from 6-9 PM, (Grades 9-12 only)

We'll provide the study space and fuel to get you through the agony of finals. Quiet and group study spaces available. Refreshments provided and Cup and Chaucer will be open from 6-8:30 PM.

### Year of the Dog ~ Chinese New Year

Thursday, February 9 from 4-6 PM, Teen Spot (Grades 6 and up)

Drop in after school to get your fortune told, craft a paper lantern, play Mahjong, and snack on some Chinese treats.



### Teen Advisory Board Meetings

Saturday, January 14 and February 11 at 1 PM, Library Lounge (Grades 6-12)

Be proactive! Join TAB and have a say about Teen Services at the Library.

## KIDS' CORNER

### The Dinosaurs are Coming!

A T-Rex named SUE is coming to the MCFTA from January 28 until April 23 and the Library will help celebrate these awesome creatures with fun crafts, programs, and activities:

- January** ~ bring your child's dinosaur art (preschool age - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) to Youth Services for display.
- February** ~ pick up a make and take project (Dino-Feet) in Youth Services.
- Always** - there are great dinosaur books to check out.

Call 837-3466 for more information about all the T-riffic activities.

### Kids' Day at the Mall

Saturday, January 28, 10 AM-6 PM

The Library will be at the Midland Mall with an Old MacDonald play packet for each child. Hope to see you there as Midland's community of children's services join together to celebrate children.



### Kids' Movie in the Auditorium

Friday, January 20 at 2 PM

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (2005), PG, 115 minutes

### Crafty Readers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Join us for stories, snack, and an art project.

**Blizzard Blooms!** Registration begins January 3

Tuesday, January 10  
4:15-5 PM & 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, January 11, 4:15-5 PM

**Discovering Dinosaurs!**

Registration begins February 1

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

Wednesday, February 8, 4:15-5 PM

### Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Pack a dinner and join us in the Library Lounge for dessert, discussion, and fun! Registration begins the first of the month.

**Buried Alive** by Gloria Skurzynski

Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 PM

**The Enormous Egg** by Oliver Butterworth

Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 PM

## Seuss Night

### Read with the Cat!

Thursday, March 2  
6-8 PM, Story Room

It's the annual National Education Association's Read Across America event with the Cat in the Hat! The nation's largest reading event is held each year on Dr. Seuss's birthday to encourage adults to read with kids. Join us for this drop-in reading event along with games, stories, crafts, and rhyming fun for the whole family.



### Battle of the Books Update

Saturday, January 7 from 2-3 PM

**Battle Briefing** - See how battles are conducted and ask questions!

Monday, January 23: Registration

Deadline - Team managers MUST turn in the registration forms by 9 PM for teams to participate.

Wednesday, February 15: First Written

Battle - Teams will be assigned to a school gym. Pick up assignments in Youth Services after

February 1<sup>st</sup>, call

837-3466, or

check our website at

[www.midland-mi.org/](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/battle/assignments)

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### Circle Time (2 & 3 year-olds with an adult)

**Guest Story Teller: Georgia Abbott**

Tuesdays at 6:15 PM & 7:15 PM ON

January 10, 17, 24

Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM ON

January 11, 18, 25

### Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

**Guest Story Teller: Rebecca Anlas**

Tuesdays at 10 AM ON January 10, 17, 24

Thursdays at 7 PM ON January 12, 19, 26

## FOR ADULTS

**Book Lover Web Sites Program** ~ Wednesday, January 11 from 7-8:30 PM

AND Thursday, January 12 from 2-3:30 PM, Conference Room C

Learn how to locate book reviews and discussion guides, where to look for reading suggestions, and how to discover title order in a book series at this program. Reservations required. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 837-3449.

### Hands-On Adult Computer Classes

Free "hands on" computer classes from the computer lab provided by the Midwestern Michigan Library Cooperative. Reservations required. Call 837-3449.

**Beginners Guide: How to Use the Mouse/Introduction to the Internet**

Monday, January 9 from 7-8:30 PM; Tuesday, January 10 from 9:30-11 AM

Wednesday, January 11 from 2-3:30 PM; Saturday, January 14 from 10:30 AM-12 NOON

**Using the Library Catalog** (prerequisite: mouse and web familiarity)

Thursday, January 12 from 7-8:30 PM; Friday, January 13 from 9:30-11 AM

Wednesday, January 18 from 2-3:30 PM

**Email Basics** (prerequisite: mouse and web familiarity)

Tuesday, January 17 from 2-3:30 PM; Wednesday, January 25 from 7-8:30 PM

**Doing More with the Library Catalog** (prerequisite: mouse and web skills)

Tuesday, January 24 from 7-8:30 PM; Wednesday, January 25 from 2-3:30 PM



### Business Start-Up Seminar

Thursday, January 5 & Thursday, February 2 from 6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge

Register by calling the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce at 839-9901.

### Westlaw Online Training ~ Special Hands-On Training

Wednesday, January 18 from 10 AM-12 NOON, Conference Room C

### Books & Bites ~ Thursdays at 7 PM in Conference Room A

January 19 ~ *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks

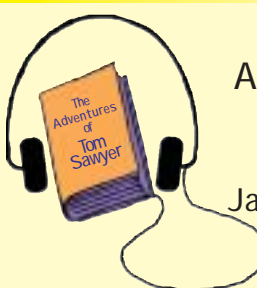
February 16 ~ *Fire Point* by John Smolens



### Classic Movies in the Afternoon ~ 2 PM in the Library Auditorium

February 14 - *Adam's Rib* (1949) and February 28 - *Woman of the Year* (1942)

## SPOTLIGHT ON...



Downloadable  
Audio Collection  
Program  
Saturday,  
January 28 at 2 PM  
Library Lounge

We now have 1,000 additional audio book titles to choose from. Check out our new downloadable audiobook collection from NetLibrary! You can download the books to your PC or selected portable listening device. Join us for a demonstration on how to search, download, and transfer books or stop by the Reference Desk to find out more about this exciting new product.

## LIBRARY BOARD

### Library Board Frequently Asked Question

**Question:** Why can't files be downloaded and uploaded on the Library computers?  
**Answer:** To allow patrons to use these saving devices would be putting the Library computers at greater risk for viruses. The staff will continue exploring solutions that do not compromise the security of the network and will allow use of saving devices. In the meantime, please consider e-mailing your documents to yourself allowing you to open them at home.

### Streaming Video News!



Midland Citizens can now view Midland City Council, Library Board, and other meetings via the Internet with the implementation of streaming video. Streaming video is a digital version of audio and video that is sent (streamed) over the Internet in compressed form in real time for viewing on a computer. To access the streaming video option, go to the City's website at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org), click on the "Streaming Video" link located in the right-hand column on the home page, and then access current and archived meetings.

### Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 18 at 7 PM and Wednesday, February 15 at 7 PM in City Hall Council Chambers

## MCTV NETWORK

### Snowy Weather?

Watch MGTV 5 and MPS-TV17 for current information about school closings. MGTV 5 also posts storm warnings.



### Love Tennis?

Tune in to watch the finals of the "Dow Corning Tennis Classic" on MCTV 3 on Sunday, February 12 starting at 8 PM. Coverage is being produced by MCTV volunteer access users with help from MCTV staff.

### Orientation/Studio Training

Make and keep a New Year's resolution to get involved at MCTV. Come to one of the following orientation/studio training classes: Saturday, January 14 or Saturday, February 11 at 10 AM in MCTV's studio in the lower level of the Library. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474 or check out MCTV's website at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org) under "Services."

### Cable Access Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 8 at 7 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers  
Watch "Live" on MGTV 5