

MCTV 837-3474

Just a reminder that Midland's cable access channels are now shown on channels 96-99. You can also see the four access channels in the digital tier, 991-994.

Keep up to date with what's happening at MCTV through Facebook. Just search for the MCTV Network.

MCTV wants you to get involved in community television this year. Attend one of the orientation/studio training classes on either Saturday, January 8 or February 12 from 10:00AM-1:00PM in MCTV's studio in the lower level of the Library. The cost is just \$20. Call 837-3474 or check out MCTV's website at www.midland-mi.org/mctv.

After a snowy night, tune to MGTV 96 or MPS-TV 98 to find out if school is closed.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437 fogadml@yahoo.com
Our annual "February Used Book Sale" is approaching!

- Friday, February 18, 6:00-8:00PM
Friends Members Only
Memberships may be purchased or renewed at the door.
- Saturday, February 19, 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Open to the public
- Sunday, February 20, 1:00PM - 4:00PM
\$5 Bag Day

There are many volunteer opportunities available before, during, and after the book sale. If interested in volunteering please contact the Friends at 837-3437 or by email: fogadml@yahoo.com. If you would like to join the Friends please visit our webpage at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary and click on the Friends of the Library link to download our membership form!

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

- *January.....Open
- *February....."What I Took From What I Saw"
Michael Wolfe-photo exhibit

Stop by Cup and Chaucer
for an Espresso drink or hot chocolate!
Monday-Friday, 10-5PM
50¢ off any warm drink

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Hours

Monday-Friday.....	9:30AM-8:30PM
Saturday.....	10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday.....	1:00PM-5:00PM
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
TTY.....	837-3472
Room rentals.....	837-3432

Teen Time

The Teen Spot is on Facebook!
You can find us at: Teen Spot at Grace A. Dow Library
"Like" us and receive updates on Teen activities.

You can also find us at
www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary.

Click on Teen Services.

Get the latest information on Teen Programs, TAB activities, and don't forget to check out our Teen Booklists.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) Grades 6-12

Thursday, January 6, 6:00-7:00PM

Thursday, February 10, 6:00-7:00PM

Library Lounge

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities? Do you want to share your thoughts and ideas about teen books and programming? TAB is a great way to get involved at the library during the school year. Join us and find out what it's all about!

PLOTS AND PIZZA Grades 6-9

Registration required.

Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Monday, January 17, 6:00-7:00PM

Library Lounge

Read **Beastly** by Alex Flinn or **The Alchemyst** by Michael Scott.

Copies are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Join us for pizza, drinks, and book discussion.

COMPUTER CLASS Grades 6-12

Registration required.

Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Picasa Digital Photos

Monday, February 21, 6:00-7:00PM

Computer Lab

Learn how to organize and edit your digital photos online with Google's free software, Picasa.

CRAM NIGHT

Grades 9-12

Call 837-3466

Sunday, January 16, 5:30-8:30PM

Got Exams?

Bring your notes, your brain, and your friends...

Drop in to study in groups or study alone, eat pizza and get ready for finals!

Student ID recommended.

Library computers will NOT be available for use, but you are welcome to bring your own laptop.

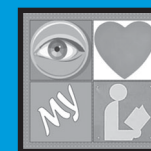
Need more information? Call 837-3466.

Grace A. Dow Memorial

January/February
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LIBRARY Connection



You DO love your library!

We won the "I Love My Library" Sweepstakes for a \$500 audiobook collection sponsored by Taped Editions!

Thank you for your support.



Be sure to mark your calendar for a fun, kid-oriented event! We're celebrating Midland's national recognition as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People in America during Kids Day at the Midland Mall.

Sat., Jan. 29

There will be guest speakers, local entertainer Dr. Slime, and more to celebrate this great honor. The 100 Best event kicks off at 11:00AM.

Visit www.midland-mi.org/100Best.htm to find out more.

LIBRARY CLOSING

Saturday
January 1, 2011
New Year's Day

Library Board Meetings:
Wednesday, January 19, 7:00PM
Wednesday, February 16, 7:00PM
City Hall Council Chambers



Our virtual branch
is always open

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Friends to the Rescue

We have been very fortunate to have the use of a mobile computer lab from the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative over the past several years. A variety of classes from Word to Windows to Facebook to Picasa has been offered. The response to the training has been positive. Due to reductions in State Aid funding, the Cooperative is no longer able to maintain the aging equipment.

In order to continue providing computer classes, we asked the Friends of the Library if they would donate the funds necessary to purchase new computer lab equipment. The Friends recognized that the lab does enable members of our community to learn how to navigate on computers in this technology environment. They generously approved the request. The new computer lab is set up and ready for classes. Class topics with dates and times are included in the Library Connection and on the library's website.

We appreciate the support of the Friends in helping us enrich our services. Thanks to all the Friends' members who make these donations possible.

Library Learning

You may want to tune in to MGTV-96 for the upcoming Library Board meetings. Library staff members will be highlighting selected services. In their 2011-2012 goals, the Library Board action plans include inviting staff to present information about the Library. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 7:00PM - Audio Visual Collection

Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 7:00PM - Reading Resources

Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 7:00PM - Teen Services

Library Board meetings are replayed on MGTV-96 during the week after the meeting or you can view the video online at your convenience.

- Go to the Library homepage
- Click on Library Board
- Click on On-Demand Video of Board Meetings
- Click on On-Demand Video of Live and Archived Meetings
- Click on Library Board
- Click on Date of Meeting

Melissa Barnard

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library and the Literacy Council of Midland County are collaborating on a program of reading aloud to teen listeners at the Juvenile Correction Center. The librarians select the age-appropriate stories and the readers are coordinated by the Literacy Council. The purpose of this program is to bring a sense of calm to the young people who are temporarily being housed at the JCC through the age-old tradition of reading a bedtime story. The reader is in a room with a microphone while the teens are in their locked rooms. Readings take place every Sunday evening at 9:00PM and last approximately 40 minutes. You need only read once a year or you can read more often if you choose. Interested individuals should contact Tina Todd at the Literacy Council of Midland County, 989-839-0540.

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