

MCTV
837-3474

www.midland-mi.org/mctv

MCTV is a great way to serve your community or communicate what services are offered by your non-profit organization or service club. Find out more by attending the next orientation/studio workshop offered on the second Saturday of the month:
January 14 or February 11, 10:00AM-1:00PM.
The cost is \$45 which includes training and MCTV's annual access user fee. Please register in advance. Call 837-3474.

If the weather outside is frightful, tune to MGTV 96 for information about storm warnings or other emergencies. For school closings, you can also check out MPS-TV 98.

Congrats to MCTV's major award winners at "Honors Night." Carol Rumba received the Community Award while St. John's Lutheran Church was recognized with the Rosemarie Byers Community Voice Award.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437 fogadml@yahoo.com

Winter Used Book Sale

Save the dates for our first used book sale of 2012!
Friday, February 10, 5:30PM-8:00PM,
Friends Members Only. Memberships may be purchased or renewed at the door.
Saturday, February 11, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Open to the public
Sunday, February 12, 1:00PM-3:30PM
\$5 Bag day! Fill a grocery bag for \$5.
If you can't wait for February, check out our ongoing used book sale located in the Cup and Chaucer.

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

The Library's Mezzanine Gallery is available for rental on a monthly basis. Cost is \$25/month. Rental is limited to not for profit or 501c3 groups. For more information, call Wendy Shields at 837-3432.
The mezzanine is accessible from the elevator as well as the stairway by the new books collection. It is a quiet place to read or study. Wi-Fi is available.

CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Hours:.....Monday-Friday, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Snacks and drinks are also available during library hours via machine.

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
Information837-3430
Reference837-3449
Check Out Desk.....837-3457
On-Call/Renewals 24/7 835-3280
Youth and Teen Services..... 837-3466
TTY.....837-3472

Teen Time

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Grades 6-12
Library Lounge
TAB is moving to Tuesdays in 2012! Join us and voice your thoughts on teen programming, books, music and more.

Tuesday, January 3, 6:00-7:00PM

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00-7:00PM

CRAM NIGHT 2012

Grades 9-12
Sunday, January 15, 5:30-8:00PM
Auditorium Entrance

Got Exams? We've got Cram Night! Bring your notes, your brain, and your friends to our "teens only" study night at the library. Individual and group study spaces available. Refreshments provided. Need more information? Call 837-3466.

PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9
Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Thursday, January 26, 6:00-7:00PM
Library Lounge

Read *Down the Rabbit Hole* by Peter Abrahams or *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham and join us for pizza and book discussion. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk.

YOGA

Grades 6-12
Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.
Saturday, January 28, 2:00-3:30PM
Library Lounge

Need to beat the winter blues?
Need to de-stress after exams?
Rejuvenation and relaxation are just a pose away! Join us for a 90-minute Yoga class. No experience necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a Yoga mat if you have one!

HUNGER GAMES MOVIE RELEASE PARTY
Grades 6-12
Sunday, March 18, 1:30-4:30PM
Youth Services Area
Get ready for the release of *The Hunger Games* movie by participating in Hunger Games-style challenges!

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.

January/February
2012

Grace A. Dow Memorial

1710 W. St. Andrews Road
Midland, MI 48640-2698
989-837-3430

LIBRARY Connection

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- * BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- * TAX CORNER
- * DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO BOOKS DEMONSTRATION
- * TEEN YOGA and more!



LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Sunday, January 1
Monday, January 2

Library Board Meetings:
Wednesday, January 18, 7:00PM
Wednesday, February 15, 7:00PM
City Hall Council Chambers
Live on MGTV 96



Our virtual branch
is always open

MAKING A CASE FOR THE GREAT MICHIGAN READ

There's a lot to talk about in this year's Great Michigan Read selection, *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle. This award winning, non-fiction account of the Dr. Ossian Sweet case traces the events that occurred after an African American physician purchased a house in an all white Detroit neighborhood. The aftermath of the Sweet case was both tragic and transformative, impacting the civil rights movement and redefining America's views of justice and equality.

We've invited some notable members of our community to start a conversation about the *Arc of Justice*. Panel members are:
Dr. Betty Jones - Author, Educator, Historian, Community Volunteer
Ric Shahin - Lead Teacher, Social Studies Department, H H Dow High School
Jack Telfer II - Editor, Midland Daily News
Leola Wilson - President, Saginaw Branch of the NAACP

Join us for a live panel discussion:
Tuesday, February 28, 7:00PM Library Auditorium

Visit our Great Michigan Read display on the main level.
The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council and made possible with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Meijer. Learn more at www.michiganhumanities.org.

HAPPENINGS 2012

Make a Reading Promise

When Alice Ozma was in fourth grade, she and her father, Jim, made a promise to read aloud together for 100 nights in a row. They kept that promise and then continued to read together for a total of 3,218 successive days to establish what they later came to call "The Reading Streak."

Alice Ozma's memoir, *The Reading Promise*, is a warm and funny look at events that surrounded the reading streak and highlights the heart-warming relationship that Alice developed with her father during their eight years of shared reading.

As part of our 2012 Happenings events we are encouraging the entire community to participate in making a "Reading Promise." The library will provide reading logs and book recommendations for readers and listeners of all ages. We hope that you will be inspired to experience the rewards of reading by starting your own reading streak. Make a promise to read to someone every day during the month of March. Pick someone to read to that you have contact with daily: a child, a spouse, a grandchild (don't forget on the Web!), someone at a near-by nursing home, a friend or neighbor.

The library is hosting a reading party on Friday, March 16, and a Celebration of our Community of Readers on Friday, March 23, in recognition of our community's commitment to reading.

To promote reading together, the library is partnering with the Literacy Council of the Legacy Center for Community Success.

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Co-sponsored by Friends of the Library

Battle Briefing

Saturday, January 7, 11:00AM -12:00PM
Library Auditorium

Anyone planning to participate in Battle or manage a team is encouraged to attend and see how Written and Oral Battles are conducted.

In addition to our Battle Briefing, here are some important dates to keep in mind:

Team Registration Deadline

Tuesday, January 24, 8:30PM
Youth Services Desk

First Written Battle

Wednesday, February 15, 4:30PM
Middle School Cafeterias

Second Written Battle

Wednesday, February 22, 4:30PM
Northeast Middle School Cafeteria

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, March 3,
AM or PM as assigned
Library

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 8, 4:30PM
Library Auditorium

Reception for ALL Battle Teams

Thursday, March 8, 5:15PM
Library Lounge

If you need more information, please call the Youth Services Department at 837-3466.

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade
Library Lounge
Join us for stories, snacks and a craft.
Call 837-3466 to register.

Mostly Magic

Registration begins January 3
Monday, January 9
4:15 – 5:00PM and
6:30 – 7:15PM

Make magic tricks and learn to perform them.

Snowflake Flurry

Registration begins February 1.
Monday, February 6
4:15 – 5:00PM and
6:30 – 7:15PM

Bundle up and join the fun as we share a blizzard of books about winter!

Kid's Corner

WINTER STORY TIMES

Story Room

BABY TIME (For babies who are not yet walking)

Tuesday, 1:00 & 2:30PM
January 10, 17, 24, 31
Baby Time begins with a librarian led program of young infants and their caregivers sharing books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes followed by free time for babies and adults to play and visit.

TODDLER TIME (Walking babies to 24 months)

Leslie Fairfield of Kindermusik presents music and movement program "Village"

Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM
January 10 and 17

Guest Storytellers from the Children's School of Music

Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM
January 24 and 31

CIRCLE TIME (Ages 2-3)

Leslie Fairfield of Kindermusik presents music and movement program "Our Time"

Tuesdays, 7:00PM
January 10 and 17
Wednesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM
January 11 and 18

Guest Storytellers from the Children's School of Music for musical fun

Tuesdays, 7:00PM
January 24 and 31
Wednesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM
January 25 and February 1

READY, SIT, READ! (Ages 4-6 years)

Michele Spitz of Music for Munchkins

Thursdays, 10:00AM
January 12 and 19

Guest Storytellers from the Children's School of Music

Thursdays at 10:00AM
January 26 and February 2

WINTER BREAK MOVIE

Fly Away Home (Rated PG, 108 min.)
Friday, January 20, 2:00PM
Auditorium, Free

Fly Away Home is shown in conjunction with the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art's Exhibit "Sky Designs II: A Collection of Aviation and Aircraft Artifacts". Exhibit opens January 14.

SHARE A STORY – PAINT A PICTURE

CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT

The Children's Art Show at the library this spring will follow the theme of the Reading Promise (see cover story). After your child listens to a story have them paint a picture inspired by that book. The exhibit will accept art work done by young children through 5th grade.

Please bring your child's picture (11 x 17 or smaller) to the Youth Services Desk at the library by March 12. We will label the work with your child's first name, age, and the title of the book you shared.

Art will be on display March 23 – April 30. The Art Show Opening will be part of the Celebration of Our Community of Readers on March 23. Information on these events will follow in the March/April Library Connection. Please call 837-3466 with any questions.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

4th – 5th Grade
Library Lounge
Bring your dinner and join us for a book discussion.
We'll provide dessert and a drink!
Call 837-3466 to register.

BOYS START THE WAR

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Registration begins January 3
Monday, January 30
5:30 – 6:30PM

CRYPTID HUNTERS

by Roland Smith
Registration begins February 1
Monday, February 27
5:30 – 6:30PM

NEW TO THE CHILDREN'S DVD COLLECTION

LITTLE PIM, an award-winning foreign language learning series for young children, combines animation and real kids to teach simple words and phrases.

Give your baby, toddler, or preschooler the opportunity to learn a second language while it is easiest to pick up. Languages available: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and Japanese.

Adult Highlights

COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration begins Tuesday, January 3 for January Classes.

Registration begins Monday, January 30 for February Classes.

Contact the Library Reference Desk at 837-3449.

Library Computer Lab unless otherwise noted.

Mouse and basic computer skills are required for these classes.

Introduction to Microsoft Windows 7

Thursday, January 19, 2:30PM
Learn to use the basic features of Microsoft Windows 7.

Picasa Digital Photos

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00PM OR
Tuesday, February 7, 7:00PM
Learn to use Google's powerful and free software to organize, edit, and share your digital photos.

Files, Folders, and Storage – Demonstration

Tuesday, January 31, 2:30PM
Library Lounge
Learn how to create files and folders, use external storage devices, and back up your important data.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Thursday, February 2, 2:30PM OR
Thursday, February 16, 2:30PM
Learn how to use the ribbon, create, save, and print documents, highlight, copy and paste text, and more.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Thursday, February 9, 2:30PM OR
Thursday, February 23, 2:30PM
Learn basic skills for cell entry and manipulation, formatting, sheets, tabs, and basic formula creation.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Monday, February 13, 2:30PM OR
Wednesday, February 15, 7:00PM
Use the ribbon to create slides, add images and text, animate objects, view and print presentations, and work with themes and SmartArt.

Downloadable Audiobooks, eBooks and the Library - Demonstration

No Registration Required
Wednesday, February 22, 7:00PM
Library Lounge
Learn about the library's new downloadable collections. View a demonstration of how to access, download and transfer audiobooks and eBooks.

BOOKS & BITES

Library Conference Room A

Madame Bovary

by Gustave Flaubert
Thursday, January 19
7:00PM

"Davis [is] operating in top form in her new translation of Madame Bovary. . . . [One is] struck delirious by the force of Flaubert's writing, and the precision (the perfection) of Davis's translation." *The New Yorker*

Civil War Sesquicentennial – 150 Years

In the Fall

by Jeffrey Lent
Thursday, February 16
7:00PM

"This is an astonishing piece of work—period...No part of Lent's narrative is superficial...Lent's writing is deeply introspective, intelligent, and beautifully descriptive." *Booklist*

Masterpiece

By Elise Broach
Battle of the Books Title

The Gardner Heist

By Ulrich Boser
Thursday, March 15
7:00PM

March highlights a Battle of the Books selection with a companion adult title. Both are intriguing tales of art theft.

THE CIVIL WAR: 150 YEARS LATER

The 5th Michigan Regiment Band
Saturday, March 17
2:00PM
Library Auditorium

The 5th Michigan Regiment Band is a historical recreation of the 1861 band of the 5th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. The present band brings American Civil War history to thousands of spectators each year through music and historical narration. The band's musical repertoire includes period marches, polkas, and waltzes all played on antique and replica instruments. Traveling with the fully uniformed band are ladies in Civil War period attire. Named by the Michigan House of Representatives as the "Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Band," this is a performance not to be missed.

COMING SOON TO YOUR LIBRARY

Plans are underway to offer downloadable eBooks compatible with the Kindle, Nook and other eReader devices. Work is in progress setting up access and selecting titles. Watch for the announcement of the "go live" date on the library's website. This service will only be available to residents of the library's legal service area. For more information, please call the Reference Desk, 837-3449.

AT THE TAX CORNER

Need a 1040-V, an 8606, or maybe an 8283? Stop by the Tax Corner and find every form and publication needed to complete your 2011 filings. If you cannot locate a printed form or instruction booklet, we can help you find any IRS or State of Michigan publication online. Public internet computers are available to e-file your returns as well. If you need assistance filling out your return, please ask at the Reference Desk regarding local tax assistance opportunities.

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

Library Lounge
Designed for persons thinking of starting a business or in the early stages of startup. This workshop is the first step for MI-SBTDC assistance.
Thursday, January 5, 6:00-8:30PM
Thursday, February 2, 6:00-8:30PM
Thursday, March 1, 6:00-8:30PM

CLASSIC MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Free Admission
Library Auditorium
Broadway Melody (1929)
February 14, 2:00PM
Twelve Angry Men (1957)
February 28, 2:00PM

THE NOT-TOO-SERIOUS BOOK CLUB

Library Conference Room A
Cold Comfort Farm
by Stella Gibbons
Wednesday, January 11, 10:00AM
My Name is Mary Sutter
by Robin Oliveira
Wednesday, February 8, 10:00AM
Left Neglected
by Lisa Genova.
Wednesday, March 14, 10:00AM