

MCTV

837-3474.....www.midland-mi.org/mctv
Resolve to serve your community and have some fun in the new year. Attend one of MCTV's orientation/studio workshops on the second Saturday of the month:

January 11, 10:00AM-1:00PM or

February 8, 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.*

Snow day? You can find out by tuning to MGTV 96 on Charter Communications cable for information about school closings, storm warnings, or other emergencies.

Congratulations to MCTV's major award winners at "Honors Night." Stephanie Baiyasi received the Edith Doil Community Award while Midland Reformed Church was honored with the Rosemarie Byers Community Voice Award.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437.....fogadml@yahoo.com

Winter Used Book Sale

Save the date for our first Used Book Sale of 2014!

- Friday, February 21, 5:30-8:00PM Friends members only. *Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door.*
- Saturday, February 22, 10AM-4PM. Open to the public.
- Sunday, February 23, 1:00-3:30PM Bag day. Fill a grocery sized bag for \$6.

If you can't wait for February's sale, check out our offerings in the ongoing used book sale located in the Cup and Chaucer.

For more information and announcements about the Friends of the Library, find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/fogadml>.

CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Hours:.....Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:00PM

Snacks and drinks are also available during Library hours from our vending machines.

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

Teen Time

WATCH FOR RENOVATION ALERTS.
PROGRAM CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS!

PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9

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

Read one of the selected titles for the month then join us for pizza and book discussion. Copies of the books are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Thursday, January 16, 6:00-7:00PM

Community Room*

Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson OR

Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

Thursday, February 20, 6:00-7:00PM

Conference Room C

Steel Trapp: The Challenge by Ridley Pearson OR **H.I.V.E.:**

Higher Institute of Villainous Education by Mark Walden

CRAM NIGHT

Grades 9-12

Sunday, January 19, 5:30-8:00PM

Auditorium Entrance

Got Exams? Bring your notes, your brain, and your friends to our "teens only" study night at the Library. Student I.D. recommended. Individual and group study areas available. Pizza and drinks provided. Need more information? Call 837-3466.

READ IT BEFORE YOU SEE IT!

The following teen books are being made into movies. Read them before they hit the big screen.

Divergent by Veronica Roth

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

The Giver by Lois Lowry

The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the Witch by Joseph Delaney

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

Vampire Academy by Richelle Mead

THE TEEN SPOT IS ON FACEBOOK!

facebook

You can find us at:

Teen Spot at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
"Like" us and receive updates on Teen Activities.

*Formerly the Library Lounge

JIM STAMAS

Congratulations to Midland's own Jim Stamas for being named the Michigan Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Library Association. Representative Stamas (R) serves as the Majority Floor Leader of the Michigan House. He was recognized by the MLA for supporting more state funding for libraries. Stamas serves on the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees.

January/February

2014

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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

LIBRARY Connection

Look inside for:

- * Winter Story Times
- * Call for Children's Art
- * Computer Classes
- * DVD Event

and more!



Find us on facebook!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Tuesday, Dec. 31 close at 5PM

Wednesday, Jan. 1 CLOSED

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 15, 7:00PM

Library Board Room

Wednesday, February 19, 7:00PM

City Council Chambers

Live on MGTV 96



Our eBranch
is always open

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

In developing a new strategic plan for the Library, our goal is to identify the future direction of the Library and decide how we will allocate our resources accordingly. To develop the Library's Strategic Plan, we sought input from our community in several different ways. Patrons, including children, were invited to post at the Library their vision for the Library, an online survey was available to share thoughts about the Library, and focus groups met to discuss Library services and programs. We appreciate the input from everyone and are reviewing the ideas as we formulate a new plan. Library staff and Library Board members serve on the Strategic Plan Team lead by facilitator Lee Rouse of Omni Tech International. A plan will be presented to the Library Board at their February 19th meeting.

RENOVATION

When the Library's renovation project is completed later this winter, patrons will see a new lobby and furniture, expanded restrooms in the auditorium, handicap accessible restrooms in the "Community Room" (formerly called the Lounge), carpeting, paint, refinished woodwork, and a self check-out system. An Open House celebrating this \$3 million project will be scheduled in the spring. Thanks to everyone for their patience during the construction.

CRAM NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY

Sunday, January 19, 5:30 - 8:00PM

The Library invites area high school students in grades 9 through 12 to study for mid-term finals during a special cram session offered exclusively for them. The Library will be open after regular Sunday hours for exam preparation. Library staff will be on hand for reference help. The Library computers will not be available, but students are welcome to bring their laptops or other electronic devices to use with the Library's WIFI system. Pizza and snacks will be provided in the Cup and Chaucer. Additional snacks and drinks will be offered for purchase. Students are encouraged to bring their school IDs, but an ID is not required for admission.

MICHIGAN READ

The Library is hosting three events related to the Great Michigan Read book, **Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret**. The story involves the discovery of the author's close relative who lived her adult life in a state mental institution.

Wednesday, January 15, 7:00PM, Community Room*

Midland Genealogical Society presents Jessica Miller, Archives of Michigan. She will speak about immigration and naturalization records.

Wednesday, January 22, 7:00PM, Library Auditorium

Panel discussion about our community's mental health care system. Panelists are: Kerry Pierce, M.D. *Psychiatrist at MidMichigan Health*; Kathie Swan, *Deputy Director for Services-Community Mental Health for Central Michigan*; Michael Mishic, J.D. *Attorney specializing in Family Law*.

Tuesday, January 28, 7:00PM, Library Auditorium

Steve Luxenberg, author of "Annie's Ghosts" will talk about his remarkable memoir.

Funding for this program is made possible in part with support from Meijer and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books Program Information Battle Briefing

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

New to Battle? Battle Briefing is a perfect opportunity for team members and managers to view mock written and oral Battles and get your questions answered. We'll also have an author challenge, so memorize those Battle authors.

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

Team Registration Deadline

Monday, Jan. 20, 8:30PM

First Written Battle

Wednesday, February 12, 4:30PM

Second Written Battle

Wednesday, February 19, 4:30PM

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, March 1

Morning or afternoon

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 6, 4:30PM

Battle Reception for ALL Teams

Thursday, March 6, 5:15PM

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

FEATURED DATABASE

CultureGrams State and World Editions

CultureGrams State Edition offers on-line information on each state with all the data students need for completing their school reports, including history, population, economy, resources and more. CultureGrams World Edition will help your student discover the world with ethnic overviews and statistical data on every country recognized by the United Nations - from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. CultureGrams' extensive database provides videos and photos, flags, famous people, recipes and interviews to enhance students understanding of other cultures.

KIDS' FREE HOLIDAY MOVIES

Kid's Free Holiday Movies

Friday, January 3, 2:00PM

Rise of the Guardians

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97 min.

CANCELLED DUE TO RENOVATIONS

Kids' Corner

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WINTER STORY TIMES

Story Room

Presented by Library staff and guest storytellers ~

- Rebecca Anlas
- Jenny Bober
- Children's School of Music
- Music for Munchkins with Michele Spitz

Baby Time

(Babies not yet walking)

Books, songs, bounces, rhymes and playtime.

Tuesdays, 1:00 & 2:30PM

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Toddler Time

(Walking babies to 24 months)

Stories, fingerplays, songs, and playtime.

Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Family Story Times

(For families with children ages 2 to 6)

Stories and fun activities for families with young children.

Tuesdays, 7:00PM

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Circle Time (Ages 2-3)

You and your child are active participants as we share stories, songs, and get up and move activities.

Wednesdays, 9:45 & 10:45PM

January 8, 15, 22, 29

Ready, Sit, Read! (Ages 4-6)

Parents are welcome, but not required to attend. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes and fingerplays.

Fridays, 2:30PM

January 10, 17, 24, 31

LEGO DONATION REQUEST

We are seeking permanent donations of new or gently used Lego-sized bricks for Lego programs that will be held this coming summer. Donations can be dropped off at the Youth Services Desk anytime during library hours. Forms are available to use for tax deductions on your donation.

SUBMIT ART FOR CHILDREN'S ART SHOW

Dragons in the Library Children's Art Exhibit

Children, preschool through 5th grade, are invited to display their art in the Library this spring. On our Dream Wall this past fall, children suggested that we have dragons in the Library, so we are taking this opportunity to do just that. Have your child make a dragon and bring it to the Library by March 10th. All types of media are accepted. Art will be on display in Youth Services, March 21-April 30.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

Students grades 4-5

Community Room*

Call 837-3466 beginning the first of the month to register.

Bring your dinner and join us for discussion. We provide drinks, dessert and a fun activity.

Peter & the Starcatchers

By Dave Barry

Monday, January 27

5:30-6:30PM

My Rotten Life

By David Lubar

Monday, February 24

5:30-6:30PM

Copies of the selected titles are available at the Youth Services Desk.

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade

Community Room*

Join us for stories, snacks and a craft!

Call 837-3466 to register.

Mosty Magic

Come learn some magic tricks!

Registration begins January 2.

Monday, January 20

4:15-5:00PM or 6:30-7:15PM

Tuesday, January 21

4:15-5:00PM

It's Valentine's Day! Think Red!

Make a card with your picture.

Registration begins January 20.

Monday, February 3

4:15-5:00PM or 6:30-7:15PM

Tuesday, February 4

4:15-5:00PM

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Adult Highlights

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—COMPUTER CLASSES—

Classes take place in the Library Computer Lab on the Lower Level unless otherwise indicated. Call the Reference Desk at 837-3449 or register in person. Please let us know if you cannot attend so that we can contact someone on the waiting list.

JANUARY

Registration begins Monday, January 6.
Beginning Computing—these classes acquaint you with the basics of using your computer.

Introduction to Windows 7

Thursday, January 23, 2:30PM

Learn to use your Windows 7 computer.

Files, Folders & Storage

Thursday, January 30, 2:30PM

Learn to organize your computer's filing system.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, January 21, 2:30PM

Learn how to use the ribbon to create, save, and print documents; highlight, copy and paste, text and more.

Accessing Library eBooks-

Demonstration

Community Room*

No Registration Required

Monday, January 27, 2:30PM

Learn how to download eBooks to your favorite eReader.

VENTURE START—STARTING A BUSINESS

Community Room*

Thursday, January 9, 6:00-8:00PM

Thursday, February 6, 6:00-8:00PM

FEBRUARY

Registration begins Monday, February 3.
Advanced Computing—these classes offer information for more experienced computer users.

Pinterest - What's Up?

Monday, February 10, 7:00PM

Find out the latest in using Pinterest.

Digital Photos with Picasa

Monday, February 17, 2:30PM

Mouse and basic computer skills are required. Learn to use Google's free software to organize, edit, and share your digital photos.

Advanced Excel

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30PM

Learn how to use functions and create formulas and charts. A basic understanding of Excel is strongly recommended.

Cloud Computing Demonstration

Community Room*

No registration required

Wednesday, February 19, 7:00PM

Come learn more about web-based services and storage. We will look at Microsoft's and Google's free cloud services.

Create a Simple Web Page

Thursday, February 27, 6:30-8:30PM

Learn to create a simple web page.

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TAX SEASON GETS UNDERWAY

The 2014 Federal tax season is expected to start in late January or early February. We are once again participating as a form and publication distribution center. As forms begin to arrive, we will make them available for pickup in the tax area. As always, all state and federal forms will be available online. Check out our home page for a direct link to the appropriate agency sites.

Just 25¢

FEBRUARY DVD EVENT

Get ready for this year's Academy Awards' presentation by checking out our extensive collection of Oscar winning films. Throughout February check out any DVD title located on the special Oscar display for 25¢.

BOOKS AND BITES

Conference Room A

Thursday, January 16, 7:00PM

Dear Life by Alice Munro

"Reading a single Munro story, or reading volume to volume to volume, one has the feeling not so much of following along, but of being miraculously included as, continuous and elementary, the story rolls onward." *The New York Review of Books*

Thursday, February 19, 7:00PM

The Garden of Evening Mists

by Tan Twan Eng

Nominated for the 2012 Man Booker Prize.

POPULAR AUTHORS THAT WILL BE RELEASING NEW TITLES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2014

January

Jennifer Chiaverini - Mrs Lincoln's Rival (1-14)

Laura Childs - Eggs in a Casket (1-7)

Mary Jane Clark - That Old Black Magic (1-21)

Robin Cook - Cell (1-14)

Lisa Gardner - Fear Nothing (1-7)

Martha Grimes - Way of All Fish (1-7)

John Katzenbach - Red 1-2-3 (1-7)

Sherrilyn Kenyon - Dark Bites (1-21)

Sue Monk Kidd - Invention of Wings (1-7)

Jayne Ann Krentz - River Road (1-7)

Phillip Margolin - Worthy Brown's Daughter (1-21)

Joyce Carol Oates - Carthage (1-21)

Anna Quindlen - Still Life with Bread Crumbs (1-28)

Ian Rankin - Saints of the Shadow Bible (1-14)

Stuart Woods - Standup Guy (1-7)

February

M C Beaton - Death of a Policeman (2-25)

Suzanne Brockmann - Do or Die (2-4)

Jackie Collins - Confessions of a Wild Child (2-4)

Janet Evanovich - Chase (2-25)

Joanne Fluke - Blackberry Pie Murder (2-25)

Alice Hoffman - Museum of Extraordinary Things (2-18)

Judith A Jance - Moving Target (2-18)

Jonathan Kellerman - Killer (2-11)

Laura Lippman - After I'm Gone (2-11)

Alexander McCall Smith - Forever Girl (2-11)

Fern Michaels - Kiss and Tell (2-25)

Janette Oke - Where Courage Calls(2-4)

James Patterson - Private L. A. (2-10)

J D Robb - Concealed In Death (2-18)