

# THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library  
1710 W. St. Andrews Road  
Midland, MI 48640-2698  
A SERVICE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND

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## Library Closings

Sundays until September 10



Tuesday, July 4  
Independence Day

Wednesday, August 30  
Staff In-service

Monday, September 4  
Labor Day

**Remember the last day to pick up Summer Reading Prizes is Saturday, August 12.**

## 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

Melissa Barnard

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### WiFi @ the Library

Free wireless access is now available at the Library. Hot Spots are located on the first floor and the Teen Spot on the Lower Level allowing you access to the Internet using your laptop or wireless device. Pick up an information sheet at the Reference Desk or check our website at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary).

### Friend's Forum

**"Volunteers are not paid — not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." - Anonymous**

Volunteers contribute hours for three annual book sales, box moving, book sorting, webpage creation/maintenance, and hospitality. Last but not least, all our board members are volunteers! Our volunteers give over 2,526 hours annually. Without volunteers, we could not meet our mission to support, strengthen, and enlarge the scope of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library's services and facilities for the enrichment of the entire community. **Thank You** to all the volunteers that make our organization such a success!

**To Contact the Friends call 839-8159 or email [fogadml@yahoo.com](mailto:fogadml@yahoo.com)**

**Check out the Friends Webpage at [www.friendsofthelibrarymidland.org](http://www.friendsofthelibrarymidland.org)**

### Exhibits and Displays

#### Mezzanine Gallery

August: The Serene Landscape, exhibit by Barron Hirsch

#### Lower Level Display Cases

July: Youth Services Winnie the Pooh display



### Library Safety Committee

wins the City Manager's Safety Excellence Award Spring 2006

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## GRACE A. DOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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JULY/AUGUST 2006

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Library Board welcomes a new member in July and thanks outgoing Board member Cherie Hutter for her service on the Board.

Cherie has been an asset to the Board in their planning and decision-making. During her eight years on the Board, Cherie has been involved with the director's search, the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar project, and has served on the Board's Annual Report Committee. She also worked on the restructuring of the Board in 2001 that resulted in a City Ordinance defining the role of the Board.



City Council appointed Sarah Galt to fill the vacancy. Her term will begin on July 1, 2006 and expire on June 30, 2009. Sarah is employed by Dow Chemical Company and is a regular user of the library.

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## ALL ABOARD.... for fun at the library!

Along with the library's model train and train play table, a caboose puppet stage has been added. We welcome children to "act up" with the puppets provided. The Friends of the Library approved the use of the funds donated in memory of long-time Friends member Jackie Froehlich to build the stage. "Jackie's Junction" is a wonderful tribute to Jackie's love of the library and love of children. *Thank you to all who contributed in remembrance of Jackie.*



## Adaptive Technology Computer

Check out our new PC and the features it offers to assist people with disabilities. You can have web pages magnified and read to you, and books scanned, magnified and read to you using JAWS, MAGic, and OpenBook software.

Call 837-3449 or stop by the reference desk for an appointment to use the computer or learn more about the features it offers.

Funding for this service was provided through the Community Development Block Grant



## Cup and Chaucer

We have added new items to our menu at Cup and Chaucer. Stop in and try our brownies, cheesecake, or homemade cookies. We also have our refreshing Fuzzy Navel Smoothie for those hot days of summer!



## Cup and Chaucer

Bring this coupon in and receive a FREE homemade cookie with the purchase of any Espresso drink.

Expires July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006

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

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### Youth Services Webpage Click on Books & Reading!

Do you have a dinosaur lover in your house? A super reader you can't keep up with? Our book lists are just a click away. The lists feature books for children of all ages, and for parents and educators. Take a look at our web links on the Youth Services page. [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary)

## TEEN TIME

**Teen Advisory Board:** TAB on vacation until September! See you **Saturday, September 9 at 1 PM** in the library lounge for a new year of program planning, book reviews and more! Students in Grades 6-12 welcome.

**Creature Feature Continues!** It's not too late to sign up for Creature Feature Teen Summer Reading 2006. Pick up prizes until Saturday, August 12.

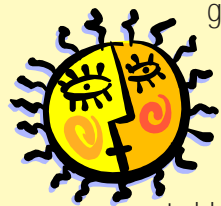
**Flip Out Over Frisbees!** **Wednesday, July 12 @ 7 PM** in the auditorium. The Flying Aces will amaze us with their athletic skills on snakeboards and exciting Frisbee throwing demonstrations.



**Acting Up** has created a new teen show for our Creature Feature theme. Don't miss these wild and crazy guys! **Thursday, July 20 @ 2 PM** in the auditorium.

**Glue & Go!** More crafting fun on Mondays through August 7. Drop by the Teen Spot to get help with your knitting, get framed or create a beach memento. **2 PM on Mondays**

**Volunteers Rock!** A mega Thank You goes out to the teens who have volunteered this summer. They have been a tremendous help with the reading table, special programs and movies. Stop by and say hello to our orange-shirted team!



## KIDS' CORNER

**Critter Crafts:** Mondays from 9 AM- 9 PM, Youth Services  
Summer crafts available all day!  
FUN for animal lovers!

**Cup-Hugger Pets - July 3**      **Pasta Pets - July 24**  
**Curlicue Critters - July 10**    **Bunny Hop - July 31**  
**Butterfly Beauties - July 17**   **Buzzy Bumblebees - August 7**

**Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team** - Wednesday, July 12, 7 PM, Auditorium,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and older. Watch unbelievable feats done with a Frisbee, hacky sac, and snake-board. The show also includes an instructional segment to help you improve your own game.

**Acting Up Theatre Company** - Wednesday, July 19, 7 PM, Auditorium, Family Event. This fun-filled, interactive show features Harry, a new employee at the pet store who learns how important listening and reading can be when he is left alone to tend the animals.

**Touch a Truck Day** - Thursday, July 27 from 9:30-11:30 AM, Library Parking Lot, Rain Date: July 28, Younger Children through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Those big city trucks are returning once again for the little tikes to climb aboard. Young truck enthusiasts won't want to miss this. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

**Mini-Beast Zoozeum** - Wednesday, August 2 from 2-4 PM, Story Room, Kindergarten and older. Attention bug lovers! Drop in and browse through displays of insects, spiders, and live mini-beasts, plus enjoy scientific artifacts and educational materials presented by the Young Entomologists Society. Talk with an entomologist to learn fascinating facts about these creatures.

**Rick Morse's Merry Marionettes** - Wednesday, August 9, 7 PM, Auditorium, Family Event. Enjoy magical marionettes as they perform "Old MacDonald's Farm," an entertaining and educational show that emphasizes books and offers plenty of fun-filled audience participation.

**Kid's Free Summer Movies**  
Library Auditorium. Wednesdays at 10 AM and Fridays at 2 PM  
Call for more information or check out our website at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary)

**Brown Bag Book Club** (Grades 4-6)  
Pack a dinner and join us for dessert, discussion, and fun! Registration for each program begins the first of the month.  
**Terror at the Zoo** by Peg Kehret: **Tuesday, July 25** from 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
Plenty of suspense for animal lovers! Library Lounge  
**Jackie's Wild Seattle** by Will Hobbs: **Tuesday, August 15** from 5:30-7:30 PM  
Heart-stopping adventure on the wild side of Seattle! Meet us at the Chippewa Nature Center for this special event.

*\*At tendees are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Nature Center.*

**Call Youth Services at 837-3466 to find out about September hands-on computer classes for children.**

**Baby Time** - for babies who are not yet walking:  
Tuesdays at 1 PM: **July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8**  
**Toddler Time** - for walking babies up to 24 months old:  
Thursdays at 9:30 AM or 10:30 AM: **July 13, 20, August 3, 10**  
**Circle Time** - for 2 and 3 year-olds with an adult:  
Tuesdays at 7 PM: **July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8**  
Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 AM: **July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9**  
**Listeners Story Time** - for ages 3-5 years:  
Mondays at 7 PM: **July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7**  
Tuesdays at 10 AM: **July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8**



Pick up a Summer Reading Flyer with program information at the Library.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library



## FOR ADULTS

### Adult Services Summer Reading Program 2006

June 5 - August 12, 2006

**Summer Road Trip - Read and Win!** - Explore New Horizons, Travel Through Time, Find Yourself!

Stop by the Adult Services Desk through August 12 and enter the Adult Summer Reading Program. Enter a drawing to win gift cards to Barnes & Noble and Blockbuster with every book or DVD recommendation. Lucky entries will "Hit the Road" with a free Michigan Recreation and Travel Atlas. Turn in your first entry form and receive a coupon for a free small drink from the Library's own Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar.



### Do you Blog?

Check out the blog for the Adult Summer Reading Program. Find a great book to read from the weekly book reviews and share one of your own favorites. Locate the blog on the library's web page [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary) or at [dowlibrarysrp.blogspot.com](http://dowlibrarysrp.blogspot.com).

### Summer Road Trip Movies

Free Movies at 2 PM, Library Auditorium

July 11 - *Roman Holiday* (1953) Audrey Hepburn, Gregory Peck (118 min.)  
July 25 - *The Out of Towners* (1969) Jack Lemmon, Sandy Dennis (98 min.)  
August 8 - *The Long, Long Trailer* (1954) Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz (97 min.)



### Hands-on Computer Classes

These popular classes will return in September. Learn how to use the library catalog in our beginning and advanced sessions, attend an introduction to the mouse and internet, beginning and advanced email, and more. Registration required. Stop by or call the Reference Desk at 837-3449 starting August 15 to register.

### Small Business Start-up Seminar

Thursday, July 13, 6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge. Free and open to the public.

Conference Room A  
**Thursday, September 21**  
**Women of the Silk**  
by Gail Tsukiyama

Join Us!



## LIBRARY BOARD

**QUESTION:** How does the library address complaints about inappropriate material being viewed on computers?

**ANSWER:** The Library's Internet Acceptable Use Policy states that images or text displayed on the Internet computer screen may be inadvertently viewed by other patrons. If a patron feels that the viewing of this material is intentionally exposing them to inappropriate images or text, they should notify the librarians at the service desks. Librarians have the authority to tell a patron to clear the screen. In compliance with the Library Privacy Act, the library does provide filtered computers in the Youth and Adult Services area and unfiltered computers in a designated area on the first floor. Unfiltered computers are restricted to persons 18 years and older or to minor children accompanied by an adult.

### Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 19 at 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers  
There is no Library Board meeting scheduled for August.



Rosemarie Byers, Library Director 1981-1995, and Ted Doan Library Expansion Kickoff, 1991

### REMEMBERING HERBERT "TED" DOAN 1922-2006

Mr. Doan not only said to "go forward" but took the library forward through his support. We will honor his memory by continuing the momentum into the future.

## MCTV NETWORK

Tune to MGTV 5 on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 PM and 7 PM to see the Library's "Teddy Bear" costume parades that were videotaped on Thursday, June 29. Check the Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time and the MGTV 5 message board for other dates and times.

Serve your organization or your community. Learn how to be an MCTV volunteer access user. Come to the next MCTV orientation/studio class on Saturday, July 8 at 10 AM in MCTV's studio on the lower level. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474 for more information.

Learn more about MCTV and the services we offer by checking us out on the City's website: [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org). Look under Services/Other Services. You can now submit messages for MCTV 15 through the City's website!

Cable Access Advisory Commission Meeting  
No meeting scheduled for July or August