



Remember: The last day to pick up Summer Reading Prizes is Saturday, August 15.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, July 3
and
Saturday, July 4
Independence Day
Monday, September 7
Labor Day

CLOSED SUNDAYS
May 24 - September 6

SUNDAY HOURS RESUME
September 13, 1-5PM

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library Hours
Monday-Friday 9:30 AM-8:30 PM
Saturday 10 AM-5 PM
Sunday 1 PM-5 PM
Closed Sundays Memorial Day - Labor Day

Phone Numbers
Information837-3430
Reference837-3449
Check Out Desk837-3457
On-Call/Renewals 24/7835-3280
Youth and Teen Services837-3466
MCTV Network837-3474
TTY837-3472
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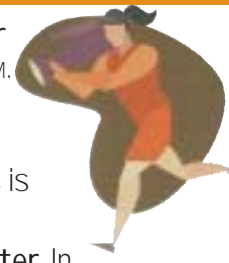
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MCTV NETWORK

837-3474

Make a TV show and have some fun. Sign up for **MCTV's Summer Video Camp**, July 20-23, Monday through Thursday from 1-5PM. It's open to students, ages 12-17, who live in Midland County. The cost is \$50.



Adults can learn video, too. Our next **orientation/studio class** is on Saturday, July 11 from 10AM-1PM. The cost is \$20.

MCTV needs your financial support. **Become an MCTV underwriter.** In return for your contribution, MCTV will show your name, picture, or logo on MCTV15. Your donation will help MCTV continue to be a conduit for non-profits in Midland to reach our community.

Learn more about MCTV and the services we offer by checking us out on the City's website: www.midland-mi.org. You can submit messages for MCTV15 through the City's website. There is a \$25 annual fee to use MCTV's services.

For more information, you can also call 837-3474.

LINCOLNS FOR THE LIBRARY

The pennies and other change have been counted. You have generously donated \$516.84 towards the purchase of new books for the library. Although other coins and bills were received, much of the total was in pennies. We hope that you enjoyed watching the banks fill as much as we did.

The Library's celebration of the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth was a success. Please visit our website to see photos of the various events held this past spring. A list of the books purchased with the "Lincolns for the Library" money is also available on the website. These books have special book plates placed in the front of each book. We appreciate your support and enthusiasm for library programs and services.

"Reservations for 2010..."

2010 Conference Room, Lounge, Mezzanine and Auditorium rentals will be accepted beginning August 3, 2009. Pictures of the rooms and rental information can be found at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary. Contact Wendy Shields at 837-3432 to make your reservation.

MEZZANINE DISPLAYS
COMMUNITY EXHIBITS ON THE MEZZANINE
JULY - GREENHILL ART EXHIBIT



Thank you to Friends volunteers and those who supported the Friends with their purchases for a very successful June Used Book Sale.

Our next sale will be **October 16, 17, & 18, 2009.**



THANK YOU to the representatives from the Midland Area Garden Clubs for volunteering to plant flowers outside of the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar. Enjoy the beautiful flowers from a window seat in the coffee bar!

Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar Hours: Monday-Friday 10AM-5PM

Grace A. Dow Memorial
LIBRARY Connection

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



one book, one community
on the same page

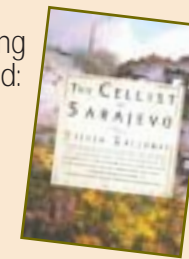


"I am thrilled and honoured to take part in the One Book, One Community On the Same Page Program."

Everyone is invited to read our 2009 One Book, One Community selection, *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by **Steven Galloway**. Share your ideas and comments at discussion groups this fall. **Meet the author on Thursday, October 8, 2009, 7PM, Library Auditorium.** *Book signing and reception to follow the presentation.*

Why should everyone in our community read this book? Steven Galloway's novel captures the struggle of his characters to maintain their most valuable possession during war time – their humanity. Citing a historical event in which a musician risked his life to perform at a site where 22 people lost their lives in the siege of Sarajevo, Galloway explores the redemptive power of art to heal the wounds of war. A timeless and hauntingly universal work, *The Cellist of Sarajevo* reminds us that loss of life is not the only measure of war. The loss of art, culture and community, although seldom commemorated, is just as tragic.

Books will be available for check out beginning Monday, August 3. Book discussions are scheduled:
Tuesday, September 1, 7PM, Lounge
Thursday, September 10, Noon, Lounge
Thursday, September 17, 7PM, Lounge
Wednesday, September 23, 2PM, Lounge
Sunday, October 4, 2PM, Lounge



STEALING BUDDHA'S DINNER NAMED 2009 GREAT MICHIGAN READ
SPONSORED BY MICHIGAN HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Stealing Buddha's Dinner chronicles author **Bich Minh Nguyen's** migration from Vietnam in 1975 and her coming of age in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the 1980s. Along the way, she struggles to construct her own cultural identity from a menagerie of uniquely American influences. For more information, visit *The Great Michigan Read* online <http://www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr/>



Copies of the books and the reader's guide are available at the library. The author tour includes a program in Midland on October 15. Book discussions will be held at the library on:

Tuesday, October 20, 7PM, Lounge
Wednesday, October 28, 2PM, Lounge
Thursday, November 19, 7PM, Conference Room C

Watch for other programs related to *The Great Michigan Read* selection in upcoming issues of the *Library Connection* or on our webpage www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary.



Our Internet branch is always open @ www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary



BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY

It's not too late to read and earn great prizes in our Summer Reading Program. The program runs until August 15, so stop in and pick up your reading log. Also, don't miss our fun performers, storytimes, book discussion groups, movies, and drop-in crafts.

The last day to pick up prizes is Saturday, August 15.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Summer Programs



Crafty Thursdays
Through August 13,
All Day - YOUTH SERVICES AREA
Have fun being crafty and creative with our drop-in summer crafts – supplies available all day.

Caribbean Fun Time

Tuesday, July 21 at 7PM, AUDITORIUM
Join us as Gratitude Steel Band leads a high energy, interactive musical show that will have you laughing, dancing, and singing from the first beat.



Touch a Truck Day

Thursday, July 23, 9:30 to 11:30AM,
LIBRARY PARKING LOT
(Rain Date: July 24)
Truck fans, you won't want to miss the thrill of climbing aboard the City trucks and work vehicles, including a fire truck!



The Wonderful World of Bubbles

Tuesday, July 28, 7PM,
AUDITORIUM
The Bubbleman builds fascinating creations with bubbles. Come learn his bubble-making secrets and join in the bubble-making fun.

Shake, Rattle, and Spoon

Tuesday, August 11, 7PM,
AUDITORIUM
Create music with Suzanne and Jim and their rollicking music and rhythm activities.



NEW AT THE LIBRARY – BABYSITTER BAGS

Teens, are you looking for some good books and activities to help you entertain the kids you babysit? Then our Babysitter Bags may be just what you're looking for. Babysitter Bags are themed and contain two or three books and a video, as well as a variety of coloring and activity sheets geared toward toddlers and preschool age children. We currently have Babysitter Bags on the following themes: Frogs, Friends, Farm, Dogs, Transportation, and Snow.

Babysitter Bags are located in the Youth Services area and check out for 28 days.



KID'S FREE MOVIES

AUDITORIUM

Wednesdays at 10AM: Intended for preschool through early elementary age.
July 1 - *A Bug's Life*, G, 95 min.
July 8 - *Ratatouille*, G, 111 min.
July 15 - *Spirit*, G, 83 min.
July 22 - *Toy Story*, G, 81 min.
July 29 - *Toy Story 2*, G, 95 min.
August 5 - *Finding Nemo*, G, 100 min.
August 12 - *Shaun the Sheep*, G, 51 min.



Fridays at 2PM: Intended for elementary through middle school audiences.
July 10 - *Kung Fu Panda*, PG, 92 min.
July 17 - *Igor*, PG, 87 min.
July 24 - *High School Musical 2*, G, 111 min.
July 31 - *Open Season 2*, PG, 76 min.
August 7 - *High School Musical 3*, G, 112 min.
August 14 - *Tale of Desperaux*, G, 90 min.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB/MOVIE NIGHT

(Students entering grades 4-6)
Pack a dinner and join us in the LIBRARY LOUNGE for a book discussion, dessert, and a movie. You can decide which you liked better – the book or the movie. *Registration begins the first of the month.*

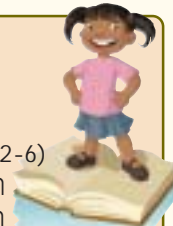


Wednesday, July 15, 5:30 – 8PM
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (Movie rated PG)
Monday, August 10, 5:30 – 8PM
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke (Movie rated PG)

STORYTIMES

In the Story Room

MOVE & GROOVE (AGES 2-6)
You and your child can dance and sing in this fun program filled with action songs and movement activities.
Thursdays at 9:45 and 10:45AM:
August 6, 13



BABY TIME

(BABIES NOT YET WALKING)
Baby Time introduces young infants and their parents to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes followed by 20 minutes of social time for babies to play and adults to chat.
Tuesdays at 1 & 2:30PM:
July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11

TODDLER TIME

(WALKING BABIES TO 24 MONTHS)
Our more active baby program contains books, rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and puppets followed by play time for babies.
Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:
July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11

CIRCLE TIME

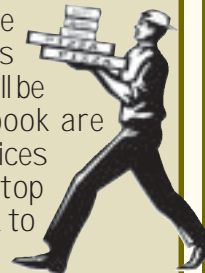
(AGES 2-3)
You and your child are active participants in this 30 minute program with stories, fingerplays, puppets, songs and get-up-and-move activities.
Wednesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:
July 8, 15, 22
Thursdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:
July 9, 16

READY, SIT, READ

(AGES 4-5)
Independent listeners can experience the joy of children's literature through picture books, flannel board stories, puppets, and rhymes.
Mondays at 10:30AM & 2PM
July 6, 13, 20

PLOTS AND PIZZA

Read *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine and join us to watch the movie (rated PG) and discuss the book. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Copies of the book are available at the Youth Services Desk. Call 837-3466 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register. Monday, July 13, 6-8:30PM, Grades 6-8, LOUNGE



EXPRESS YOURSELF @ YOUR LIBRARY

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM for students entering grades 6-12. Pick up a reading log at the Youth Services Desk. The program ends August 15.
Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, July 30, 6PM,
AUDITORIUM
Ferris Bueller's Day Off,
PG-13, 103 minutes.



TEEN GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON

Join us in the TEEN SPOT for board games and Wii. Drop in, no registration required.
Monday, July 27, 4-6PM, Grades 9-12
Monday, August 3, 4-6PM, Grades 6-8



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Thank You to all the teens who participated in TAB this year. TAB meetings will resume in September.

LIBRARY BOARD

SHARING FAVORITES

Summer is here! Are you planning a vacation? This summer consider your summer reading as a vacation from the usual. I suggest that you try something different. The whole family could read the same book or various books on the same subject. This could generate lively conversation around the dinner table, in the car, or before bed. Everyone will look forward to what new adventure unfolds as you turn the pages of a good book together this summer. ~ Tami Johnson

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 7PM, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Be Creative @ Your Library

There's still time to enter your reading log for weekly prize drawings. Read one book, fill out the log, and drop it off at the Reference Desk. Last day to enter is August 15.
Co-Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us this July for discussion and treats in the LIBRARY LOUNGE.
Thursday, July 16, 7PM
Wednesday, July 22, 2PM
We will be discussing: *The Drowning Tree* by Carol Goodman

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS @ THE MOVIES

2 PM, AUDITORIUM FREE!
July 7 - *Remember the Titans* (PG)
July 14 - *Sense and Sensibility* (PG)
July 21 - *Opal Dream* (PG)
July 28 - *The Pursuit of Happyness* (PG13)
August 4 - *Catch Me If You Can* (PG13)
August 11 - *October Sky* (PG)

PARK & READ

"ENJOY A GREAT BOOK IN OUR GREAT OUTDOORS!"



When you check out your books this summer, check out a pass to a Michigan State Park. The pass can be redeemed for one free motor vehicle permit to enter any park in the system for one day and is valid for 7 days from date of the checkout. In addition, many parks will have hammocks to borrow for the day. The library will have a limited number of passes available on a first come basis at the Check Out Desk. The program runs through September 25.
This program is made possible through partnerships with Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Library of Michigan, The Hammock Company, and Macy's.
Relax with a book in the beauty of Michigan's parks!

SAVING MONEY WEB GATEWAY

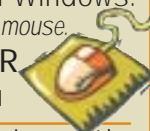
Everyone could use a little more cash in their wallet right now. Visit the library's webpage, www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary, and click on **MONEY SAVING GUIDE**. Find websites containing coupons and shopping deals, cheaper gas locations, ideas for energy reductions in your home and vehicle, swapping opportunities, saving money tips, personal finance resources, as well as local services for resale shopping and assistance.

SUMMER COMPUTER CLASSES

Register at the Reference Desk or call 837-3449. Classes held in CONFERENCE ROOM C on the lower level of the library.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WINDOWS
Learn the basic features of Windows. *Attendees should know how to use a mouse.*

Monday, July 20, 10:30AM OR
Thursday, July 23, 10:30AM



INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET – Learn the basics of navigating the Internet. *Attendees should know how to use a mouse.*

Tuesday, July 21, 10:30AM OR
Thursday, July 23, 2:30PM

ETSY: YOUR PLACE FOR ALL THINGS HANDMADE
Find out how to use this unique site to buy handmade items online at www.etsy.com/. *Attendees should have experience using the web.*

Thursday, July 23, 7PM

ORGANIZE AND EDIT DIGITAL PHOTOS WITH PICASA – Organize and edit your digital photos online with Google's powerful and free software. *Attendees should have experience using the web.*

Monday, July 27, 2:30PM OR
Thursday, July 30, 7PM

YOUTUBE AND YOU – Learn to edit and share videos online. *Attendees should have experience using the web.*

Wednesday, July 29, 7PM

NEW MP3 eAUDIOBOOK TITLES FOR IPODS, IPHONES AND MORE...

We now have over 1,000 iPod-compatible eAudiobooks available for download! Log into our NetLibrary collection and select a title. When you click on VIEW DETAILS, iPod-friendly titles will have the following information:

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Simply download the eAudiobook to your computer. When complete, click on the file and it should begin transferring to your iTunes library. When you next sync your iPod, the ebook should readily load.

Contact the Reference Desk at 989-837-3449 if you have any questions about using your iPod to enjoy our eAudiobook collection.

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR. CONFERENCE ROOM B
Thursday, July 16, 6-8:30PM.