



**LIBRARY BOARD**

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 7 PM, CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS



**LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

Monday, July 5  
Independence Day  
Observance

Monday, September 6  
Labor Day

Closed Sundays May 30-September 5  
Sunday hours resume September 12

Don't forget! The last  
day to pick up Summer  
Reading prizes is  
Saturday, August 14.



**LIBRARY INFORMATION**

**Library Hours**  
Monday-Friday ..... 9:30AM-8:30PM  
Saturday ..... 10AM-5PM  
Sunday ..... 1PM-5PM  
*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  
TTY .....837-3472  
Friends .....837-3437

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Melissa Barnard

**About this Publication**

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**STUDENTS AGES 12-17** - Sleep in and then come to **MCTV's SUMMER VIDEO CAMP** from 1-5PM, Monday through Thursday, July 19-22. It's open to students, ages 12-17, who live in Midland County. The cost is \$50. You'll make a TV show.



Parents (and other grown-ups), you can learn video, too. The next **ORIENTATION/STUDIO WORKSHOP** is Saturday, July 10, 10AM-1PM. The cost is \$20.

Some of the programming you watch on MCTV 99, Community Voices, is available on-line. Just go to MCTV's website: [www.midland-mi.org/mctv](http://www.midland-mi.org/mctv). Then click to watch programs found in MCTV's program schedule.

Learn more about MCTV and the services we offer by checking us out on that same website. You can submit messages for MCTV 97 through the web. There is a \$25 annual fee to use MCTV's services.

For more information, you can also call 989-837-3474.

**GEOCACHE CHALLENGE**

Over 120 adventurers successfully completed our 2010 Geocache Challenge. Midland resident Stephanie Wirtz was the lucky winner of the new GPS receiver. Pictured with Stephanie are her niece and nephew, Sophie and Jacob Wirtz, who completed the course with her. If you are interested in learning more about this great outdoor activity or wish to discover more local caches, visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) for more information.



**FLOWER POWER**

Many thanks to the members of the Teen Advisory Board with staff liaison Kathy Brown for helping plant flowers along Eastman Road by the Library on Midland Blooms Saturday. We also appreciated the staff, family and friends who lent a hand in the planting process. Now we can all enjoy watching the flowers grow and make Midland beautiful!



A big thank you to all the amazing Friends' volunteers and those who supported the Friends with their purchases for a very successful Used Book Sale in June.

*We couldn't have done it without you!*  
All proceeds are donated to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library for many different programs and projects.

Your time and/or contributions benefit the community and are greatly appreciated!

We're already working on our next Used Book Sale to be held October 15, 16, and 17.

**MEZZANINE EXHIBIT**

July - Greenhill Art Exhibit  
August - Thomas Canale, Digital  
Illustrator, *Haunted by an Echo*

**Cup and Chaucer  
Coffee Bar**



Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
10AM-5PM

Stop by Cup and Chaucer and try our new and refreshing Crème Brulee Smoothie for only \$2.50!

**DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Melissa Barnard

**THE TOP 10 REASONS YOU SHOULD BE A LIBRARY FRIEND**

10. They recycle used books through their book sales.
9. Their mission states that they support and strengthen the Library.
8. You can make new friends working during the used book sales.
7. They offer opportunities for leadership growth on their Board.
6. They love the earth evidenced by the recycled bags that they sell.
5. Their fund-raising supports the Summer Reading Program for all ages.
4. The First Grade Tours are special because the Friends provide each child with a book.
3. Pride that the Battle of the Books t-shirts recognize the Friends as sponsors.
2. Friends members are invited to a Friends-Only night for each used book sale.
1. *The Friends love the Library, love books and want you to join!*



We are very pleased and fortunate that the Friends of the Library contribute financially to the Library, particularly in these challenging financial times. Visit the Library's web page, click on FRIENDS and see how you can become a member. *We need our Friends now more than ever.*

**POPULAR "TEEN SPOT" RECEIVES FURNITURE GIFT**

Thanks to the generous donation from the Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Theta Tau Chapter in Midland, worn furniture in the Teen Spot was replaced with a new, colorful bench seat. The bright color and the circle design compliment the Alden B. Dow inspired décor. The Teen Spot continues to be a gathering place for teens to study, meet friends and access computers. We appreciate this gift which keeps the area looking fresh and inviting.



**LIBRARY 2010-11 BUDGET MESSAGE**

The continued challenge of rising costs and declining revenues facing the City of Midland has resulted in necessary reductions in the Library's budget. The materials budget will be reduced by \$100,000 affecting the number of new titles both in books and audio visual materials added to the collection and the depth of the collection. Reductions in programming-related budgets will translate into fewer programs.

Children's programming will remain as a priority with story times, book discussion groups, the summer reading program and Battle of the Books being planned. It is our pledge to provide a high level of service with community needs in the forefront. Our mission statement guides us through the good and the austere times:

*The Mission of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is to enrich our community by providing opportunities for learning, exploration and enjoyment in a welcoming environment.*



June 7 -  
August 14

**Children's Summer Reading Program**

It's not too late to read and earn great prizes in our Summer Reading Program. The program runs until August 14, so stop in and pick up your reading log. **The last day to pick up prizes is Saturday, August 14.**

**Pirate-Palooza Day**

Thursday, July 1, 10AM to 7PM, Youth Services Area  
*Ahoy, me hearties!* Get into your pirate garb and climb aboard for a day of swashbuckling fun. Shiver your timbers at our musical programs followed by televised pirate parades, search for treasure in the scavenger hunt, play buccaneer games, make a seaworthy craft, watch a pirate movie and grab some grub in the galley. *Check our website for the full list of events.*



*Summer Reading is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Crafty Thursdays**

Through August 12. Make waves with our drop-in summer crafts. Supplies available from 9:30AM-8PM each Thursday.



**"FISH TANK FOLLIES"-ACTING UP THEATRE COMPANY**

Tuesday, July 13, 7PM, Auditorium  
In this fun, interactive play, all the sea creatures in the fish tank are ready for the talent show, except Hermie the Hermit Crab. But with help from his friends, books, and his imagination, he makes the biggest wave in the tank.



**"AQUA-KADABRA"-SCHEER GENIUS**

Tuesday, July 20, 7PM, Auditorium  
Watch water disappear, multiply and even change color. If you like magical surprises, wacky water jokes, off-the-wall games, and insane contests, you are guaranteed to have a great time.



**CAPT'N WILLIE- THE GREAT LAKES PIRATE**

Tuesday, July 27, 7PM, Auditorium  
Arrrrr! Join Capt'n Willie on a high sea adventure on the tall ship called Knowledge. You'll have a blimey good time gettin' silly with Capt'n Willie and learnin' something too.



**TOUCH A TRUCK DAY**

Thursday, July 29, 9:30 - 11:30AM, Library Parking Lot (Rain Date: July 30)  
They're coming back, so don't miss them! Your little tikes will love climbing aboard the big fire truck, City trucks, and work vehicles. *What could be better!*



**SUMMER STORYTIMES**

Story Room  
No registration necessary  
**BABY TIME** (BABIES NOT YET WALKING)  
Tuesdays at 1 & 2:30PM:  
July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10



**TODDLER TIME**  
(WALKING BABIES TO 24 MONTHS)  
Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10

**CIRCLE TIME** (AGES 2-3)  
Wednesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
July 14, 21, 28  
Thursdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
July 15, 22 (NOT July 29)

**READY, SIT, READ** (AGES 4-5)  
Mondays at 10:30AM & 2PM:  
July 12, 19, 26

**MOVE & GROOVE** (AGES 2-6)  
Thursdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
August 5, 12

**BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB MOVIE NIGHT**

**STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 4-6**  
Pack a dinner and join us in the Library Lounge for discussion, dessert, and a movie! Decide which you liked better - the book or the movie. *Registration begins the first day of the program month.*  
Wednesday, July 14, 5:30-8PM  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar (Movie rated PG)  
Wednesday, August 11, 5:30-8PM  
*Peter & The Starcatchers* by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson and *Hook* (Movie rated PG)



**KIDS' SUMMER MOVIES**

Wednesdays, 10AM, Library Auditorium  
July 7 - *Curious George 2*, G, 81 min.  
July 14 - *Princess & the Frog*, G, 98 min.  
July 21 - *Finding Nemo*, G, 100 min.  
July 28 - *Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails*, G, 60 min.  
August 4 - *Tinkerbell*, G, 70 min.  
August 11 - *Tinkerbell & the Lost Treasure*, G, 76 min.  
Fridays, 2PM, Library Auditorium  
July 2 - *UP*, PG, 96 min.  
July 9 - *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, PG, 90 min.  
July 16 - *Wizards of Waverly Place: the Movie*, PG, 98 min.  
July 23 - *Wizards on Deck*, G, 68 min.  
July 30 - *Water Horse*, PG, 112 min.  
August 6 - *Hotel for Dogs*, PG, 100 min.  
August 13 - *Planet 51*, PG, 91 min.

**TEEN GAME NIGHTS - GRADES 6-12**

Thursdays, July 15 and August 5, 6-8PM.  
Join us for Wii and board games in the Teen Spot. No registration necessary.

**PLOTS & PIZZA - GRADES 6-9**

Wednesday, July 21, 6-7PM, Library Lounge. Read *Magyk*, the first book in the Septimus Heap Series, by Angie Sage and join us to 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.



**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD - GRADES 6-12**

TAB is off for the summer, but will be back in action in September. Stop by the Youth Services Desk in August to pick up a flyer listing TAB dates and times.

**VOLUNTEERS**

We have a great group of enthusiastic teens volunteering in the Library this summer! Thank you for donating your time to assist with the Summer Reading Program.



**ACT PRACTICE TEST**



The Library will be hosting a free ACT Practice Test in joint partnership with Kaplan Test Prep. The practice test will be administered on **Tuesday, August 17, 2-5:30PM** with a follow-up seminar on **Saturday, August 28, 10:30AM-12PM** to review the test results and provide test strategies for increasing test scores. Students and parents may register for the Test Strategies Seminar separate from the ACT Practice Test Session.

The program is open to Juniors and Seniors. Please call the Library to register at 837-3466. Space is limited.



**ADULT SUMMER READING**

Challenge yourself to read new and interesting books this summer. Our weekly drawing is easy to enter and winners receive their choice of gift certificates from local area businesses including: Peel 'n Pare, Great Lakes Ice Cream Company, and The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe! *Start Reading Today!!!* Summer Reading is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

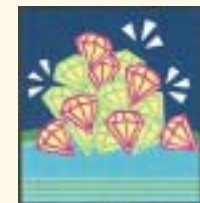
Sign up begins Tuesday, July 6. Classes are held in Conference Room C on the lower level. *Mouse and basic computer skills are required for these classes.*

**PICASA DIGITAL PHOTOS**

Monday, July 19, 7-8PM OR  
Wednesday, July 21, 2:30-3:30PM  
Organize and edit your digital photos online with Google's powerful and free software. *Mouse and Internet experience required.*

**WORD WITH BLING!**

Thursday, July 22, 2:30-3:30PM OR  
Wednesday, July 28, 2:30-3:30PM  
Learn how to use clip art, tables, WordArt, shapes, symbols, borders and color to add pizzazz to your Word documents.



**MAKE MOVIES WITH WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER**

Thursday, July 29, 2:30-3:30PM  
Learn to create mini movies using your photos, video, and music. Windows Movie Maker is free software found on most Microsoft Windows computers or can be downloaded for free. Movies can be saved to your computer, sent in an email, or uploaded to a Web site.

**facebook**

**INTRODUCTION TO FACEBOOK**

Lecture Monday, July 26, 7-9PM, Library Lounge. No registration needed. Tour of Facebook for beginners with special attention to privacy features.  
**Open Lab Time: Conference Room C.** A staff member will be available to answer specific questions.  
Tuesday, July 27, 2-4PM OR  
Wednesday, July 28, 6-8PM.

**SUMMER FILM SERIES**

Tuesdays, 2PM, Library Auditorium.

July 6 - *A River Runs Through It* (PG-13) 123 min.  
July 13 - *Captain Ron* (PG-13) 100 min.  
July 20 - *March of the Penguins* (G) 105 min.  
July 27 - *Without a Paddle* (PG-13) 99 min.



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - ENJOY A GREAT BOOK IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS**

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, and the Library of Michigan are again hosting Park and Read.

Library card holders can pick up a free one day Park and Read pass during their next stop at the Check Out Desk. Each pass provides access to any one of Michigan's state parks or recreation areas. Most parks feature hammocks that can be borrowed for relaxing with a good book.

The program runs through October 1. Passes are valid for seven days from check-out and can be redeemed for one resident daily motor vehicle permit. The Library has a limited number of passes available on a first-come basis.

Established in 1919, Michigan's state parks system maintains 98 parks and recreation areas covering 285,000 acres. There are 13,500 campsites in 142 campgrounds and 879 miles of trails.



**Everyone Welcome!**

Please join us. **CONFERENCE ROOM A**

September 16, 7PM, OR  
September 22, 2PM  
*Fieldwork: A Novel* by Mischa Berlinski  
*Books & Bites will not meet in July or August.*



**NEW SUBJECT GUIDES ON OUR WEBSITE**

**GARDENING**  
Locate notable gardens to visit around Michigan as well as resources to assist you with your own planting.

**PET CARE**  
Learn about choosing the best type of pet for your life-style, adoption resources, training your animal as well as first aid and disaster preparedness for pet owners.



**GREEN LIVING**  
Discover tips for saving energy (and money) and what you can realistically do to lessen the impact of living on Earth.

To find the new gateways, go to the library home page [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary) and click on SUBJECT GATEWAYS.



**Recycled Bags are back! \$1 each at the CheckOut Desk.**

**BOOK CLUB IN A BAG**

Book Clubs - don't forget that the Library offers a quick and easy way to hold a book discussion: *Book Club in a Bag*. Each kit contains ten copies of a thought-provoking book and information about the author and title, including discussion questions, all packaged into a sturdy zipper bag for you to carry. Each kit may be checked out for 12 weeks. Come in, call the Reference Desk (837-3449), or go on the Library website, then choose FOR READERS to find a list of the titles.



**SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR**

July 15 and September 2, 6-8:30PM, LIBRARY LOUNGE