

MCTV

837-3474 www.midland-mi.org/mctv
You can go in front of the camera or work behind the scenes making a TV show in MCTV's Summer Video Camp. Sign up now for the week of July 18-21, Monday through Thursday afternoon from 1:00PM-5:00PM. It's open to students, ages 12-17, who live in Midland County. The cost is \$50. Register at MCTV.

Big kids (adults) can attend MCTV's orientation/studio workshop on the second Saturday in July, the 9th, from 10AM-1PM. The cost is \$20.


Watch the Library's special "Harry Potter Parade" videotaped on July 14th. Tune in to MGTV 96 for dates and times.

Much of the programming you see on Midland's cable access TV channels is also available for viewing on line. Just go to MCTV's website at www.midland-mi.org/mctv. For more information, you can also call 837-3474.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437 fogadml@yahoo.com
A BIG thank you to all of our supporters & shoppers, organizers & members, and volunteers for another huge success at our June Book Sale! It takes teamwork to make a dream work! Thank you!

All proceeds from the booksale are donated to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library for many different programs and projects. Our next Used Book Sale is October 14, 15, 16, 2011.

Friends are now on Facebook!  Search for "Friends of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library" and make sure to click and "Like" us!

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

July.....Artistic Photography by Stephanie Ker
August..... Oil Painting Exhibit

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

PLOTS & PIZZA MOVIE NIGHT

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

Wednesday, July 20, 6-8PM
Library Lounge
Read *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen then join us for pizza while we watch the movie. Copies of the book are available at the Youth Services Desk.

CRAFT YOUR OWN LOCKER MAGNETS

Grades 6-12
Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Wednesday, August 3, 6:30-7:30PM
Library Lounge
Turn your locker from drab to fab with this make and take craft!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Stop by the Youth Services Desk in August to pick up a list of TAB dates and times for the school year.

READ-A-THON UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in or donated to the Teen Read-a-Thon on April 16th. Eleven teens had fun reading and playing "Minute to Win It" style games. They read for a combined total of 2160 minutes and raised over \$400 for new teen books! With the money raised, the Teen Advisory Board selected 34 books to add to the teen collection. Here are some of the titles they selected:

So Much Closer by Susane Colasanti
Fire World by Chris D'Lacey
What Happened to Goodbye by Sarah Dessen
Divergent by Veronica Roth
Warlock by Michael Scott

MIDLAND BLOOMS UPDATE

Ten teens came out bright and early on a May Saturday morning to participate in Midland Blooms and plant flowers around the library. Thank you for giving up your morning and giving back to our community!

BABYSITTER BAGS

Teens, are you looking for some activities to help you entertain when you babysit? Our Babysitter Bags are themed and contain two or three books and a video, as well as a variety of coloring and activity sheets for toddlers and preschool age children. Babysitter Bags are located in the Youth Services area and check out for 28 days.

ACT PRACTICE TEST SESSIONS

in partnership with Sylvan Learning Center
Juniors and Seniors. Sophomores will be waitlisted and offered space as available.
Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Space is limited.
Choose from two sessions:
Saturday, August 6, 10:30AM - 2:30PM
Tuesday, August 9, 1:00 - 5:00PM
Library Youth Services - Lower Level

ACT TEST STRATEGIES SEMINARS

Students and parents may register for the Test Strategies Seminar
Tuesday, August 23, 7:00 - 8:00PM or
Tuesday, August 30, 7:00 - 8:00PM
Library Auditorium
Follow-up seminar with test results and test strategies for improving scores.

July/August
2011

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LIBRARY Connection

- * SUMMER FUN
 - * Marimbamania
 - * Wild World of Science
 - * Harry Potter Hoopla
 - * Merry Music Maker
 - * Touch A Truck Day

* APPLE APPS

* FALL COMPUTER CLASSES



LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Monday, July 4th

Library Board Meetings:
No Board Meeting in July
Wednesday, August 17, 2011
City Hall Council Chambers



Our virtual branch
is always open

FROM THE DIRECTOR - *Melissa Barnard*

A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be. ~Douglas Pagels

We appreciate the work that the Friends of the Library devote to planning, organizing and holding their three annual used book sales and the ongoing book sales in the library. Much of the credit goes to the Friends Board members: Cal Hoerneman, Nancy Humphrey, Elissa Thomson, Angela Schultz, Becky Litherland, Kelly Bowers, Nancy Emmert, Brenda Schupska, Dale Matcheck and Janell Adaway. At the Friends Annual Meeting, the Board welcomed Jan Marcou who replaces Janell Adaway who resigned. Friends Office Manager, Karen Dralle, provides essential support to the organization.

With the added help from the wonderful volunteers who sort books and work at the book sales, the Friends generate funds that they generously donate to the library. During 2010-11, the following programs received funding from the Friends: Battle of the Books, First Grade Tours, Summer Reading Program, Happenings 2011 and Babysitter Bags. The Friends also responded to a special request from the library. Funds were allocated to purchase new computer equipment for the library's computer lab.

This past year was productive and successful for the Friends of the Library as they continue their mission to support and strengthen the library for the community. GREAT JOB, FRIENDS!

LIBRARY LAPTOPS - "A GREAT TOOL"

The library recently added two more laptops for in-house use, increasing the number available to five. The laptops connect to the library's free Wi-Fi service. All of the laptops offer Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Users are able to download files and save data on USB devices.

A library card is needed to check out a laptop. A valid Driver's License or ID is required to apply for a card. At time of check out, you must present a Driver's License or ID and sign a laptop agreement. Laptops can be checked out for one hour free of charge for use in the library. There is a \$2.50 charge for each additional hour.

One patron commented, " ... this is a great tool for consumers to use in the library".

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

A big THANK YOU to the teens who are helping at the summer reading table, ushering at movies, and assisting with Youth Services programs this year. You are an important part of what makes our Summer Reading Program a success!

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

One World, Many Stories

It's not too late to read and earn great prizes in our Summer Reading Program.

REMINDER!

The LAST day to pick up Summer Reading Prizes is August 13.

STORY TIMES

BABY TIME (Babies not yet walking)

Tuesdays at 1:00 and 2:30PM

July 12, 19, 26; August 2

Baby time introduces young infants and their parents to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes followed by social time for babies to play and adults to chat.

TODDLER TIME (Walking babies to 24 months)

Tuesdays at 9:45 and 10:45AM

July 12, 19, 26; August 2

Our more active baby program contains books, rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and puppets followed by play time for babies.

MOVE & GROOVE (Ages 2 to 6)

Thursdays at 10:00AM

July 14, 21; August 4

Not July 28, 10:00AM due to Touch a Truck

Thursdays at 2:00PM

July 14, 21, 28; August 4

You and your child can dance and sing in this fun program filled with action songs and movement activities.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

MOVIE NIGHT - Read the book, watch the movie.

Students entering grades 4-6.

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

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

by J.K. Rowling, Movie, PG
Wednesday, July 13, 5:30 - 8:00PM
Library Lounge

Alice in Wonderland

by Lewis Carroll, Movie, PG
Wednesday, August 10, 5:30 - 8:00PM
Library Lounge

Pack a dinner and join us in the Library Lounge for a book discussion, snacks, and a movie. Decide which you liked better - the book or the movie.

Copies of the books are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Kids' Corner

"MARIMBAMANIA" WITH DAVID HALL

Tuesday, July 12, 7:00PM, Auditorium

Enjoy an abundance of multicultural music played on authentic marimbas and vintage xylophones. Clap, sing, shake, drum, and dance along to many fun tunes, both familiar and foreign.

"WILD WORLD OF SCIENCE" WITH META4

Wednesdays, July 13, 20 and 27, 10:00AM - 12:00PM, Library Lounge

Drop by the library to explore fun, thematic, hands-on science stations that will really get you thinking. Each week's science activities will explore different science concepts and feature scientists from around the world. Sessions include guest scientists, technology, and design-your-own activities for 1st through 5th graders. Drop in anytime between 10AM and noon.

HARRY POTTER MOVIE EXTRAVAGANZA

2:00PM, Auditorium

See them in **Blu-ray!** Enter a drawing for a pair of passes to *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2* at each movie. (Rated PG & PG-13, as designated)

July 7 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG, 152 min.)

July 8 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG, 161 min.)

July 9 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG, 142 min.)

July 11 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13, 157 min.)

July 12 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13, 139 min.)

July 13 Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (PG, 153 min.)

July 14 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13, 146 min.)

HARRY POTTER HOOPLA

Thursday, July 14, 10:00AM - 7:00PM, Youth Services Area

Join the celebration of Harry's final movie. Watch *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1*. Sign up for a Quidditch match. Enjoy Move and Groove, a scavenger hunt, crafts, games, prizes, and snacks. Activities for all ages! Get ready for our big day by watching all of Harry's previous movies in **Blu-ray** on the library's big screen and enter a drawing for a pair of passes to *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 2* at each movie.

"MUSICAL ADVENTURE" WITH THE MERRY MUSIC MAKER

Tuesday, July 26, 6:30PM, Auditorium

Let the Merry Music Maker take you on a musical trip of interactive stories and music from many distant lands. Sign language, puppets, dancing, and singing are your ticket for fun and learning.

TOUCH A TRUCK DAY

Thursday, July 28, 9:30 - 11:30AM

(Rain Date: Friday, July 29)

Library Parking Lot

HONK! HONK! Do you love those big fire engines, police cars, and work trucks like diggers, cherry pickers, and garbage trucks? Now is your chance to climb aboard and see them up close. Get in gear and join us for this fun-filled event!

KIDS' SUMMER MOVIES

Library Auditorium

Doors open 15 minutes before show time.

Wednesdays at 10:00AM

July 6 - August 10

All G rated movies

Fridays at 2:00PM

July 1 - August 12

All PG rated movies

Check our website for titles or call the Youth Services Desk at 837-3466.

CRAFTY THURSDAYS

Each Thursday through August 11

9:30AM - 8:00PM

Youth Services area

Experience many different cultures with our drop-in summer crafts.

FEATURED DATABASE

Looking for a good book to read this summer? Check out **Novelist K - 8** Search for a good book by favorite author, subject, genre, or enter words that describe the plot you would like to read. Once you find a book to try, check to see whether the library owns the book and if it is currently on the shelf. If it is checked out, you can place a hold on the item!

To Access Novelist K - 8

- Go to the Library homepage
- Click on Youth Services
- Click on Books and Reading
- Click on Novelist
- Put in your 14 digit Library barcode

Adult Highlights

APPLE APPS FOR EASY MOBILE SEARCHING

Searching the library catalog and selecting library databases from your smart phone is made easier with two new apps available from Apple. Download the free apps on your I-phone, I-pod touch or I-pad and connect with the library in a whole new way.

BookMyne

In addition to providing easy mobile access to the library's catalog BookMyne offers these additional features:

Barcode scanning capability—library users can scan the barcode of a book at a bookstore and check to see if the item is available at the library.

Enhanced account interaction—library users can view account information including fines and fees and check due dates for checked out items. Users can also renew checked out items as well as place and manage holds.

AccessMyLibrary

Available for Apple and Android devices.

A recently released app from Gale-Cengage, AccessMyLibrary allows users to easily search for information in many of our Gale resources. AccessMyLibrary uses GPS to find public libraries within a 10-mile radius of the user's location. There's no need to log in; simply select Grace A Dow Memorial Library as your home library and begin searching.



BOOKS & BITES

Exploring Life Through Literature

In commemoration of the ten year anniversary of September 11, 2001, we are reading and discussing a new classic of American Literature.

Falling Man by Don DeLillo

"This novel is a return to DeLillo's best work. No other writer could encompass 9/11 quite like DeLillo does here." *Publishers Weekly*

THE "NOT-TOO-SERIOUS" BOOK CLUB

The Girl Who Fell From the Sky

by Heidi Durrow

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10AM

Conference Room A

In this story, set in the 1980's in the U.S., a biracial girl grapples with confusion over both her identity and a complicated, mysterious family history.

CHANGES COMING FOR THE NETLIBRARY eAUDIO BOOKS AND eBOOKS

On July 16, 2011, the NetLibrary downloadable content is switching to a new company and will have a new look. Your current NetLibrary account will not work after that date; you will need to create a new one.

Look for more information in mid-July on the Library's webpage, www.mid-land-mi.org/gracedowlibrary.

EXPLORING THE WORLD THROUGH FILM

Our summer movie series concludes with two European films featuring characters embarking upon life changing journeys.

In Bruges (R)

Wednesday, July 6, 7:00PM

Library Auditorium

"This film debut by the theater writer and director Martin McDonagh is an endlessly surprising, very dark, human comedy, with a plot that cannot be foreseen but only relished. Every once in a while you find a film like this, that seems to happen as it goes along, driven by the peculiarities of the characters." Roger Ebert.

Motorcycle Diaries, (R)

Wednesday, July 20, 7:00PM

Library Auditorium

"Is it possible to be nostalgic for a world you never knew?" Ernesto "Che" Guevara wonders as he contemplates Inca ruins in the Peruvian highlands. Director Walter Salles's film, as ardent and serious a quest as Ernesto's turned out to be, poses a similar question.

ADULT SUMMER READING

Entry forms are available at the Reference Desk and on our website. Visit our homepage; under "Summer Reading Programs" click "Adults".

SEPTEMBER COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration begins Tuesday, September 6. The Computer Lab is located on the lower level across from MCTV.

Mouse and basic computer skills are required for these classes.

Picasa Digital Photos

Tuesday, September 13, 7:00PM

Mouse & Internet experience required. Organize & edit your digital photos with Google's powerful and free software.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010

Wednesday, September 14, 2:30PM OR

Thursday, September 15, 2:30PM

Use the ribbon for cell entry and manipulation, formatting techniques, sheet tabs, and basic formula creation.

Exporing I-Tunes

Monday, September 19, 7:00PM

A demonstration covering how to create & manage playlists, make ring tones, synch devices and backup your valuable I-tunes library.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010

Wednesday, September 21, 2:30PM OR

Thursday, September 22, 2:30PM

Learn how to use the ribbon, create, save, and print documents, highlight, copy & paste text, and check spelling.

Introduction to Microsoft Power-Point 2010

Wednesday, September 28, 2:30PM

Use the ribbon to create slides, add images and text, animate objects, view and print presentations, and work with themes and SmartArt.

Watch for our October classes in the next Library Connection.

PARK AND READ

This is a free program for library card holders to "check-out" a one-day pass to any State Park, sponsored by The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Library of Michigan.

FUNDAMENTALS OF STARTING A BUSINESS

Thursday, July 14, 6 - 8:30PM

Thursday, September 1, 6 - 8:30PM

Library Lounge

Register online at

<http://www.misbtdc.net/events.aspx> or by calling (989) 686-9597.

Registration requested but not required.