

## MCTV

837-3474 www.midland-mi.org/mctv  
You're invited to register your teenage son or daughter for MCTV's award-winning Summer Video Camp. Sign up now for the week of July 16-19, 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.

Mom & Dad (and other adults) can attend MCTV's orientation/studio workshop on the second Saturday in July, the 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$20.

Tune in to MGTV 96 in July to watch the Stuffed Animal Parade videotaped in Youth Services on June 27.

Much of the programming you see on Midland's cable access TV channels is also available for viewing online. Just go to MCTV's website at www.midland-mi.org/mctv.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437 fogadml@yahoo.com  
A huge thank you to all of our supporters & shoppers, organizers & members, and our volunteers for a very successful June book sale! It takes many hours to make each book sale possible and we are very fortunate to have so many great volunteers.

**Our next book sale is  
October 12, 13, and 14, 2012.**

In May the Friends of the Library met and elected new board members and officers. The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library are: President, Nancy Humphrey; Vice-President, Elissa Thomson; Secretary, Kelly Bowers; Treasurer, Angela Schultz; Assistant Treasurer, Dale Matcheck; and Brenda Schupska, Lisa Daws, Kathy Rasette, Jan Marcou, Nancy Emmert.

## MEZZANINE

The Library's Mezzanine Gallery is available for rental on a monthly basis for \$25/month. Rental is limited to not-for-profit or 501c3 groups. For more information, call Wendy Shields at 837-3432.

## 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

Information .....837-3430  
Reference .....837-3449  
Check Out Desk.....837-3457  
On-Call/Renewals 24/7 ..... 835-3280  
Youth and Teen Services..... 837-3466  
TTY.....837-3472

# Teen Time

## OWN THE NIGHT—TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library  
**Through August 11**  
Students entering Grades 6-12

## PLOTS & PIZZA MOVIE NIGHT

Grades 7-10  
*Registration required.* Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.  
Wednesday, July 25, 5:30-8:00PM  
Library Lounge  
Read ***I Am Number Four*** by Pittacus Lore then join us for pizza while we watch the movie. Copies of the book are available at the Youth Services Desk.

## MIDLAND BLOOMS UPDATE

Six teens planted flowers at the Library on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> as part of Midland Blooms. Thank you for giving up your morning and giving back to our community!

## TEEN CRAFT

Grades 6-12  
*Registration required.* Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.  
Wednesday, August 1, 4:30-6:00PM  
Library Lounge  
Come create a back-to-school craft that expresses your individuality.

## BABYSITTER BAGS

Babysitting this summer? Check out our Babysitter Bags. There are over twenty fun themes. Each themed bag contains two or three books and a video, plus a variety of coloring and activity sheets for toddlers and preschool age children. Available in Youth Services.

## YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY SERVICES ASSOCIATION TEENS' TOP TEN

YALSA's Teens' Top Ten is an annual list where teens nominate and choose their favorite books from the past year. Teen book groups in sixteen school and public libraries around the country nominate the books. Teen readers can vote online in August and September. The winners will be announced during Teen Read Week.

Here are the 2012 Teens' Top Ten nominations.

- Ashes** by Ilsa Bick
- Abandon** by Meg Cabot
- What Happened to Goodbye** by Sarah Dessen
- The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green
- Legend** by Marie Lu
- Cinder** by Marissa Meyer
- This Dark Endeavor: The Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein** by Kenneth Oppel
- Divergent** by Veronica Roth
- Between Shades of Gray** by Ruta Sepetys
- Scorpio Races** by Maggie Stiefvater

## VOLUNTEERS

Have you seen our wonderful orange-clad teen volunteers helping with our summer reading programs? They are busy handing out reading records and prizes, ushering movies, and assisting at programs and special events. THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO VOLUNTEER!

July/August  
2012

# Grace A. Dow Memorial

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# LIBRARY Connection

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*and more!*



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**LIBRARY CLOSINGS:**  
Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, Sept. 3

Sunday hours resume Sept. 9

Library Board Meetings:  
No Meeting in July  
Wednesday, August 15, 7:00PM

Live on MGTV 96



**Our virtual branch  
is always open**

## PARKING LOT TO BE RESURFACED

The Library's public parking lot will be completely resurfaced this summer. The construction dates have not yet been scheduled.

While the surface on the existing parking lot is removed, it may be necessary to close the Library for safety purposes. Notifications will be posted in the Library and on the Library's website.

Sections of the parking lot will be closed as the work progresses. Patrons may need to park in the Midland Center for the Arts lot during the construction. Please follow directional signs to ensure your safety.

Updates on the construction will be available on the Library's website. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

Funding for the parking lot project was received through grants from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation and the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation. We are thankful for their generosity, allowing us to improve the parking lot conditions for our patrons and visitors.

## ACT PRACTICE TEST

Here is an opportunity for students to increase their ACT test scores. In joint partnership with Kaplan Test Prep, the Library will be hosting a free ACT Practice Test.

## ACT PRACTICE TEST

Wednesday, July 11, 1-4:30PM  
Youth Services Area

## ACT PRACTICE TEST GIVE BACK

Followup session for test give-back, review of results, and test strategies.  
Wednesday, July 25, 6:30-7:30PM  
Library Auditorium

The program is open to Juniors and Seniors.

Register at <http://www.kaptest.com/class/AKKU2016> (practice test)  
<http://www.kaptest.com/class/AKKU2017> (strategies seminar) by using the link on the Library website.

Start at the Library homepage.

Then click: Teen Services.

Then click: Programs.

Sophomores will be placed on a waitlist and offered space if available.

Please call the Youth Services Desk at 837-3466 to be waitlisted.

## SUMMER READING THANK YOU

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Kids and adults can read and qualify for prizes through August 11. We're grateful to our teen volunteers who are assisting the Youth Services staff at the summer reading table, helping with programs, and ushering at movies. We also want to thank the Friends of the Library for their financial support of the program as well as the many businesses and organizations who have donated prizes. THANK YOU!

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

## DREAM BIG READ!

There is still time to read and earn fun prizes in our Summer Reading Program. The last day to pick up prizes is Saturday, August 11.

## BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB MOVIE NIGHT

Students entering Grades 4–6. Pack a dinner and join us in the Library Lounge to talk about the book...and then watch the movie! Movie snacks will be provided.

### *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

by Jeff Kinney, Movie, PG  
Wednesday, July 18, 5:30–8:00PM

### *Lightning Thief*

by Rick Riordan, Movie, PG  
Wednesday, August 8, 5:30–8:00PM  
Copies available at the Youth Services Desk. *Registration begins the first day of the program month, 837-3466.*

## FEATURED DATABASE FOR KIDS: NOVELIST K-8

Whether you are trying to remember the title of a book or looking for a good summer read, NovelList K-8 can help you out. This database can be searched by author, title, series, or you can even describe a plot or give character names to help lead you to a forgotten book. NovelList K-8 makes recommended reading lists that can be tailored by age level and genre. Type in a favorite book and see recommendations for similar titles. There are a lot of uses for NovelList K-8 that can lead you to discover a new book or an old favorite. To access: Go to the Youth Services webpage and select "Databases" under the Homework Help section.

## DISCOVERY DEPOT!

**Returning Tuesday, August 15–Saturday, September 1.**

Bring your young children to the Library to enjoy the variety of fun and educational activities in the Story Room.

Hours are:  
Monday–Friday: 9:30AM–7:30PM  
Saturday: 10:00AM–3:30PM.

Discovery Depot is offered when the Story Room is not scheduled for Story Times in August, February, and May.

It is an extension of Beyond Books: Early Literacy Activity Center, a play based learning center in the Youth Services Area. Beyond Books is open year round during normal library hours.

# Kid's Corner

## SUMMER READING FUN

through August 11, Infants–5th Graders

Earn great prizes as you read or listen to books this summer.

### SUMMER STORY TIMES

In the Story Room

**Pajama Jams** (Ages 2–6)

Mondays at 7:00PM

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Join us for stories and music with special guest performers. Families are invited to wear their PJs.

**Baby Time** (Babies not yet walking)

Tuesdays at 1:00 and 2:30PM

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

This fun program promotes early literacy skills by introducing young infants to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes plus social time for babies to play and adults to visit.

### Toddler Time

(Walking babies to 24 months)

Tuesdays at 9:45 and 10:45AM

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

This active baby program includes adult/child interaction, using books, rhymes, music and more, followed by play time for babies and social time for caregivers.

**Move and Groove** (Ages 2–6)

Thursdays at 10:00 & 11:00AM

July 5, 12, 19, August 2. (not July 26, due to Touch a Truck Day)

Come dance and learn in a fun-filled program with action songs, musical stories, fingerplays, and movement activities.

### CRAFTY THURSDAYS

**Dream Big READ!**

**Drop-In-Craft Days**

Thursdays: July 5–August 9

9:30AM–8:00PM

Youth Services Area

Get creative with our summer crafts.

### BUBBLEMAN

For ages 5–12

Thursday, July 19, *two shows*

6:30PM and 7:30PM

Auditorium

Learn the secrets of Bubbleology. The Bubbleman, Ron Loyd, will create bubbles of every kind; cube bubbles, double merry-go-round bubbles, smoke-filled bubbles and bubbles inside of bubbles.

### TOUCH A TRUCK DAY

Thursday, July 26, 9:30–11:30AM

(Rain date: July 27, same time)

Library Parking Lot

**Bob the Builder** will be joining us this year! You won't want to miss Bob and the thrill of climbing aboard the big City trucks, including the fire truck and several police vehicles.

### PLANNING A ROAD TRIP?

Check out an audiobook. The Library has a great selection of audiobooks for young listeners to teens. A librarian can help you make a selection that will entertain your whole family.

## KIDS' SUMMER MOVIES

### Wednesday Movies

Intended for preschool through early elementary children. All animated, G-rated films.

Wednesday, July 4	No Movie	Library Closed		
Wednesday, July 11	10:00AM	Alvin & the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked	G	87 min.
Wednesday, July 18	10:00AM	Winnie the Pooh (2011)	G	63 min.
Wednesday, July 25	10:00AM	Cars 2	G	107 min.
Wednesday, Aug. 1	10:00AM	Gnomeo & Juliet	G	84 min.
Wednesday, Aug. 8	10:00AM	Toy Story	G	82 min.

### Friday Movies

Intended for elementary through middle school audiences. G and PG Rated films.

Friday, July 6	2:00PM	The Secret World of Arrietty	G	94 min.
Friday, July 13	2:00PM	The Muppets (2011)	PG	103 min.
Friday, July 20	2:00PM	Puss in Boots	PG	90 min.
Friday, July 27	2:00PM	The Adventures of Tin Tin	PG	107 min.
Friday, Aug. 3	2:00PM	Dolphin Tale	PG	113 min.
Friday Aug. 10	2:00PM	Hugo	PG	126 min.

# Adult Highlights

## READING BY THE NORTHERN LIGHTS:

Our Adult Summer Reading program continues through August 11th. It's fun, easy and rewarding to participate—read a book or listen to a book, complete an entry form and register to win in one of our weekly prize drawings. Entry forms are available online and at the Reference Desk. Visit our website, under Summer Reading Programs, click Adults.

## eREADER HELP SESSIONS

Library Lounge

Share your experiences with your e-Reader. Join us for a casual session for people with your type of eReader. Library staff will be on hand to demonstrate and discuss access to Library resources. Check the Library webpage or contact the Reference Desk at 837-3449 for more information.

*Registration begins Monday, July 2.*

**Nook:** Thursday, July 12, 2:30PM  
OR Monday, July 23, 6:30PM

**Kindle:** Tuesday, July 10, 2:30PM  
OR Tuesday, July 24, 6:30PM

**iPad & other Apple devices:**

Thursday, July 12, 6:30PM

## JULY COMPUTER CLASSES

*Register at the Reference Desk 837-3449.*

Computer Lab

**Picasa Digital Photos**

Monday, July 16, 2:30PM OR

Thursday, July 19, 7:00PM

Mouse and basic computer skills are required.

Learn to use Google's powerful and free software to organize, edit, and share your digital photos.

COMPUTER CLASSES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Look for the September/October Library Connection.

## PARK AND READ

This program continues through September. Passes to state parks and recreation areas can be obtained with your library card from the Library's Check Out Desk. Each pass entitles users to one free vehicle entry. The Library is partnering with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and The Library of Michigan to offer this fun, outdoor experience.

## BOOKS AND BITES

Library Conference Room A

We'll be back in September for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Banned Books Week with the National Book Award winner, ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian.***

By Sherman Alexie

Thursday, September 20, 7:00PM

This innovative and slightly controversial novel is a must read for high schoolers and adults. This is a great chance for high school students to check out the book discussion experience.

## DATABASE HIGHLIGHTS

*On our website click on "Resources for Research"*

*then click on "A-Z Databases".*

## Not Just for Genealogy ... America's GenealogyBank

Yes, America's GenealogyBank is geared to people doing family history research, but it also includes America's Obituaries – a collection of obituaries culled from newspapers around the country, including the Midland Daily News, from 1977 until the present. These can be used by businesses, attorneys and relatives to verify the death, or the survivors, of a person. Another useful resource is the Social Security Death Index. This source can be used to confirm the death of someone who had a social security card – almost everyone now. Other information is birth date, state the social security card was issued, death date, and location that the last benefit was sent.

Historical resources can provide an insight into the lives and concerns of people living long ago. Historical Newspapers includes scanned images of newspapers from 1690 until 1977. All of these resources are scanned images of the original sources.

## Price It! Antiques and Collectibles

The antique and collectibles market is one of the fastest growing market segments in the U.S. To help our own community of collectors, we have added a new, simple to use online resource. Price It! Antiques and Collectibles, delivers more than 41 million actual prices paid for treasures collectors have recently bought or sold. With more than 60 million images, 127 searchable categories and an intuitive search interface, this is the ultimate identification, research and pricing tool.

## GOOD READS

Did you know that you can now get personalized book recommendations from the Library?

With our new "Good Reads Just For You" you can! By providing some simple information on what type of book you are looking for, such as genre, subject, or writing style, your request will be sent to a librarian well-versed in that field. On our website, go to:

- Adult Services
- Summer Reading Program
- Reading by the Northern Lights
- Good Reads–Just for You

## GO MOBILE WITH THE LIBRARY

Did you know the Library has several useful apps for your smart device?

- Search the catalog with LibAnywhere and Bookmyne.
- View articles with AccessMyLibrary.
- Learn a foreign language with Mango Mobile.
- Download and read eBooks with Overdrive Media Consol.
- Download and listen to audiobooks with OneClickDigital. (iPod/iPhone only for now)

View the list of apps and link to the Apple or Android store by visiting the library website:

[www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary), then click on "Apps for Library Services" on the right side menu.

## THE FUNDAMENTALS OF STARTING A BUSINESS

Library Lounge

Thursday, July 19, 6:00–8:30PM

You have a passion ... a hidden talent. Do you know what it takes to turn that skill into a successful business? This seminar is designed for individuals who are considering self-employment, or are at the beginning stages of starting their business. You will be introduced to the key characteristics of successful business ownership, and what it takes to start and run a thriving business. Plus, you will be provided with available resources to help launch new ventures in Michigan. Get focused, motivated and ready to go! Who should attend this seminar? Entrepreneurs, business owners, innovators, and 'closet' business owners. Register online at <http://www.misbtcd.net>.