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March/April 2004



## Library Closings



Friday, April 9  
Good Friday

Sunday, April 11  
Easter Sunday

## Library Hours

Monday–Friday ..... 9 AM–9 PM

Saturday ..... 10 AM–5 PM

Sunday ..... 1 PM–5 PM

*Closed Sundays from Memorial Day – Labor Day*

## Phone Numbers

Information ..... 837-3430

Reference ..... 837-3449

Circulation ..... 837-3457

Youth ..... 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

## About this Publication

The Library Connection is available at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, online, or can be mailed to interested patrons. Call (989) 837-3432 for more information or address updates. The Library Connection is published six times annually. Articles may be reprinted without permission.

## Friends' Forum

The Spring Cleaning Book Sale  
March 12 from 6-8:30 PM

Friends Only (Memberships are not available at the door)

March 13 from 10 AM-4:30 PM

Open to the public

March 14 from 1-4 PM

Open to the public - \$3 Bag Day!

HELP! We are happily swimming in books! Come and sort books for the March Book Sale. Sorting takes place on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 PM. Call 837-3437 for more details.

## Exhibits & Displays

Mezzanine Gallery

March 12, 13, 14

Friends of the Library Book Sale

April

Wild in Art Exhibit, Wildlife

Recovery Association

Lower Level Display Cases

March

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of the Books Display, Youth Services

April

Student Art Display, Epworth Cooperative Preschool

## Tax Forms

AARP Volunteers will be available to assist with tax forms in the library the following times:

Mondays: 9 AM-12 NOON, 1-5 PM

Wednesdays: 9 AM-12 NOON, 1-5 PM

Saturdays: 10 AM-5 PM

Thursday, April 15: 9 AM-9 PM

## Did you know?

The library now subscribes to the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, considered Canada's National Newspaper.

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Books!

Come and celebrate 25 years of Battle of the Books. Since 1979 the library has encouraged thousands of kids to read a wide variety of notable books, form reading teams, and compete using their knowledge of these books. Our celebration will include medieval music, a fencing demonstration, juggling workshops, crafts, quizzes, refreshments, and more!

### Saturday, March 13

1-2 PM, Library Auditorium

Music with Reasonable Facsimile, Fencing Demonstration

2-4 PM, Youth Services Area

Crafts, Costumed Characters, Jousting Quiz,

Readings, Juggling Workshops, and

Refreshments.

### Championship Battle

All are invited to this exciting battle!

Thursday, March 11 at 4:30 PM

Library Auditorium



## From the Director

The next time you visit the library, take a look around you. We have reason to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alden B. Dow's birthday. The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library embodies Alden B. Dow's ideals and is a remarkable gift to the Midland community.

Throughout this year, we celebrate not only the buildings that Alden B. Dow designed, but also his commitment to enhance our quality of life.

We are pleased to join with the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio to reflect upon the contributions of this exceptional man. Visit the library's website or [www.abdow.org](http://www.abdow.org) for special programs and more information.

Melissa Barnard

## Explore @ the Library during National Library Week, April 18-24

with

- Preschool Storytime with the 2004 Michigan Reads! children's author, Rhonda Gowler Greene.
- Flower arranging demonstration at an Afternoon Tea.
- Samples of the NEW Library Ice Cream flavor created by Great Lakes Ice Cream Company.



- Michigan author and outdoorsman, Joseph Heywood.

These programs and more coming in April. Watch for the special newsletter highlighting all of the week's events.

## Name the Coffee Bar Contest!

Name the Library's new coffee bar and win a special gift! Rules and entry forms available at the library and Arnold Center beginning March 1. Entries due March 15.





# Spotlight On... Michigan Reads!

One State, One Preschool Book Program ~ April 18-30, 2004

Honorary Chair Governor Jennifer Granholm and State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau invite you to take part in this statewide program that highlights the importance of early childhood literacy by focusing on a picture book for children ages 0 to 5. This year's book selection is *Barnyard Song* – written by Rhonda Gowler Greene and illustrated by Robert Bender.



Author Rhonda Gowler Greene will be visiting the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library as part of our National Library Week Celebration and to promote Michigan Reads! Join us at a special preschool storytime, "Puppets and Music and Shapes, Oh My" which will include her book *Barnyard Song*.

Monday, April 19 at 10 AM, Story Room

## Kids Corner

### Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)

Book discussion and activity group. Bring your dinner (we'll provide dessert and a drink). Registration begins on the first day of the program month.



*The Trouble with Tuck* by Theodore Taylor, Tuesday, March 23  
5:30–6:30 PM

*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke  
Tuesday, April 27, 5:30–6:30 PM

### Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, snacks, and more! Register on the first day of the program month.

#### Dreams of Dragons

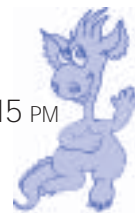
Tuesday, March 9  
4:15–5 PM and 6:30–7:15 PM

Wednesday, March 10  
4:15–5 PM

#### Poetry Pizzazz

Tuesday, April 13  
4:15–5 PM and 6:30–7:15 PM

Wednesday, April 14  
4:15–5 PM



### Free Kids Spring Break Movies

Library Auditorium

*Mulan*: Wednesday, March 31  
10 AM, Rated G, 88 minutes

*Secret Garden* (1993): Friday, April 2  
2 PM, Rated G, 102 minutes

### Baby Time (Babies not yet walking)

Introduce your infant to books, songs, bounces, and rhymes. Drop in.

Tuesdays at 1 PM, March 16, 23, 30

### Toddler Time (Babies to 24 months)

An active program with books, rhymes, music and more! Drop in.

Tuesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM  
March 16, 23, 30

### Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Enjoy great picture books, flannel board stories, puppets, and rhymes. Drop in.

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, April 6, 13, 20  
Thursdays at 7 PM, April 8, 15, 22

### Circle Time (Ages 2-3 with a caregiver)

Share simple books and enjoy get-up-and-move activities. Drop in.

Tuesdays at 6:15 & 7:15 PM  
April 6, 13, 20

Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM  
April 7, 14, 21

Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM  
April 8, 15, 22

### Success by 6 (Ages 0-5)

These playgroups will have stories, crafts, snacks and play. Drop-in.

#### Think Spring

Thursday, March 25 from 1-2:30 PM

#### April Showers

Tuesday, April 27 from 6-7:30 PM



## Teen Time

### Celebrating Poetry,

### Creating Peace

"Poetry is an act of peace.

Peace goes into the making of a poet as flour goes into the making of bread."

Pablo Neruda

Pick up your entry form for the Teen Poetry Contest in Youth Services or on our website. Entries will be accepted March 1-31. Winners will be announced in April and featured during National Library Week at Café Muse.

### Café Muse Returns!

A night of teen poetry in a coffeehouse atmosphere.

Friday, April 23 from 7-9 PM  
Library Lounge, Grades 6-12

Winners of the Teen Poetry Contest will be featured at 8 PM. Read original poetry or a bard of your choice. Acoustic guitars welcome! Refreshments served.



Saturday, March 20, 1-4 PM  
Library Lounge, Grades 6-12

Sign up in Youth Services. Don't care to play but want to join the fun? Be a banker. Contact Rebecca Hastings in Youth Services at 837-3466.

### Ready for the Prom?

Etiquette Expert Jodi Harrison will walk you through meeting the parents, escorting your date, and dining manners.



Saturday, May 1  
1-2:30 PM  
Library Lounge

Come with your date or a friend. Sign up beginning April 17 in Youth Services or call 837-3466.

### Upcoming TAB Meetings

Saturday, March 13  
1 PM in Youth Services

Saturday, April 17  
1 PM in the Library Lounge

## For Adults

### 25<sup>th</sup> Midland Writer's Conference

Saturday, May 15

Author Pete Hamill will be the keynote speaker for the 25<sup>th</sup> Midland Writer's Conference. Hamill is a journalist and author of *Forever*, *Snow in August*, *A Drinking Life*, and *Diego Rivera*.



The keynote address will be followed by two workshops:

#### Virginia Bailey Parker

*From Manuscript to Bookshelf*

#### Annick Hivert-Carthew

*Putting the Odds on Your Side: Marketing*

Call 837-3435 for more information. Registration begins March 1.

### Writer's Conference Book Discussion

Read *Forever* by Pete Hamill and join this discussion group in the Library Lounge:

Monday, April 19 at 7 PM and  
Tuesday, April 20 at 10 AM

### Classic Movies in the Afternoon

2 PM in the Library Auditorium - Free!

March 9 - *Marty* (1955), 91 minutes

March 23 - *The Woman in the Window* (1944), 99 minutes

April 13 - *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* (1949), 90 minutes

April 27 - *Swing Time* (1936)  
103 minutes

### National Volunteer Week April 18 - 24

Saluting not only those who give their time in the library but all in the community who volunteer and make Midland a great place to live. Special thanks to the Friends of the Library, Genealogical Society Members, LITE Program Volunteers, AARP Tax Consultants, Teen Volunteers, TAB, and Library Board Members.

### Books and Bites

Read the books and join us for lively discussion at 7 PM in the Library Lounge.



#### March 18

Celebrate 25 Years of the Battle of the Books:

*Bridge to Terabithia*

by Katherine Paterson

*The Phantom Tollbooth*

by Norton Juster

*The Birchbark House*

by Louise Erdrich

#### April 15

*Don't Let's Go to the Dogs*

*Tonight* by Alexandra Fuller

### Business Seminars

Do you have what it takes to start a small business? Come and find out!

Monday, March 8 and April 12  
6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge, Free

## MCTV Network

### Open House

Have fun and make art at the MCTV Open House! As part of the National Library Week Celebration, MCTV will open its doors to the community!

#### Saturday, April 24

from 10 AM–2 PM

MCTV Studio

MCTV will partner with the Give Me Shelter Arts Project to create a remarkable mural.

### Under Construction!



MCTV is getting a facelift! MCTV's offices, replay and editing rooms will be renovated to make better use of MCTV's space in the library. The project should be completed by late March. All MCTV training classes for March have been cancelled during the project.

## Library Board

A quality library system, such as we have in Midland, can serve different needs for different patrons and even serve different needs to match the changing lives of individual patrons.

When I first moved to Midland I used the library for casual reading resources. During the next phase of my life, the role of the library was as a resource for my children to assure they learned the magic of the written word. Currently, I use the library for general reading material, but have concentrated more on the audio collection. The library has become a source of good health as I listen to audiotapes while exercising.

I urge everyone to check out the wide range of resources available at the library and find what best fits your current needs.

Harvey Steinberg, Library Board

### Library Board News

Midland City Council has appointed Ann Heard as the Midland Public Schools Library Board Representative to fill the unexpired term vacated by Kathleen Mortensen. Ms. Heard is the Media Specialist at Eastlawn Elementary School. *Welcome to the Library Board!*

### Upcoming Library Board Meetings:

Wednesday, March 17

7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 21

7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

*Library Board Meetings are cablecast "live" on MGTV 5*