

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

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A SERVICE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, March 25
Good Friday
Sunday, March 27
Easter Sunday

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library Hours

Monday–Friday 9 AM–9 PM
Saturday 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday 1 PM–5 PM
Closed Sundays 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

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Library Director

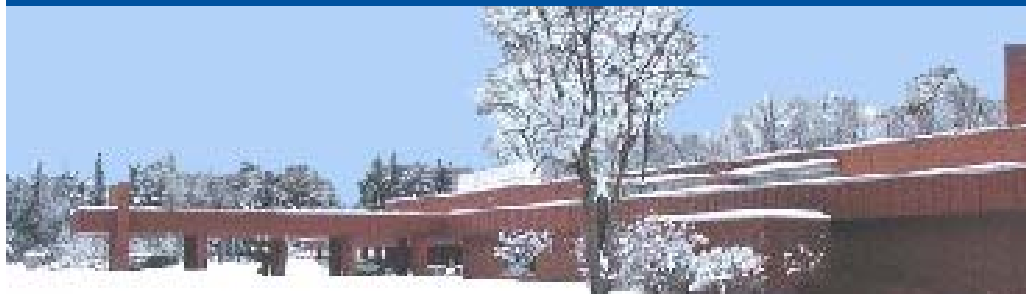
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MARCH/APRIL 2005

HANDS ON COMPUTER CLASSES!

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library will be offering free "hands on" computer classes during the month of April. The computer lab is provided by the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative. Class size is limited. Reservations are necessary and can be made beginning March 15 by calling the Reference Desk at (989) 837-3449.

How to Use the Library Catalog

Tuesday, April 12 at 10 AM
Thursday, April 14 at 10 AM
Monday, April 18 at 7 PM
Monday, April 25 at 7 PM
Tuesday, April 26 at 10 AM

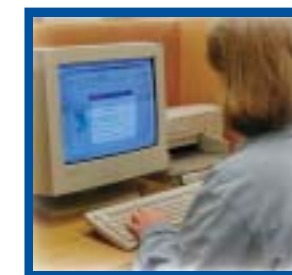
Health Information on the Internet

Mouse and web browsing experience required.

Friday, April 22 at 10 AM
Wednesday, April 27 at 7 PM

Beginners Guide: How to use the Mouse and your Personal Computer

Friday, April 8 at 10 AM
Wednesday, April 20 at 10 AM
Thursday, April 28 at 10 AM



Baptized, Married, Buried,
and Probated

HELPFUL CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECORDS

The Midland Genealogical Society and The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library present Joanne Harvey, Professional Genealogist and lecturer, Teacher of Genealogy at the Michigan State University Evening College. Ms. Harvey will offer an overview of the many ways the state church affected the lives of our English and Welsh ancestors - and the records ordered to be kept! Web site lists and examples of actual old records are included in the handouts.

Wednesday, April 20 at 7 PM
Library Lounge

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Tax Time ~ Most Federal and State forms have now arrived. A computer and printer with Internet access to the online forms are available in the tax area. AARP tax volunteers will provide help in the library at the following times:

Mondays and Wednesdays: 9 AM-12 NOON and 1-5 PM
Saturdays: 10 AM-12 NOON and 1-5 PM

Further tax help for those who qualify is available at the Midland Community Center. For an appointment call 832-7937, extension 2270.

Friends' March Used Book Sale ~ Library Mezzanine

Friday, March 11 from 6-8:30 PM ~ Friends Members Only
Saturday, March 12 from 10 AM-4 PM ~ Open to the Public
Sunday, March 13 from 1-3:30 PM ~ Open to the Public, \$5 bag day

The Friends office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM-12 NOON. Call 839-8159 or email us at fogadml@yahoo.com.

BEE Safe in a Storm! Telephone lines and metal pipes conduct electricity. Avoid using the phone or taking a shower during a storm. If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough to be a threat. For more information, go to www.redcross.org/services/disaster and click on "Disaster Safety."



NEW at Cup & Chaucer Coffee Bar

Freshly baked cinnamon rolls from our sister shop Northern Expresso.
Only \$1!

FROM THE DIRECTOR - MELISSA BARNARD

On January 3, 2005, we welcomed two new staff members to the library. Carol Souchock is the Supervisor of Adult Services and Ron Suszek is the Circulation Services Supervisor.



Carol earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and her Masters Degree in Library Science from Wayne State University. She comes to us from the Southfield Public Library where she was the Assistant Technology Coordinator.



Ron received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature from Hope College and his Masters in Library Science from the University of Illinois. He was most recently employed at the Meadville/Lombard Theological School Library as an Associate Librarian.

We are pleased that Carol and Ron are part of the library team, bringing their experiences and areas of expertise to our program. As Carol and Ron settle into their new homes, they are looking forward to getting to know our library users and the Midland community.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK is April 10-16...stay tuned for details!

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SPOTLIGHT ON ...



Books on MP3

The Library has recently added a new collection of great audio books recorded in MP3 format. These look like standard CDs, but are recorded in a condensed format allowing an entire unabridged book to be recorded on only one or two CDs. MP3-format ted books will play on many newer CD or DVD players that are MP3 compatible; computer CD-ROM drives; and many personal audio devices.

The library currently has about 100 popular book titles in MP3 format. They are located on the back wall in the Audiovisual Room and can be checked out for 14 days. Give a book on MP3 a try!

TEEN TIME

International Night IRELAND

Dia daoibh! Explore Ireland on this first of two International Teen Nights planned for 2005. Taste Irish food, learn an Irish dance, and try your hand at winning a joke telling contest!

Friday, March 11

7:30 PM, Library Lounge

Teen Poetry Contest 2005

Pick up an entry form in the Teen Spot or online beginning March 1. Entries will be accepted March 1-31. Winners will be announced in April during National Poetry Month & featured at Café Muse during National Library Week.

Café Muse

A night of teen poetry featuring the winners of the Teen Poetry Contest.

Friday, April 15 from 7-9 PM

Refreshments ~ Grades 6-12

Teen Spot

Check out our new look at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/teenspot

TAB Meetings

Teens in Grades 6-12 are welcome! Saturdays March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11 at 1 PM in the Library Lounge.

KIDS' CORNER

2005 Battle of the Books Championship Battle and Reception

Everyone is invited to attend the Championship Battle on Thursday, March 10 at 4:30 PM in the Library Auditorium. Join us afterwards for a reception in the Library Lounge as we celebrate all our Battle teams!



New Home Educators' Workshop

Targeted at new home schoolers and those considering home education. During this presentation, current home schoolers will explain how to get started, legal issues, the father's role, curriculum choices, scheduling your day, and more.

Saturday, April 16 from 9:30 AM-12 NOON in the Library Lounge

Contact the Youth Services Desk at 837-3466. Registration begins April 1.

Baby Time (Babies not yet walking) - NEW evening times!

Tuesdays at 1 PM & 7 PM on March 15, 22, 29

Toddler Time (Walking babies up to 24 months) - NEW evening times!

Mondays at 7 PM on March 14, 21, 28

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM on March 15, 22, 29

Circle Time (2 and 3 year-olds)

Tuesdays at 6:15 PM & 7:15 PM on April 5, 12, 19

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM on April 6, 13, 20

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

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Tuesdays at 10 AM on April 5, 12, 19

Thursdays at 7 PM on April 7, 14, 21

Crafty Readers (K-3rd Grade) Join us for stories, crafts and a snack.

Fine Feathered Friends ~ Registration begins March 1

Tuesday, March 8: 4:15-5 PM & 6:30-7:15 PM & Wednesday, March 9: 4:15-5 PM

Go Fly A Kite! ~ Registration begins April 1

Tuesday, April 5: 4:15-5 PM & 6:30-7:15 PM & Wednesday, April 6: 4:15-5 PM

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)

Join a book discussion and activity group! Pack a dinner (in a brown bag) and meet in the Library Lounge for fun!

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Tuesday, March 22 from 5:30-6:30 PM

Under the Blood Red Sun by Graham Salisbury

Tuesday, April 26 from 5:30-6:30 PM

Gemini is coming May 10! Join us for this fun family musical event.

FREE Spring Break Kids Book to Movie Festival

Monday, March 28:	10 AM	<i>Charlotte's Web</i> , 94 minutes, Rated G
	2 PM	<i>James and the Giant Peach</i> , 79 minutes, Rated PG
Tuesday, March 29:	10 AM	<i>Little Polar Bear</i> , 77 minutes, Rated G
	2 PM	<i>Swiss Family Robinson</i> (1960), 126 minutes, Rated G
Wednesday, March 30:	10 AM	<i>Robin Hood</i> (Disney Cartoon), 83 minutes, Rated G
	2 PM	<i>The Story of Robin Hood</i> (1952), 84 minutes, Rated PG
Thursday, March 31:	10 AM	<i>Clifford's Really Big Movie</i> , 74 minutes, Rated G
	2 PM	<i>Stuart Little</i> , 85 minutes, Rated G
Friday, April 1:	10 AM	<i>Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Kids</i> , 49 minutes, Rated G
		<i>Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day</i> , 24 min., Rated G
	2 PM	<i>Indian in the Cupboard</i> , 98 minutes, Rated PG

FOR ADULTS

Midland Writers Conference

The Writers Conference will be held on Saturday, May 21. Go online to be added to the conference mailing list at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/writers.html

Westlaw Legal Database Training

Thursday, April 28 at 7 PM

Library Lounge, Free

Small Business Start-Up Seminars

Thursdays, March 3 and April 7

6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge, Free

Free Classic Movies

Tuesdays at 2 PM, Library Auditorium
March 8 ~ *Arsenic and Old Lace* (1944), Cary Grant, Frank Capra (120 minutes)

March 22 ~ *To Catch a Thief* (1955) Cary Grant, Grace Kelly (106 minutes)

April 12 ~ *Bringing up Baby* (1938) Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant (102 minutes)

April 26 ~ *Penny Serenade* (1941) Cary Grant, Irene Dunne (120 minutes)



Book Discussion Group meets at 7 PM in the Library Lounge.

March 17 ~ *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

April 21 ~ *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon

National Volunteer Week April 17 - 23

We are very fortunate to have so many willing to volunteer their time to enhance library services. *Thank you!*

Library Board
Friends of the Library Board and Book Sale Workers
Teen Advisory Board and Teen Volunteers
LITE Program Volunteers
Midland Genealogical Society
Battle of the Books Volunteers
AARP Tax Assistants

MCTV NETWORK

Visit Midland's only television station and find out how to have fun, learn a new hobby, and serve your community!

MCTV Network's National Library Week Open House
Saturday, April 16 from 10 AM-2 PM

MCTV will partner with GMS Arts Education to stage a special "live" program.



Council Meetings

Tune in to MGTV 5 in April as City Council and City staff review the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The budget will be presented to City Council on Monday, April 11 and will be studied further on April 18 and May 2. You can also watch Midland Public Schools Board of Education meetings replayed on MPS-TV 17.

Become an MCTV Volunteer!

You're invited to enroll in MCTV's next training class on Saturday, March 12 from 10 AM-1 PM. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474 for more information.

LIBRARY BOARD

Frequently Asked Questions

In each *Library Connection* newsletter, Library Board members will respond to a comment or concern received from library users. Board Chair, Judy Stein, addresses this month's question.

Question: Can the Library notify patrons by email when their materials are due or sooner when they are overdue, instead of waiting until they are 7 days overdue?

Answer: Excellent question! Presently, patrons are notified by email, phone or U.S. mail to alert them of any overdue materials. Regardless of the method of notification, the library's computer system can only be set to generate the different notices at the same time. Email notification is a minimal cost but waiting 7 days after the materials are due provides a substantial savings in phone and mailing costs. Over 2,000 items are borrowed and returned every day. Many patrons also take advantage of the 4-day grace period (on most items) to return their materials before a fine occurs so earlier notification is not cost effective.

Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 16 at 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 20 at 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

Mezzanine Gallery

March ~ Middle School Art Exhibit
Midland Public Schools

Lower Level Display Cases

March ~ "It's About Thyme...and other Herbs"
Valley Herb Society Exhibit

April ~ Student Art Display
Epworth Cooperative Preschool