

MCTV

837-3437 www.midland-mi.org/mctv
Use MCTV to get the word out about your organization. Take MCTV's training so you can make your own TV show. The next orientation/studio workshop will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 10am-1:00pm at MCTV on the lower level of the Library. The cost is \$20.

**Friends of MCTV Benefit Concert
with Bryan Rombalski and
Three Worlds (Pop/Jazz/Fusion)**
Saturday, April 9, 7:00PM
Library Auditorium, Donations at the door.

Find out where your tax dollars are going by tuning to MGTV 96 in April and May. The City Manager will present his proposed budget at the Council meeting on April 11. Council will then hold a budget workshop on April 18 with final adoption scheduled for May 23rd. All of these meetings are held on Mondays at 7:00PM. Watch also for the special: "Community Question: City Budget."

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437 fogadml@yahoo.com
A big Thank-You to all our supporters and patrons, our wonderful volunteers, and to all those who donated materials for our recent **February Used Book Sale!** It was a huge success and again, we couldn't do it without YOU.

We have many volunteer opportunities available before, during, and after each book sale. If you are interested please contact the Friends by phone or email. If you would like to join the Friends and become a member please visit our webpage at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary and click on the "Friends of the Library" link to download our membership form!

*Our next Used Book Sale is
scheduled for June 3-5, 2011*

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

March.....Midland Artists Guild
April.....Make Midland Beautiful Art Celebration

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

TEEN READ-A-THON

Grades 6-12
Saturday, April 16, 12:00-4:30PM
Youth Services, Story Room
The Teen Advisory Board invites teens in grades 6-12 to participate in a day of fun and food as we read to raise money to purchase additional Young Adult materials for the library. Read-a-thon participants are invited to ask friends and relatives to sponsor them based on the amount of time they spend reading or for a set dollar amount, but participants may attend and read just for the fun of it!
Pledge forms are available at the Youth Services desk.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Grades 6-12

TAB will not meet in March and April. Our next TAB meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 6:00PM in the Story Room. In the meantime, checkout some of our current reads and listens!

What We're Reading

Fighting Ground by Avi
Taken by Edward Bloor
Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Red Wall by Brian Jacques
Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne
Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling
The Land by Mildred Taylor
The Daughters by Joanna Philbin

What We're Listening To

Vindicated by Dashboard Confessional
Thank Me Later by Drake
We R What We R by Ke\$ha
Beautiful Disaster by John McLaughlin
Misery by Maroon 5
Harmony by Never Shout Never
Thinking of You by Katy Perry
Only Girl in the World by Rihanna

To help serve you better please take
our Teen online survey.

PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9
Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.
Monday, March 21, 6:00-7:00PM
Library Lounge
"Everyone has a story. What's yours?" Read a biography, autobiography, or memoir of your choice then join us for pizza, discussion, and a six-word writing activity inspired by *I Can't Keep My Own Secrets: Six-word Memoirs by Teens Famous and Obscure.*

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary.

Click on Teen Services.

Get the latest information on Teen Programs, TAB activities, and don't forget to check out our Teen Booklists.

The Teen Spot is also on Facebook.

March/April
2011

Grace A. Dow Memorial

*1710 W. St. Andrews Road
Midland, MI 48640-2698
989-837-3430*

LIBRARY Connection

*BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

*READ-A-THON

*SPRING STORYTIMES

*BOOKS AND BITES

*NOT-SO-SERIOUS BOOK CLUB

*HAPPENINGS 2011

*MAKE MIDLAND BEAUTIFUL EXHIBIT

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, April 22, Good Friday
Sunday, April 24, Easter Sunday

Library Board Meeting:
Wednesday, April 20, 7:00PM
City Hall Council Chambers



Our virtual branch
is always open

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Back to the Future

The first lounge furniture that decorated the library when it opened in 1955 was selected by Alden B. Dow and was designed by sculptor and furniture designer Harry Bertoia. The Bertoia pieces were wireform chairs. Through the years, this style of furniture was replaced but many in our community remember the very unique chairs.

Recently, the library was gifted a set of four Bertoia wireform stools with bright orange cushions. We are so pleased to reintroduce this style of chair in the library. Two of the stools are currently in use on the Mezzanine. The other two will be placed soon. Thank you to the donor who donated the stools in memory of her mother, Christine Bove Belzer, who loved libraries. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

The design of the chairs complements the other architectural features of the library and inspires us to recapture the beautiful interior that was the library back over 55 years ago.

"CELEBRATING PEOPLE IN ACTION" is the theme for the 2011 National Volunteer Week, April 10th through the 16th. Those who volunteer continue to inspire us with the many actions that they take to enhance library services. We would like to recognize and thank: the Library Board, the Teen Advisory Board, the Friends of the Library Board, the Book Sorters and all who participate in the Used Book Sales, Volunteers, Members of the Midland Genealogical Society who assist in the Local History/Genealogy Room, and the many Battle of the Book Managers who help to prepare the student battlers. Their actions speak to their dedication and commitment.

THANK YOU!

Melissa Barnard

STUDENT "MAKE MIDLAND BEAUTIFUL" POSTERS EXHIBIT

Posters from the Make Midland Beautiful Art Celebration, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, will be displayed on the Mezzanine during the month of April. The goal of the celebration is to encourage creativity and uniqueness among children by creating a poster on "what makes Midland beautiful." The program was open to all 2nd and 6th grade art classes and was facilitated by art teachers in each participating school. Work was submitted in March and two posters from each classroom were selected by the art teacher and principal to represent that classroom. The posters were then viewed by judges who determined a single representative from each school. Come and enjoy the wonderful posters by local students!

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS ORAL BATTLE DAY

Saturday, March 5

This event features the top 16 battle teams competing to determine the two teams meeting at Championship Battle; 8 teams in the morning and 8 in the afternoon.

Program assignments begin in the Library Auditorium at 9:00AM and 1:00PM.

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 10, 4:30PM
Auditorium

Everyone is invited to watch the top two teams battle it out! A reception for ALL Battle teams follows in the Library Lounge.

THANK YOU:

- Friends of the Library, whose generous support makes Battle of the Books a memorable event by providing T-shirts, pencils, and other mementos for the Battle participants plus refreshments for Battle events.
- Floyd Elementary School, Jefferson and Northeast Middle Schools as well as Midland Public School administration for permission to use their schools for written battles.
- Parents, teachers, and other generous adults who organize teams and make Battle of the Books a fun competition.
- Special thanks to the 4th and 5th graders who dedicated their time to reading books and answering questions.

The 32nd Annual Battle of the Books was a success because of YOU!

CAMP KICK-OFF!

Learn about all of Midland's Summer Camps!

Saturday, March 19, 12:00-4:00PM
Midland Center for the Arts.
Free admission

Ask about Discovery Square Camp.

The Library is partnering with Dow Gardens, Midland Center for the Arts, Alden B. Dow Home and Studio, and Michigan Molecular Institute to provide a unique camp experience. Information is available at Camp Kick-Off or call the Library at 837-3466 or Alden B. Dow Home and Studio at 832-8543

Kids' Corner

SPRING STORYTIMES

In the Story Room

Baby Time

(Babies not yet walking)

Tuesdays, 1:00 & 2:30PM:

March 15, 22, April 5, 12, 19

Toddler Time

(Walking babies to 24 months)

Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM

March 15, 22, April 5, 12, 19

Move and Groove

(Ages 2-6)

Wednesdays, 10:00AM

March 16, 23

Thursdays, 10:00AM

March 17, 24

Circle Time (Ages 2-3)

Tuesdays, 7:00PM

April 5, 12, 19

Wednesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM

April 6, 13, 20

Thursdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM

April 7, 14, 21

Ready, Sit, Read (Ages 4 and up)

Mondays, 10:30AM & 2:00PM

April 4, 11, 18

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

Grades 4-5, Library Lounge

Pack a dinner—we'll provide dessert and a drink.

Tuesday, March 22

5:30 – 6:30PM

Registration begins March 1.

The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives

by Michael Buckley

What if fairytales were more than just stories? Join sleuths Sabrina and Daphne as they uncover the secrets about their past and the mysterious lives of the "Everafters" of Ferryport Landing.

Copies are available in Youth Services.

Brown Bag Book Club does not meet in April or May.

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade

Join us for stories, snacks and a craft.

All About ME!

Registration begins March 1

Call 837-3466

Monday, March 14

4:15 – 5:00PM & 6:30 – 7:15PM

Tuesday, March 15, 4:15 – 5:00PM

Library Lounge

Celebrate YOU with stories and your own "All About Me" book.

Trash to Treasure

Registration begins April 1.

Call 837-3466 to register.

Monday, April 11

4:15-5:00PM & 6:30-7:15PM

Tuesday, April 12

4:15-5:00PM

Library Lounge

Use your imagination to turn doodads and thingamajigs into a one-of-a-kind whatchamacallit!

2011 NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Newbery Medal and Caldecott Medals are awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association.

The Newbery Medal is awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. This year's winner is Clare Vanderpool for ***Moon over Manifest***, the story of 12-year-old Abilene Tucker, who learns about her father's past when he sends her to live with an old friend during the summer of 1936.

The 2011 Caldecott Medal is presented to the artist of the most distinguished American Picture Book for Children published in the United States during the preceding year. The 2011 winner is

A Sick Day for Amos McGee, illustrated by Erin E. Stead and written by Philip C. Stead of Ann Arbor. A sweet and funny tale of friendship, in which zookeeper Amos McGee is cared for by his zoo animal friends when he gets the sniffles and needs to take a sick day.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 7 – 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Drop into Youth Services for a free comic book – titles for early readers to teens. Select from some of your favorite cartoon characters: Spiderman, Darkwing Duck, Green Lantern and many more...

Available while supplies last.

Check it Out!

KIDS' FREE SPRING BREAK MOVIES

Auditorium, 2:00PM

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| Monday, March 28 | <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> | PG | 98 min. |
| Tuesday, March 29 | <i>Toy Story 3</i> | G | 103 min. |
| Wednesday, March 30 | <i>Despicable Me</i> | PG | 95 min. |
| Thursday, March 31 | <i>Shrek Forever After</i> | PG | 93 min. |
| Friday, April 1 | <i>Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'hoole</i> | PG | 97 min. |

Adult Highlights

MIDLAND AUTHOR HONORED BY THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

Michael Federspiel's "Picturing Hemingway's Michigan" has been selected as a 2011 Michigan Notable Book. Featuring a wealth of rare Hemingway family photos and other primary resources, Federspiel's work provides a glimpse into Hemingway's profound love of Northern Michigan. Citing passages from Hemingway's own writing, Federspiel also reveals the profound effect the region had on his art. Available now for checkout at the Library, this book is an essential volume for all Hemingway admirers.

Michael Federspiel is a professor of history at Central Michigan University. He is also president of the Michigan Hemingway Society.

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND LEARN:

Reading Resources

Monday, March 14, 12:15 – 12:45PM

Library Lounge

No registration required.

Come and hear about the helpful resources the library has available to readers on the web. You will learn how to browse for book ideas, plot summaries, read-a-likes, series information, and more!

Options for Audiobooks, or What is a Playaway anyway?

Monday, April 11, 12:15-12:45PM

Library Lounge

No registration required.

With audiobooks now available from so many different sources, learn how you locate the books you want.

THE "NOT-TOO-SERIOUS" BOOK CLUB

Please join us as we explore the essence of time.

The Time Traveler's Wife

by Audrey Niffenegger

March 9, 10:00AM

Conference Room A

"A soaring celebration of the victory of love over time." *Chicago Tribune*

This is the tender story of Henry, a Chicago librarian, and Clare, a young woman growing up in Michigan. That they will eventually marry is known to Clare, but Henry must tread a thin line between telling her too little and too much as he drops randomly in and out of her life.

The Eyre Affair

by Jasper Fforde

April 13, 10:00AM

Conference Room A

This surreal and hilarious alternate reality tale is set in a 1985 Britain where time travel is routine, people purchase cloned pets, and literary works can be entered by Special Operatives.

BOOKS AND BITES

Explore the Wide World of Literature

There are *two* books for the month of *March*:

The Calligrapher's Daughter

By Eugenia Kim

"A bold, richly detailed story about the young daughter of a well-known calligrapher in turn-of-the 20th-century Korea. . . . [A] vivid, heartfelt portrait of faith, love and life for one family during a pivotal time in history."

BookPage

A Single Shard

By Linda Sue Park

Our 2011 Battle of the Books Selection

Thursday, March 17, 7:00PM

Conference Room A

April Book:

The Novel Bookstore

By Laurence Cosse

Thursday, April 21, 7:00PM

Conference Room A

Tucked away in a corner in Paris, The Good Novel bookstore offers its clientele literary masterpieces selected by a top-secret committee. The store has proven an instant success but nobody could have imagined that such success would unleash a tide of hatred. One by one the pieces of this thriller fall into place as it becomes clear to the owners that their dreams of an ideal place for books may be shattered.

CLASSIC MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Free Admission

Library Auditorium

City Lights (1931)

Tuesday, March 8, 2:00PM

The Awful Truth (1937)

Tuesday, March 22, 2:00PM

It Happened One Night (1934)

Tuesday, April 12, 2:00PM

Now, Voyager (1942)

Tuesday, April 26, 2:00PM

TIMELY TOPIC

March is *National Women's History Month* and March 8 is *International Women's Day*. The Library has put together a subject guide to books, articles, and websites on the topics.

- Go to the Library Homepage: www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary
- Click on "Timely Topics"
- Click on "Women's History"

COMPUTER CLASSES

Sign up beginning Monday, April 4 at the Reference Desk or by calling 837-3449. Class size is limited. The computer lab is located on the lower level across from MCTV.

Word 2010 with BLING!

Wednesday, April 6, 2:30 – 3:30PM

Learn how to use clip art, tables, WordArt, shapes, symbols, borders & color.

Mouse and basic computer skills required.

Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday, April 20, 2:30-3:30PM

Learn the basics of navigating the Internet using Internet Explorer.

Mouse and basic computer skills required.

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY ABOUT DOWNLOADABLE MATERIAL

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

Thursday, March 3, 6:00-8:30PM

Thursday, April 7, 6:00-8:30PM

Library Lounge

TAX CORNER

As the deadline for submitting your 2010 tax return quickly approaches, you can count on the library for assistance in finding any form or publication you may need. Visit our website to download, print and file from the convenience of your home or from our self service tax PC. We still have many paper forms and instructions as well. Can't find what you are looking for or unsure of which forms to use? Pay us a visit at the Reference Desk—we can put you in touch with community tax assistance opportunities.