

MCTV

837-3474

www.midland-mi.org/mctv

Does your kid like to make movies with your video camera and edit video on your computer? Are you looking for something for your teen to do during Spring Break? If you answer yes to these questions, then sign your teen up for MCTV's Spring Break Video Camp. They'll make a TV show. The camp will be held April 2-5, Monday through Thursday, from 1:00-5:00PM. The cost is \$50. You must be a resident of the City or County of Midland. Open to kids, ages 12-17. Please register in advance.

Adults, you can also get involved at MCTV. The next orientation/studio workshop will be held on Saturday, March 10 from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$45, which includes your first year's access user fee.

Stay informed about how your tax dollars will be spent. Watch Midland City Council meetings in April and May as Council reviews the City Manager's proposed budget. Tune to MGTV 96 on Mondays, April 9, 16, and 23 and May 7 and 21 at 7:00PM. Watch also for the special: "Community Question: City Budget."

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437

fogadml@yahoo.com

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our recent February Used Book Sale a success. So many people help make the book sales successful, it would be impossible to name everyone. We could not do it without our volunteers!

Would you like to help with our next book sale June 1-3? Contact us by phone or e-mail and let us know.

You can also find us on facebook at,

<http://www.facebook.com/fogadml>

and keep up with our news and events.

Can't wait until June to get your book fix? Remember we have an ongoing Used Book Sale located in the Cup and Chaucer.

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.



CLIP THIS COUPON!

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

HUNGER GAMES MOVIE RELEASE PARTY

Grades 6-12

Sunday, March 18, 1:30-4:30PM

Youth Services Area

Get ready for the release of *The Hunger Games* movie by participating in Hunger Games-style challenges!

PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9

Thursday March 22, 6:00-7:00PM

Library Lounge

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

Read *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld and join us for pizza and book discussion. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Grades 6-12

TAB will not be meeting in March or April. Join us at our May meeting and voice your thoughts on teen programming, books, music and more.

The Teen Spot

is on Facebook

You can find us at: *Teen Spot* at

Grace A. Dow Library.

"Like" us and receive updates on Teen activities.

STUDENT "MAKE MIDLAND BEAUTIFUL" POSTER EXHIBIT

Posters from the Make Midland Beautiful Art Celebration, sponsored by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, will be displayed on the Mezzanine during the month of April. Students in 2nd and 6th grade art classes submitted posters. Two from each classroom were selected by the art teacher and principal to represent that classroom. Judges then determined a single representative from each school. Don't miss this delightful exhibit by our very creative students.

THANK YOU

Our volunteers create their own stories through their actions and we celebrate them during National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, 2012.

Meeting regularly through the year, the Library Board works to improve library programs and services. The Teen Advisory Board uses their meetings to brainstorm ideas and plan how to promote the library to other teens. Fundraising for library programs and projects is the focus of the Friends of the Library and the Used Book Sale sorters, along with holding those great book sales. The expertise of our Midland Genealogical Society volunteers has uncovered many a family story for our visitors searching their family histories. Preparing the Battle of the Book teams for the battles, the Team Managers keep the students motivated and having fun. **THANK YOU** for actively volunteering for the library!

March/April
2012

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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

LIBRARY Connection

Look inside for:

- * HAPPENINGS 2012
- * COMPUTER CLASSES
- * BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- * SPRING STORYTIMES
- * FREE KIDS SPRING BREAK MOVIES and more!



LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Friday, April 6
Sunday, April 8

Library Board Meetings:
Wednesday, April 18, 7:00PM
City Hall Council Chambers
Live on MGTV 96



Our virtual branch
is always open

PROMISE TO READ? WHY MAKE THIS PROMISE?

One should not take promises lightly so that is why the library is providing you with all of the tools to keep your "Reading Promise." Promising to read to someone every day during the month of March (and beyond) will create wonderful memories, build new reading habits and introduce reading adventures.

It is time to pick up your reading log at the library or get one online, choose your special reading buddy and dig into that first book. The library staff has compiled lists of recommended read-a-loud books for all ages.

Let's have fun with the "Reading Promise." Come to Pajama Night on March 16 with your preschool and elementary age child and hear stories read by area teachers and principals. Pick one of our Family Read book titles for your Promise and come to the discussions on March 26 and 27 that will also include a fun activity and a treat. Share your reading experiences with others at our "Celebration of Our Community of Readers" special event March 23. Children will delight in a story time with author Nancy Shaw of the Sheep in a Jeep series. Also that evening enjoy our Readers Theater with area actors reading from their favorite books.

It was Alice Ozma and her father who brought us the Reading Promise. The story of their reading streak is the subject of the book **The Reading Promise**. Copies of the book are available at the library. You'll find the story funny, touching, maybe a little sad in parts, but a rewarding read. **LET THE READING BEGIN!**

THE LIBRARY NOW OFFERS OVERDRIVE EBOOKS

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library has improved its eBook service. Our eBooks are compatible with the Kindle, Nook, and other eReader devices. The iPad and most smart phones access the collection using the free Overdrive app. This collection is available to residents of the library's legal service area using their library card. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

To begin, our collection though limited in size, features a variety of best-selling authors. As always, donations are welcome and will help us grow what we anticipate will be a much used service.

To get started downloading eBooks, visit www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary and click on "Overdrive eBooks." For assistance, click on the link "Help using the eBooks" or call the reference desk at 837-3449.

THE CIVIL WAR: 150 YEARS LATER

Our year long commemoration of the American Civil War continues on Saturday, March 17 with a special performance of The 5th Michigan Regiment Band at 2:00PM, in the Library Auditorium. Named by the Michigan House of Representatives as the "Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Band," this performance is sure to bring the 1860's into sharp focus. Watch for our fall programming schedule for upcoming events as we remember this monumental chapter in American History. This activity is funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

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Kid's Corner

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Oral Battle Day
Saturday, March 3, 9:00AM & 1:00PM
Library Auditorium
The top 16 teams from the 2nd Written Battle will compete, 8 in the morning and 8 in the afternoon, with the winners competing at the Championship Battle.

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 8, 4:30PM
Library Auditorium
Everyone is invited to watch the final 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 funding for the books, T-shirts, pencils, and other mementoes for every Battle participant as well as refreshments for the Battle events.
- ◆ Local area schools for the use of their buildings for written battles.
- ◆ All of the parents, teachers, and other dedicated adults whose support has kept the Battle program going strong for 33 years.
- ◆ Special thanks to the 4th and 5th graders who devote their time to reading books and answering questions.

*Battle of the Books
was a success
because of all of YOU!*

SUMMER CAMP KICK-OFF

Free Event
Saturday, March 17, Noon-4:00PM
Midland Center for the Arts Brick Lobby

Streamline your summer camp planning. Learn about all the summer camps and classes in the Midland area at one event.

The Library will be participating in Discovery Square Camp this year! Information is available at Summer Camp Kickoff or call the Library at 837-3466.

SPRING STORYTIMES

Story Room
Baby Time (For babies who are not yet walking)
Tuesdays, 1 & 2:30PM
March 13, 20, April 10, 17, 24

Toddler Time (Walking babies to 24 months)
Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM
March 13, 20, April 10, 17, 24

Move & Groove (Ages 2-6)
Wednesdays, 10:00AM
March 14, 21
Thursdays, 10:00AM
March 15, 22

Circle Time (Ages 2-3)
Tuesdays, 7:00PM
April 10, 17, 24
Wednesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM
April 11, 18, 25
Thursdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM
April 12, 19, 26

Ready, Sit, Read! (Ages 4 and up)
Thursdays, 2:00 & 6:30PM
April 12, 19, 26

BEYOND BOOKS

Early Literacy Activity Center
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Wednesday, May 9, 4:30PM
Youth Services Area
Save this date for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the new Early Literacy Activity Center, BEYOND BOOKS, in Youth Services.

This center will feature hands-on educational activities for children ages 0-5 to develop the language and math skills that will prepare them for school. There will also be tips for parents.

Please thank these donors for their support of the project:
Midland Area Community Foundation-Kellogg Youth Fund
Midland Rotary Foundation
Kiwassie Kiwanis Foundation
School Days
Friends of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
and other private donors.

FREE KIDS SPRING BREAK MOVIES

Date	Movie	Rating	Time	Location
Monday, April 2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules	PG	99 min.	Auditorium, 2:00PM
Tuesday, April 3	Mr. Popper's Penguins	PG	94 min.	
Wednesday, April 4	Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief	PG	120 min.	
Thursday, April 5	Ramona and Beezus	G	103 min.	

NEWBERY & CALDECOTT WINNERS

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos won the Newbery Medal for the best children's book of 2011 and **A Ball for Daisy** by Chris Raschka won the Caldecott award for the best illustrated story of 2011, the two most prestigious honors in children's literature.

Dead End in Norvelt chronicles the humorous adventures of a boy named "Jack Gantos" whose plans for an eventful summer are destroyed when he is grounded "for life." He ends up with plenty of excitement in spite of himself, when he is given the task of typing obituaries filled with stories about the people who lived in his hometown.

A Ball for Daisy is a wordless book that expresses in pictures the joy of a dog with its favorite ball and its sadness when the toy is destroyed by a bigger dog.

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade
Library Lounge
Call 837-3466 to register.
Join us for stories, snacks, and a craft.

Fly High Butterflies

Registration begins March 1
Monday, March 19
4:15 - 5:00PM and
6:30 - 7:15PM
Get ready for spring with stories about butterflies and make a colorful tissue paper butterfly sky.

Bugs in Your Backyard!

Registration begins April 1.
Monday, April 16
4:15 - 5:00PM and
6:30 - 7:15PM
Explore the world of bugs with books and make a bug collector. How many bugs can you find in your backyard?

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 2012

Saturday, May 5, 10:00AM - 5:00PM
Drop in to Youth Services for a free comic book. Select from many popular titles for early readers to teens. Available while supplies last...

Adult Highlights

COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration begins Monday, February 27 for March Classes. Contact the Library Reference Desk at 837-3449. Classes held in Library Computer Lab unless otherwise noted.

Picasa Digital Photos

Wednesday, March 7, 7:00PM OR
Monday, March 12, 2:30PM
Mouse and basic computer skills are required. Learn to use Google's powerful and free software to organize, edit, and share your digital photos.

How to Use the Mouse

Thursday, March 8, 2:30PM
Learn how to point, click and scroll with a computer mouse.

Files, Folders and Storage Demonstration

Tuesday, March 13, 2:30PM
Library Lounge
Learn how to create files and folders, use external storage devices, and back up your important data.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Thursday, March 22, 2:30PM
OR
Wednesday, March 28, 7:00PM
Use the ribbon to create slides, add images and text, animate objects, view and print presentations, and work with themes and SmartArt.

Registration begins Monday, April 2 for April Classes.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00PM OR
Thursday, April 19, 2:30PM
Learn how to use the ribbon, create, save, and print documents, highlight, copy and paste text, and more.

Picasa Digital Photos

Monday, April 16, 2:30PM
Mouse and basic computer skills are required. Learn to use Google's powerful and free software to organize, edit, and share your digital photos.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, April 25, 7:00PM
Thursday, April 26, 2:30PM
Learn basic skills for cell entry and manipulation, formatting, sheets, tabs, and basic formula creation.

THE TAX CORNER

Find forms and publications needed to complete your 2011 filings.

BOOKS AND BITES

Library Conference Room A
Masterpiece
By Elise Broach
Battle of the Books Title
The Gardener Heist
By Ulrich Boser
Thursday, March 15, 7:00PM
March highlights a Battle of the Books selection with a companion adult title. Both are intriguing tales of art theft.

100th Anniversary of the Titanic

Every Man for Himself

By Beryl Bainbridge
Thursday, April 19, 7:00PM
"Bainbridge's swift, economical novels tell us more about an era and the ways in which its people inhabit it than volumes of social history." *Publishers Weekly*

The Weight of Heaven

By Thirty Umrigar
Thursday, May 17, 7:00PM
"Umrigar continues her exploration of cultural divides in the beautifully written and incisive novel about an American couple's experience in India." *Publishers Weekly*

THE NOT-TOO-SERIOUS BOOK CLUB

Library Conference Room A
Left Neglected
by Lisa Genova
Wednesday, March 14, 10:00AM

You Know When the Soldiers are Gone

by Siobhan Fallon
Wednesday, April 11, 10:00AM

ONECLICKDIGITAL

OneClickdigital is currently available for downloading audiobooks and can be accessed via our homepage.

We are aware of some technical issues with downloading content from this new service and, as a result, have created some helpful guides to assist you through the process. This information is also available from our homepage.

As always, give us a call if you have any questions about this or any other of the e-resources we provide.

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS, EBOOKS, AND THE LIBRARY — DEMONSTRATION

No Registration Required
Tuesday, April 24, 7:00PM
Library Lounge
Learn about the library's new downloadable collections. View a demonstration of how to access, download and transfer audiobooks and eBooks.

CLASSIC MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Free Admission
Library Auditorium
Doors will open 15 minutes before the performance.

Miracle Worker (1962)
Tuesday, March 13, 2:00PM
(1 hour 46 minutes)

I'll Be Seeing You (1944)
Tuesday, March 27, 2:00PM
(2 hours)

It's Always Fair Weather (1955)
Tuesday, April 10, 2:00PM
(2 hours)

Dodge City (1939)
Tuesday, April 24, 2:00PM
(1 hour 40 Minutes)

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

During the month of March, check out any of our Academy Award nominated films for only

50¢.

Titles include films nominated in all major categories.

New titles are not eligible for discount. Regular overdue fees apply.

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

Library Lounge
Thursday, March 1, 6:00-8:30PM
Thursday, April 5, 6:00-8:30PM
Thursday, May 3, 6:00-8:30PM