

MCTV

837-3474.....www.midland-mi.org/mctv
If your daughter or son wants to be the next Steven Spielberg or is looking for something to do during spring break, sign up your teen for MCTV's Video Camp.

The camp will be held April 1-4, Monday-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 can also have fun at MCTV. The next orientation/studio workshop will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$45, which includes your first year's access user fee.

Find out how the City plans to spend your tax dollars. 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 8, 22, and 29 and May 6 & 20 at 7:00PM. Watch also for the special: "Community Question: City Budget."

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437.....fogadml@yahoo.com
The Friends would like to extend a huge thank you to all the many many people who helped to make our February book sale a success. We are truly grateful for all the work you do for us. Thank You!

You can keep up with the Friends through our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/fogadml>. Our next book sale will be held May 31-June 2. We'll need lots of volunteers to make it happen. Contact us by phone or e-mail if you are interested in helping out.

And as always we have our ongoing used book sale located in the Cup and Chaucer!

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

March.....Midland Artist Guild
April.....Make Midland Beautiful
Posters submitted by students in 2nd and 6th grade art classes will be exhibited. This art celebration is sponsored by the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Judges have selected one poster from each participating school for the exhibit. This bright and colorful exhibit is fun for the whole family.

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

ZUMBA

Grades 6-12
Library Auditorium
Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.
Sunday, March 17, 2:00-2:45PM

Do You Love to...Dance?...Exercise?...Have Fun?
Here's your chance to do all three at our Teen Zumba program! Join certified instructor Jeanenne Heye in an easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, dance fitness-party™. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and good aerobic footwear.

PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9
Library Lounge
Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.
Thursday, March 21, 6:00-7:00PM

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have To Kill You
by Ally Carter
or
Stormbreaker
by Anthony Horowitz

Plots & Pizza meets every other month. Read one of the selected titles then join us for pizza, pop, and book discussion. Books are available at the Youth Services Desk.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Grades 7-12
Library Lounge
Registration Required. Space is Limited. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Part One:
Sunday, April 21, 2:00-4:00PM

Part Two
Sunday, April 28, 2:00-4:00PM

Do you enjoy photography? Are you interested in learning how to take photographs that are amazing instead of average? Join professional photographer Preston Jones in our 2-day workshop where you will learn how to take better photos. The workshop will include time for instruction, practice, and photo sharing. Teen photographers of all experience levels are welcome. Attendees must bring their own film or digital camera.

VOLUNTEERISM POWER

Our volunteers have a powerful impact on Library services and programs. Many thanks to the Library Board, Friends of the Library Board, Friends Book sorters, Friends Book Sale workers, Volunteens, Battle of the Books team managers, and the Midland Genealogical Society volunteers. We celebrate all that you do for the Library and recognize your extraordinary contributions during National Volunteer Week, April 21-27. We appreciate your many hours of service throughout the year.

March/April
2013

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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LIBRARY Connection

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Find us on facebook!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Friday, March 29
Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS:
No Board meeting in March
Wednesday, April 17, 7:00PM

Live on MGTV 96



Our eBranch
is always open

Whatdoyougeek?

That's the question the Library has been asking the community because we want to support what you are interested in. It's also the theme for "Happenings" in March and April. We geek eating for health, art, photography, wildlife, Lincoln, and more.

- **Happenings 2013** offers some special opportunities for children and teens. If you've ever been fortunate enough to see the Jump Rope Club from Woodcrest Elementary School perform you know what a riveting exhibition they give. Members of this talented group will be providing a jump rope demonstration followed by individual jump rope instruction for 3rd through 5th graders.
- Lisa Wheeler, author of the popular Dino-Sports series and many other fun titles, will give an animated presentation of her favorite books. A book sale and signing will follow.
- Teens looking for an alternative exercise routine are invited to a Zumba program. If you prefer something to inspire your creative side, check into our Photography Workshop.

Throughout this edition of the Library Connection and in our special insert, you can find information about our many programs happening this Spring.

Eating For Health

Please join us as we continue our exploration of the "power of the plate" to lead us to a healthier life.

- March 13th at 7:00PM in the Library Lounge, we will be welcoming organic farmers, Fred and Michele Monroe, who will discuss the health benefits of "eating local".
- March 20th, we will be showing the thought-provoking documentary film, *Forks Over Knives* at 7:00PM in the Library Auditorium which highlights how a whole-foods, plant-based diet can change your life.

Abraham Lincoln Visits the Library

If you love your history firsthand, you'll want to check out our guest speaker, Abraham Lincoln impersonator, Fred Priebe, who will visit the Library on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00PM in the Library Auditorium. Mr. Priebe has been providing historically accurate and entertaining first-person presentations since 1996 when he began role-playing as President Lincoln at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Mr. Priebe will present the program, "Why Did He Wait So Long?" which will describe Lincoln's evolving beliefs about the abolition of slavery during the Civil War and how he championed its demise. Please join us as we experience Lincoln "up close and personal".

2013 Michigan Notable Book Award

Congratulations to Midland author Jeff VandeZande for receiving the 2013 Michigan Notable Book Award from the Library of Michigan. VandeZande's novel is entitled *American Poet*. This is the Delta College professor's third novel. It was inspired by the Theodore Roethke Home Museum. It's the story of a poetry graduate who comes back home and works to save his hometown's local museum. *American Poet* is available for check-out here in the Library.

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Oral Battle Day

Auditorium
Saturday, March 2
9:00AM and 1:00PM



The top sixteen scoring teams from 2nd Written Battle will be competing on Oral Battle Day. Eight teams will compete in four battles in the morning and the other eight teams in the afternoon. The top team from the morning and the top team from the afternoon will become the final two teams to battle at Championship.

The program begins in the Library Auditorium with Battle team assignments.

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 7, 4:30PM
Auditorium

Everyone is invited to watch the final two teams battle it out in the Championship followed by a reception for ALL Battle teams in the Lounge.

A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO:

- The Friends of the Library who continue their generous support of this popular program by providing funding for the special souvenirs that make Battle memorable, including Battle t-shirts, pencils, and other mementos for every Battle participant as well as funding for the books and 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 time and effort keeps the Battle program going strong.
- Special thanks to the 4th and 5th graders who spend countless hours reading books and practicing for Battle.

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

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 4,
10:00AM – 5:00PM

Drop into Youth Services for a free comic book. Find selections for early readers to teens featuring many favorite characters.

Available while supplies last...

Kids' Corner

SPRING STORYTIMES

Story Room

Baby Time (babies not yet walking)

Tuesdays, 1:00 & 2:30PM

March 12, 19; April 9, 16, 23

This entertaining program introduces infants to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes with time for babies to play and adults to visit.

Toddler Time (walking babies to 24 months)

Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM

March 12, 19; April 9, 16, 23

This active baby program starts with 20 minutes of adult/child interaction, involving books, rhymes, music and more, followed by 20 minutes of social time for babies to play and adults to visit.

Move & Groove (Ages 2-6)

Wednesdays, 10:00AM

March 13, 20

Thursdays, 10:00AM

March 14, 21

Come shake your sillies out! Join us for a fun-filled program with action songs, fingerplays, movement activities, and dancing.

Family Story Time (Families with young children)

Tuesdays, 7:00PM

April 9, 16, 23

A story time for the whole family! Stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun activities designed for families with young children.

Circle Time (Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM

April 10, 17, 24

Thursdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM

April 11, 18, 25

You and your child are active participants in this 30 minute program with fun stories, fingerplays, puppets, songs and get-up-and-move activities.

Stories and More (Ages 4 and up)

Fridays, 2:30PM

April 12, 19, 26

Story time with a craft.

ALL ABOARD! DISCOVERY DEPOT

Children ages 0 to 5 can learn as they play in Discovery Depot, an extension of Beyond Books, Early Literacy Center
May 1 through May 31

Monday-Friday.....9:30AM-7:30PM

Saturday.....10:00AM-4:00PM

Sunday.....1:00-4:00PM

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade

Library Lounge

Call 837-3466 to register.

Join us for stories, snacks and a craft.

I Geek Kites

Registration begins March 1.

Monday, March 25

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

OR

Tuesday, March 26

4:15-5:00PM

Come hear stories about kites, make a kite, and weather permitting, fly your kite!

Fine Feathered Friends

Registration begins April 1.

Monday, April 15

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

Spring is here and our feathered friends are hungry! Make a simple bird feeder to attract birds to your backyard while you listen to our favorite stories about birds.

SPRING BREAK CONTEST

Don't Forget Your Book!

Whose book will travel the farthest during Spring Break? Whose will visit the strangest place? Whose will have the most fun right here in the Midland area? **Take a book on Spring Break with you and take a photo of it posed somewhere fun on your trip.** Bring your photo to the library (or send it electronically to swilliam@midland-mi.org) and submit an entry form by April 20th for a chance to win a Grace A. Dow Library GEEK t-shirt. Entry forms are available online and in Youth Services.

Categories are:

1. The book that traveled the farthest. (We need mileage).
 2. The book that went the highest. (We need elevation—planes rides do not count).
 3. The book that went to the strangest place. (We decide on strange...)
 4. The book that saw the most people at one time. (Both book and crowd must be in the photo).
 5. The book that had the best time right here in the Midland area.
 6. The book that went to the most places during Spring Break. (We need a photo from each location.)
- Ties will be decided by random drawing.*

Adult Highlights

—COMPUTER CLASSES—

Call the Reference Desk at 837-3449 or register in person.

Please let us know if you cannot attend so that we can contact someone on the waiting list.

Computer Lab

Digital Photos with Picasa

Wednesday, March 6, 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.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010

Monday, March 11, 2:30PM

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00PM

Thursday, April 11, 2:30PM

Mouse and basic computer skills required. Use the ribbon to create slides, add images and text, animate objects, view and print presentations, and work with themes and SmartArt.

Introduction to Windows 7

Thursday, March 14, 2:30PM

Learn the basics of using your Windows 7 computer.

Files, Folders & Storage

Thursday, March 21, 2:30PM

Learn how to keep your documents organized and safe.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, March 19, 2:30PM

Wednesday, April 24, 2:30PM

Learn how to use the ribbon to create, save, and print documents; highlight, copy and paste text and more.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Monday, April 29, 2:30PM

Learn basic skills for cell entry and manipulation, formatting techniques, sheet tabs, and basic formula creation.

TAX TIME

Can't find what you are looking for? Use the handy tax pc to locate and print any state or federal tax documents.

VENTURE START— STARTING A BUSINESS

~formerly The Small Business Startup Seminar

Library Lounge

Thursday, Mar. 7, 6:00-8:00PM

Thursday, Apr. 4, 6:00-8:00PM

eBook Drop-in Help

Monday, March 4, 2:30-4:00PM

Library Lounge

No registration required.

Are you having trouble using your eReader to access Library content? Drop in with your device to receive one-on-one help.

Cloud Computing Demonstration

Monday, April 22, 2:30PM

Library Lounge

No registration required.

Come learn more about web-based services and storage. We will look at Google and Amazon's free cloud services.

BOOKS & BITES

Conference Room A

Behind the Beautiful Forevers

Winner of the 2012 National Book Award

By Katherine Boo

Thursday, March 21, 7:00PM

[Boo] makes it very easy to forget that this book is the work of a reporter." *The New York Times*

Pronto

By Elmore Leonard

Thursday, April 18, 7:00PM

This novel introduces readers to U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens. "The only problem with the book is that it ends." *Publishers Weekly*

CLASSIC MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Library Auditorium

2:00PM, Free

Watch the Classics

The Picture of Dorian Gray (1945)

Tuesday, March 12

Ivanhoe (1952)

Tuesday, March 26

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954)

Tuesday, April 9

Importance of Being Earnest (1952)

Tuesday, April 23

GAME NIGHT

For ages 18 and older. Free.

Library Lounge

Friday, March 8th, 6:00PM

Friday, April 12th, 6:00PM

Meet up with other board and card gamers for an evening of fun. Activities start at 6:00PM, but you can join in anytime. Call us to find out more: 837-3449.

INTRODUCING:

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Starting in March, on the first Monday of every month, we will reveal our "book of the month." This selection will be announced on our website and in a special display in the Library. Copies will be available for checkout. Each month, a staff member will recommend a book that is thoughtful, insightful and hopefully, engaging to you the reader.

LIVING WITH LIONS, AND WOLVES AND BEARS...

Library Lounge

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00PM

What happens when rebounding wildlife spreads in towards America's cities, and as America's cities sprawl ever outward into wildlife habitat?

Read David Baron's *The Beast in the Garden: The True Story of a Predator's Deadly Return to Suburban America* and find out what happened in one Colorado town when the once absent mountain lion made a startling return.

DNR's Adam Bump will join us for a lively discussion about large cats and other wildlife management issues in Michigan.

WRITERS WORKSHOP

On the Job Training; Becoming an Author.

To register please stop by the reference desk or call 989-837-3449.

Library Lounge

April 17, 7:00PM

Kristina Riggle, Michigan author of *Real Life & Liars*, *The Life You've Imagined*, *Things We Didn't Say*, and *Keepsake*, will share tips and tricks learned over her writing career including her ideas on career development, plot, making time to write, staying focused through rejections and the mechanics of getting published. Space is limited.

DVD EVENT

Featuring: Oscar Winning Films

In March, check out any Academy Award nominated film for fifty cents. Check out the special display in the DVD area.