

## MCTV

837-3474.....www.midland-mi.org/mctv  
MCTV's channels have moved on Charter Communications cable. You can now find them on channels 188-191. On AT&T's U-verse, you can locate MCTV by going through channel 99.

Looking for a great activity to get your teen involved in this summer? Sign them up for MCTV's Summer Video Camp. Campers learn how to use video production equipment and they make a TV show!

Choose from one of two weeks:

June 23-26 or August 4-7

Monday - Thursday, 1:00-5:00PM

The cost is \$50. Open to ages 12-17. You must be a resident of the City or County of Midland. *Registration begins March 10.*

Adults, we have classes for you, too. The next orientation/studio workshop will be held on Saturday, March 8 from 10AM-1PM. The cost is \$45, which includes your first year's access user fee.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437.....fogadml@yahoo.com  
The Friends would like to thank everyone who pitched in to make the February book sale a big success. We could not do what we do without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Save the date for our next book sale, which will be held June 6, 7, and 8. If you are interested in helping out at any of our book sales, give us a call at 837-3437 or send us an e-mail at fogadml@yahoo.com.

You can keep up with the Friends by following us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fogadml) and you can visit our ongoing used book sale located in the Cup and Chaucer!

## MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

March.....Midland Artists Guild  
April.....Make Midland Beautiful Exhibit

## CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Hours:.....Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:00PM  
Snacks and drinks are also available during Library hours from our vending machines.

## 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

Information .....837-3430  
Reference .....837-3449  
Check Out Desk.....837-3457  
On-Call/Renewals 24/7 ..... 835-3280  
Youth and Teen Services..... 837-3466

# Teen Time

WATCH FOR RENOVATION ALERTS.  
PROGRAM CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS!

## PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9

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

Thursday, March 20, 6:00-7:00PM

Community Room\*

**Epic** by Conor Kostick

Read the selected title for the month, then join us for pizza and book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the Youth Services Desk.

## RECYCLED BOOK CRAFT

Grades 6-12

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

Sunday, April 27, 2:00-3:30PM

Story Room

Give new life to old books by creating a craft project using pages from discarded books.

## TEEN SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Grades 7-12

If you enjoy working with children, the Library is looking for friendly and enthusiastic teens to help with our Summer Reading Program. This is a perfect opportunity to acquire the volunteer hours that are required as membership in many honors and service organizations.

The Orientation Sessions will take place in late May. Look for the schedule in the May/June Library Connection.

## THE TEEN SPOT IS ON FACEBOOK!



You can find us at:

Teen Spot at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.  
"Like" us and receive updates on Teen Activities.

## CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week is April 6-12. One dictionary says a volunteer is a person who performs a service willingly and without pay. The Library is grateful to the many volunteers who serve the Library through their work on the Library Board, the Friends of the Library Board, Friends Book Sales, the Volunteer program, Battle of the Books, and the Midland Genealogical Society. We're grateful for all that you do.

\*Formerly the Library Lounge

March/April  
2014

# Grace A. Dow Memorial

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989-837-3430

# LIBRARY Connection

Look inside for:

- \* Spring Story Time
- \* Mango Day
- \* Computer Classes
- \* Movie Madness

and more!



Find us on facebook!

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Friday, April 18, Good Friday  
Sunday, April 20, Easter

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS:

No Board Meeting in March

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00PM  
City Council Chambers

Live on MGTV 188 on Charter  
and U-verse Channel 99.



Our eBranch  
is always open

## COME SEE OUR NEW LOOK

You are invited to help us celebrate the completion of the Library's three million dollar renovation project. Join us on Sunday, April 13, for an Open House from 2:00-5:00PM. A special program will be held at 3:00PM in the Auditorium, featuring speakers from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the City of Midland, the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio, and the Library Board. This project reflects the vision of the building's architect, Alden B. Dow and gives the Library a fresh new look and feel. Refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome.

## LET YOUR IMAGINATION SOAR WITH STORYBIRD HAPPENINGS EVENT

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Community Room\*

Sunday, March 23

1:30-2:30PM or 3:00-4:00PM

Children are asked to register with an adult helper.

*Call the Youth Services Desk at 837-3466 to register.*

Make, read, and share stories. The Library will be teaching students in 3rd through 5th grade how to make stories with Storybird, a free online program that makes it simple to create stories that you'll be excited to share. Storybird curates art from illustrators and animators from around the world and makes it available as story illustrations. The artwork makes it easy to get inspired to write any type of story that you can imagine.

## A COMMUNITY BOOK EVENT

Wednesday, March 26, 7:00PM

Community Room\*

Read about one amateur cyclist's ardent quest to complete the Tour Divide, one of the toughest mountain bike events in the world. More than 2,700 miles in length, the tour runs from Banff in Canada all the way to Mexico. Check out ***Eat, Sleep, Ride: How I Braved Bears, Badlands, and Big Breakfasts in My Quest to Cycle the Tour Divide*** by Paul Howard and then join us for a fascinating look at The Great Divide Route, the killer course traveled in this unique adventure memoir.

Our guest speaker is local cycling enthusiast, Kerry Irons, a volunteer with the Adventure Cycling Association.

## LEGO DONATIONS

Building with Legos combines imagination, spatial sense, mathematical thinking and problem solving. This type of play paves the way for learning. We feel this combination of fun and learning offers a great opportunity for programming this summer. To make this happen, we need some help from the community. Do you have Lego sets that are no longer being used? We are seeking permanent donations of new or gently used Lego-sized bricks. Donations can be dropped off at the Youth Services Desk anytime during Library hours. Forms are available to use for tax deductions for your donation.

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[www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary)

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

### Oral Battle Day

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



The Battle of the Books moves into Oral battles on March 1. The top sixteen scoring teams from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Written Battle will be divided into morning and afternoon teams to compete on Oral Battle Day. Eight teams will compete in four battles in the morning with the other eight teams competing in the afternoon. The top scoring team in the morning will then face the top scoring team in the afternoon at the Championship Battle.

Oral Battle Day begins with the teams gathering in the Library Auditorium. Team managers will be given battle locations and opponents.

### Championship Battle

Auditorium  
Thursday, March 6, 4:30

We invite everyone to watch the Championship Battle, and then join us as we celebrate ALL Battle teams with a reception in the Community Room immediately afterwards.

### A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO:

- The Friends of the Library who generously support this popular program by providing funding for Battle t-shirts, pencils, and other mementos for every Battle participant plus funding for copies of the Battle 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 who devote their time and effort to support the children in Battle.
- A special thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for enthusiastically reading and preparing for Battle. We hope you found some new favorite books!

YOU make our Battle of the Books program a great success!

### DISCOVERY DEPOT

May 1 – May 31  
Monday-Friday: 9:30AM-7:30PM  
Saturday: 10:00AM-4:00PM  
Sunday: 1:00-4:00PM

## Kids' Corner

WATCH FOR RENOVATION ALERTS.  
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### SPRING STORY TIMES

Story Room

#### Baby Time

(Babies who are not yet walking)  
Tuesdays, 1:00 & 2:30PM  
March 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22  
Books, songs, bounces, rhymes and playtime.

#### Toddler Time

(Walking babies to 24 months)  
Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM  
March 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22  
Stories, fingerplays, songs, and playtime.

#### Move & Groove (Ages 2-6)

Wednesdays, 10:00AM  
March 19, 26  
Thursdays, 10:00AM  
March 20, 27  
You and your child can dance and sing along in this program.

#### Family Story Times

(For families with children ages 2-6)  
Tuesdays, 7:00PM  
April 8, 15, 22  
Stories and fun activities for families with young children.

#### Circle Time (Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM  
April 9, 16, 23  
Thursday, 9:45 & 10:45AM  
April 10, 17, 24

You and your child are active participants as we share stories, songs, and get up and move activities.

#### Stories and More (Ages 4 and up)

Fridays, 2:30PM  
April 11, 25  
Closed April 18 for Good Friday.  
Share stories and fingerplays followed by a simple craft for child and caregiver to complete together.

### FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 3  
10:00AM – 5:00PM  
Visit Youth Services for a free comic book for early readers to teens.

### MANGO DAY

Monday, April 21  
10:00-7:00

#### Get talking with Mango! (All ages)

Computer Lab  
Practice learning a new language online. Drop by for Mango demonstrations, a scavenger hunt, games and prizes!

#### Little Pim Playgroups (Ages 0 -5)

Story Room  
Would you like to introduce your baby, toddler, or preschooler to a second language? Little Pim, the animated panda bear teacher, makes it fun and easy. Watch a short DVD, make a simple panda craft, try vocabulary booster apps, and learn from each other. The language playgroups are listed below:

10:00-11:00AM	Mandarin Chinese/English
11:00-12:00PM	Spanish/English
12:00-1:00PM	French/English
1:00-2:00PM	German/English
2:00-3:00PM	Japanese/English
3:00-4:00PM	Russian/English
4:00-5:00PM	Mandarin Chinese/English
5:00-6:00PM	Spanish/English

### CRAFTY READERS

K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Community Room  
Join us for stories, snacks and a craft!  
Call 837-3466 to register.

### Hats Off to Spring

Welcome Spring and make a fun hat.  
Registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Monday, March 17  
4:15-5:00PM or 6:30-7:15PM  
Tuesday, March 18  
4:15-5:00PM

### Trash to Toy

Make a toy from recycled materials.  
Registration begins March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Monday, April 14  
4:15-5:00PM or 6:30-7:15PM

### KIDS' SPRING BREAK MOVIES – Free

All movies will be shown at 2:00PM in the Auditorium and are intended for older elementary children.

Monday, March 31, 2:00PM	Monsters University	G	74 min.
Tuesday, April 1, 2:00PM	Despicable Me 2	PG	99 min.
Wednesday, April 2, 2:00PM	Frozen	PG	102 min.
Thursday, April 3, 2:00PM	Planes	PG	92 min.
Friday, April 4, 2:00PM	Rio	G	96 min.

## Adult Highlights

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### —COMPUTER CLASSES—

Classes take place in the Library Computer Lab on the Lower Level unless otherwise indicated. 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.

#### MARCH

Registration begins Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
**Beginning Computing** – these classes acquaint you with the basics of using your computer.

#### How to Use a Computer Mouse

Thursday, March 13, 2:30PM  
For people new to computers, learn how to use the mouse.

#### Introduction to Windows 7

Thursday, March 20, 2:30PM  
Learn how to use your Windows 7 computer.

#### Files, Folders & Storage

Thursday, March 27, 2:30PM  
Learn how to organize your computer's filing system.

#### Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, March 18, 2:30PM  
Learn how to use the ribbon to create, save, and print documents; highlight, copy and paste text and more.

### BUSINESS RESEARCH

Learn about entrepreneurship with the resources available through the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library and the Michigan Electronic Library (mel.org).

#### Business Insights: Global

This is a unique source for international business intelligence.

#### Business Decision

Find consumer market data, demographic data, and market segmentation data for the area around your existing or future business.

#### Demographics Now

Gain consumer and market insight as you consider opening a business, finding an untapped audience for your products, analyzing the shifts and needs of a given population, and more. To access through the Library web page, click on "Resources for Research", then "Small Business".

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#### APRIL

Registration begins Monday, April 7.  
**Advanced Classes** – these classes offer information for more experienced computer users.

#### Digital Photos with Picasa

Monday, April 14, 2:30PM  
Tuesday, April 15, 7:00PM  
Mouse and basic computer skills are required. Learn to use Google's free software to organize, edit, and share your digital photos.

#### Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Monday, April 21, 2:30PM  
Tuesday, April 22, 7:00PM  
Use the ribbon to create slides, add images and text, animate objects, view and print your presentation, working with themes and SmartArt.

### VENTURE START—STARTING A BUSINESS

Community Room\*

Thursday, March 13, 6:00-8:00PM

Thursday, April 3, 6:00-8:00PM

### 25¢ Special!

### APRIL MOVIE MADNESS

A 25¢ special price on all fiction DVD's will run through the month of April! New DVD titles are excluded.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK TEA

**Grace Ball Dow and the Midland Library: A Lifelong Commitment**  
Library Mezzanine  
Wednesday, April 16, 2:00PM

Join local historian and archivist Tawny Ryan Nelb for an intimate look at our Library's namesake and greatest advocate.

Tickets will go on sale at the Check Out Desk on Monday, March 10. \$6.00

### HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT?

Thursday, March 6, 7:00PM  
Auditorium

Join us to find answers to all your questions concerning the new legislation as well as Michigan's Medicaid Expansion Program. A representative from Mid Michigan Community Action Agency will be available to provide answers and assist you in making the right healthcare coverage choices.

*This program is co-sponsored by the Mid Michigan Community Action Agency and the Library.*

### BOOKS AND BITES

Conference Room A

#### Schroder by Amity Gaige

Thursday, March 20, 7:00PM  
"Complicated and nuanced . . . the novel is absorbing, with a propulsive plot and a narrator who is charming, ambivalent, and searching..." *The New Yorker*.

#### After Life by Rhian Ellis

Thursday, April 17, 7:00PM  
"The opening line of Ellis's debut novel, a psychological thriller, engages the reader like tossing a pork chop to a hungry dog..." *Publishers Weekly*.

### GAME NIGHT

#### Tabletop Game Night –Bigger and Better Than Ever!

Community Room\*  
Friday, April 25, 6:00PM  
Friday, May 16, 6:00PM

Meet other adults for modern and classic tabletop games. We'll provide a selection of games (Betrayal at House on the Hill, Settlers of Catan, Fluxx and many more), or bring your own and join up with other players. Free. Ages 18+. Snacks provided. Coordinate with other attendees at <http://www.meetup.com/MidlandGamers/>.