



The

Library

Connection

From the Director

I recently read an article in the Detroit Free Press written by Brian Dickerson titled, "Library Just a Free Mouse Click Away." Mr. Dickerson writes about the library services available from his home computer and how convenient the library has become for its users.

This journalist could have been writing about the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library! The library offers many of the on-line services that are featured in the article, including searching the library catalog, placing a hold on a book, checking your library record, renewing most material, and searching the magazine and newspaper databases. Also, patrons can request that holds and overdue notification be sent to them via e-mail. This information (and more!) is available from your home computer!

We are also happy to report that the library building is here with doors open to give you person-to-person service. Library staff is poised to answer your questions and help you locate information. A wide variety of books, videos, DVDs, compact discs, audiotapes and CDROMs await you on the library shelves.

Mr. Dickerson encourages everyone to get into the "library habit." Whether you choose to use the library through your computer or visit us in person, the library remains committed to meeting the needs of this community. Help us spread the news!

Melissa Barnard

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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Events

Classic Movie

Tuesday, May 14
2 p.m., Library Auditorium

Meet the Author ~

Marci Curtis

Sunday, May 19
2-4 p.m., Story Room

Midland Writer's Conference

Saturday, June 8
Library Auditorium

Summer Reading Events

~ Little Red Riding Hood

Monday, June 10

~ Nocturnal Animals

Wednesday, June 19

~ Environmental Careers

Wednesday, June 26

~ Music for Mother Earth

Wednesday, June 26

~ Creating Memories

Thursday, June 27

~ Insects, Spiders & Mini-Beast Museum & Zoo

Tuesday, July 2

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See inside for all the details!

2002 Summer Reading Programs at the Library *June 3 - August 10*

Readers (and listeners) of all ages are invited to enjoy great books, cool summer programs, free movies, and great prizes! Sign up in Youth Services and Adult Services beginning June 3 and read your way through a garden, zoo, rain forests, and all around the world.

There are 4 programs available:

"Cultivate Curiosity - Grow a Reader" (Infant - 3rd Graders)

"Don't Be An Endangered Species - READ!" (4th-6th Graders)

"Keep It Green" (Teens: 7th-12th Graders)

"Read Around the World" (Adults)

For more information call 837-3466 (Youth Services), 837-3449 (Adult Services) or check out the Summer Reading Program link on the library's web page.

Meetings

Library Board

Wednesday, May 15
Wednesday, June 19
7 p.m., Library Boardroom

Cable Access Advisory Commission

Wednesday, May 8
7 p.m., City Hall
Council Chambers

Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, May 11
Saturday, June 8
1 p.m., Library Lounge

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May/June 2002

Spotlight on ...

Ron Beacom ~ Employee of the Year 2002

Congratulations to Ron Beacom who was nominated by his peers to receive this honorable award. Director of Midland Community Television MCTV 3 & 15 since 1989, Ron has seen a variety of changes, including the addition of a third cable channel, construction of a "state of the art" studio and mobile production trailer and an increase in programming of 400%! Accepting the award, Ron commented that "It's great to be a part of the library since both the library and MCTV provide access (to information and communication) to the community."



Comments submitted by his co-workers include: Professional...Team Player...Compassionate...An Exemplary Representative of the City... and "Ron is passionate about what he does - which is reflected in the high quality and great reputation of MCTV!"

Congratulations Ron!



Time

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

TAB meets in the Library Lounge at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of each month during the school year. **May 11** and **June 8** will be the final two meetings of this school year.

"Keep It Green!" Teen Summer Reading

All readers going into grades 7-12 are invited to join the Teen Summer Reading Program. Journey through rain forests and collect prizes for reading books, magazines or listening to books on tape. Pick up a reading log in Youth Services beginning Monday, June 3 and "Keep It Green" through August 10.

Teen "Keep It Green" Programs:

- ~ Movie Night with "Jungle2jungle", PG
Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 p.m., Library Lounge
- ~ "Environmental Careers" with Tom Hodgson
Wednesday, June 26, 3 p.m., Library Lounge, FREE



Meet the Author ~ Marci Curtis

and the Cast of Characters from her newest book
I Was So Silly: Big Kids Remember Being Little

Meet Midland author, Marci Curtis, and the kids from Saginaw and Midland who shared their goofiest, scariest & funniest stories of being little.

Sunday, May 19, 2-4 p.m.

Library Story Room, Refreshments

Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Corner

"Tadpole to Frog" Playgroup (Ages 0-5)

This playgroup presented by "Success by 6" and the Youth Services staff will keep 'em hoppin! Drop in for stories, crafts & snacks.

Thursday, May 23, 1-2:30 p.m., Story Room

Kids'

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Register for this book discussion & activity group! Pack a brown bag dinner - we'll provide dessert & a drink.

Matilda by Roald Dahl, Tuesday, June 18, 5:30-8 p.m.

We'll watch the movie and then discuss the book!

Registration begins May 1.

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

Monday, July 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m., A series of

laugh-out-loud stories! Registration begins June 1.

Young Gardeners ~ Sow, Hoe & Grow (3rd Grade & Younger)

Drop by the library's garden to do a little garden work, keep a garden journal and do a garden craft. Mondays (10-11:30 a.m.) or Wednesdays (6-7:30 p.m.) from May 20 -October 1.

2002 Summer Reading!

Read (or listen) to great books, chart your progress, and earn prizes! Register beginning Monday, June 3 in Youth Services.

Enjoy these fun events:

~ S & D Puppetry presents "Little Red Riding Hood"

Monday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Limited seating - Free tickets available beginning May 28.

(Ages 3 & Up)

~ Nocturnal Animals

Wednesday, June 19, 2 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Limited seating - Free tickets available beginning June 10.

(K-6th Graders)

~ Music for Mother Earth with Tom Hodgson

Wednesday, June 26, 7 p.m. Bring a blanket and enjoy sitting by the campfire on the library's lawn listening to great music. Free for the whole family!

~ Insects, Spiders and Mini-Beast Museum and Zoo

Tuesday, July 2, Drop in from 1-3 p.m. for live bugs and cool bug artifacts. (Ages 6 and Up)

~ Free Movies in the Library Auditorium

June 12 (10 a.m.), Cinderella, G, 76 min.

June 14 (1 p.m.), Atlantis the Lost Empire, PG, 96 min.

June 19 (10 a.m.), Cinderella II, G, 73 min.

June 21 (2 p.m.), The Princess Diaries, G, 115 min.

June 26 (10 a.m.), Tigger Movie, G, 77 min.

June 28 (2 p.m.), Amazing Panda Adventure, PG, 85 min.

~ Summer Story Times - drop in all summer long! Stop in or call Youth Services for details. (Ages 2-5)

~ More Summer Reading Program events coming in July!

Questions? Call Youth Services at 837-3466

For Adults

"Read Around the World" Adult Summer Reading Program

Enjoy good books while logging your miles around the world and collecting prizes! Register at the Reference Desk beginning Monday, June 3. The program continues through August 10. Watch for details regarding upcoming events, including:

"Creating Memories: Taking Great Travel Photographs"
Midland Photographer Preston Jones will be discussing travel photography and presenting slides of his work.

Thursday, June 27
7 p.m., Library Lounge, FREE

Travel Around the World with Movies

Enjoy free movies in the cool library auditorium. Movies begin at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:45 p.m.

- ~ **Thursday, June 6** - Cry, the Beloved Country, Starring James Earl Jones and Richard Harris, PG-13, 106 min.
- ~ **Thursday, June 20** - Shall We Dance, Musical starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Not Rated, 108 min.

2002 Midland Writer's Conference

Saturday June 8, Library Auditorium

Join your writing colleagues to hear published writers speak about writing as an art and a profession. Homer Hickam, author of Rocket Boys, will give the keynote address with a book signing to follow. There will then be a selection of six workshops to choose from, including:

Human Themes in Poetry
by Terry Blackhawk

How to Catch an Editor's Attention
by Vivian DeGain

What I've Learned from Rejection
by Shirley Neitzel

Writing and Publishing Christian Novels
by Colleen Coble

Telling One's Story: Introduction to Memoir Writing
by Paulet te Alden

Writing Family History that Everyone Wants to Read
by Ryan Taylor

Reservation and fee required. For more information, follow the Writer's Conference link on the library's web page or call 837-3449.

Join us in the Library Lounge for the upcoming meetings of this adult book discussion group:

Thursday, May 16, 7-8 p.m.

Lucky Man, Lucky Woman
by Jack Driscoll

Thursday, June 20, 7-8 p.m.

The Book Borrower by Alice Mattison



Update

Severe Weather Season!

When the sky turns dark, tune into MGTV 5 for updates on storm watches and warnings from Midland County Central Dispatch (911).



MCTV Video Camp for Kids

MCTV Video Camp is for kids 12 years of age and older. Two sessions are offered and scheduled for the weeks of June 17 and July 29 (Monday through Thursday afternoons). At the end of the week-long session, students will have produced a program to be shown on MCTV. Registration is through the Midland Center for the Arts.

Orientation/Studio Class for Adults

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$10
Call 837-3474 for more information.

MEZZANINE GALLERY EXHIBIT - Second Level

- Midland Community Center, Senior Exhibit, May 1-31
- Naturally Michigan: Photography by Bernadette Adams, June 1-15
- Color Photographs Exhibit by Joe Rinehart June 18-26

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES - Lower Level

- Reminisce with Sesqui, Exhibit by Eldred Paulsen May 1-31

Library Board

At their March meeting, the Library Board reviewed 28 patron comments regarding the February "Question of the Month" - "What could the library do to make your computer experience more successful?" Comments concerned the length of computer time, training needs and number of computers available. The Board has asked the Library Director to study the issue and report back to the Board. The Library Board will continue to ask for patron input on a variety of subjects - your opinions do matter!

Board Member News

Judy Stein was reappointed for a three-year term that begins July 1, 2002 by City Council and is pleased to continue representing the community. Sandra Blank's term will expire on June 30th and did not ask to be reappointed. She feels that with the good, strong leadership on the Board, turnover would be beneficial.

Thank you to both Ms. Stein and Ms. Blank for their excellent work on the Library Board!

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Change Service Requested



Library Closings:

Sundays from May 26-September 1
Monday, May 27 ~ Memorial Day
Thursday, July 4 ~ Independence Day

Library Hours:

Monday - Friday.....9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday.....10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday.....1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day

Phone Numbers:

837-3430.....General Library Information
837-3449.....Reference Questions
837-3457.....Check out, renewals, overdues
837-3466.....Youth Services
837-3474.....MCTV Network
837-3472.....TDD
839-8159.....Friends of the Library

Web Access:

Web Page: www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary
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Forum

Friends'

The Friends of the Library's "Big" Book Sale is now in the planning stages. Follow the links on the library's web page to the Friends Information page or call 839-8159.

NEW! There is now a convenient donation container located in the library's employee parking lot (on Eastman Road) for your large donations of books, magazines, videos, audiotapes, and compact discs. Just drive up, unload and then stop by the Reference Desk for your tax deduction form.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!!

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