



The Library Connection



To Conquer the Air: The Wright Brothers and the Great Race for Flight by James Tobin

"This extraordinarily well-written and deeply nuanced work is the best of the recent spate of books celebrating the Wright Brothers and the 100-year anniversary of their invention of the airplane. Award-winning biographer Tobin provides a detailed yet truly exciting tale...This should stand as the definitive account of their life and times." — Publishers Weekly

Twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in journalism, author James Tobin will present his latest book titled *To Conquer the Air: The Wright Brothers and the Great Race for Flight* - winner of the J. Anthony Lukas Work-in-Progress Award. Mr. Tobin is also the winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for his first biography, *Ernie Pyles' War*. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan and resides in Ann Arbor with his wife and two daughters.

Tuesday, May 20 at 7 PM in the Library Auditorium, Free

From the Director

"If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies."
Unknown

Over the next couple of months there will be a number of butterflies (changes) underway in the library. The Genealogy and Local History collections and services will be moving to the former "Magazine Room," along with the microfilm/microfiche readers and printers. The new space will be more functional for these services and will better accommodate the work of the Genealogy volunteers.

In the Midland Room the area along the south windows facing St. Andrews Road will be for patron seating. The original design for this room included an unobstructed view from the main door through to the windows overlooking Eastman Road. It is our intent to capture this by moving some shelving, which will now be used for popular materials.

Youth Services will soon have a new service desk! This new desk will be ergonomically correct and will incorporate Alden B. Dow's building designs and colors. The Youth Services staff is also working to provide a comfortable and welcoming area for parents and children to share reading.

We are excited about these improvements and are confident that they will enhance the library. We ask for your patience with the noise and disruption as these butterfly wings begin to open.

Melissa Barnard

Giggle Laugh & Hoot!
2003 Hilarious Summer Reading Programs from June 2 - August 9

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Email: gadml@midland-mi.org

Events

Small Business Start-Up Seminars

May 12 & June 16, 6:30 PM

Children: The Challenge in Our Changing World

May 14, 7 PM

To Conquer the Air

May 20, 7 PM

Friends of the Library

Used Book Sale

June 6, 7, 8 (see page 4)

Teen Comedy Night

June 9, 7 PM

Laugh It Up...Please

June 11, 7 PM

Midland Writer's Conference

June 14, 8:30 AM

O.J. Anderson

June 18, 7 PM

Maisy Visits the Library!

June 19, 10 AM-7 PM

Mermaids, Pirates & Storms

June 25, 6:30 and 7:30 PM

Card Making Fun for Adults

June 26, 4 and 7 PM

Meetings

Library Board

May 21 and June 18

7 PM, Library Boardroom

Cable Access

Advisory Commission

May 14, 7 PM, City Hall

Council Chambers

Teen Advisory Board

May 10, 1 PM, Library Lounge

June 14, 1 PM, Picnic

May/June 2003

Spotlight

2003 Employee of the Year

Each year the Library & MCTV staff chooses an outstanding staff member for this award. This year Library Director Melissa Barnard wrote a poem to announce the winner.

"2003 Employee of the Year"

If you were an animal, you would be a dog because you are loyal and dependable.

If you were a bird, you would be an owl because you are wise about so many things.

If you were an insect, you would be an ant because you are a hard worker.

If you were a vehicle, you would be a truck because you are useful and practical.

If you were a piece of candy, you would be a life saver because of your commitment to safety.

If you were a musical instrument, you would be a piano because you are the key to our success.

If you were a book, you would be an encyclopedia because you know the library from A to Z.

If you were the Library's Outstanding Employee of the Year for 2003, you would be MARK ATHEY!

Congratulations Mark!



Teen Time



Teen Advisory Board

May 10, Library Lounge, 1 PM

June 14, Youth Services Desk, 1 PM ~ TAB Picnic!

It has been a great year for TAB - thanks to all who participated this year!

Humor Me—Read!

Teen Summer Reading Program June 2-August 9 (Grades 7-12)

Get ready for rib-tickling reads, free entertainment, and volunteer opportunities. Earn BookBuck\$ and have fun spending them on hilarious prizes—dog tags, rubber chickens, CD cases, books & more.

Enjoy a few laughs at these free entertainment programs:

Teen Comedy Night!

Monday, June 9 at 7 PM in the Library Lounge
A night of jokes, karaoke, and refreshments!

Hilarious Movie Nights!

Fridays, June 27 and July 18 at 7 PM
Library Lounge



Kids' Corner



Summer Reading Program

Readers (and listeners) of all ages are invited to read terrific books, enjoy fun programs, chill out at free movies, and earn great prizes. **June 2 - August 9**

Laugh It Up... Please (Family Event)

Presented by Acting Up Theater Company

Laugh and giggle with the "Amazing Laughing Hyena."

Wednesday, June 11 at 7 PM in the Library Auditorium, Free

O. J. Anderson (Family event)

This wild and crazy guy needs to be seen to be believed!

Wednesday, June 18 at 7 PM in the Library Auditorium, Free



Maisy Visits the Library! (All Ages)

Maisy will be visiting with treats and activities.

Thursday, June 19 from 10 AM-7 PM, Free

Mermaids, Pirates, & Storms (Family Event)

Presented by S & D Puppetry

Wednesday, June 25 at 6:30 & 7:30 PM,

Story Room, Pick up free tickets at the Youth Services Desk beginning June 11.

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 and 5)

Discuss a selected book and have some FUN with a book related activity! Bring your dinner (we will provide dessert and a drink). Register on the first day of the program month.

Tuesday, May 27, *Williwaw!* by Tom Bodett, 5:30-6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 24, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl,

Watch the movie and then discuss the book! 5:30-8:30 PM

Free Movies in the Library Auditorium

Wednesday, June 11 at 10 AM, *101 Dalmatians* (G), 79 minutes

Friday, June 13 at 2 PM, *Monsters, Inc.* (G), 92 minutes

Wednesday, June 18 at 10 AM, *101 Dalmatians II: Patch's London Adventure* (G), 70 minutes

Friday, June 20 at 2 PM, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (PG), 150 minutes

Wednesday, June 25 at 10 AM, *Barbie as Rapunzel* (G), 83 min.

Friday, June 27 at 2 PM, *Chicken Run* (G), 84 minutes

Baby Time (For babies who are not yet walking)

Tuesdays on May 6, 13, 20 and June 10, 17, 24 at 1 PM

Toddler Time (For walking babies up to 24 months)

Tuesdays on May 6, 13, 20 at 9:30 and 10:30 AM

Wednesdays on June 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 and 10:30 AM

Circle Time (Ages 2-3 years)

Tuesdays on June 10, 17, 24 at 7 PM

Thursdays on June 12, 19, 26 at 9:30 and 10:30 AM

Listeners Preschool Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Tuesdays on June 10, 17, 24 at 10 AM

Thursdays on June 12, 19, 26 at 7 PM

"Success by 6" Playgroup (Ages 0-5)

Thursday, May 8, 6-7:30 PM, *On Mother's Lap*

Tuesday, June 3, 9:30-11 AM, *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?*

Tuesday, July 1, 1-2:30 PM, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*



Questions? Call Youth Services at 837-3466

For Adults

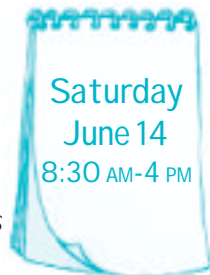
Midland Writer's Conference

Keynote Speaker

Michael Beschloss, award-winning historian and author with a concentration on presidents in crisis. Book signing to follow.

Breakout Sessions

- "Turning Your Personal Essays Into Gold" Cynthia LaFerle, author of personal experience columns for newspapers and magazines.
- "Dreaming of Getting Your Poetry Published?" Margo LaGattuta, Editor for *Plain View Press* and radio talk show host.
- "Publish It Yourself!" Boyd Miller, journalism professor and author of *Copy Editing: How to Make Good Writing Better*.
- "The Perils of Publishing" John Smolens, author of four novels and English professor.



\$60 registration fee includes lunch and refreshments. For further information email: ajarvis@midland-mi.org, visit www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary or call (989) 837-3435.

ShelfLife

The Library's new book review publication is now available at the Reference Desk. Each book in *ShelfLife* has been selected, read, and reviewed by our staff and is in the library's collection. Our goal is to introduce readers to new and undiscovered authors. This exciting new resource will be published quarterly!



Adult Summer Reading Program

"Laugh It Up @ the Library" June 2 - August 9

Read and win prizes! Two drawings every week between June 2 and August 9 for \$10 gift certificates in movie money, car washes & more! Simply enter your name for every book you read!

Classic Comedy Movies

Free movies at 2 and 7 PM.

Tuesday, June 10 ~ *Pink Panther* (1964), Library Lounge

Tuesday, June 17 ~ *Adam's Rib* (1949), Library Auditorium

Tuesday, June 24 ~ *The Court Jester* (1955), Library Auditorium

Books and Bites

Thursday, June 19 ~ *The Clothes They Stood Up In and The Lady in the Van* by Alan Bennett

This book discussion group meets at 7 PM in the Library Lounge.

Card Making Fun for Adults

Have some creative fun making cards with Judy from the Apple Tree Lane store in Clare. Free, but call 837-3449 to register.

Thursday, June 26 at 4 and 7 PM in the Library Lounge.



Need a Book Talk?

Call Reference Librarian Emelia Parker at 837-3444

MCTV Network Update

Community Television Schedules

Schedule sources for MCTV 3, MGTV 5, and MPS-TV 17 include:

- * Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time (inside back page)
- * Message boards on each channel
- * TV Guide Channel 97
- * TV Guide on-line: www.tvguide.com
- * City of Midland website: www.midland-mi.org

Replays of graduation ceremonies at both Midland High School and H. H. Dow High School will be shown after June 6 on MPS-TV 17!



MCTV Summer Video Camp

Kids - have fun and help make a TV show at MCTV Summer Video Camp! Midland County kids (age 12-17) are eligible to attend.

Monday, August 11 – Thursday, August 14 from 1-5 PM.

The cost is \$25 ~ Call 837-3474 to register.

Volunteer!

Become an MCTV volunteer access user! Next orientation classes: Saturday, May 10 and Saturday, June 14 from 10 AM-1 PM.

The cost is \$10 ~ Call 837-3474 for more information.

Special Happenings

National Etiquette Week (May 11-18)

with Jodi Harrison

Children: The Challenge in Our Changing World (Adults)

Join etiquette columnist and consultant Jodi Harrison for a lively discussion on children's manners and appropriate behavior in our changing society. Light refreshments served.

Wednesday, May 14 at 7 PM, Story Room, Free

Crafty Readers and Manners Matter! (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge with special guest Jodi Harrison for stories, crafts, and snacks! Free

Tuesday, May 13 at 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, May 14 at 4:15-5 PM

Registration begins May 1.

Displays & Exhibits

May

Mezzanine Gallery
Midland Public Schools Art
Faculty Annual Exhibit
Lower Level Display Cases
World War II Display
by Matt Kline

June

Mezzanine Gallery
No exhibit scheduled
Lower Level Display Cases
American Red Cross
85th Anniversary

Call 837-3432 for exhibit and display information

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Friends' Forum

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale!

Friday, June 6

6–8:30 PM, Friends Members Only

Saturday, June 7

9 AM–4:30 PM, Open to the Public

Sunday, June 8

10 AM–4 PM, Open to the Public - Bag Day!

Sale will be held outside the library along the covered walkway. For more information call 839-8159.



Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 18, 3 PM, Library Lounge ~ Members Only

Library Board

Library Board Members Stu Bush and Cherie Hutter were reappointed by City Council for three year terms beginning July 2003. Bush and Hutter were first appointed by City Council in 2001 and were pleased with their reappointments which will allow them to continue working on initiatives begun over the past two years. City Council also appointed Joe DuFort, Homer Township Clerk, to fill the unexpired term of JoAnn Wilkie who resigned in October 2002. DuFort will serve as the township representative on the Board through June 30, 2004.

City Council accepted the recommendation of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Board to provide a coffee service in the library in partnership with the Arnold Center, Inc. Council directed staff to seek outside grant or foundation funding and to negotiate a proposed operating agreement with the Arnold Center, Inc.

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Library Hours

Monday–Friday 9 AM–9 PM
Saturday 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday 1 PM–5 PM
*Closed Sundays from
Memorial Day–Labor Day*

Phone Numbers

Information 837-3430
Reference 837-3449
Circulation 837-3457
Youth 837-3466
MCTV Network 837-3474
TDD 837-3472

Web Access

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