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## Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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May/June 2004



### Library Closings

Sundays from  
May 30 – September 5  
Monday, May 31  
Monday, July 5

Access the library on  
the internet even when  
we're closed!

- Renew most items
- Place holds
- Check status of holds
- Browse the catalog
- Use library databases

Visit

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

### 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  
 Friends ..... 839-8159

### Web Access

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

### Email

[gadml@midland-mi.org](mailto:gadml@midland-mi.org)

### Library Director

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### About this Publication

The Library Connection is available at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, online, or can be mailed to interested patrons. Call (989) 837-3432 for more information or address updates. The Library Connection is published six times annually. Articles may be reprinted without permission.

## Exhibits & Displays

### Mezzanine Gallery

May ~ *Life's Simple Pleasures*

Gladwin Area Artists Guild

June ~ *Art Faculty Annual Exhibit*

Midland Public Schools

### Lower Level Display Cases

May ~ *Enjoy the Magic of Herbs Everyday*

Valley Herb Society of Midland

June ~ *Expedition of Lewis & Clark*

Library Staff

## Friends' Forum

### June Used Book Sale

Friday, June 4 from 6-8:30 PM

Friends Members Only

Saturday, June 5 from 9 AM-4:30 PM

Open to the Public

Sunday, June 6 from 10 AM-4 PM

Open to the Public, \$3 Bag Day

### Friends' Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 16 at 1:30 PM,

Library Lounge, All Friends members are encouraged to attend!

## MCTV Network

Have fun, serve your organization, and learn about your community! Become an MCTV 3 access user. Training classes will be held on Saturday, May 8 & Saturday, June 12 from 10 AM-1 PM. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474 for more information.

Join Selina Tisdale and Libby Richart each month on MGTV 5 for "City in 15," a news magazine show about City of Midland services. Tune in weekdays at 8 AM, 12 NOON, 5:30 PM, and 11 PM.

Threatening weather? Keep an eye on MGTV 5 for information about storm warnings and river levels. You can also call 1-888-TELL-MORE.

### Cable Access

### Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 12  
7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers



### Rick Kelley Entertains!

Rick Kelley is a singer, songwriter, keyboardist, and extraordinary entertainer! Join the fun with these awesome events!

### Don't Just Sit There, Dance!

#### A Family Music Event

Rick gets the whole family moving with his Motown R&B classics. Come prepared to get up and join in!

Tuesday, May 18 at 7 PM

Library Auditorium, Free

### A Hoppin' Toddler Time

Bring your toddler and dance on in for a rocking Toddler Time with Rick and his infectious rhythms.

Tuesday, May 18

9:30 and 10:30 AM

Story Room, Free

These programs are made possible through our membership in the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative.

## Changes at the Library ~ Where are they located now?

### Main Level - Midland Room

Adults ~ Videos, DVDs, CDs, Audio Books, CDRoms

Children ~ Videos, DVDs

### Lower Level - former AV Room

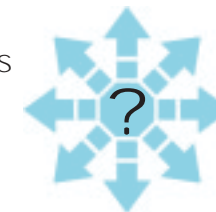
Children ~ Audio Books, Audio Cassettes, CDs,

CDROMs, LeapFrogs, Holiday Books (now available all year)

Teens ~ Books

### Lower Level - across from MCTV

Older Magazines and Newspapers



Stop by the Reference Desk if you have questions!

## Summer Reading Programs

June 7 – August 7, 2004

Readers and listeners of all ages are invited to help celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition by experiencing a reading adventure. Read terrific books, earn great prizes, and enjoy the many exciting performers, storytimes, and free movies planned. Sign up beginning June 7 (prizes may be picked up June 14 - August 7).

Discover New Trails at Your Library (Infants – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders)

Take a Reading Journey (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

Climb the Mountain by Turning a Page (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Reading Expedition (Adults)

For more information, call Youth Services at 837-3466 or Adult Services at 837-3449 or visit the library's webpage.

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The coffee bar would not be possible without the financial support of The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, Rollin M. Gerstaecker Foundation, Charles J. Strosacker Foundation, Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation, Midland Area Community Foundation, Martha G. Arnold Endowment Fund, and Community Mental Health for Central Michigan.

## Spotlight On...

### 2004 Employee of the Year

Youth Services Librarian Catherine Lundgard was nominated by her peers for this exceptional award! In addition to helping patrons, Catherine organizes & implements many successful library programs, including Crafty Readers, Brown Bag Book Club, & the Chinese New Year.

She is described by her coworkers as: "A hard worker with many creative ideas... Team member, willing to help coworkers and patrons...Organized! She put together a spectacular Chinese New Year Celebration in addition to many other outstanding programs...Consistent, meticulous, tireless, artistic, and organized...She always has top quality ideas and programs."

Congratulations Catherine!

## Teen Time

**Summer Volunteers are Needed!** Interested in helping? Register with the Voluntary Action Center at 220 W. Main St., Suite 103.

**Teen Summer Reading (June 7-August 7)**  
Challenge yourself with *Climb the Mountain by Turning a Page*. Read a variety of genres to scale the peak and win a paperback book. TAB has redesigned the program for more reading fun. Grades 7-12.

### Lock & Roll

Back by popular demand! Get locked in and roll the dice for a game of Life or Monopoly. Shuffle a few cards, scramble some letters, and hang out with friends.

Wednesday, June 16  
7:30-10 PM  
Library Lounge  
Grades 6-12 - Refreshments provided

**TABsters!** The last two meetings of the year are May 8 and June 12 at 1 PM. In June we will elect officers and have our annual picnic. Prepare to rock!

## Kids Corner

### Youth Summer Reading Activities

#### Acting Up Theatre Company

Monday, June 14 at 7 PM in Library Auditorium, Free

This dynamic, action-filled show involves Lewis & Clark, as well as other explorers such as astronauts, deep-sea divers, and outback safari rangers. A combination of comedy, audience participation, and colorful characters sends a positive message to parents and children alike.

#### Primitive Skills Demonstration with Jim Miller

Wednesday, June 23 at 7 PM in Library Auditorium, Free

Outdoorsman and writer Jim Miller is an advocate of the study and application of traditional skills and crafts. His 'how-to' demonstrations of primitive skills include such things as birch bark canoes and hand-carved paddles, brain-tanned buffalo hides, bone and stone tools, and many other unique processes used in early America. An exciting and educational program!

#### Wishes, Fishes & Trolls by S&D Puppetry

Wednesday, June 30 at 6:30 and 7:30 PM in Story Room, Free

Back by popular demand! Join the fun with these lively puppeteers as they present three European folk tales: "Fisherman & His Wife," "Three Billy Goats Gruff," and "The Gingerbread Boy." For children ages 4 and up. Free tickets available at the Youth Services Desk starting June 14.



#### Free Kids Movies

##### Wednesdays at 10 AM

June 16: Lion King, 88 minutes, (G)  
June 23: Lion King 1 1/2, 77 minutes, (G)  
June 30: Rolie Polie Olie: The Defender of Fun, 75 minutes, (G)

##### Fridays at 2 PM

June 18: Finding Nemo, 101 minutes, (G)  
June 25: Peter Pan (not animated), 105 minutes, (PG)

An adult must accompany children under the age of 12. Help us keep our auditorium clean: no food or drinks, please. Movies start promptly with doors opening 15 minutes before show time.

#### Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Mosey on over to the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, snacks, and more!

Registration begins May 1.

#### Round 'Em Up!

Tuesday, May 11  
4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM  
Wednesday, May 12 from 4:15-5 PM



#### Brown Bag Book Club

(Grades 4 & 5)  
Book discussion and activity group. Bring your dinner (we'll provide dessert and a drink).

*The Girl with the Silver Eyes*  
by Willo Davis Roberts  
Tuesday, May 25 from 5:30-6:30 PM

*My Side of the Mountain*  
by Jean Craighead George  
Wednesday, June 23 from 6-7 PM

Registration begins on the 1st day of the program month.

#### Baby Time (Babies not yet walking)

Tuesdays at 1 PM:  
May 4, 11, 18 & June 8, 15, 22

#### Toddler Time (Babies to 24 months)

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM  
May 4, 11, 18  
Wednesdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM  
June 9, 16, 23

#### Circle Time (Ages 2-3 with a caregiver)

Tuesdays at 7 PM: June 8, 15, 22  
Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM  
June 10, 17, 24

#### Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Tuesdays at 10 AM: June 8, 15, 22  
Thursdays at 7 PM: June 10, 17, 24

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

Thursday, May 13 from 1-2:30 PM  
*May Flowers*

## For Adults

### Midland Writer's Conference

Pete Hamill will be the keynote speaker along with presenters Virginia Bailey Parker and Annick Hivert-Carthew.

Saturday, May 15  
8:30 AM-3:30 PM

Call 837-3435 for more information.



### Home on the Farm

Jerry R. Davis, a former Midland history teacher will discuss his memoir, *Home on the Farm: Essays on a Michigan Childhood*, a delightful recollection about life in rural Michigan in the 1930s and 1940s.



Tuesday, June 8  
7 PM, Library Lounge, Free

### Business Start-Up Seminar

Monday, May 10 and June 14  
6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge  
Call 837-3449 for more information.

### Adult Summer Reading

## Reading Expedition

Read and win prizes! Three drawings every week (June 7-August 7) for \$10 gift certificates to area bookstores. Simply enter your name for every book you read!

### Scrapbooking for Adults

Have creative fun making scrapbook pages with an expert from Apple Tree Lane store in Clare. Bring 6-8 photos and make 2 scrapbook pages - free!

Saturday, June 26  
10 AM-12 NOON and 1-3 PM  
Call 837-3449 to register beginning June 1.



Read the books and join us for lively discussion at 7 PM in Library Lounge.

May 20

*Alias Grace* by Margaret Atwood

June 17

*The Dive from Clausen's Pier*  
by Ann Packer



### Classic Movies in the Afternoon & Evening Too!

Free admission!

Tuesdays at 2 PM & 7 PM  
Library Auditorium

June 8: *The Westerner* (1940)

100 minutes

June 15: *Drums Along the Mohawk* (1939), 103 minutes

June 22: *Another Thin Man* (1939)

103 minutes

June 29: *Road to Hong Kong* (1961)

92 minutes

### New York Times Newspaper

Did you know the library now receives the New York Times on its day of publication.

## Library Board

The library is magic. Libraries are made for looking, trying, testing, studying, and wondering. This purpose guides GADML from material selection, to space and furniture, to programming, and service.

The librarians are here to help explore and (my favorite as a doting dad) the wealth of children's programming (planned and done by experts) is centered on developing a lifelong love of words and reading. The library takes patron comments so seriously that MGTV broadcasts them each month during Library Board meetings and figure them into planning things like a coffee bar.

That kind of community interaction is why I value the library so much - and why I urge folks to offer their comments, talk with the Library Board, and get involved. This is really *our* library.

Eric Gardner, Library Board

### Upcoming Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, May 19

7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 16

7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

## From the Director

Woman's Day magazine announced a contest for their readers. Readers were invited to submit an essay on what the library means to them and why they would like to be a librarian for a day. The contest made me stop and think about why I and others on the staff chose to work in libraries.

We like to interact with people of all ages, walks of life, and backgrounds. The suspense of not knowing what the next question will be and the challenge of finding the resources to respond appeals to the detective in us. The smiles we receive when we successfully find the information provide the encouragement to tackle the next inquiry.



Some of our staff have the opportunity to share stories and activities with young children, listen to their laughter & experience their joy. Other staff delight in the excitement of giving a child their first library card. We enjoy the triumph of every library user who discovers a new author or reports a victory when searching a library database.

Whether we are behind the scenes preparing library materials for you to borrow, answering your telephone inquiries, ensuring that materials are on the shelves, or providing an inviting building, it is our pleasure to welcome and assist you when you visit the library.

Melissa Barnard