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May 28 - September 3



Also Closed:

Monday, May 29 ~ Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4 ~ Independence Day

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library Hours

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

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Check Out Desk837-3457
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MCTV Network837-3474
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FROM THE DIRECTOR ~ MELISSA BARNARD

In 2003, the Library Board and Staff developed a strategic plan to guide us through 2006. The plan focused on two areas: Technology and Customer Service Excellence.

Goals and objectives were identified that addressed desired outcomes. We have realized many accomplishments including: wireless access, a dedicated tax form computer, three Internet access computers in the Teen Spot, sound on public computers, a computer catalog in the adult non-fiction area, computer classes, increased services on the Library's website, offering eBooks and downloadable audio books, improved Staff communications, and customer service workshops for Library Staff.

While considering the needs of the community, the Library Board has decided to continue the emphasis on technology and customer service so the plan has been extended for two years. The strategic plan is available on the Library's webpage.

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Friends' Forum ~ June Used Book Sale

Friday, June 2 from 6-8:30 PM, Friends Members Only

Saturday, June 3 from 10 AM-5 PM

Sunday, June 4 from 10 AM-4 PM, \$5 Bag Day

Exhibits and Displays

Mezzanine Gallery: May: Gladwin Area Artists Guild
June: Midland Public Schools, Art Faculty Annual Exhibit

Display Cases: May: DIY Preschool Exhibit
June: Right to Life of Midland County, Miracle of Life Exhibit



Cup and Chaucer: Birds are chirping, bees are buzzing, and so is the Cup and Chaucer. We welcome chatter and encourage meetings in our relaxed coffee shop atmosphere. We are now offering a group discount for 6 or more patrons! Hope to see your group soon!



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MAY/JUNE 2006

The Library is HOT!

Wireless access is now available at the Library!

- "Hot spots" are located in the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar, adult fiction area, adult non-fiction area, and the Teen Spot.
- There is no charge for this service.
- Bring your own laptop with wireless capability.
- Wireless access is filtered. The Library's "Internet Acceptable Use Policy" applies.

For more information stop at the Reference Desk or call (989) 837-3449.



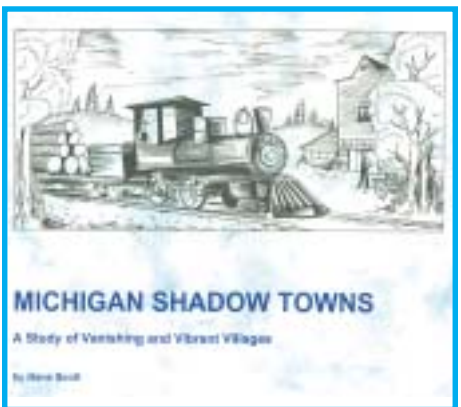
Celebrate Michigan Week

Monday, May 15 at 7 PM

Library Lounge

Do you know where Averill, Edenville, Munger, and North Bradley are?

Find out when Gene Scott, notable Michigan author of *Michigan Shadow Towns: A Study of Vanishing and Vibrant Villages* discusses historic small towns in Michigan. His historical narrative captures the unique stories of these towns. Sponsored by the Library of Michigan Foundation and the Michigan Humanities Council.



Summer Reading for the WHOLE Family!

June 5 - August 12, 2006

Readers and listeners of all ages are invited to join our summer reading programs. Enjoy terrific books, exciting activities, fantastic performers, story times, free movies, and earn great prizes. Sign-up begins June 5.

Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales

(Infants - 3rd Grade)

Paw-some Reads (Grades 4-6)

CREATURE FEATURE (Grades 7-12)

Summer Road Trip (Adults)

Call Youth Services at 837-3466, Adult Services at 837-3449 or visit the Library's webpage for more information.

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The Alphabet Man Comes to Midland!

Tuesday, May 23 at 4:15 PM and 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 24 at 4:15 PM

Library Lounge, K-3rd Grade



Join author Jerry Pallotta as he makes bugs enticing, skulls inviting, and chocolate instructional while discussing his various books. His award winning alphabet book series, which includes *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* and *Underwater Counting*, combines detailed research, interesting facts, and humor - a mix that is sure to delight young readers! Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Outstanding Library Employee of the Year 2006

From Teen Cram Night to Café Muse to Volunteers, Rebecca Hastings has introduced programs to attract teens to the Library. Rebecca's enthusiasm and ability to create excitement about the Library with children of all ages earned her this honor and praise from her peers.



Congratulations!

Rebecca Hastings, Youth Services Librarian

TEEN TIME



Hola! Cinco de Mayo

Friday, May 5, 4-6 PM, Teen Spot
Drop in and celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexican games, crafts, prizes, and refreshments. (Grades 6-12)

CREATURE FEATURE FILM FEST

Thursday, June 15 at 2 PM
Creep yourself out with *Godzilla* in the Library Auditorium, then go down to our dungeon for a monster make-up workshop. Crawl back upstairs to watch *Young Frankenstein*. Refreshments for survivors.



The Big Bad Wolf?

Tuesday, June 27 at 1 PM
Library Lounge

Learn about wolves in Michigan and decide for yourself! Howl around and bring in a few friends for "Wolves in Michigan" presented by Adam Bump, DNR Wildlife Biologist.

Monday, Monday...

Mondays at 2 PM, June 12-August 7
Got the Monday blues? Glue & Go will cure them. Cruise into the Teen Spot and create funky stuff from kooky household and recycled items.

Be a Volunteer! (Grades 7-12)

Interested in volunteering at the Library this summer? Register by May 8 at the United Way Volunteer Center or call 837-3466.

Teen Advisory Board Library Lounge, (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, May 13 at 1 PM

Saturday, June 10 at 1 PM - Elections and Picnic

KIDS' CORNER

Cyber Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, May 11, drop-in from 4-7 PM, Conference Room C, (Grades 4-8)

In what city was Steve Yzerman born? What colors are on Zambia's flag? Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet, and find your answers using the Library's databases. You win a prize if you get all 10 questions right!



Baffling Bill's Magic Show

Wednesday, June 14, 7 PM, Library Auditorium, (Family Event)

Magical mysteries, hilarious antics, and a special appearance by Gus the bunny.

Folk Tale Safari: Wednesday, June 21, 7 PM, Library Auditorium, (Kindergarten & Older)
Enjoy Judy's warm, engaging stories filled with humor, songs, and loads of audience participation.

Teddy Bear Picnic Day: Thursday, June 29, 10 AM-8 PM, Youth Services

In honor of Winnie the Pooh's 80th birthday, we are having a Teddy Bear Picnic. We'll have cake, games, crafts, and movies throughout the day. Bring your bear and join the fun.



Critter Crafts: Mondays from 9 AM-9 PM, Youth Services

Summer crafts available all day! FUN for animal lovers!

Just Ducky ~ Monday, June 12

Irresiss...tible Snakes ~ Monday, June 19

Something Fishy ~ Monday, June 26



Kid's Free Summer Movies

Library Auditorium. All movies "Rated G" unless otherwise noted.

Wednesdays at 10 AM

June 7: *Clifford's Really Big Movie* (74 min.)

June 14: *Lady and the Tramp* (75 min.)

June 21: *Lady and the Tramp 2: Scamp's*

Adventure (70 min.)

June 28: *A Bug's Life* (95 min.)

Fridays at 2 PM

June 9: *Dreamer*, PG (106 min.)

June 16: *Homeward Bound: The*

Incredible Journey (84 min.)

June 23: *MVP2* (87 min.)

June 30: *Air Bud*, PG (98 min.)

Crafty Readers Library Lounge, (K-3rd Grade)

Join us for stories, snack, and art. Registration begins the first of the month. Crafty Readers will be back in September!

Pet-pourri: Tuesday, May 9 from 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, May 10 from 4:15-5 PM

Brown Bag Book Club Library Lounge, (Grades 4-6)

Pack a dinner and join us for dessert, discussion, and fun! Registration begins the first of the month. No Brown Bag in May.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo: Tuesday, June 27, 5:30-8 PM, *Movie night!*

Baby Time (babies who are not yet walking)

Bear at Home: Tuesdays at 1 PM and 6:30 PM on **May 2, 9, 16**

Big Fat Hen: Tuesdays at 1 PM on **June 13, 20, 27**

Toddler Time (babies up to 24 months old)

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?: Mondays at 6:30 PM on **May 1, 8, 15**

Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM on **May 2, 9, 16**

Flappy, Waggy, Wiggly: Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM on **June 15, 22**

Circle Time (2 and 3 year-olds)

Our Furry Friends: Tuesdays at 7 PM on **June 13, 20, 27**

Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM on **June 14, 21, 28**

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Fins, Feathers, and Fur: Mondays at 7 PM on **June 12, 19, 26**

Tuesdays at 10 AM on **June 13, 20, 27**



FOR ADULTS

Spring Writers Event ~ Get Published Now...On the Web!

Saturday May 13 from 10 AM-12 NOON, Library Auditorium

Discover E-Publishing with Mary Hedberg (pen name, Birgitta Jansson).

No charge. Reservations required. Call the Reference Desk at 837-3449.

Summer Road Trip ~ Explore New Horizons, Travel Through Time, Find Yourself!

Join the Adult Summer Reading program starting June 5. Complete a book or video review form and be entered in drawings to win prizes. With your first entry receive a coupon for a free small drink from the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar.



Family Ice Cream Social

Friday June 23 from 7-8:30 PM

Enjoy ice cream from the Great Lakes Ice Cream Company as you listen to the Men of Music's Dirty Dozen. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us for all the fun.



Summer Road Trip Movies ~ Free movies at 2 PM, Library Auditorium

May 9 - *The Philadelphia Story* (1940)

June 13 - *The Road to Morocco* (1942)

June 27 - *It Happened One Night* (1934)

Business Start-Up Seminar

Thursday, May 4 and Thursday, June 1 from 6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge

Book Discussion

Thursdays at 7 PM, Conference Room A

May 18 - *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

June 22 - *The Seduction of Water* by Carol Goodman

Books & Bites will return in September!

Join Us!



LIBRARY BOARD

We'd Love to Hear From You!

Input and suggestions from our patrons are greatly valued. Forms are located in the lobby, adult services and youth services areas. Comments can also be e-mailed to: gadml@midland-mi.org. Suggestions for new materials can be submitted on a separate form.

Comments are presented anonymously at Library Board meetings with responses from the Director. This brings the comments to a public forum and encourages further deliberation by Board members. New ideas and careful consideration have resulted in improvements in services and the facility. By including your contact information on the forms, issues can be clarified by the Director. We seek that direct dialogue and have found it to be helpful as we make changes.

Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, May 17 at 7 PM and Wednesday, June 21 at 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Computer Classes

Free "hands on" computer classes from the computer lab provided by the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative. Reservations required. Call 837-3449. Conference Room C.

Beginners Guide: How to Use the Mouse/Introduction to the Internet

Tuesday, May 9, 9:30-11 AM

Wednesday, May 10, 2-3:30 PM

Thursday, May 11, 2-3:30 PM

Tuesday, May 16, 7-8:30 PM

Email Basics with Yahoo and more!

Wednesday, May 10, 7-8:30 PM

Using the Library Catalog

Wednesday, May 17, 2-3:30 PM

Monday, May 22, 7-8:30 PM

Doing More with the Library Catalog

Tuesday May 23, 9:30-11 AM



For Book Lovers

Learn how to locate book reviews and discussion guides, where to look for suggestions on what to read next, and how to discover the order of titles in a book series.

Tuesday, May 16, 2-3:30 PM

Wednesday, May 24, 7-8:30 PM

MCTV NETWORK

The Resonators

Friday, May 5 at 6 PM

Library Auditorium

You're invited to a free performance of The Resonators, a local percussion ensemble. This is a featured event during the Alliance for Community Media's Spring Conference hosted by MCTV.



Volunteer at MCTV

Learn how to use MCTV to communicate to your community. Come to MCTV's orientation/studio class on **Saturday, May 13 or Saturday, June 10 from 10 AM-1 PM**. Call 837-3474 for more information. Cost is \$10.

Warning!

Watch MGTV 5 for information on storm warnings, rising river levels, and other community emergencies.

[Cable Access Advisory Commission Meetings](#)

Wednesday, May 10, 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers