

# THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

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## Library Closings

Wednesday, November 22

Library Closes at 5 PM

Thursday, November 23

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Friday, November 24

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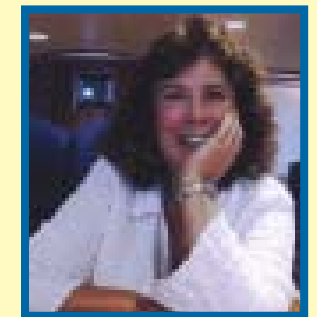
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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2006



## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS KICKOFF NOVEMBER 11

It's time for Battle of the Books! Our very popular program for fourth and fifth graders will kick-off on **Saturday, November 11** with guest speaker Vivian VandeVelde, author of *Wizard at Work* and other titles. She will be speaking at **10 AM** and **2 PM** in the Library Auditorium.



Vivian VandeVelde

Following the program, Ms. VandeVelde will sign copies of her books which will be sold on the Auditorium stage. Battle books will also be available for purchase, and program attendees may also check out the library's copies of the Battle books.

**Battle books** will be available for general check-out after 3 PM Saturday, November 11.



Joel ben Izzy

You've read the book, talked about the book, now **Meet the Author** Joel ben Izzy *The Beggar King and the Secret of Happiness*

Thursday, November 9, 2006

7 PM

Library Auditorium

Book Sale and Signing to follow.



one book, one community  
on the same page

*It's not too late to read and talk about this wonderful book!*

*The Beggar King and the Secret of Happiness* is still available for check out at the Library.

A taped presentation of the author's visit will be shown on MGTV5. For dates and times, check MCTV on the City of Midland's website [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org) under "Other Services".

You can still join a discussion group at the following locations:

Thursday, November 2, 7 PM - H. H. Dow High School Media Center

Sunday, November 5, 2 PM - Library Mezzanine

Wednesday, November 8, 7 PM - Midland High School Media Center

Or join our online discussion on our **one book one community** blog at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary). This blog will be active through November.



## 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*

### 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

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

Melissa Barnard

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### BORROW-A-BASKET

These handy baskets will hold your materials as you make selections or can be checked out for convenient storage at home. Baskets are checked out for 28 days and may be renewed. Return the basket to the Check In area.

*Thanks to the Friends of the Library for generously providing the baskets.*



### Cup and Chaucer

Coffee drinks, soft drinks and snacks to enhance your library visit!

#### NEW HOURS:

Monday - Friday 10 AM - 5 PM

Due to increases in the minimum wage, coffee bar hours have been reduced.



### EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

#### MEZZANINE GALLERY

November - Midland Community Center Oil Painting Class Annual Exhibit

December - Midland Photography Guild Exhibit

#### LOWER LEVEL DISPLAY CASES

November - Youth Services Staff - Mr. Potato Head Exhibit

December - Scottie Display

Our thanks to the generous sponsors of this program: The Friends of the Library, the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Midland Daily News, and Mashue Printing.



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We also wish to thank the following who made the discussion groups possible: Whiting Forest, Alden B. Dow Home and Studio, Midland Public Schools, Molly's Bistro, Barstow-Shippo Wing at the Midland Community Center, West Midland Family Center, Barnes and Noble, Kathleen Kinnish, Debby Palmer, Molly Stewart, Greg Dorrian, Paula Carr, Ric and Martha Shahin, Ann Heard, Jack Telfer, and Judy Stein.

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

# SPOTLIGHT ON...

Bringing the solar system down to earth ...



Student Jacob Larsen has laid out the

solar system along a path starting with the sun at the Delta College Planetarium and ending with Pluto at the Library. At each planet location, a sign is displayed with the planet name, details of the planet, and distance in real space traveled. Take this 18-mile journey on the largest scaled Community Solar System in the United States. The sign for Pluto (or Dwarf Pluto) is located between the parking lot and the end of the front portico area. Visit the Library to find out more about our solar system.

# TEEN TIME

Plots & Pizza: We'll LOL (laugh out loud) with the Applewhites and the likes

of Jake Semple. A teen on the fast-track to juvenile detention, Jake is kicked out of yet another school and ends up at the Creative Academy, a home school run by an eccentric family of artists.

Sign up in Youth Services and pick up a copy of *Surviving the Applewhites*. Grades 6-8. Monday, November 27, 6 PM in the Teen Spot.

**The Duct Tape Meister Is Back!**

William Beacom returns for another "Get Stuck @ Your Library" session. Duct tape enthusiasts in Grades 5-12 won't want to miss this hands-on how-to program. Come make something cool out of duct tape! We'll supply the materials and refreshments.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, November 11, 1 PM

Saturday, December 9, 1 PM

Library Lounge

# KIDS' CORNER



## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

KICKOFF with Guest Author Vivian VandeVelde Saturday, November 11, 10 AM & 2 PM See front page for details.

## CRAFTY READERS (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, and a snack! Registration begins the first of the month.

### Talkin' Turkey

Tuesday, November 14,

4:15-5 PM & 6:30-7:15 PM

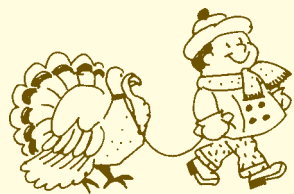
Wednesday, November 15, 4:15-5 PM

### Happy Holidays

Tuesday, December 12,

4:15-5 PM & 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, December 13, 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. Registration begins the first of the month.

*Smart Dog* by Vivian VandeVelde

Tuesday, November 28, 5:30-6:30 PM

*The Great Turkey Walk* by Kathleen Karr

Tuesday, December 19, 5:30-6:30 PM

## FREE KID'S MOVIES

Friday, November 24	2 PM	<i>Hoot</i> , PG, 90 min.
Saturday, November 25	10 AM	<i>Cars</i> , G, 116 min.
Saturday, December 2	10 AM	<i>Curious George</i> , G, 88 min.
Saturday, December 9	10 AM	<i>Little Polar Bear</i> , G, 78 min.
Saturday, December 16	10 AM	<i>Dora's Christmas</i> , G, 98 min.
Friday, December 22	2 PM	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i> (2006), PG, 135 min.
Wednesday, December 27	10 AM	<i>Clifford's Really Big Movie</i> , G, 74 min.
Friday, December 29	2 PM	<i>Good Boy</i> , PG, 88 min.



# LIBRARY BOARD ~ "Frequently Asked Question"

Why are there TVs in the new Teen Room?

The Teen Spot was recently designed, with generous support from the Friends of the Library, as a "meeting place" for teens to read, study, talk, use their computers, or just "hang out." Teens appreciate the TVs and we note that when it's in use, it's pretty much a backdrop to other activity, not a distraction. Today's teens are pretty good at multi-tasking! The televisions are used responsibly by teens.



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, November 15, 7 PM - City Hall Council Chambers

# FOR ADULTS



## ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY COMPUTER OPEN HOUSE

1-4 PM, Saturday, November 18

Check out our new computer for persons with disabilities. It can magnify web pages, read the text, and print pages using JAWS, MAGIC, and OpenBook software. Training is also available by appointment by calling the Reference Desk (989) 837-3449.

**JANUARY COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE**  
Reservations can be made starting December 15 at the Reference Desk or by calling (989) 837-3449.

### Introduction to the Mouse & Windows

Friday, January 5, 9:30-11 AM

### Basic Internet Searching

Tuesday, January 9, 2:30-4 PM

Thursday, January 11, 9:30-11 AM

### Using the Library Catalog

Tuesday, January 16, 7-8:30 PM

Thursday, January 18, 2:30-4 PM

### Advanced Library Catalog

Tuesday, January 23, 7-8:30 PM

**Yahoo Email Open House - No registration required.** Drop in and sign up for your free Yahoo email account.

Monday, January 22, 5:30-7:30 PM

**Advanced Yahoo Email: Yahoo Email Account Required**

Monday, January 29, 2:30-4 PM

Tuesday, January 30, 7-8:30 PM

### Health Information on The Internet

Wednesday, January 24, 7-8:30 PM

Friday, January 26, 2:30-4 PM

### Online Investment Research

Learn more about Morningstar, ValueLine, Mergent Online, & investment websites.

Saturday, January 27, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

## Hands-on Legal Research Training WESTLAW

Monday, January 15, 2-3 PM



## Click HERE on our website

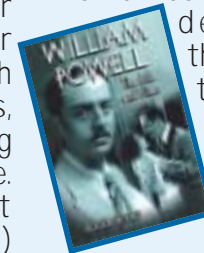
Get the scoop on which authors will be releasing new books. The titles have a link to the Library Catalog that will allow you to place a hold.



## MEET THE THIN MAN

Tuesday, December 5, 7-8 PM Library Lounge

Join us as local author ROGER BRYANT brings screen star William Powell to life as he



describes the professional and personal turning points in Powell's career. A book sale and signing will follow.



## CLASSIC MOVIES featuring William Powell

FREE - 2 PM, Library Auditorium  
Nov. 14 - *The Thin Man Goes Home* 1944  
Nov. 28 - *Song of the Thin Man* 1947  
Dec. 12 - *Libeled Lady* 1936



## AUDIOBOOKS To Go

Monday, November 13, 7-8 PM

Library Lounge

We now have over 1,400 Downloadable Audiobooks from NetLibrary in our collection! You can download the books to your PC or MP3 player. Join us for a demonstration on how to search, download and transfer books.



## SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

Thursday, November 2, 6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge, FREE and Open to the Public.

## TELLABRATION!

A NIGHT OF STORYTELLING AROUND THE WORLD Saturday, November 18, 7-9 PM

Library Auditorium Enjoy a storytelling "concert" by the Mid-Michigan StoryTellers. This year's performance features *A Tapestry of Stories* suitable for adults and families with older children. Tickets are available at the Library check-out desk and at the door the night of the performance. \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3 Groups, \$2 Students.



## NEED TO FIND AN ARTICLE IN THE MIDLAND DAILY NEWS?

You can access an online index at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary) by clicking on RESEARCH and then the NEWSPAPER ARTICLE link. Search for articles and obituaries from 2003-2006 by date, subject, or name. The Library also has the *Midland Daily News* on microfilm back to 1870.



## Join Us!



7 PM Conference Room A

November 16  
*Thirty-Three Teeth*  
by Colin Cotterill  
December 21  
*The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*

by John Le Carré

# MCTV NETWORK

"Honors Night" - Thursday, November 30, 7 PM in the Library Auditorium. We will recognize the many access users and organizations who produce programs at MCTV for our community. A reception will be held both before and after the event in the Library Lounge.

In November, watch the City of Midland's "Appreciation of Beautification Awards." The ceremony will be videotaped on November 2 and replayed on MGTV 5.

**Volunteer at MCTV!** The next orientation/studio training class is Saturday, November 4, 10 AM in MCTV's studio on the lower level of the Library. Call 837-3474 for more information. The charge is just \$10.

For the program schedule and other information about MCTV, check out MCTV under "Other Services" on the City of Midland website: [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org).

CABLE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING - Wednesday, November 8, 7 PM City Hall Council Chambers