



The

Library Connection

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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From the Director

I have enjoyed my first year serving as the Director of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. I am happy to report that together we have seen an increase in circulated items, exciting improvements to the building, new and appealing programs in the Youth Services Department, greater participation in teen events, and a tremendously fun National Library Week!

In the coming year, we will be offering new programming, enhancing the library's web site and exploring additional ways of communicating library activities to the community. The staff will be researching and identifying new technologies that will benefit our users. Our recently appointed Library Board will continue to play a vital role in representing the community as they study the services we offer to insure that the library remains dynamic.

As you can see, my second year promises to be as interesting, challenging and rewarding as the first year. I look forward to another wonderful year at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library!

Melissa Barnard

National Children's Book Week is November 12th-18th

"Get Carried Away...READ!"

Barbara Schutzgruber - Storyteller

Come and join the fun with storyteller, Barbara Schutzgruber on Wednesday, November 14 from 7-8 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. This performance will include her intriguing folktales and string stories.



Her stories have earned her many awards such as the Parents' Choice Award, the Storytelling World Awards Honor Tape, and the American Library Association Notable Recording Award.

This program is free. Stories are geared for children ages 3-8.

Toddler Lullaby

Toddlers and their caregivers will enjoy live music, songs and stories on Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m. or Tuesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. Library Staff Kay Bouwens (guitar) and Kathy Young (flute) will join Youth Services to present this magical event in the Story Room. No registration needed.

Battle of the Books Kick-Off

Battle of the Books is our very popular program for 4th and 5th graders, designed to encourage and reward young readers by making reading a shared and fun activity. Our 2002 Battle Season kicks off on Saturday, November 17 at 10 a.m. in the Library Auditorium.

We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker at the Kick-Off is Mary Downing Hahn, the author of popular children's books such as Daphne's Book, Wait Till Helen Comes, and Stepping on the Cracks. Among other awards, Ms. Hahn has received the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction and the William Allen White Children's Choice Award.



Events

Midland: The Way We Were,
Sunday, November 11, 3
p.m.,
Library Lounge, free

Toddler Lullaby
Monday, November 12, 7
p.m.
Tuesday, November 13,
9:30 a.m., Story Room, free

Barbara Schutzgruber
Wednesday, November 14,
7-8 p.m., Auditorium, free

Battle of the Books
Kick-off
Saturday, November 17,
10 a.m., Auditorium, free

Tellebration
Saturday, November 17,
7-9 p.m., Library Lounge, \$3

Meetings

Library Board
Wednesday, December 19
Wednesday, January 16
7 p.m., Library Boardroom

Cable Access Advisory
Commission
Wednesday, November 14
7 p.m., City Council
Chambers

Teen Advisory Board
Saturday, November 10
Saturday, December 8
1 p.m., Library Lounge

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November/December 2001

Spotlight on ...

Books & Bites

Mark your calendars! The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Adult Book Discussion Group, **Books & Bites**, will hold its inaugural meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2002. Join other readers for stimulating conversation and tasty treats from 7-8 p.m. in the Library Lounge.



The library staff has carefully selected diverse, well-written novels that are sure to generate lively discussion. Participants are encouraged to read the book before attending the meeting.

- ~~ **January 17**, The Lost Legends of New Jersey by Frederick Reiken
- ~~ **February 21**, The Long Rain by Peter Gadol
- ~~ **March 21**, In Sunlight, In a Beautiful Garden by Kathleen Cambor

Copies of these titles are available at the library.

"Midland: The Way We Were"

Join us for a presentation by authors Virginia Florey and Leona Seamster, as they discuss their new book devoted to Midland. Come and learn more about our community's interesting history.

This free program will be held Sunday, November 11 at 3 p.m. in the Library Lounge. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Light refreshments provided.

T*ellebration

Enjoy a night of stories, yarns, anecdotes, narratives, tales and sagas...told by the Midland Area Storytellers.

This event (co-sponsored by the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library) is suitable for teens and adults. It will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 7-9 p.m. in the Library Lounge. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the Check Out Desk.

Come and be part of this world-wide night of storytelling!

Classic Movies in the Afternoon

Free Admission! All movies begin at 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. Doors will open 15 minutes before starting time.



- ~~ **November 13 - Rio Bravo (1958)**
Western starring John Wayne. *141 minutes*
- ~~ **November 27 - Inspector General (1949)**
Comedy starring Danny Kaye. *102 minutes*
- ~~ **December 11 - Anchors Aweigh (1945)**
Musical starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Kathryn Grayson. *141 minutes*



Teen Advisory Board 2001-2002

If you are interested in having a voice at the library, join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and speak up! TAB meets at 1 p.m. in the Library Lounge the second Saturday of each month during the school year.

Upcoming Teen Advisory Board Meetings
Saturday, November 10
Saturday, December 8

Need a quiet place to study for exams?

On Sunday January 13, 2002 from 6 – 9 p.m., the library will be open to students only (Grades 9-12) for our annual **CRAM NIGHT**. Study with friends or on your own in the Quiet Room. We can't guarantee you an "A", but we will provide refreshments to fuel your brain. Watch for details in the library and at your school. No charge, but bring your student I.D. to be admitted.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

~~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Library Board

The Library Board met on Wednesday, September 19 after an interesting "behind-the-scenes" tour of the library. Jim Branson, City Attorney, reviewed the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act and the City's Ethics Policy.

Under new business, the library's Internet Acceptable Use



Policy was reviewed as well as the Internet filtering system currently in place. The Board was given information on the Children's Internet Protection Act that will require complete compliance by July 2002 if the library is to continue receiving FCC E-Rate discounts. During Board comments, members spoke about issues brought to them by residents, including: library hours, a coffee bar, computer workshops, noise and public relations.

You can contact Board members through the library's web site at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary (follow the link to the Library Board page).

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES - Lower Level

~~ Leiphart School, L/EARNING Program, December 3-10

MEZZANINE GALLERY EXHIBIT - Second Level

~~ Midland Community Center, Paint & Palette, Oil Paintings Display, November 27-December 28



Corner



Crafty Readers

Discover new books and listen to old favorites. Join us for crafts, games, snacks and more on Tuesday, December 11 in the Library Lounge. Crafty Readers can sign-up in Youth Services

for one of two sessions: 4:15-5 p.m. or 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Grades K-3

Brown Bag Book Club

A book discussion and activity group meets November 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pack a dinner (in a brown bag!) and join us in the Library Lounge for discussion, dessert and fun! Copies of this month's book selection, Great Turkey Walk by Kathleen Karr, are available in Youth Services. Register today!

Grades 4-5

"Christmas Around the World"

This collaborative playgroup presented by "Success by 6" and the Youth Services staff will have stories, crafts and snacks. Thursday, December 20 at 10 a.m. in the Story Room.

Ages 0-5

Holiday Story Times

Need a break from shopping, wrapping and baking? Join us for Toddler Story Time on Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time will be on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m. No need to pre-register... just come and enjoy!

Free Kids' Movies for the Holidays

Showing in the Library Auditorium:

- ~ Friday, November 23, 2 p.m., **Spy Kids**, 106 min., rated PG (includes a short mini-movie featuring the Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote)
- ~ Friday, December 28, 2 p.m., **Recess - School's Out**, 84 min., rated G
- ~ Wednesday, January 2, 10 a.m. **Disney's Book of Pooh**, 77 min., rated G

An adult must accompany children under the age of 11. No food or drinks please. Movies start promptly with doors opening 15 minutes before starting time.

Winter Story Times

Preschool Story Times and Toddler Times will begin the week of January 21 and continue for 4 weeks. Sign-up starts the first of December. Check in the Youth Services department for exact dates and times.



Kids'

Update

Congratulations to...

~ **Jeff Johnson, Paul Schultz, and Fay Wood** - winners of the MCTV 2001 Community Award. They were recognized at MCTV's "Honors Night" this fall for going above and beyond the call of duty.

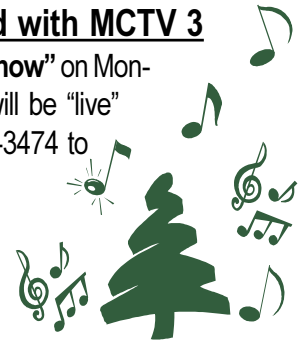
~ **The American Legion** - recipients of The Rosemarie Byers Community Voice Award. This award is for organizations that make the most of public access television.

~ **Edith Doil and April Douglass** - winners of the Philo T. Farnsworth Regional Video for their incredible coverage of "Victorian Affair."

Get in the holiday mood with MCTV 3

~ Tune in to the "**Santa Claus Call-In Show**" on Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m. Santa will be "live" answering viewer questions. Call 837-3474 to ask Santa your holiday question!

~ Watch for "**The Singing Christmas Tree**" presented by the Christian Celebration Center and filmed by MCTV staff and volunteers.



Check the Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time for MCTV 3 program dates and times.

Become an MCTV volunteer access user!

- ~ **Camcorder training**, Monday, November 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- ~ **Studio training**, Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- ~ **Editing training**, Monday, November 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

For \$10 you may attend one or all of these sessions, but space is limited so call (989) 837-3474 to reserve your spot!

Forum

Used Book Sale

~~ **Friday, November 16**
6 - 8:30 p.m.

Friends members only
(Sorry - memberships are not available Friday)

~~ **Saturday, November 17**
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open to the public

~~ **Sunday, November 18**
1 - 4 p.m. Open to the public

Selection includes: Recent Fiction ~ Nonfiction ~ Cooking ~ Mystery ~ Fine Art ~ Children ~ Young Adult ~ "Coffee Table" books ~ Encyclopedias and other sets ~ Holiday videos, books and music

The Holiday Book Sale is located on the Library's Mezzanine. Call the Friends at (989) 837-3437 for further information.



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Happy Holidays from the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library!

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 from Memorial Day weekend
through Labor Day weekend*

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
837-3437.....Friends of the Library

Web Access:

Web Page: www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary
Email: gadml@midland-mi.org

Library Director: Melissa Barnard

Our Holiday Video Special for You

All Videos 25 ¢ (Includes Video and DVD Formats)

December 21, 22, 23, and 24

Limit 10 per patron

Late and rewind fees apply



Holiday Hours:

Wednesday, November 21: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, December 24: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, November 22: closed Tuesday, December 25: closed
Friday, November 23: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, December 31: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1: closed

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