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Connection

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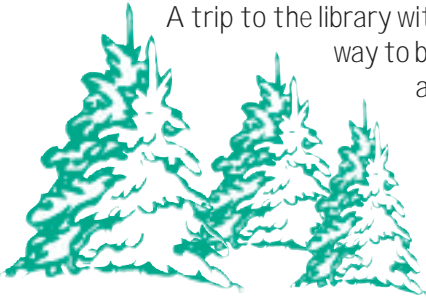
In wishing you a happy and safe holiday season, we would also like to invite you to take time from your busy schedules to visit the library. The library can offer you that needed escape from the demands of holiday shopping and entertaining.

The Quiet Room is the perfect place to sit and enjoy the tranquility of the Japanese garden. Take a moment to browse through a magazine or read a book in this "Do Not Disturb" area. The study carrels behind the non-fiction collection will give you privacy and solitude to perhaps write your holiday cards or use the library's cookbook collection to plan that special dinner. Stop by the audiovisual room to select some music for your holiday gathering.

A trip to the library with your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews is a wonderful way to be together during a hectic time. Reading out loud at home will be a welcome activity for everyone as each day winds to a close.

If the holidays have you frazzled just remember that the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is your place for relaxing, reading and researching. We hope that all of your holiday celebrations find you in the best of spirits.

Melissa Barnard



Kate DiCamillo Kicks Off Battle of the Books 2003!



It is time once again for the Battle of the Books! Join us for the Kick-off Program featuring guest speaker, Kate DiCamillo, whose first book, Because of Winn-Dixie, is a bestseller and Newbery Honor book.

This popular program is designed to encourage and reward 4th and 5th grade readers by introducing them to a wide variety of fun, interesting, and notable books. During the Battle season, school teams will meet to discuss the books, share reading activities, and have FUN!

Saturday, November 9

2 p.m., Library Auditorium

After the Kick-off program, Ms. DiCamillo will be autographing copies of Because of Winn-Dixie and Tiger Rising (available for purchase ~ \$5 each).

Attention Holiday Shoppers!!!

Need gift ideas for the person who has everything? How about a book? Library staff can help you choose the perfect gift for that special someone on your list. Librarians will present a program with great book ideas for children, teens, and adults.

**Thursday,
December 5
7 p.m.
Library Lounge**

Browse book selections while enjoying delicious refreshments. (Sorry - no books available for purchase)



Events

Battle of the Books Kick-off
Saturday, November 9

Teen Mystery Night
Friday, November 15

"The Story Wizard" by Madcap Puppets
Sunday, November 17

Children's Book Week with Lily
November 17-23

Tellabration
Saturday, November 23

"Winter Wonderland" Playgroup
Wednesday, December 4

Holiday Gift Program
Thursday, December 5

Friends Holiday Book Sale
December 6, 7, 8

Santa "Live" on MCTV
Wednesday, December 11

Bob the Book Elf
Thursday, December 12

Meetings

Library Board
Wednesday, November 20
Wednesday, December 18
7 p.m., Library Boardroom

Cable Access Advisory Commission
Wednesday, November 13
7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers

Teen Advisory Board
Saturday, November 9
1 p.m., Story Room
Saturday, December 14
1 p.m., Library Lounge

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

Email: gadml@midland-mi.org

November/December 2002

Spotlight on ...

"Have a seat, please"
at the
New Reference Desk!
Coming in November...



This new service desk will feature seating for patrons asking questions, accessibility for those in wheelchairs, and the smiling faces of the friendly and helpful Reference staff.

Although there will be some turmoil as we replace the old desk with the new, our services will not be interrupted. Librarians will work from a temporary desk while preparations are being made for the new desk.

We hope that this new desk provides a welcoming atmosphere while conveniently serving your information needs.



Time Teen Advisory Board

Have a voice at the library! TAB meets at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of each month during the school year. **Grades 6-12**

November 9 (Story Room)

December 14 (Library Lounge)

Teen Mystery Night

Is the butler guilty? Did Mrs. Peacock get caught in the ballroom with the candlestick? Do some sleuthing with TAB members, solve the crime and eat pizza with your fellow detectives.

Friday, November 15, 7-9 p.m., Library Lounge

Pick up tickets at the Youth Services desk beginning Friday, November 1. **Grades 6-12**

Saturday Morning Chapter Chat

The graduate readers from Brown Bag Book Club have chosen a new name and a new time - 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month! Join us **Saturday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Story Room for *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor. Bring a sack lunch - we will provide a drink & dessert. Sign up in Youth Services. **Grades 6-8**

For cool teen stuff visit

TeenSpot

at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/ys/teenspot.html

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Baby Time

(Babies who are not yet walking)

A program designed for parents and caregivers to introduce their young infants to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes.

Tuesdays December 3, 10, 17
at 1 p.m.

Toddler Time

(Walking babies up to 24 months old)

A more active program with books, rhymes, music, social time and more.

Tuesdays December 3, 10, 17
at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Circle Time

(Ages 24 months to 3 years)

Be an active participant with books, finger plays, puppets, songs, and activities.

Tuesdays November 5, 12, 19
at 6:15 or 7:15 p.m.
or
Wednesdays November 6, 13, 20
at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Listeners Story Time

(Ages 3-5)

We'll read from the best picture books, tell classic tales, & share stories on the flannel board.

Wednesdays November 6, 13, 20
at 6:15 or 7:15 p.m.
or
Thursdays November 7, 14, 21
at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Corner

Celebrate Children's Book Week

November 17-23, with these exciting programs:

"The Story Wizard" by Madcap Puppets

The whole family will enjoy Madcap's incredible giant puppets! The Story Wizard saves the books of the world with the help of the audience and the power of storytelling.

Sunday, November 17, 2 p.m.

Library Auditorium

Book Time with Lily!

Hey kids - Pick up a reading log in Youth Services beginning November 17 and then read or listen for 20 minutes each day. You can earn a Star Reader Sticker - just like Lily's! Stickers will be awarded through December 21.

Babies through 5th graders

"Winter Wonderland" Playgroup

This collaborative playgroup presented by "Success by 6" and the Youth Services staff will have stories, crafts, and snacks.

No sign-up required. **Ages 0-5**

Wednesday, December 4, 1-2:30 p.m., Story Room

Bob the Book Elf

Come up to Santa's workshop with "The Acting Up" Theatre Company and enjoy a play about a little guy who is cut out to do something big. **All Ages**

Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m., Story Room

Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, snacks and more!

Register for one session: Tuesdays 4:15-5 p.m.,

Tuesdays 6:30-7:15 p.m., or Wednesdays 4:15-5 p.m.

November 12 and 13 ~ Nutty About Squirrels!

December 10 and 11 ~ Tree-mendous Trees!

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)

Register for this fun book discussion and activity group. Pack a brown bag dinner (we will provide dessert and a drink) and join us in the Library Lounge from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

November 19 ~ Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

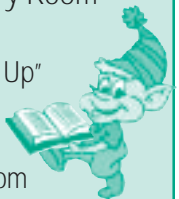
Free Holiday Movies

in the Library Auditorium

Friday, **November 29, 2 p.m.** *Monsters, Inc.*, 92 min., rated G

Friday, **December 27, 2 p.m.**, *The Rookie*, 128 min., rated G

Friday, **January 3, 2 p.m.**, *Chicken Run*, 84 min., rated G



For Adults

Tellabration

A night of storytelling around the world!

Enjoy an evening of Holiday stories told by the Midland Area Storytellers. This event (co-sponsored with the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library) is suitable for adults & families with older children.

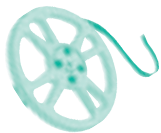
Saturday, November 23

7-9 p.m., Library Auditorium, refreshments

Tickets: \$5 for individuals, \$15 for families

Available at the Checkout Desk

Classic Movies In the Afternoon



Free Admission ~ 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

November 12 - *It's a Date* (1940) 103 minutes

November 26 - *Boys Town* (1938) 94 minutes

December 10 - *Christmas in Connecticut* (1945) 102 minutes

Join us in the Library Lounge for upcoming meetings of this adult book discussion group:

Thursday, November 21, 7-8 p.m.

Winter Range by Claire Davis

Thursday, December 19, 7-8 p.m.

Bee Season by Myla Goldberg



Library Board

JoAnn Wilkie, Library Board Township Representative, announced her resignation effective October 1, 2002 indicating that other commitments required her time. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Wilkie for the many years that she has served. Midland City Council will appoint a Township Representative to complete Ms. Wilkie's term.

In other business, the Board discussed information gathered regarding coffee service in the library. Vendors and businesses questioned the profitability of providing coffee service and would require that the library subsidize the operator. Board member Stu Bush will work with staff to prepare a recommendation for Board consideration.

Past library planning studies were reviewed to assist in developing a process to begin planning during this next year.

Board members may be contacted regarding any issue of concern via email from the library's website, www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

Your opinions do matter!

"Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations."

Henry David Thoreau

Update

MCTV Network

Congratulations to the many access users recognized at MCTV's "Honors Night" in October. Roger Briggs, Jim Malek, and Willie Coomer received MCTV's highest individual honor, the Community Award.



The Center for Independent Living received the Rosemarie Byers Community Voice Award as an organization making great use of public access television.

Beautification Awards

Tune in to MGTV 5 for the City of Midland's Beautification Awards Ceremony recognizing achievements in landscaping and beautification throughout Midland. Check the Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time for dates and times.

Talk to Santa "Live" on MGTV 5



Talk "LIVE" with this jolly elf and the Library's Youth Service Department. Believers of all ages can give Santa their wish list, ask questions or just chat with Saint Nick. Call 837-3474

Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Become an MCTV Access User!

Attend an orientation/studio training class:

Saturday, November 9 at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$10 and you must be a Midland County resident.

Call 837-3474 for more information.

"Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center"

All ages can find articles, statistics, and viewpoints for today's hottest controversies and topics. An excellent homework resource, this database covers both sides of many issues, including animal experimentation, eating disorders, health care, terrorism, and capital punishment.



To access this resource from home:

- ~ Go to <http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary>
- ~ Click on "Resources Accessible from Home"
- ~ Click on "Current Issues and World History"
- ~ Click on "Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center"
- ~ Enter your library barcode number

Displays & Exhibits

November

Mezzanine Gallery ~ The Sandy Show: Paintings and Drawings by David Lackey, Merrill Downs and Friends

Display Cases ~ Elementary Egyptian Exploration, Student Art from Blessed Sacrament School

December

Mezzanine Gallery ~ Oil Paintings Exhibit from the Midland Community Center

Display Cases ~ Collection of Winnie the Pooh and Friends by Jackie Allard

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Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 27
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, November 28
Closed
Friday, November 29
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25
Closed
Tuesday, December 31
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1
Closed

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 Memorial Day - Labor Day

Phone Numbers

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

Friends of the Library ~ 839-8159

Web Access

Web Page: www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

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Forums Generously donated used books, record sales of \$16,000, and an incredible group of volunteers made the September Book Sale a tremendous success! *Thank you to all who participated!*

Friends'

Holiday Book Sale, Library Mezzanine

Featuring newer books, old and unusual items, children's books, audiovisual material, and many more quality items suitable for Holiday gifts.

Friday, December 6

Friends members only ~ 6 - 8:30 p.m.

(Sorry - memberships must be purchased in advance.)

Saturday, December 7

Open to the public ~ 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

Open to the public, 1/2 price day ~ 1 - 4 p.m.

For more information call 839-8159, 837-3437 or visit our website at <http://mindnet.org/~fogadml>

Looking for a unique holiday gift?
Purchase a coupon booklet from the library!

5 video coupons for \$5
(a \$6.25 value)

or

5 hold coupons for \$1
(a \$1.25 value)

Available at the checkout desk
November 15 through December 31

Holiday Video Special 25¢ Videos and DVDs!

December 21, 22, 23 and 24

Limit 10 per patron ~ Late and rewind fees apply

