

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
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Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 26, 9 AM - 5 PM
Thursday, November 27, Closed
Friday, November 28, 9 AM - 5 PM
Wednesday, December 24, 9 AM - 5 PM
Thursday, December 25, Closed
Wednesday, December 31, 9 AM - 5 PM
Thursday, January 1, Closed



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Events

Holiday Book Shoppers!

Monday, November 3 at 2 PM

An Afternoon with Jack Gantos

Thursday, November 13 at 4:15 PM

Story Time with Jack Gantos

Friday, November 14 at 10 AM

Battle of the Books Kickoff

Saturday, November 15, 10 AM or 1 PM

Friends' Holiday Used Book Sale

November 14, 15, 16

Tellabration

Saturday, November 22 at 7 PM

Dickens and Dessert

Wednesday, December 10 at 2 PM

Suzuki Orchestra

Saturday, December 13 at 2 PM

Meetings

Library Board

Wednesday, November 19
7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Wednesday, December 17
7 PM, Library Boardroom

Cable Access

Advisory Commission

Wednesday, November 5
7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, November 8
1 PM, Library Lounge

Saturday, December 13
1 PM, Library Lounge

Web Access

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

November/December 2003

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

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Exhibits & Displays

The Library will be hosting the first Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest Winners Exhibit on the Mezzanine this December. The contest was coordinated by Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development & the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Financial support for the contest is from donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation and the Michigan Barn Preservation Network. The 12 winning photos submitted by youth (ages 8-18) will be on display. Area students Connor Meyette (age 8) from Sanford and Susan Reynolds (age 11) from Bay City will have their winning photos in the exhibit. The exhibit can be viewed during library hours.

Mezzanine Gallery

November ~ Midland Community Center Exhibit

December ~ Michigan Week Photo Exhibit

Lower Level Display Cases

November ~ Civil War Exhibit by Matt Kline

December ~ Battle of the Books by the Youth Services Department

Friends' Forum

Holiday Used Book Sale

PLUS! Bargain Basement Sale!

Friday, November 14, 6-8:30 PM

Friends Members Only (Memberships will not be available at the door, nor on the day of the sale)

Saturday, November 15, 10 AM-4:30 PM

Open to the Public

Sunday, November 16, 1-4 PM

1/2 Price Day! Open to the Public

Bargain Basement Sale (same dates and times) Shop our Bargain Basement Sale featuring overstocked books - priced to sell quickly - downstairs in the former Friends' Gift Shop located near the Youth Services Department.

Author Jack Gantos to Visit!



To begin the celebration of twenty five years of the Battle of the Books, the Friends of the Library are sponsoring this visit by Jack Gantos.

Jack Gantos was born in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania and grew up in Barbados and Florida. Jack spent much of his childhood in an abandoned bookmobile parked out behind the sandy ball field where he read for most of the day. The seeds for Jack's writing career were planted in sixth grade, when he read his sister's diary and decided he could write better than she could. While in college, he began working on children's books with a friend. In 1976 they published their first book, *Rotten Ralph*. This marked the beginning of Jack's career as a professional writer.

Jack continued writing with the "Jack" tales, "Joey Pigza" stories, and the moving autobiography *A Hole in My Life*. We hope you can join us and meet this fascinating author!

Thursday, November 13

"An Afternoon with Jack Gantos"
For teachers, adults and older children, 4:15 PM, Library Auditorium

Friday, November 14

Children's Story Time (Ages 3 & Up)
Mr. Gantos will read and draw for the children. 10 AM Story Room

Saturday, November 15

25th Battle of the Books Kickoff
Mr. Gantos' life and writings.
10 AM or 1 PM
Library Auditorium



Dickens and Dessert

Join us on the Library Mezzanine Wednesday, December 10 at 2 PM for seasonal music, desserts and tea. The Little Dickens Band (Anne and Rob Burns) will perform old-fashioned Christmas carols on such historical instruments as the dulcimer, pennywhistle, guitar, concertina and flute as they sing a variety of old favorites including *Joy to the World*, *Greensleeves*, and *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the Library Checkout Desk (advance sales encouraged).

Spotlight On...

Leap Frog

With a grant from the Midland WalMart, the library has purchased 2 LeapPad players and 2 Quantum Pad players for checkout with accompanying books for children. LeapPad and Quantum Pad are interactive learning systems. Children place the book on the player, pop in the cartridge, and touch any page with the interactive pen to hear words and stories, learn letter sounds, and play learning games. LeapPad players are appropriate for younger children, while the Quantum Pad Library is designed for children age 8-11 and complements school subjects of math, reading, science, and geography. There are also two players for use in the library. There is no charge, a limit of two books and one player, and items check out for 28 days with no renewals. Come and check 'em out!!



Kids Corner

25th Battle of the Books Kickoff Featured Speaker - Jack Gantos

A popular program since 1979, the Battle of the Books is designed to encourage and reward 4th and 5th grade readers by introducing them to a wide variety of fun, interesting, and notable books. Battle participants form reading teams and then compete using their knowledge of these books.

Jack Gantos, author of the "Jack" tales and "Joey Pigza" stories will discuss his writings and life as an author to kickoff the 25th Battle of the Books!



Saturday, November 15
at 10 AM or 1 PM
Library Auditorium, *Free*
Copies of Mr Gantos' books will be available for purchase and signing. The 2003/2004 Battle Book

List will be revealed and copies of battle books will be available for checkout at BOTH sessions.

Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, snacks, and more! Register on the first day of the program month.

Native American Stories and Legends

Tuesday, November 11
4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, November 12
4:15-5 PM

That's Funny!

Tuesday, December 9
4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, December 10
4:15-5 PM

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)

Book discussion & activity group. Bring your dinner (we'll provide dessert and a drink). Registration begins November 1.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key, Jack Gantos
Tuesday, November 25, 5:30-6:30 PM

Baby Time (Babies who are not yet walking)
Introduce your young infant to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes.

Tuesdays at 1 PM on
December 2, 9, 16

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM on
December 3, 10, 17

Toddler Time (Babies up to 24 months)
An active program with books, rhymes, music, & social time for adults & babies.

Tuesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM on
December 2, 9, 16

Circle Time (Ages 2 - 3)

Actively participate as we share books, finger plays, puppets, songs, & activities.

Tuesdays at 6:15 & 7:15 PM on
November 4, 11, 18

Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM on
November 5, 12, 19

Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM on
November 6, 13, 20

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Enjoy the best picture books, classic tales, and stories on the flannel board.

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM on
November 4, 11, 18

Thursdays at 7 PM on
November 6, 13, 20



Teen Time

A Hole in My Life

Author Jack Gantos will speak to teens (Grades 6-12) on Thursday, November 13 in the Library Auditorium at 1 PM. If any high school classes are interested, teachers please contact Rebecca Hastings in Youth Services 837-3466.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

New officers have been elected and are off to a very organized start. Teens in grades 6-12 interested in having a say about teen programs, books, CDs and more are welcome to attend TAB meetings on the second Saturday of each month (school year) at 1 PM in the Library Lounge. Check us out on the web at <http://web/gracedowlibrary/teen/teenspot.html>

Watch for details of our annual Teen Cram Night in January!

Fun Holiday Reading

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo
Goddess of the Night by Lynne Ewing (Book 1: *Daughters of the Moon* series)

"Success by 6" Playgroups (Ages 0-5)

These playgroups will have stories, crafts, snacks, and fun. Drop-in.

I Went Walking

Friday, November 7 from 6-7:30 PM

The Mitten

Thursday, December 11 from
9:30-11 AM

Free Movies in the Library Auditorium

Holes (PG), 117 minutes

Friday, November 28 at 2 PM

Piglet's Big Movie (G), 75 minutes

Wednesday, December 24 at 10 AM

Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG), 94 minutes

Friday, December 26 at 2 PM

The Tigger Movie (G), 77 minutes

Wednesday, December 31
at 10 AM

Finding Nemo (G), 101 minutes

Friday, January 2
at 2 PM



For Adults

Holiday Book Shoppers!

Book lovers on your holiday list? Don't wait until the last minute - drop in for great book ideas, refreshments, and the opportunity to discuss favorite books for gift giving with our librarians. No books will be available for purchase.

Monday, November 3 from 2-4 PM
Library Lounge, *Free*

Telabration

A Night of Storytelling Around the World!

Enjoy a storytelling concert by the Midland Area Storytellers who will be joined by the Jolly Hammer and Strings, a traditional music group. This event is cosponsored with the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library and is suitable for adults and teens.

Saturday, November 22, 7-9 PM
Chippewa Nature Center
400 S. Badour Rd.

Tickets: Adults-\$5, Teens-*Free*
Available at the Library Checkout Desk

Small Business Start-Up Seminar

An overview of what it takes to start a business.

Monday, November 10, 6-8:30 PM
Library Lounge, *Free*

Suzuki Concert

Come and enjoy the sweet sounds of the violin in the library. Students of Lois Palen will play for us.

Saturday, December 13 at 2 PM

Shakespeare @ the Library

38 of Shakespeare's plays, recorded specifically for audio are now available at the library. Shakespearean actors bring the plays to life, while original music and subtle sound design heighten the dramatic atmosphere.



Books and Bites

Books & Bites

Read the books & enjoy lively discussion in the Library Lounge at 7 PM.

Three Junes by Julia Glass
November 20

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
December 18

Classic Movies in the Afternoon

Free movies in the Library Auditorium!

The Fountainhead (1949), 114 minutes

Tuesday, November 11 at 2 PM

Magnificent Ambersons (1942), 88 min.

Tuesday, November 25 at 2 PM

To Kill a Mockingbird (1962), 130 minutes

Tuesday, December 9 at 2 PM

Library Board

As a patron and a Library Board member, I believe a true spirit of hospitality is reflected at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Nurturing, welcoming, comfortable and interactive are words I would use to describe my experiences. I am especially amazed and proud of the devotion the Youth Services staff has shown to my family over the years. We all have wonderful memories of Story Hour puppets, carefully monitored and filtered computer activities, Battle of the Book events, and great Summer Reading Programs. I still look to see what "Bookmark the Bear" is wearing whenever I'm in the library!

As a Library Board Member I would like to emphasize to our patrons that the Library Board is actively participating in all areas of the library. We hope to continue this spirit of hospitality by inviting you to share your ideas, thoughts and concerns with us. It's been a privilege and an honor to serve on the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Board.

Judy Stein
Library Board Vice Chair

Rules of Conduct

To ensure that the library provides an orderly and comfortable environment for all users, Rules of Conduct, which list behaviors and actions that are not appropriate in the library, have been posted. The Library Board reviewed and recommended the Rules, and City Council approved them at their September 29 meeting.

MCTV Network

Congratulations to the 2003 MCTV Honors Night Award Winners!

Rosemarie Byers Community Voice Award Recognizes outstanding use of public access by an organization. Congratulations to the Midland Symphony Orchestra!

MCTV Community Award

Recognizes contributions of individuals to public access in Midland. Congratulations to Bob Hartley, John Wolters, and the late Judge James Wilson.

City of Midland's Appreciation of Beautification Awards

This award ceremony takes place on Thursday, November 6 and will be shown on MGTV 5 the following weekend.

City of Midland Meetings are now available on MGTV!

MGTV 5 has begun cablecasting some of the meetings of the City of Midland's advisory boards and commissions. Tune in at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 5 for the Cable Access Advisory Commission and at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 18 to view the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Become an MCTV Volunteer!

The next orientation/studio training class is Saturday, November 8 at 10 AM. For more information call 837-3474.