

The Library Connection

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
1710 W. St. Andrews Road
Midland, MI 48640-2698
A SERVICE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND

Change Service Requested

Library Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 24: 9 AM - 5 PM
Thursday, November 25: Closed
Friday, November 26: 9 AM to 5 PM

Friday, December 24: Closed
Saturday, December 25: Closed
Sunday, December 26: Closed

Friday, December 31: Closed
Saturday, January 1: Closed

Access the library on the internet even when we're closed!

- Renew most items
- Place holds
- Check status of holds
- Browse the catalog
- Use library databases



Visit

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

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
Circulation 837-3457
Youth 837-3466
MCTV Network 837-3474
TDD 837-3472
Friends 839-8159

Web Access

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Friends' Forum

November Used Book Sale

Begin your holiday shopping here for great bargains!

Friday, November 12, 6 - 8:30 PM

Friends Members Only

Saturday, November 13, 10 AM - 4 PM

Open to the Public

Sunday, November 14, 1 - 4 PM

Open to the Public ~ 1/2 off Day

Ask the Librarian
Email Reference Service

Email your question to our Reference Librarians and receive a response within 24 hours (except during Holiday closings).

askthelibrarian@midland-mi.org

Cup & Chaucer

November/December Special
French Vanilla Hot Chocolate

Delicious hot chocolate with a hint of French vanilla.



Novel \$1.90

Short Story \$1.40

Offer good November 1 - December 31, 2004

Exhibits & Displays

Mezzanine Gallery

November

Paint and Palette

Midland Community Center Exhibit

Lower Level Display Cases

November

Tribute to Cathy Guisewite

Exhibit by Eldred Paulson

December

Scottie Collection Exhibit

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November/December 2004

Battle of the Books Kickoff!

It's time once again for Battle of the Books! This very popular program for 4th and 5th graders encourages students to read a variety of fun, interesting and notable books, and to share reading and related activities with teammates, parents, and other adults.



Our guest speaker this year is Roland Smith, author of two previous Battle Books, *Sasquatch* and *The Captain's Dog*. Mr. Smith is a former wolf biologist and canine expert who has spent more than twenty years studying wildlife, working in zoos, and working with wildlife rescues around the world. Many of his books are based on his experiences.

Mr. Smith will be the guest speaker at these two events!

Battle Kickoff: Saturday, November 13 at 10 AM and 2 PM

Interested Battle participants are invited to hear Mr. Smith speak at either session in the Library Auditorium. Mr. Smith will be signing his books after each program and copies will be available for purchase.

Author Visit: Friday, November 12 at 4:15 PM

Students in third grade and up are invited to this special presentation in the Library Auditorium. Mr. Smith will take us behind the scenes at the zoo so we can find out how animals are handled and trained.

From the Director ~ Melissa Barnard

The library's migration to Horizon, the upgraded computer system, has been challenging for everyone. We appreciate and thank you for your patience.

All of the data from the old system was successfully transferred to the new system. Problems arose when some of the data did not attach as expected and features were not available. Staff has identified the problems and is working on resolving them. Other issues will take time because they require reconfiguration.

Patrons have questioned whether this upgrade was necessary. We knew that in the near future the vendor would no longer support the text based system. Additionally, the hardware for the old system was no longer economical or efficient to replace the hardware for a system that was being phased out.

We are confident that this system will serve us well. You are encouraged to call or email us with your questions.

Silent Heroes

Introducing *Silent Heroes*
by Lowell Thomas

Join us as local author Lowell Thomas unveils his new book, *Silent Heroes*. Mr. Thomas has collected the war experiences of over sixty Midland County combat veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He will share the captivating stories of these ordinary people caught up in extraordinary times. A book signing will follow his presentation.



Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 11

2:30 PM, Library Auditorium



Learn how to assemble and decorate a gingerbread house! Details on page 3.

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Let Your Voice Be Heard...

City of Midland residents... now's your chance to give your opinion on funding for City capital projects, what the City's role should be in expanding Midland's industrial base, City services and additional methods for funding services. Call the City Manager's Office at 837-3301 or sign up online at www.midland-mi.org by November 19 to register for one of these roundtable discussion sessions:

Tuesday, November 30, 11 AM - 2 PM
 Tuesday, November 30, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
 Wednesday, December 1, 9 AM - 12 NOON
 Wednesday, December 1, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
 Thursday, December 2, 2 - 5 PM
 Thursday, December 2, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
 Friday, December 3, 9 AM - 12 NOON



Teen Time

Teens are Cookin' ~ Saturday, December 11 at 2 PM, Library Lounge
 Bring in a favorite family recipe with the story of how it became a family favorite, what family member it originated with, and a taste for the judges. Prizes and food - of course!



Teen Tip

Want to practice for the ACT or SAT? Visit the library website and click on the Learn A Test database. Log on with a Michigan drivers license or State I.D. number. The database shows the format and content of college prep exams. It offers practice tests that highlight what type of math, science, reading, and writing skills are necessary to do well on the exams. Awesome!



Sneak Preview

Annual Cram Night returns on Sunday, January 16 and Lock 'n Roll fun will be happening in February 2005 - stay tuned!

Teen Advisory Board

Interested in discussing teen programming? Read a good book lately you want to discuss? Want to recommend a CD or publication we don't have? Join TAB and voice your opinion.

Saturday, November 13 at 1 PM & Saturday, December 11 at 1 PM
 Library Lounge, Grades 6-12 welcome!

Visit the Teen Spot for more information
www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/teen/teenspot.html

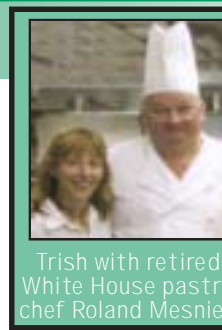
For Adults

Holiday Gift Book Ideas Night

Adults - take a night off from minding the kids! Come to our Holiday Gift Book Ideas Night and learn how to assemble and decorate a gingerbread house from Trish Castle, owner of Pastries by T! Refreshments provided.



Monday, November 1 from 7-8 PM, Story Room



Trish with retired White House pastry chef Roland Mesnier.

Tellabration! 2004 ~ A Night of Storytelling Around the World

Enjoy a storytelling concert by the Mid-Michigan StoryTellers, and music by the Jolly Hammer and Strings. This event is suitable for adults and families with older children.



Saturday, November 20 from 7-9 PM, Library Auditorium
 \$5 Adults, \$15 Families, \$4 Seniors

Tickets are available at the Library Checkout Desk and at the door the night of the concert.

Learn A Test Database

Log on to this resource and begin preparing for any number of official school and career exams. Practice with tests based on the ACT, SAT, GED, GRE, ASVAB, Civil Service, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, EMT Basic, U. S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology, Real Estate Agent, and Broker Exams. Review courses and testing for English as a second language, as well as reading, writing, math, and grammar skills. Receive immediate scoring and detailed explanations of answers to all questions. Log on to the library's website at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary and follow the links.

Business Start-Up Seminar

Monday, November 8 from 6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge

Classic Movies

Tuesdays at 2 PM in the Library Auditorium - Free! Doors will open at 1:45 PM.

November 9 - *Funny Face* (1956), Gershwin musical starring Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn. 103 minutes
 November 23 - *The Philadelphia Story* (1940), Romantic comedy starring Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, and James Stewart. 112 minutes
 December 14 - *Holiday Inn* (1942), Holiday musical starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astair. 101 minutes



Books and Bites

Read the books and join us for lively discussion at 7 PM in the Library Lounge.
 November 18 ~ *Pears on a Willow Tree* by Leslie Pietrzyk
 December 16 ~ *Continental Drift* by Russell Banks

Kids Corner

Crafty Readers (K - 3rd Grade)

Join us for stories, snacks and fun!

Look What's Popping!

Tuesday, November 9
 4:15 - 5 PM & 6:30 - 7:15 PM
 Wednesday, November 10
 4:15 - 5 PM
 Registration begins November 1

The Relatives are Coming!

Tuesday, December 14
 4:15 - 5 PM & 6:30 - 7:15 PM
 Wednesday, December 15
 4:15 - 5 PM
 Registration begins December 1

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)

Join a book discussion group! Bring your dinner - in a brown bag. We will provide dessert and a drink.

Thunder Cave by Roland Smith

Tuesday, November 23
 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 Registration begins November 1

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Tuesday, December 21
 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 Registration begins December 1

Baby Time (Babies not yet walking)

Designed for parents and caregivers to introduce their young infants to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes.
 Tuesdays at 1 PM
 November 30, December 7 & 14

Toddler Time (Babies to 24 months)

An active program with books, rhymes, music & social time for adults & babies.
 Tuesdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM
 November 30, December 7 & 14

Circle Time (2 and 3 year-olds)

We'll share books, finger plays, puppets, songs, and activities.
 Tuesdays at 6:15 PM & 7:15 PM
 November 2, 9, 16
 Wednesdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM
 November 3, 10, 17
 Thursdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM
 November 4, 11, 18

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Enjoy picture books, classic tales, and stories on the flannel board.
 Tuesdays at 10 AM
 November 2, 9, 16
 Thursdays at 7 PM
 November 4, 11, 18



Enjoy holiday movies in the Library Auditorium. Doors open 15 minutes before show time.

Friday, November 26 at 2 PM
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG), 142 minutes
 Saturday, November 27 at 10 AM
Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas and *The Snowman* (G), 94 minutes
 Saturday, November 27 at 2 PM
Prancer (G), 103 minutes
 Saturday, December 4 at 10 AM
Frosty the Snowman and *Spot's Magical Christmas* (G), 70 minutes
 Saturday, December 4 at 2 PM
Santa Clause 1 (PG), 97 minutes
 Saturday, December 11 at 10 AM
Dora the Explorer - Christmas (G), 98 minutes
 Saturday, December 11 at 2 PM
Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol and *Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out* (G), 77 minutes
 Saturday, December 18 at 10 AM
Dr. Seuss How the Grinch Stole Christmas and *Horton Hears a Who* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* (G), 108 minutes
 Saturday, December 18 at 2 PM
The Grinch (PG), 105 minutes
 Wednesday, December 29 at 10 AM
The Tigger Movie (G), 77 minutes

MCTV Network

Congratulations

At MCTV's Honors Night, Diane Dickerson, Lonnie Fields, and George Widiger received MCTV's Community Award. GMS Arts Education received the Rosemarie Byers Community Voice Award for their use of public access television in Midland. Honors Night also celebrated MCTV's 20th Anniversary!

VOTE! Tuesday, November 2!

Then tune in to MCTV 15 at 9 PM to watch election night results presented by the League of Women Voters. League volunteers will broadcast results and interview the candidates "live" on MCTV 15.

Beautification Awards

The City of Midland will honor homeowners, businesses, and other organizations who help make Midland beautiful on Thursday, November 4. MGTV 5 will broadcast the awards ceremony so check Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time or the City of Midland website for dates/times of cablecasts.

Access User Training

Take part in programs like Election Day and the Beautification Awards. Come to the next MCTV orientation/studio training class on Saturday, November 13 at 10 AM. Call 837-3474 for more information. The cost is \$10.

Cable Access Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 10
 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Library Board

As a board member of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, I am aware of how the library serves as a community resource. As a patron, the personal benefits of the library are many. When my family and I are planning a vacation, we head to the library to check out books about our destination and make sure to stock up on books on tape to listen to while driving. The children have

enjoyed the summer reading program and, when the summer vacation break becomes boring, we take a trip to the library. The children read or play on the computer, I use the quiet room to get caught up reading newspapers and magazines, and my wife uses reference resources. The staff is very helpful!

The library is a wonderful community resource and personal resource. Visit

the library and see how many ways it can serve your family.

Dr. Fred Johnson
 Library Board



Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, November 17
 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
 Wednesday, December 15
 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers