



**LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS AND CLOSINGS**

Wednesday, November 25  
CLOSE at 5PM

Thursday, November 26  
CLOSED

Friday, November 27  
CLOSE at 5PM

Thursday, December 24  
CLOSED

Friday, December 25  
CLOSED

Thursday, December 31  
CLOSE at 5PM

Friday, January 1  
CLOSED

**LIBRARY INFORMATION**

**Library Hours**  
Monday-Friday ..... 9:30 AM-8:30 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  
TTY ..... 837-3472  
Friends ..... 837-3437

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**About this Publication**

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**MCTV NETWORK**

837-3474

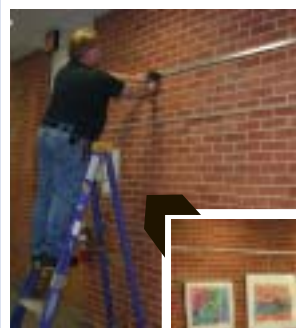
**MCTV's Annual "Honors Night" Program** will take place on Thursday, November 19 at 7PM in the Library Auditorium. It's MCTV's night to recognize the many access users who create the programs you watch on Midland's cable access channels. You're invited!

**Get involved at MCTV.** Take the beginning training workshop on Saturday, November 14 at 10AM in MCTV's studio. The cost is \$20. After training, you can produce your own show or help others create their programs. It's interesting and fun! Call 837-3474 for more information.



**ART HANGING SYSTEM INSTALLED**

The Midland Artist Guild has generously donated an improved art hanging system for the Mezzanine Gallery. The Guild researched and purchased the hardware to provide a flexible hanging system to display framed art.



The new system allows artists more options when hanging framed art of various sizes. The rods are easy to use and can be adjusted to desired heights. Non-profit organizations and artists who rent the Mezzanine Gallery are welcome to use the new system.



Our thanks and appreciation are extended to the Midland Artist Guild for contributing the materials to enhance the library's gallery space. The Mezzanine Gallery can be rented for \$25 per month, maximum one month per year. Please call 837-3432 for more information.

**MEZZANINE COMMUNITY DISPLAYS**  
NOVEMBER - PAINT & PALETTE/MIDLAND  
COMMUNITY CENTER OIL PAINTING CLASS

The Library is now on  
**facebook**  
Become a Fan!



We would like to once again thank all the volunteers who gave their time and helped with the October Used Book Sale. We wouldn't be the success we are if it weren't for you. Thank you!

Please visit our "On-Going Used Book Sale" in the back of Cup and Chaucer. We have great books at a great price!

Our next Used Book Sale is **February 19-20-21, 2010.**

Mark your calendars now! For more information go to the library's website and click on the "FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY" link.



Friends of the Library Used Book Sale Area in the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar.

*Cup and Chaucer*  
**Coffee Bar**

Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
10AM-5PM

Through December 31, buy an espresso drink or hot chocolate and get 50¢ off your purchase!



**DIRECTOR'S DESK**

**LIBRARY'S MISSION**

Melissa Barnard

This past spring representatives from the Library Board and staff met to review the library's mission statement and strategic plan. After analyzing the library's strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats, the participants agreed that a new mission statement and a vision statement would help direct the strategic plan. All Board members and library staff were asked for their input. At the August Library Board meeting, the mission and vision statements, and the 2009-2010 strategic plan were approved. The strategic plan is posted on the library's website.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Mission of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is to enrich our community by providing opportunities for learning, exploration and enjoyment in a welcoming environment.*

**VISION STATEMENT**

*The community's chosen gateway for knowledge; a place for our community to gather and connect.*

**NEW VIDEOS "FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED"**



Beginning Monday, January 4, 2010, new videos will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Holds will no longer be allowed on videos until they are reassigned to the regular video collection.

The length of time that videos are in the hold process has resulted in limited availability for our users. Under the "no holds" change, new videos will have a quicker turnover, increasing the number of check outs during the 6-month period that they are on the new shelf. Everyone will have a better opportunity to enjoy the new videos.

New videos check out for 4 days at \$2.50 each. After 6 months, videos are \$1.25 each for 7 days. Revenue collected from video check out contributes to the operation of the library.

**SOMETHING ABOUT THE AUTHOR—NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

The award-winning series, *Something About the Author* including *Something About the Author: Autobiography Series* can now be accessed 24/7 from the library website. This resource provides essays on the lives and works of authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults.

From the library homepage, go to RESEARCH RESOURCES, and click the DATABASES A TO Z link; or YOUTH SERVICES, and click the HOMEWORK link. Questions? Call the Youth Services Desk at 837-3466.



**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS KICKOFF**

Deborah Wiles, author of last year's Battle book, *Love, Ruby Lavender*, will help us kickoff the 2009-2010 Battle of the Books season on Saturday, November 14. Ms. Wiles will be speaking at 10AM and 2PM in the Library Auditorium.

Fourth and fifth graders, parents, teachers and everyone interested in hearing this National Book Award finalist speak are invited to the presentation. Following the program, Ms. Wiles will sign copies of her books which will be sold after the program. Battle books will also be available for purchase and check out.



**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MCTV**

"We're about community improvement and individual empowerment." - George Stoney, access television pioneer.



His words reflect the 25-year history of Midland Community Television, which debuted on October 30, 1984.

Join us in celebrating this anniversary on **Sunday, November 8 from 2-5PM** in MCTV's studio in the Library. A ceremony at 3PM will feature Mayor Bruce Johnson and representatives from the citizens commission that helped create MCTV, Midland Public Schools, Friends of MCTV, and the Alliance for Community Media. Besides tours of the station, you can enjoy refreshments and video clips of old shows.

Cable access television was formed to put the power of this medium in the hands of the people. In Midland, this has resulted in approximately 25,000 programs being submitted for cablecasting on, at first two and now, four channels (MCTV 3 & 15, MGTV 5 and MPS-TV 17 on Charter Communications cable).



MCTV's Summer Video Camp 2009

Non-profits, the schools, individuals, and the City use this unfiltered conduit to reach the community. Much of the "hands on" work is done by volunteers trained and assisted by MCTV's dedicated staff.

*Thank you to all who contribute to the success of MCTV!*





## CRAFTY READERS - GRADES K-3

Meet us in the Lounge for stories, snacks and a craft! *Registration begins the first of the month.*

## OODLES OF NOODLES

From magic pasta pots to pasta super heroes, join us as we share stories celebrating one of our favorite foods!

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

4:15-5PM



## WINTER WONDERLAND

Welcome winter with snow-filled stories and a craft!

Monday, December 7

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

Tuesday, December 8

4:15-5PM



## BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB - GRADES 4-5

Join the Brown Bag Book Club in the Library Lounge for an hour of discussion and fun! Pack a dinner (in a brown bag) - we'll provide dessert and a drink! *Registration begins the first of the month.*

Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 - 6:30PM

*Aurora County All-Stars* by Deborah Wiles

Tuesday, December 15, 5:30 - 6:30PM

*Title will be announced after Battle Kickoff.*



# TEEN TIME

## PLOTS & PIZZA - GRADES 6-9

Read *Steel Trapp: The Challenge* by Ridley Pearson or *Id Tell You I Love You, But Then Id Have to Kill You* by Ally Carter then join us for pizza and a book discussion.

Monday, November 23, 6-7PM in the Story Room. To register, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466. Copies of the books are available at the Youth Services Desk.



## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD - GRADES 6-12

It's not too late to join! TAB meets once a month on Thursday, from 6-7PM. If you would like to share your ideas about teen programming at the Library, join us on: November 19 in the Story Room and December 17 in the Library Lounge.



## TEEN GAMES DAYS - GRADES 6-12

Drop in after school from 3-4:30PM for video and board games in the Teen Spot. No registration necessary. Thursday, November 5 and Thursday, December 3.



## Story Times

In the Story Room

### BABY TIME (BABIES NOT YET WALKING)

Tuesdays at 1 & 2:30PM:  
November 3, 10; December 1

### TODDLER TIME (WALKING BABIES TO 24 MONTHS)

Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
November 3, 10; December 1

### MOVE & GROOVE (AGES 2-6)

Join us for a musical program in the Story Room.  
Wednesdays at 9:45:  
November 4, 11  
Thursdays at 9:45:  
November 5, 12



## Holiday Programs

Join us for a week of Holiday Story Times in December.

### HOLIDAY BABY TIME (BABIES NOT YET WALKING)

Tuesday at 1 & 2:30PM:  
December 8

### HOLIDAY TODDLER TIME (WALKING BABIES TO 24 MONTHS)

Tuesday at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
December 8

### HOLIDAY CIRCLE TIME (AGES 2-3)

Tuesday at 7PM:  
December 8  
Wednesday at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
December 9

### HOLIDAY READY, SIT, READ! (AGES 4-5)

Monday at 2 & 4:15PM:  
December 7



AUDITORIUM

Friday, November 27, 2PM  
*Hotel for Dogs* (PG) 100 min.

Wednesday, December 23, 10AM  
*Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails* (not rated) 60 min.

Wednesday, December 30, 10AM  
*Mickey Mouse Clubhouse: Mickey's Adventures in Wonderland* (G) 50 min.

## NEW & IMPROVED! PUBLIC COMPUTER TIME AND PRINT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Tired of waiting around for an Internet PC to become available? On your next visit be sure to reserve a computer by placing your name in the queue. You will be assigned the next available computer.



The reservation is made at the print release stations located near the computers on first floor and in Youth Services. Sign up with your library card or computer access card. *It's easy, fast, and guarantees access to a computer.*

Check out the printing - no more confusing pop-ups or forgotten passwords!

Stop at the Reference Desk or Youth Services Desk for more information about using the new time and print management system.



Everyone Welcome! Please join us.

Our next selections are memoirs of the Vietnamese experience after the fall of Saigon.

Bich Minh Nguyen's *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*, this year's Great Michigan Read, is a vivid, funny, and viscerally powerful story about childhood, assimilation, food and growing up in Grand Rapids during the 1980s.

November 19, 7PM, Conference Room C

*The Unwanted* is Kien Nguyen's (no relation to Bich Minh Nguyen) harrowing tale of an "unwanted", a child of American and Asian extraction, left behind after the war.  
November 25, 2PM, Conference Room B  
December 17, 7PM, Conference Room C

Books & Bites will not meet on December 23. *Happy Holidays!* See you in January for *I'm Not Scared* by Niccolo Ammaniti

## CLASSIC MOVIES

2PM, AUDITORIUM, FREE!

November 10 - *He Walked by Night* (1948)

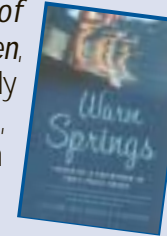
November 24 - *Harvey Girls* (1945)

December 8 - *The Bishop's Wife* (1947)

## THE POLIO CRUSADE: BOOK DISCUSSION

To conclude our Polio programming, we invite you to read the following books and share your thoughts at our book discussion. Tuesday, November 10 at 7PM, Lounge

In *Warm Springs: Traces of Childhood at FDR's Polio Haven*, Susan Richards Shreve elegantly details her two-year stay, beginning when she was 11, in a hospital for children suffering from polio.



Jeffrey Kluger's *Splendid Solution: Jonas Salk and the Conquest of Polio* is the compelling true story of an urgent scientific battle—and of the man who provided a crucial turning point in the quest to eradicate polio.



## LIBRARY DONATIONS

As the end of the year approaches and you are considering a charitable donation for tax purposes, remember that your donation to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is eligible for a Michigan tax credit.



Donations to the library can be designated in memory or in honor of someone. You can select to donate for library materials, programs or services in general. Selections will reflect any specific areas that you have identified. Materials purchased from donations include a book plate with the name of the donor and the persons being memorialized or honored.

The donation form and more information about tax advantages are available on the library's website. Click on GIFTS/MEMORIALS & DONATIONS.

If you wish to donate to the library's endowment fund, please contact the Midland Area Community Foundation at 839-9661.

Your gift is appreciated and will help us to continue providing quality materials and programs for our community.

## REFERENCEUSA

ReferenceUSA - an online directory containing information on over 14 million businesses. Also an excellent resource for phone numbers and addresses for over 100 million individuals. Visit our homepage and click on RESEARCH RESOURCES. Locate REFERENCEUSA and login with your library card number.

## TAX TIME

Starting in January, tax forms will be available online. Visit the Library's homepage, click on RESEARCH RESOURCES, and locate links to both the IRS and State of Michigan's online tax centers.



## Tellabration! 2009

A Night of Storytelling Around the World  
Friday, November 20, 7-9PM  
Library Auditorium  
Enjoy a storytelling "concert" by the Mid-Michigan Area StoryTellers.

"A Tapestry of Stories" suitable for adults and families with older children.

Refreshments in the Lounge after the stories.  
Donations accepted at the door.

Presented in cooperation with the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

## SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR.

Thursday, November 12, 6-8:30PM, LOUNGE.

# LIBRARY BOARD

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7 PM, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

No meeting scheduled in December.

If you have a concern, comment or question, Board members may be contacted by email. From the library's website, click on LIBRARY BOARD and scroll down to the list of members.