

MCTV 837-3474
The City of Midland's annual Appreciation of Beautification Awards will be videotaped on Thursday, November 4th. Tune to MGTV 96 for replays of this event.

MCTV's next orientation/studio training workshop will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 10^{AM} to 1^{PM}. The cost is \$20. Please register in advance.

MCTV's "Honors Night" program will be held on Thursday, November 18 at 7:00^{PM} in the Library Auditorium. It's our night to recognize the efforts of MCTV's many access users.

Show off your talent in the Friends of MCTV's "Shining Stars Talent Show" to be videotaped on Saturday, December 4 from 10:30^{AM} to 3:30^{PM} here at MCTV. Call Matt at 837-3476 for more information.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
837-3437 fogadml@yahoo.com
A BIG thank-you to all who supported our October Used Book Sale! A special thank you goes to all of our dedicated volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Friends please contact us. We have many different volunteer opportunities, something for everyone!

Our next Used Book Sale is scheduled for February 18, 19, and 20, 2011. Mark your calendars now! Don't forget to visit our on-going Book Sale in the back of Cup and Chaucer in the library. Books are for sale everyday at the same low prices!

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS
November.....Five Drawing Friends
December..... Armin Mersmann's Critique Class

CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR
Hours:.....Monday-Friday, 10:00^{AM}-5:00^{PM}
Snacks and Drinks are also available during library hours via machine.

LIBRARY INFORMATION
Hours
Monday-Friday.....9:30^{AM}-8:30^{PM}
Saturday.....10:00^{AM}-5:00^{PM}
Sunday.....1:00^{PM}-5:00^{PM}
Closed Sundays Memorial Day-Labor Day

Phone Numbers
Information837-3430
Reference837-3449
Check Out Desk.....837-3457
On-Call/Renewals 24/7 835-3280
Youth and Teen Services..... 837-3466
TTY.....837-3472

Teen Time

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD Grades 6-12
TAB will not meet in November & December.
Our next TAB meeting will be Thursday, January 6, 6:00^{PM} Story Room. In the meantime, checkout some of our current reads and listens!

What We're Reading
Teen Idol by Meg Cabot
Secrets of My Hollywood Life by Jen Calonita
Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
Diva by Alex Flinn
Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Stand by Stephen King
Heavy Metal and You by Christopher Krovatin
The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner by Stephenie Meyer
Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
Night by Elie Wiesel

What We're Listening To
"I Know What I Am" by Band of Skulls
"Love Song" by Sara Bareilles
"Round and Round" by Selina Gomez
"Holiday" by Green Day
"Introducing Me" by Nick Jonas
"Little White Church" by Little Big Town
"That's What You Get" by Paramore
"On the Radio" by Regina Spektor
"Stuck Like Glue" by Sugarland
"Vagabond" by Wolfmother

PLOTS & PIZZA Grades 6-9
Monday, November 22, 6:00-7:00^{PM}
Library Lounge
Read *Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel and/or *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld, then join us for pizza and drinks while we discuss the books. Copies of the books are available at the Youth Services Desk. Registration is required. To register, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Teen Spot
is now on Facebook.
"Like" us to receive
updates on Teen activities.

You can also find us at
www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary.
Click on Teen Services.
Get the latest information on Teen Programs, TAB activities, and don't forget to check out our Teen Booklists.

November/December
2010

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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Midland, MI 48640-2698
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LIBRARY Connection

- *BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- *TEEN FACEBOOK
- *COMPUTER CLASSES
- *BIRTHDAY CLUB
- *TAX TIME
- *BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS
- *HOLIDAY STORY TIMES

LIBRARY CLOSINGS
Wednesday, Nov. 24
Close at 5pm
Thursday, Nov. 25
Closed Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov. 26
Close at 5pm
Friday, Dec. 24-Monday, Dec. 27
Closed for Christmas Holiday
Friday, Dec. 31 - Saturday, Jan. 1
Closed for New Year's Holiday

Library Board Meetings:
Wednesday, November 17, 7:00^{PM}
City Hall Council Chambers
No December Board Meeting



Our virtual branch
is always open

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ballots and Birthdays

I am always pleased when I hear from our library users that they love the library. The reasons are as varied as the people who use the library. You now have the opportunity to share your feelings about our library. Taped Editions has initiated an "I Love My Library" sweepstakes. Everyone is invited to go to our website, and tell why you love the library. The library with the most votes by December 15, 2010 will receive an audiobook collection valued at over \$500.00. Let's get the vote out!

Birthday Club

Make a child's birthday even more special. Join the Library's Birthday Club. Donate \$15.00 and the library will purchase an age appropriate title to add to the children's collection. A birthday bookplate will be placed in the book to honor the child. A "Happy Birthday" postcard will be sent to the child when the book is ready for previewing before being placed in the collection. Birthday Club forms are available in the library and on the website. This birthday present will brighten any child's day and give joy to many others.

Donate to the library anytime using the "Memorial Gifts and Other Donations" form available at the library and on the website. Gifts are tax deductible and most welcomed!

Melissa Barnard

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Saturday, November 13
10:00^{AM} or 2:00^{PM}
Auditorium

Linda Sue Park, author of Newbery Winner *A Single Shard* and previous Battle books *The Kite Fighters* and *Project Mulberry* will speak at the Kick-off of the 2010-2011 Battle Season. Linda Sue Park is an award winning writer of children's novels, short stories, picture books, and poetry. Battle participants, parents, teachers and readers of all ages are welcome to join us for this presentation.

Following the program, Ms. Park will sign copies of her books which will be available for purchase along with all of this year's Battle Books.

The Battle Book list and Battle Books will be available for general check out immediately following the 10:00^{AM} program and anytime after 3:00^{PM}.

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Kids' Corner

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This program, for 4th and 5th graders, encourages students to read a wide range of funny, heartwarming, and notable books. Interested students form teams which compete in "battles" hosted by the Youth Services staff. See the library website for more information.

- Click on Youth Services
- Battle of the Books

2010 - 2011 Schedule

Battle Kickoff

Saturday, November 13
10:00AM - OR 2:00PM
Library Auditorium

Battle Books and Booklist Available

Saturday, November 13
Immediately following the 10:00AM program or after 3:00PM
Story Room

Battle Briefing

Saturday, January 8, 11:00AM
Library Auditorium
Here's a chance for your team members to observe how the Written and Oral Battles are conducted!

Team Registration Deadline

Monday, January 24, 8:30PM
Youth Services Desk

1st Written Battle

Wednesday, February 16, 4:30PM
Middle School Cafeteria

2nd Written Battle

Wednesday, February 23, 4:30PM
Jefferson School Cafeteria

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, March 5, am or pm,
as assigned
Library

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 10, 4:30PM
Library Auditorium

Reception after Battle

Thursday, March 10, 5:15PM
Library Lounge
A celebration of and for ALL Battle Teams!

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STORYTIMES

Baby Time

(Babies not yet walking)
Tuesdays at 1:00 & 2:30PM
November 2, 9

This fun program introduces young infants to stories with songs, bounces and rhymes with time for babies to play and parents to visit.

Toddler Time

(Walking babies to 24 months)
Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM
November 2, 9

Join us for our more active baby program filled with books, fingerplays, and songs followed by time to share toys and chat.

Move and Groove

(Ages 2-6)
Wednesdays at 10:00AM
November 3,10
Thursdays at 10:00AM
November 4, 11

You and your child can dance and sing in this fun program filled with action songs and movement activities.

HOLIDAY STORY TIMES

Counting Christmas Baby Time

(Babies not yet walking)
Tuesdays at 1:00 & 2:30PM
December 7, 14

Jingle Jungle Jingle Bells

Toddler Time
(Walking babies to 24 months)
Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM
December 7, 14

Wake Up Bear, It's Christmas

Circle Time

(Ages 2-3)
Tuesday at 7:00PM
December 7
Thursday at 10:00AM
December 9

Animals Celebrate Christmas

Ready, Sit, Read

(Ages 4-6)
Monday at 2:00 & 4:15PM
December 6

KID'S HOLIDAY MOVIES

Toy Story 3 (Rated G, 102 min.)
Friday, November 26, 2:00PM
Auditorium *Free*

Polar Express (Rated G, 100 min.)
Saturday, December 18, 10:30AM
Auditorium *Free*

Polar Express is shown in conjunction with the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art's Display "Romance of the Rails", October 2 - December 23.

Curious George: a Very Monkey

Christmas (Rated G, 58 min.)
Wednesday, December 29, 10:00AM
Auditorium *Free*

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade

Join us for stories, snacks and a craft.

Talkin' Turkey

Registration begins November 1.
Call 837-3466

Monday, November 8
4:15 - 5:00PM and 6:30 - 7:15PM

Tuesday, November 9
4:15 - 5PM

Library Lounge

Join us for some turkey tales, eat a snack, and make a turkey craft.

Gingerbread Fun

Registration begins December 1.
Call 837-3466

Monday, December 6
4:15 - 5:00PM and 6:30 - 7:15PM

Tuesday, December 7
4:15 - 5PM

Library Lounge

Run, run as fast as you can...to the library for a craft and stories about our gingerbread friends.



BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

4th and 5th graders

Join us for an hour of discussion and fun. Pack a dinner (in a brown bag) - we'll provide dessert and a drink! Copies of each month's titles are available at the Youth Services Desk.

A Single Shard

by Linda Sue Park
Registration begins November 1.
Call 837-3466

Tuesday, November 30, 5:30-6:30PM
Library Lounge

Battle title soon to be announced

Registration begins December 1.
Call 837-3466

Tuesday, December 14, 5:30-6:30PM
Library Lounge



FEATURED DATABASE

World Book Kids

This database is designed especially for students in grades K-5. It contains thousands of easy-to-read encyclopedia articles, as well as images, illustrations, and videos. There are also educational games, activities and teacher resources. To Access World Book Kids:

- Go to the Library homepage,
- Click on Youth Services,
- Click on Homework,
- Click on World Book Kids
- Put in your 14 digit Library barcode

Adult Highlights

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO-BOOKS, EBOOKS, AND THE LIBRARY

No registration needed.

Wednesday November 10, at 7:00 PM
Library Lounge

iPods and Nooks and Droids, oh my!

'Tis the season to be thinking about gift-giving. If you or someone you know is interested in accessing free books from the comfort of your home, come to an informative session about the Library's collection of downloadable audio-books and eBooks. View a demonstration of how to access, download and transfer the items. Find out what works and doesn't work with the many different types of devices.



NOVEMBER COMPUTER CLASSES

Register now.

Call the Reference Desk at 837-3449.

Lower Level Computer Lab

Files, Folders and Storage

Thursday, November 4, 7:00PM
Learn how to de-clutter your desktop! Topics covered include: creating files and folders, using online storage and backing up your important data.

Prerequisite: Mouse and basic computer skills required.

Organize and Edit Digital Photos with Picasa

Monday, November 8, 7:00PM
Learn to use Google's powerful and free software to organize and edit your photos on your computer. Students should have experience using a computer.

Prerequisite: Mouse and basic computer skills required.

Learn to Use the Mouse

Tuesday, November 16, 10:00AM

This class is for people who have little or no experience using a mouse/PC.

Prerequisite: None.

TAX TIME

Beginning in January, Federal and State Tax forms will be available online. Visit the Library's homepage and click on Research Resources for direct links to IRS and State of Michigan forms and publications. The Library will also have a limited number of paper forms and publications for the 2010 tax year. Check out the Tax Corner for more information.

TITLES FOR E-READERS

In the past year, many of you have inquired about downloadable e-books for various e-readers. While access to popular, best selling e-book titles is not available through NetLibrary, the good news is that the Library now offers thousands of non-fiction e-book titles compatible with The Sony Digital Reader, Barnes and Noble's Nook and other popular e-book readers. Currently, these e-books are not compatible with all e-readers such as Amazon's Kindle. To access:

- Go to Library Homepage
- Click on Research Resources
- Click on e-books
- Click on NetLibrary

THE "NOT-TOO-SERIOUS" BOOK CLUB

Look Again

by Lisa Scottoline
November 10, 10:00AM
Conference Room A

Please join us in the new year to explore our new theme, the uncertainties of time. The first discussion will be Feb. 9, *Somewhere in Time* by Richard Matheson.

JOIN US FOR BOOKS AND BITES

We'll discuss:

Tinkers

by Paul Harding
Winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

Thursday, November 18, 7:00PM
Conference Room A

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

by Mark Twain
Thursday, December 16, 7:00PM
Conference Room A

In honor of the 175th Anniversary of Mark Twain's birth, we encourage you to read his widely acclaimed masterpiece, *Huckleberry Finn*. Stop by the Mark Twain display near the reference desk on the main level. Running through the month of December, the display highlights the Library's many resources related to the author and his influential work.

Crazy for the Storm: A Memoir of Survival

by Norman Ollestad
A riveting and moving true story.
Thursday, January 20, 7:00PM

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

Thursday, Nov. 11, 6:00-8:30PM
Library Lounge

CLASSIC MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Doors will open 15 minutes before the performance. *Free.*

SEA ADVENTURES

Passage to Marseille (1944)

Tuesday, November 9, 2:00PM
Auditorium

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954)

Tuesday, November 23, 2:00PM
Auditorium

Moby Dick (1956)

Tuesday, December 14, 2:00PM
Auditorium

FEATURED DATABASE

The New York Times

The library offers complete, digital access to this quintessential American newspaper through The New York Times and The Historical New York Times databases. Both resources are fully indexed and searchable from home or work. Reading for timely news and researching historical data has never been easier. No more frustration or inconvenience with using Microfilm or waiting for the library's paper copy to arrive.

- Go to Library Homepage
- Click on Research Resources
- Click on Newspapers
- Click on New York Times or Historical New York Times

TELLABRATION – A Night of Storytelling Around the World "A Tapestry of Stories"

Friday, November 19, 7:00-9:00PM
Library Auditorium

Enjoy a storytelling "concert" by the Mid-Michigan Area StoryTellers. Suitable for adults and families with older children. Refreshments in the Lounge afterwards.

Donations accepted at the door. Presented in cooperation with the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.