

MCTV

837-3474.....www.midland-mi.org/mctv
 You're invited to attend MCTV's "Honors Night" program on Thursday, November 15, starting at 6:30PM in a new location, Whiting Forest, located at 2303 Eastman Avenue, just north of the Library. It's our night to recognize MCTV's access users for their work creating the programs you watch on Channels 96-99 on Charter Communications cable in the Midland area.

You can join MCTV's great group of volunteers by attending the next orientation/studio training workshop on Saturday, November 10, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$45 which includes the annual access user fee. Please register in advance.

Here's an opportunity to show off your talent. Sign up for the Friends of MCTV "Shining Stars Talent Show" to be videotaped on Saturday, December 1 from 10:30AM to 4:00PM here at MCTV. Call 837-3476 or e-mail: mrichards@midland-mi.org.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437.....fogadml@yahoo.com
 We love our volunteers! Everyone who helps out, even in the smallest of ways, contributes to the success of the Friends of the Library! Thank you for your part in the success of the October book sale. Mark your calendars, because the next Used Book Sale dates are February 22, 23, and 24! If you'd like to be a part of the next sale, join the Friends of the Library and let us know. We can always use volunteers. Remember, the ongoing book sale located in the Cup and Chaucer, is a great place to find used books. We've recently restocked, so if you haven't been in for a while, come check it out. For all the news on what is happening with the Friends of the Library, like us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/fogadml>)!

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

November.....Tony Tienda
 December.....Paint and Palette—Vi Rice's Art Class at Midland Community Center

CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Hours:.....Monday-Friday, 10:00AM-5:00PM
 Snacks and drinks are also available during Library hours via machine.

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Hours
 Monday-Friday.....9:30AM-8:30PM
 Saturday.....10:00AM-5:00PM
 Sunday.....1:00PM-5:00PM
 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

PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9
 Library Lounge
Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Plots & Pizza meets every other month. Read one of the selected titles for the month, then join us for pizza and book discussion. Copies of the books are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Thursday, November 15, 6:00-7:00PM

Wrapped by Jennifer Bradbury or
Death Cloud by Andy Lane.

FAB FRIDAYS

Grades 6-9
 Library Lounge
No registration needed.

Bring your friends and hang out at the Library! Activities will vary and may include crafts, board games, movies, and more.

Friday, November 30, 6:00-8:00PM

Get in the holiday spirit! Grab some popcorn and watch **Elf** (PG).

GRAM NIGHT 2012

Grades 9-12
 Sunday, January 20, 5:30-8:00PM
 Auditorium Entrance

Save the Date! Bring your notes, your brain, and your friends to our "teens only" study night at the Library. Need more information? Call 837-3466.

The Teen Spot is on Facebook!



You can find us at:
 Teen Spot at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.
 "Like" us and receive updates on
 Teen activities.

YEAR END DONATION BENEFITS LIBRARY AND YOU!

Your tax-deductible contributions help support library collections, programs, and services. Please consult your tax advisor for your particular situation.

Click on Gifts/Memorials and Donations on the Library's website.

Thank you for your donation.

November/December
 2012

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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LIBRARY Connection

Whatdoyougeek?

GEEKDOWLBRARY

What do you geek? That's the question your library will be asking in the coming months. We want to find out what you're excited about, have a passion for, and enjoy. The Library has materials in many formats and several online resources to support what you "geek."

A library services organization called OCLC with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has developed the "Geek the Library" campaign in an effort to create greater awareness about the role a library plays in a community, how a library's services can transform lives, and how libraries are funded. Here in Midland, the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is primarily supported by property tax dollars. In fiscal year 2011-12, almost 815,000 items were checked out, over 412,000 visits were made to the Library, and attendance at programs reached over 27,000. You can help us make those numbers grow by participating in our own "Geek" campaign. Look for us at events in the coming months including the Santa Parade, Friends of the Library Book Sale in February, and adult and youth programs. Go online to www.geekdowlbrary.org or search for Grace Dow Library on Facebook.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS KICK-OFF

John H. Ritter, winner of the Notable Children's Book Award for *The Boy Who Saved Baseball* and author of last year's Battle book *The Desperado Who Stole Baseball*, joins us for the kick-off of the 2012-2013 Battle season.

Saturday, November 10
 10:00AM and 2:00PM

Library Auditorium

Battle Kick-off is the opening event in our annual Battle of the Books program. We invite 4th and 5th graders, parents, teachers, and the public to attend the author's presentation. Following the programs, John Ritter will be signing his books. Barnes and Noble will sell the author's books, along with all of our Battle Book selections. See the Kids' Corner inside for more Battle of the Books information.

READ ALL ABOUT IT—ON THE IPAD

Over the past several years, many magazine and newspaper publishers have begun shifting their focus to the digital future. This is a timely move as e-reader ownership continues to grow exponentially. To better serve those of you who prefer the e-edition reading experience, we have digital subscriptions to *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* available for use in the library. These resources can be accessed on a dedicated iPad located in the Quiet Room. Give it a try the next time you're in. This e-initiative has been generously funded by The Friends of the Library.

THE CIVIL WAR: 150 YEARS LATER

Jack Dempsey of Ann Arbor, will present "Michigan Women in the Civil War" on November 8. More details are under **Adult Highlights** inside.

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlbrary

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
 Wednesday, Nov. 21, Close at 5PM
 Thursday, Nov. 22, Closed
 Friday, Nov. 23, Close at 5PM

Monday, Dec. 24, Closed
 Tuesday, Dec. 25, Closed
 Monday, Dec. 31, Close at 5PM
 Tuesday, Jan. 1, Closed

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS:
 No meetings in November
 or December



Our virtual branch
 is always open



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Fourth and fifth graders are invited to take part in this popular reading program that runs from Kick-off in November through Championship Battle in March. At Battle Kick-off we'll unveil the book list of twenty titles which includes a variety of funny, exciting, and notable books.

After kickoff, students register as teams to share reading and book related activities. The teams then compete in "battles" over the books beginning in mid-February. The deadline for team registration is 8:30PM on Monday, January 21 and must be done in person.

For more details about the Battle of the Books program, see the Library website: Click on:

- Youth Services
- Children's Programs
- Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books Schedule Battle Kick-off

Saturday, November 10
10:00AM OR 2:00PM,
Library Auditorium
The Battle Book list and Battle Books will be available immediately following the 10:00AM and 2:00PM programs and anytime after 3:00PM in the Youth Services Area.

Battle Briefing

Saturday, January 12, 11:00AM
Library Auditorium

Team Registration Deadline

Monday, Jan. 21, 8:30PM
Youth Services Desk

First Written Battle

Wednesday, February 13, 4:30PM
Middle School Cafeterias
(Assignments available by February 1)

Second Written Battle

Wednesday, February 20, 4:30PM
Northeast Middle School Cafeteria

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, March 2
Assigned AM or PM
Library Auditorium

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 7, 4:30PM
Library Auditorium

Battle Reception for ALL Teams

Thursday, March 7, 5:15PM
Library Lounge

Kids' Corner

FALL STORY TIMES

Story Room

Baby Time (*For babies who are not yet walking*)

Tuesdays, 1:00 & 2:30PM
November 6 & 13

Baby Time introduces young infants and their parents to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes followed by social time for babies to play and adults to chat.

Toddler (*Walking babies to 24 months*)

Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM
November 6 & 13

Share books and recite rhymes, fingerplays, and songs, followed up with play time.

Move & Groove (*Ages 2 - 6*)

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00AM
November 7, 8, 14, 15

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

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade
Library Lounge

Call 837-3466 to register.

Snakes Slither

Registration begins November 1.

Monday, November 12
4:15 - 5:00PM or
6:30 - 7:15PM

Tuesday, November 13
4:15 - 5:00PM

Come hear about snakes and make your own slithery snake.

Celebrate the Season

Registration begins December 1.

Monday, December 10
4:15 - 5:00 PM or
6:30 - 7:15PM

Tuesday, December 11
4:15 - 5:00PM

Hear holiday stories from several traditions and make a winter wreath.

KIDS' HOLIDAY MOVIES

• Free				
• Friday, Nov. 23	2:00PM	Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 2012	PG	87min.
• Wednesday, Dec. 26	10:00AM	Blue Mountain Mystery (Thomas and Friends)	G	61 min.
• Friday, Dec. 28	2:00PM	Brave	PG	93min.
• Wednesday, Jan. 2	10:00AM	Secret of the Wings (Tinker Bell)	G	80 min.
• Friday, Jan. 4	2:00PM	Madagascar 3 Europe's Most Wanted	PG	93 min.

WIMPY KID FANS...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, November 13

Celebrate the release of Greg Heffley's latest diary journal, *The Third Wheel*. Show up any time for Wimpy-related crafts, games, and prizes! ZOO-WEE MAMA!

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

4th-5th Graders
Library Lounge

Call 837-3466 to register.

Bring your dinner and join us for a book discussion and a fun activity. We'll provide dessert and a drink! Copies of the selected titles are available at the Youth Services Desk.

The Boy Who Saved Baseball

by John H. Ritter, the Battle Kick-Off author

Registration begins November 1.
Monday, November 26, 5:30-6:30PM

Book Title and Author to be announced

Registration begins December 1.
Monday, December 17, 5:30-6:30PM

DISCOVERY DEPOT!

Open December 1 - December 31

You and your young children can play together with the hands-on activities in the Story Room. Children will develop pre-reading skills while having fun.

Hours are:

Monday-Friday: 9:30AM-7:30PM
Saturday: 10:00AM-3:30PM.

Discovery Depot is available in August, December, February, and May when the Story Room is not reserved for Story Times.

It is an extension of **Beyond Books: Early Literacy Activity Center**, a play-based learning center in the Youth Services Area. Beyond Books is open year round during normal Library hours.

Adult Highlights

—COMPUTER— DEMONSTRATIONS and DISCUSSIONS

Thinking about buying an eReader?

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00PM
Library Lounge

No Registration Required.

If you or someone you know is interested in borrowing eBooks from the comfort of your home, come to an informative session about the Library's collection of downloadable eBooks. You will learn some things to think about when choosing a device and view a demonstration of how to access, download and transfer the Library eBooks for each type of eReader.

eBooks Demonstration

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30PM
Library Lounge

No Registration Required

Come and learn how to borrow eBooks from the library.

ANYTIME, ANYWHERE BOOK GROUP

- an online book discussion

Take part in the discussion on our blog:
<http://gracedowlibrary.blogspot.com/>

November - December

Girls in White Dresses

by Jennifer Close

Attending an endless series of bridal showers for their friend Kristi, three bridesmaids struggle with private challenges in their lives.

January

The Last Policeman

by Ben H. Winters

When the Earth is doomed by an imminent and unavoidable asteroid collision, New Hampshire homicide detective Hank Palace considers the worth of his job in a world destined to end in six months.

CLASSIC MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

• Library Auditorium
• Free

Fall 2012 - Bing Crosby Series

• Tuesday, November 13	2:00PM	Anything Goes (1956)
• Tuesday, November 27	2:00PM	Holiday Inn (1942)
• Tuesday, December 11	2:00PM	White Christmas (1954)

THE CIVIL WAR: 150 YEARS LATER

Michigan Women in the Civil War

Thursday, November 8, 7:00PM
Library Auditorium

This year continues the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library's commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War.

Our special guest, Jack Dempsey of Ann Arbor, is the award-winning author of *Michigan and the Civil War: a Great and Bloody Sacrifice*. He is president of the Michigan Historical Commission and chairman of the Michigan History Foundation. The evening's focus will center on the significant contributions of Michigan women throughout the war. Copies of Mr. Dempsey's book will be available for purchase.

BOOKS & BITES

Conference Room A

The Call

By Yannick Murphy

Thursday, November 15, 7:00PM

"Murphy is a subtle, psychologically perceptive writer. . . . A marvelous book: sweet and poignant without ever succumbing to easy sentiment, formally inventive and dexterous without ever seeming showy. A triumph." *Kirkus Reviews*

Elizabeth and her German Garden

By Elizabeth Von Arnim

Thursday, December 20, 7:00PM

"An extraordinary piece of work. It has an idyllic quality; Elizabeth's joy and excitement about transforming a wilderness into a garden is seconded only by her desire simply to revel in the place..." Elizabeth Jane Howard

Black Swan Green

By David Mitchell

Thursday, January 17, 7:00PM

"Mitchell has been hailed as one of the great new authors of the 21st century; with *Black Swan Green*, he shows again how the best books challenge readers' complacency." *School Library Review*

RENT ONE, GET ONE FREE - DECEMBER HOLIDAY AND FAMILY FILM EVENT

If the weather outside is frightful, holiday and family films are delightful! Enjoy timeless holiday classics such as *The Miracle on 34th Street*, explore the universe with *Wall-E* and his friends, or learn martial arts alongside the *Kung-Fu Panda*. Once you have several movies to go, you can "let it snow"!

DVD Promotion is valid from December 1-December 31, 2012.

GOOD READS JUST FOR YOU

Even though our summer reading program has drawn to a close for 2012, our personalized reader recommendations are still going strong!

If you are looking for a new author to try, or are interested in exploring a particular topic in greater depth, **Good Reads Just for You** is what you're looking for.

Requests for personalized recommendations are simple and convenient to make:

- Just fill out a short form with some basic information on what you are looking for.
- Click on submit.
- Your request will be forwarded to a librarian who specializes in your area of interest.
- Before you know it, you'll have a personalized recommendation delivered to your inbox.
- Find it on the "Contact Us" section of our website today!

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

Library Lounge

Thursday, Nov. 8, 6:00-8:00PM

Designed for persons thinking of starting a business or in the early stages of startup.

TELLABRATION! 2012

Mid-Michigan Area StoryTellers Presents

A Tapestry of Stories

A Night of Storytelling For Adults and Families with Older Children

Library Auditorium

Friday, November 16, 7:00-9:00PM

Donations accepted at the door. Refreshments served after the stories.

This event is sponsored by the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library and the Mid-Michigan Area StoryTellers.