



The

Library Connection

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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From the Director

Greetings and welcome as a reader to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library newsletter. As you have already noticed, the newsletter boasts a new name and format. The Library Newsletter Committee has developed a newsletter that is informative, entertaining, attractive, and useful as a quick resource to library events and activities. The name "The Library Connection" was suggested by Carla Hoot, Library Assistant. Staff submitted names, voted for the names that best represent the goals of the newsletter and the Newsletter Committee selected the name from the finalists. The talents of the library staff are certainly evident in this first edition. Staff from all areas of the library contributed to the designing and writing. We hope that you will not only enjoy the newsletter but will consult it often for the latest in library happenings. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated and will be given serious consideration. We hope you enjoy the first Library Connection!

Melissa Barnard



Rosemarie Byers,
Former Library Director,
1936-2001

We were all saddened by the sudden death of Rosemarie Byers on August 11, 2001. At the Library's Centennial Celebration in April 2000, Rosemarie spoke of her career at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. She said in her remarks that she was lucky to have been in the right place at the right time. Indeed, the library was lucky to have *her* for 35 years. She was a staunch advocate and spokesperson for this treasure of the City of Midland.

The family has asked those who would like to express their sympathy to consider donating to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in memory of Rosemarie. Gifts to the library will help to realize our wishes to continue the topnotch library service that was a hallmark of Rosemarie's tenure at the library.

Japanese Garden Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The beautiful Japanese Garden was presented to the City of Midland and the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library on September 5th, 1991 by our sister city of Handa, Japan. Ten years later the garden is still a lovely and serene tribute to the friendship we share.



The recently refurbished garden contains three superb Japanese lanterns, carefully placed rocks, shrubs, trees, a newly replaced bamboo fence, and a stone basin catching a trickle of water from a bamboo pipe.

This peaceful and exquisite garden can be viewed from the Quiet Room windows or for a closer look the public is invited to walk around the west end of the building to enjoy the peace, tranquility and beauty of the garden.

Events

MCTV Network Honors Night, Thursday, Sept. 20

Teen Café Muse, Wednesday, Oct. 17

Animals Helping People Program, Saturday, Oct. 20

Teen Halloween Party, Tuesday, Oct. 30

Preschool Halloween Party, Wednesday, Oct. 31

Meetings

Library Board

7 p.m., Boardroom
Wednesday, Sept. 19
Wednesday, Oct. 17

Cable Access Advisory Commission

7 p.m., City Council Chambers
Wednesday, Sept. 12

Teen Advisory Board

1 p.m., Library Lounge
Saturday, Sept. 8
Saturday, Oct. 13

Spotlight on ...

Virginia McKane Assistant Library Director



On August 13th, Virginia McKane walked into the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library as the new Assistant Library Director. McKane directs the operations of the Youth and Adult Services Departments, coordinates adult and youth programming, manages community communications and will assume the duties of library operations in the absence of the Director.

McKane joins us from Lansing where she was Head of the South Lansing Branch of the Capital Area District Library. Previous to that position, she was Children's Coordinator and Head of the Children's Department at the Carnegie Branch of the Jackson District Library.

Gardening, mystery books and grandchildren top the list of McKane's favorite things. She will be joined here in Midland by her husband Terry, a high school history teacher, and their dog, Oskar.

Welcome Virginia!



Teen Advisory Board 2001-2002: TAB had another successful Teen Summer Reading Program and we are ready to begin planning programs for the school year. If you are interested in having a voice in the library, join this group and speak up! TAB meets at 1 p.m. in the library lounge the second Saturday of each month during the school year. Fall dates are September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8. **Grades 6-12**

Teen Read Week October 14-20: "Make Reading a Hobbit" is the theme for the annual Teen Read Week. Pick up a good fantasy and join teens nationwide in taking time to read for pleasure. TAB will present its annual Café Muse on Wednesday, October 17th in the library lounge from 7-9 p.m. Come join us! No registration necessary. **Grades 6-12**

Too Old to Trick-or-Treat? but still enjoy the thrill of Halloween? TAB will sponsor a Teen Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 30th, from 7-9 p.m. There will be a costume contest, storytelling, fun, and refreshments. Call Youth Services at 837-3466 to register. **Grades 6-12**



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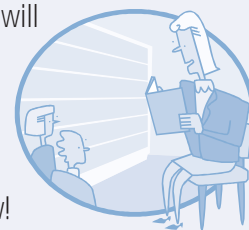
Crafty Readers: After a summer of sun and fun those Crafty Readers are back! Crafty Readers will meet Tuesdays: September 4, October 9, November 6, and December 11. Sign up in Youth Services for **one of two sessions:** 4:15-5 p.m. or 6:30-7:15 p.m. **Grades K-3**

Kids

Brown Bag Book Club: Like to read and then talk about what you have read? Join this lively book discussion and activity group for kids. Read a preselected book each month - then bring your thoughts about the book and your dinner - in a brown bag. We'll provide dessert and a drink! Brown Bag Book Club will meet Tuesdays: September 18, October 23, and November 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sign up in Youth Services. **Grades 4-5**

Spookless Halloween? We can't guarantee there won't be any *friendly* ghosts at our annual Halloween show, but this will be a non-spooky Halloween program for **tiny tots** and **preschoolers**. Dress up in your Halloween costume and come listen to stories, songs, and a puppet play on Wednesday, October 31st. Dress your best because MCTV will be filming our parade to broadcast during the week. Programs at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. Drop-in activity, no sign-up necessary.

Tell Me A Story: Fall storytimes will soon begin! Six-week sessions will start the week of September 10 and run through October 18. Stories, fingerplays, and puppets will delight children of all ages. Sign up now! Call Youth Services at 837-3466 to register.



TODDLER TIME (2 & 3 year olds)

Mondays ~ 7 p.m. Sept. 10 - Oct. 15

Tuesdays ~ 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11 - Oct. 16

Thursdays ~ 7 p.m. Sept. 13 - Oct. 18

STORYTIME (3-5 year olds)

Tuesdays ~ 7 p.m. Sept. 11 - Oct. 16

Thursdays ~ 9:30 a.m. Sept. 13 - Oct. 18

More Fun in November: November hosts a harvest of fun with Children's Book Week (November 11-17) and our annual Battle of the Books kickoff on Saturday, November 17th. Watch for details in the November/December issue of The Library Connection!

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES - Lower Level

~ UNICEF Exhibit ~CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD, Oct.1-31
Artwork by Blessed Sacrament School students

MEZZANINE GALLERY EXHIBIT - Second Level

~ Midland Watercolor Society, Oct. 1-31

Library Board Gets Underway

The Library Board (as established by an ordinance approved by City Council) met for the first time on Wednesday, July 18th. Council appointed members include: Sandra Blank, Stu Bush, Cherie Hutter, Kathleen Mortensen, Judy Stein, Harvey Steinberg and JoAnn Wilkie.



In the first order of business, Cherie Hutter was selected as Chair and JoAnn Wilkie as Vice-Chair for 2001-2002. The meeting addressed a number of organizational details such as quorum, absences and order of the agenda. The Board decided to meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7

p.m. in the library boardroom. The next meeting will be on September 19, 2001. The public is invited to attend and is welcome to address the Board during the public comments portion of the meeting.

Forum

Animals Helping People Program

Saturday, October 20, 2001

10:30 a.m.

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge



Come join us for this family oriented presentation as we learn about some very special animal friends in a "2 shows for the price of one program."

Leader Dogs for the Blind starts this event which will include several of these exceptional dogs. (approximate length ~ 1 hour)

Next we have another unique group of companions called *Therapy Pets*, used to help residents of nursing homes, patients in hospitals, and other similar situations. (approximate length ~ 1/2 hour)

For further ticket information and reservations, please call the Friends Information Line at (989) 837-3437. Remember both presentations are included in the one program and seating is limited.

Update

MCTV Network

MCTV will say "thank you" to its many volunteer access users on Thursday, September 20. That's when the station hosts "Honors Night" starting at 7:30 p.m. in the studio. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. prior to the event and another reception will be held after "Honors Night." Video highlights, a guest speaker and entertainment will be included with the awards ceremonies. You're invited to attend.

Please welcome two new staff members to MCTV. William "Billy" Bethune is MCTV's new production assistant. The primary focus of his job is to train and assist public access users and produce promotional videos for MCTV. Bethune comes to Midland from WEYI-TV in Clio, where he worked for the past 15 years.

Jeremy Ruble is MCTV's new production intern. Jeremy's a graduate this year from Central Michigan University. He'll assist staff on both public and government access programs.

If you'd like to become an MCTV volunteer access user, come to the next orientation scheduled for Saturday, September 8 at 10 a.m.

Call 837-3474 for more information.



SUNDAY LIBRARY HOURS RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1-5 p.m.

BOOK SALE



The fall Book SALE, sponsored by the Friends, will be held November 16, 17, and 18 on the library mezzanine. Check out the Friends webpage at <http://mindnet.org/~fogadml> for more information on the sale and other programs. Contact the Friends at 837-3437.

Did you know?



~ 3,402 children, 856 teens, and 516 adults participated in the 2001 Summer Reading Program. Congratulations to the winners of the Night on the Town Drawing: Sarah Horness, Jodie Vieau, and Beverly Dietzel.

~ Library patrons checked out an amazing 811,841 items last year.

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Monday, September 3, Labor Day

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Library Hours:

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Friday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday

Closed Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Phone Numbers:

837-3430.....General Library Information

837-3449.....Reference Questions

837-3457.....Check out, renewals, overdues

837-3466.....Youth Services

837-3474.....MCTV Network

837-3472.....TDD

837-3437.....Friends of the Library

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Services on the Web

The library's web page is now located at
www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

Our newest web feature allows patrons to make comments and suggestions to library staff via email: gadml@midland-mi.org. Another feature to check out is Net Library - a free storehouse of eBooks on the web! Register at the Reference Desk and then read eBooks from your home computer.

There are many other services available to patrons from the library's website including:

- ** Search for books, place holds, and renew your books.
- ** Search for magazine, journal, and newspaper articles from home.
- ** Find out about library programs, events and fun activities for the whole family.
- ** Discover the history of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

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"Outside of a dog, a book is Man's best friend. And inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." Groucho Marx