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# Library

Connection

## Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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### From the Director

I would like to share some of the highlights of the 2001/2002 fiscal year:

- ~ The library's collection continues to meet the needs of the community with 846,511 items checked out - an increase of 34,670!
- ~ Almost 400,000 people (18,000 more than last year) visited the library.
- ~ With the addition of three Internet access computers, more users have been able to surf the web or search the library's catalog and databases.
- ~ The automated phone notification system debuted this past spring contacting patrons on overdue items and holds.
- ~ Many magazines for adults were made available for check out.
- ~ The format for the library's newsletter has been enthusiastically received.
- ~ "Books and Bites," an adult book discussion group, was formed and has been well attended.
- ~ The "Classic Movies" series has attracted a faithful following.
- ~ Popular youth programs and professional performers delighted children of all ages.

*Your continued support is our greatest success - Thank you!*

*Melissa Barnard*

### A Visit from Peter Rabbit



**Saturday,  
October 5  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

*Celebrate our  
successful  
library garden!*

Join us as Peter Rabbit samples some goodies from our library garden.

Delicious carrots, parsley, beans, peas, tomatoes, radishes, along with beautiful

cosmos and sunflowers have all flourished under the care of our young gardeners.

Enjoy games, giveaways, and goodies in the Story Room as you visit with Peter Rabbit.

### Story Times Change!

All story times are now drop-in with **NO** pre-registration required! Four age levels are available:

#### Baby Time

For babies who are not yet walking

#### Toddler Time

For walking babies up to 24 months old

#### Circle Time

For ages 24 months to 3 years

#### Listeners Story Time

For ages 3 - 5

Check out Page 2 for more details or call Youth Services at 837-3466.



### Events

#### Storytelling and Music with David McNinch

Tuesday, September 10

#### Friends of the Library

#### Used Book Sale

Friday, Saturday, Sunday,  
September 13, 14, 15

#### After Hours Game Night

Friday, September 20

#### Michigan's Haunted History

Thursday, October 24

#### MCTV Honors Night

Thursday, October 3

#### A Visit from Peter Rabbit

Saturday, October 5

#### Teen Read Week Kickoff

Sunday, October 13

#### Café Muse

Friday, October 18

#### Teen Spook Night

Wednesday, October 30

#### Halloween Happenings

Thursday, October 31

### Meetings

#### Library Board

Wednesday, September 18

Wednesday, October 16

7 p.m., Library Boardroom

#### Cable Access Advisory

#### Commission

Wednesday, September 18

Wednesday, October 9

7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers

#### Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, September 14

Saturday, October 12

1 p.m., Library Lounge

### *"Celebrate Your Freedom to Read" Banned Books Week, September 21-28*

Do you remember the first book you read that made you care about a cause or think about changing the world? Chances are someone has tried to have that book removed from a school or library somewhere. A special exhibit in the display cases located on the lower level highlights challenged books and reminds us of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and how important it is to protect them.

[www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary)

Email: [gadml@midland-mi.org](mailto:gadml@midland-mi.org)

September/October 2002

## Spotlight on ...

"Build it and they will come."  
Not baseball — teenagers!  
The library has been building  
a teen volunteer program for the past  
few years and boy have they come!

## Teens @ the Library

In September of 1999 the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) was formed. Once a month local teens meet to suggest book titles, offer programming ideas, & to volunteer for Youth Services programs.

This summer, TAB members and Voluntary Action Center teens helped with the library's Summer Reading Program by handing out reading prizes, ushering at movies, helping to assemble story time props, and assisting with children's programs. Their enthusiastic, prompt, and cheerful help was incredible!



Our library teens are extraordinary individuals who love reading, love the library, and love helping others!



## TIME

### Teen Advisory Board

Join teens who have a voice at the library. TAB meets at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month during the school year. Fall meetings are September 14 and October 12. Grades 6-12

### Brown Bag Graduates

This is your chance to continue great book discussions. Bring a lunch to the library lounge at noon & join in casual discussion. Sign up one month before each program.

September 14, *Chasing Redbird*

October 12, *Love Among the Walnuts*

Drinks and dessert provided. Grades 6-8

### After Hours

Get locked in the library lounge from 8-10 p.m. Play board games, participate in a scavenger hunt, listen to music and munch! Friday, September 20. Grades 6-12

### Teen Read Week Is Back! October 13-19

It's a web of fun as Spider-man visits the library to kickoff "Get Graphic at Your Library!" Sunday, October 13 from 2-4 p.m.

You could win a poster of your favorite arachnid! All ages

### Café Muse

Relax in a coffee house atmosphere, listen to teen poetry, play chess or just hang out on Friday, October 18, 7-9 p.m. in the library lounge. Grades 6-12

### Teen Spook Night

Shivery fun, scary stories & a real freaky night on Wednesday, October 30 at 7 p.m. Games, costume contest, prizes, and refreshments. Grades 6-12



## Corner

### Storytelling & Music with David McNinch

Tuesday, September 10, 4:30 p.m.

David McNinch makes stories come to life with a unique blend of stories, folk songs, and instrument demonstrations. Co-sponsored with the Creative Spirit Center. Free (All Ages)



### A Visit from Peter Rabbit (All Ages)

Meet Peter Rabbit on Saturday, October 5 and help close the library's garden. See page 1 for all the details.

### Halloween Happenings (All Ages)

Visit the library for a howling good time!

### Thursday, October 31

- ~ Trick or Treat in the library, all day
- ~ Puppet Shows, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 1 p.m.
- ~ Costume parade (filmed by MCTV!) following each puppet show



### Battle of the Books Kickoff! (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Mark your calendars now for the 2002/2003 Battle Kickoff on Saturday, November 9 at 2 p.m.

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

A program designed for parents and caregivers to introduce their young infants to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes. Join us Tuesdays at 1 p.m., October 8, 15, 22

### Toddler Time (For walking babies up to 24 months old)

A more active program with books, rhymes, music, social time and more. Join us Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., October 8, 15, 22

### Circle Time (For ages 24 months to 3 years)

You and your child are active participants as we share books, finger plays, puppets, songs, and get-up-and-move activities.

Tuesdays at 6:15 or 7:15 p.m., September 10, 17, 24

or Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m., September 11, 18, 25

### Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

A time for your independent listener to experience great children's literature.

Wednesdays at 6:15 or 7:15 p.m.,

September 11, 18, 25

or Thursdays at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.,

September 12, 19, 26

### Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Join us for stories, crafts, snacks and more! Register for one of three sessions: Tuesdays 4:15-5 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30-7:15 p.m., or Wednesdays 4:15-5 p.m. Library lounge.

September 3 & 4 - *Wild and Wacky Contraptions*

October 1 & 2 - *Super Spider Stories*

### Brown Bag Book Club (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Register for this fun book discussion & activity group. Pack a brown bag dinner (we'll provide dessert & a drink) and join us in the library lounge from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 17

Secret Letters from 0 to 10 by Susie Morgenstern

Tuesday, October 15 - Title and Author to be announced

Questions? Call Youth Services at 837-3466

# For Adults

## Michigan's Haunted History

John Tenney from the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters Society will speak about Michigan's fascinating haunted past.

**Thursday, October 24**

7 p.m., library lounge, **FREE**  
Ghostly refreshments served



## Attention Book Talk Groups!

**Need a featured guest? Someone to lead a book discussion? Librarian Emelia Parker is available to guide your book group – give her a call at 837-3444!**

## Library Electronic Resources

The library subscribes to over 70 online databases for use from the library or a home computer. Search quickly and easily, read and print articles, and explore additional journal articles and other reliable information.

To access these resources:

1. Go to <http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary>
2. Click on the link at the top of the page named "Resources Accessible from Home"
3. Select the database you would like to use
4. Enter your library barcode number

Here is one of many databases available online...

### "Novelist – The Book Lovers Resource"

Search for a good book by favorite author or title, use a book list, enter words that describe the plot you would like to read, or experiment with a book discussion guide for book clubs. Once you find a book to try, check to see whether the library owns the book and if it is currently on the shelf. If it is checked out you can place a hold on the item! "Novelist" contains materials for all ages.

Join us in the Lounge for upcoming meetings of this adult book discussion group:

**Thursday, September 19, 7-8 p.m.**

Gabriel's Story

by David Anthony Durham

**Thursday, October 17, 7-8 p.m.**

Corelli's Mandolin

by Louis De Bernieres



## Classic Movies In the Afternoon

Free Admission ~ 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

**September 10** - *An American in Paris* (1951) 115 minutes

**September 24** - *Woman of the Year* (1942) 115 minutes

**October 8** - *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (1954) 102 min.

**"The difference between fiction and reality?  
Fiction has to make sense." Tom Clancy**

## UPDATE

### MCTV "Honors Night"

**Thursday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.**, MCTV Studio  
Join MCTV for an exciting night of recognition, awards, guest speakers, and "live" entertainment. Access users of the month and volunteers with over 100 hours of donated time will be highlighted. The "Community Award," MCTV's highest award will be presented to three individuals, and the "Rosemarie Byers Community Award" to an organization.

### Watch for these exciting programs this fall on MCTV 3

**Football** ~ Enjoy local football rivals  
Bullock Creek vs. Meridian, SVSU vs.  
Northwood, and Midland vs. Dow.

**Music** ~ Tune in to the Midland Symphony  
Orchestra's first concert of the season.

**Politics** ~ Be informed with the League of Women Voters'  
Candidate Forum on Monday, October 21.



### Want to have fun and be involved?

Volunteer at MCTV! Orientation/studio training classes:

**Saturday, September 14** at 10 a.m.

**Monday, October 7** at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 12** at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$10 and you must be a Midland County resident.

Call 837-3474 for more information.

## Library Board

The Library Board presented their annual report to City Council on June 24. The text of the report is available on the library's website, [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary).

Agendas and minutes from Board meetings will continue to be accessible from the Board's link on the website.

At the July 17 meeting, the Board elected Cherie Hutter as Chair and Harvey Steinburg as Vice-Chair for 2002/2003. The meeting schedule was confirmed for 2002/2003 with monthly meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, except August when no meeting is scheduled.

The "Question of the Month" for September is:

"What types of events and programs would you attend at the library?" Forms will be available at the library or you can email your comments to [gadml@midland-mi.org](mailto:gadml@midland-mi.org).

***Your opinions do matter!***

### LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES - Lower Level

"Celebrate Your Freedom to Read," September 9 – 30

"Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Peter Rabbit," October 1 – 31

### MEZZANINE GALLERY EXHIBIT - Second Level

Arts Included: VSA Emerging Artists Exhibit, September  
Muscular Dystrophy Association, Selected Works of Art

October 1 – 31



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Change Service Requested

Sunday Hours Resume  
beginning September 8  
1 - 5 p.m.



Library Closings  
Monday, September 2  
Labor Day

Library Hours:

Monday - Friday... 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday.....10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday.....1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day

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  
839-8159..... Friends of the Library

Web Access:

Web Page:  
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# Forum

## The BIG Book Sale! The BIG Book Sale! The BIG Book Sale!

The Friends of the Library are hosting their largest used book sale of the year! Support your library and bag some bargains for the whole family!

Friends'

Friday, September 13

6 - 8:30 p.m.

(Friends Members Only -  
Sorry - Memberships must be  
purchased in advance.)

Saturday, September 14

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Open to the public.)

Sunday, September 15

11 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$3 Bag Day  
(Open to the public. Standard  
size brown paper grocery bag.  
Please bring your own bags.)

The sale will be held outside the library along the covered walkway. For more information, call 839-8159 or visit our website at: <http://mindnet.org/~fogadml>

