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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2005

Library Closings

Monday, September 5
Labor Day



Sunday hours
1-5 PM
resume
September 11

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM-9 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
TDD 837-3472
Friends 839-8159

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Friends of the Library

October Used Book Sale

Friday, October 21: Friends Members Only, 6-8:30 PM
Saturday, October 22: Open to Public, 10 AM-4 PM
Sunday, October 23: \$5 Bag Day, 1-3 PM

All categories will be for sale with a great selection of mint condition gift books and some autographed copies! Please enter through the Auditorium Doors.

Check out the Friends Ongoing Book Sale at the Cup and Chaucer

Hardcover books are \$2, paperback books are \$1. Books are restocked on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please pay for the books at the Library Circulation Desk. September sales will be Biography/Autobiography and October sales will be Mystery, including Mystery Bundles.



Safety at the Library

Bee Safe and Bee Alert! Bus stops, school buses, crossing guards, speed zones - CHILDREN - school is in!

Exhibits & Displays

Mezzanine Gallery: September ~ Midland Fine Art Photography Guild
October ~ Midland Watercolor Society
Display Cases: October ~ UNICEF



Teen Read Week Program

Monday, October 17 at 7 PM

Library Auditorium

Kick off Teen Read Week with high powered Young Adult author Terry Trueman, winner of the Printz Honor Award in 2001 for his first novel *Stuck in Neutral*. Other novels include *Inside Out* (an ALA Best Book for Young Adults), *Cruise Control*, *Swallowing the Sun*, and *No Left Turn*. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Cup and Chaucer Anniversary Celebration



Grand Opening September 22, 2004

You are invited to celebrate the first anniversary of the Grand Opening of the Cup and Chaucer. Join us September 18-24 for: Daily anniversary specials ~ Chocolate kisses ~ Drawings for mugs ~ Coupons ~ and birthday cookies on September 22!

The Cup and Chaucer is open Monday-Friday from 9 AM-7 PM, Saturday from 10 AM-2 PM, and beginning September 11, Sunday from 1-4 PM.

Local Authors Day

Saturday, October 15

11 AM-3 PM

Please join us as we welcome local authors to the Library!

Book selling and book signing! Including local authors Jerol Anderson, Carol Busick, Warren Crummet t, Virginia Florey, Harvey Hirsch, Harry Grether, Lowell Thomas, Leona Seamster, Jerry Ziarno, and others.

Sponsored by the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library and the Friends of the Library.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Cup and Chaucer customers can now take covered beverages into all areas of the Library except the Local History/Genealogy Room and by the computers. Food and snacks must be eaten in the Cup and Chaucer area.

At their June meeting, the Library Board received a report from the staff on the experiences of a number of libraries throughout the state who allow drinks in the library, indicating few problems. The Board voted to approve allowing covered drinks into the Library for a trial period of three months, ending in October.

To assist us in maintaining a clean and attractive library, we do request that spills be reported to Library staff immediately and that cups and containers be disposed of in the wastebaskets provided throughout the Library.

At the end of the trial period, the Library Board will review our experiences and make a decision about whether to continue to allow beverages outside of the Cup and Chaucer. We are hopeful that this change addresses the needs of our users and promotes the continued patronage of the coffee bar.



TEEN TIME



Banned Books and Pizza

Saturday, September 10
2-3:30 PM, Library Lounge, Grades 7-12

Celebrate your freedom to read! Discuss a variety of banned books. Sign up in Youth Services and pick up a reading list. Banned Books Week is September 24-October 1, 2005.

Teen Book Discussion (Grades 9-12)

Thursday, October 13, 4-5 PM, Library Lounge

Dreamland by Sarah Dessen and *Breathing Underwater* by Alex Flinn are the featured books. Dating violence is the topic with a speaker from Shelterhouse. Sign up in Youth Services.

Café Muse - Poetry Slam! (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, October 20, 7 PM, Library Lounge

This year will be the debut of a Poetry Slam where you can hone your writing and acting skills and compete with other teens. A panel of teen judges will determine who the best slammer is! Refreshments and coffee house atmosphere provided. For information about the Slam or to volunteer to be a teen judge stop by Youth Services or call Mrs. Hastings at 837-3466.



Teen Spook Night

Friday, October 28, 7-8:30 PM
Library Lounge, Grades 6-12

Join your ghoulish friends

for some frightening fun and haunting memories. Costume parade with prizes for the scary, creative, and unforgettable creatures. Games, fun, and slimy snacks!

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, September 10, 1 PM, Library Lounge

Banned Books Program, 2-3:30 PM

Saturday, October 15, 1 PM, Library Lounge

Pumpkin Patch Art

Midland area children are invited to set their creative spirits free and create pumpkin patch art for display at the Library. Choice of media is unlimited so use your imagination. Turn in your art piece by October 3 to Youth Services. (12 years old and under)

KIDS' CORNER

Happy Halloween Party ~ Monday, October 31 from 9 AM-8:30 PM



Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fex Puppets will perform *The Country Mouse and the City Mouse*. Enjoy an unusual take on this traditional tale. Performances will be held at 10 AM and 1 PM in the Library Auditorium.

- ~ Costume parades (filmed by MCTV) follow both puppet shows. Parades to be shown on channel MGTV5 at a later date.
- ~ Visit Trick or Treat Stations throughout the Library!
- ~ Halloween craft in the Youth Services Department
- ~ Cider and Donuts in the Library Lounge

This program is designed for young children. An adult should accompany children attending these events. Questions? Call Youth Services at 837-3466.

Computer Classes

Call 837-3466 to register for one of the following classes:

How to Use the Library Catalog

Wednesday, September 7
6:30 PM, Grades 4-6

What's a Database?

Thursday, September 8
6:30 PM, Grades 6-8

Supplementing Your Schooling with the Library Catalog and Databases, Homeschoolers

Monday, September 12, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 14, 10 AM
Thursday, September 15, 2 PM

STARLAB ~ Back by Popular Demand!

Saturday, October 8
and Sunday, October 9
at 2, 2:30, 3, & 3:30 PM

Twenty five free tickets for each show will be given out at the entrance to the Library Auditorium starting at 1:30 PM each day.

StarLab from the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art returns to the Library. Your guide will tell you about the stars and the Greek myths that inspired the naming of some of the constellations. For families with children grade 3 and up.

"Celebrating Families" Family Story Time Tuesday October 4, 10 AM and Thursday October 6, 7 PM

The Library joins with Shelterhouse of Midland to bring you a special story time celebrating families in stories, picture books, and rhymes. For families with young children.

Crafty Readers (K-3 Grade)

Stories, snack, and an art project. Registration begins the first of the month.

Monkey Tales

Tuesday, September 13
4:15-5 PM & 6:30-7:15 PM
Wednesday, September 14, 4:15-5 PM

Helping Children Around the World

Tuesday, October 11
4:15-5 PM & 6:30-7:15 PM
Wednesday, October 12, 4:15-5 PM

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Pack a dinner and join us in the Library Lounge. Registration begins the first of the month.

The Ghost of Fossil Glen

by Cynthia DeFelice
Tuesday, September 27, 5:30 PM

Beetles, Lightly Toasted

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 PM

Baby Time (For babies who are not yet walking)

Tuesdays at 1 & 6:30 PM
October 11, 18, 25

Toddler Time (Babies to 24 months old)

Mondays at 6:30 PM
October 10, 17, 24
Tuesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM
October 11, 18, 25

Circle Time (2 and 3 year-olds with an adult)

Tuesdays at 6:15 & 7:15 PM
September 13, 20, 27
Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM
September 14, 21, 28
Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM
September 15, 22, 29

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5)

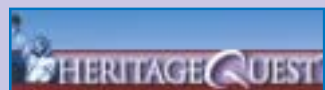
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FOR ADULTS

Genealogy Program ~ Wednesday October 19, 7 PM, Library Lounge

The Midland Genealogical Society presents this program on using the genealogy research databases HeritageQuest and AncestryLibrary Edition. Library staff will be conducting this introduction to these two premier genealogy products.



Safe Computing @ Work, @ Home, and on the Road

Thursday, October 20, 7 PM, Library Auditorium

Delta College and SUNGARD Collegis will be presenting this seminar on helping you keep your computer free from viruses, spyware, and safe when you are on the road.

P4a Antiques Reference Database

Get real market-based information about antiques, artwork, and family treasures. The Library has now subscribed to the P4a Antiques Reference database and is making it available free of charge in the Library and through the Library website for all Library cardholders. **Antique Database Open House: Saturday, September 17 from 10 AM-1 PM.** Drop in and see the features of this database.



Book Discussion Group ~ Join us Thursdays at 7 PM

September 15 - *Good Grief* by Lolly Winston, Library Lounge

October 20 - *Lost* by Gregory Maguire, Conference Room C

Classic Movies ~ Enjoy Gene Kelly movies on Tuesdays at 2 PM in the Library Auditorium.

September 13 - *Singin' in the Rain* (1952), 103 minutes

September 27 - *An American in Paris* (1951), 115 minutes

October 11 - *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* (1949), 90 minutes

October 25 - *Brigadoon* (1954), 108 minutes

Business Start-Up Seminars ~ Thursday, September 1 & October 6, 6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge

This seminar will tell you what it takes to get your own business started.

LIBRARY BOARD

Thank you to **Eric Gardner** who served a three-year term on the Library Board. We appreciate his participation in the Board's decisions and activities. Welcome to new members **Kathleen Kinnish**, appointed to a two-year term, and **Marilyn Soules**, appointed to a three-year term.

Library Board Frequently Asked Question

Question: Why can't we have more time on the computers?

Answer: The Library's 22 public access computers are heavily used. In the fall, two computers will be added to the Teen Spot. Demand makes it necessary to restrict use to one hour per person per day in order to allow use by the greatest number of people. A time management program has been installed and when fully operational will allow limited extended sessions during lower demand periods. The



Library is planning future wireless Internet access so users with laptops and the required hardware can "log on" at their convenience.

Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 21 and Wednesday, October 19 at 7 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

SPOTLIGHT ON ...E-BOOKS

Check out our new E-Book collection. Over 100 E-Books will help students prepare for exams or work on improving study skills. Access the E-Books from home or in the Library. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 837-3449.

Adult Computer Classes

Free "hands on" adult computer classes. Stop at the Reference Desk or call 837-3449 to register.

Beginners Guide: How to Use the Mouse and An Introduction to the Internet

Tuesday, September 6, 9:30-11 AM

Thursday, September 8, 9:30-11 AM

Friday, September 9, 9:30-11 AM

Saturday, September 10, 10:30 AM-12 NOON

Tuesday, September 13, 7-8:30 PM

Email Basics

Thursday, September 15, 9:30-11 AM

Wednesday, September 21, 7-8:30 PM

Internet Resources for the Reader

Wednesday, September 14, 7-8:30 PM

Using the Library Catalog

Monday, September 19, 9:30-11 AM

Tuesday, September 20, 9:30-11 AM

Wednesday, September 21, 2-3:30 PM

Thursday, September 22, 7-8:30 PM

Friday, September 23, 9:30-11 AM

Doing More with the Library Catalog

Monday, September 26, 2-3:30 PM

Tuesday, September 27, 9:30-11 AM

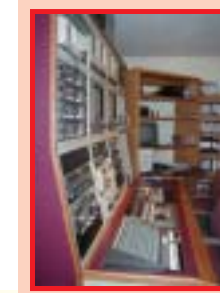
Wednesday, September 28, 7-8:30 PM

Thursday, September 29, 9:30-11 AM

MCTV NETWORK

Honors Night ~ Saturday, October 15 7 pm, Library Auditorium

A night to recognize the efforts of many community producers/access users/volunteers! The program will feature a guest speaker and "live" entertainment. The public is invited to attend or watch the replay on MGTV 5.



Volunteer Access User Training

Want to promote your church or non-profit organization? Come to MCTV's studio and learn to use the equipment!

Saturday, September 10 or Saturday, October 8, 10 AM-1 PM, \$10, call 837-3474.

Cable Access Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 14 at 7 PM
City Hall Council Chambers