

MCTV 837-3474

Spread the word about your organization's upcoming event or the services you provide to the community. You can do that making your own TV show at MCTV. To get started, come to MCTV's next orientation/studio workshop on September 11, October 9 or November 13. The workshop is scheduled from 10AM-1PM. The cost is \$20. You have to be a resident of the City or County of Midland and at least 12 years old.

If you're not a subscriber to Charter Communications cable TV in the Midland area, you can still see many of our programs. Just go on-line to see shows that are cablecast on MGTV 96, MPS-TV 98, and MCTV 99. Go to our website at www.midland-mi.org/mctv for a link to these shows.

There's a new face at MCTV. Eric Stacy has joined the staff as our production intern. He's a Ferris State student from the Saginaw area.

For more information about MCTV, call 837-3474.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437
It's time for our **October Used Book Sale**.....
....mark your calendars now!

Friday, October 15, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Friends' Members Only

Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door.

Saturday, October 16, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Open to the Public.

Sunday, October 17, 1:00PM - 4:00PM

\$5 Bag Day

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Book Sale please call us at 837-3437. We have many different volunteer opportunities before, during, and after the Book Sale with a special need in the **set-up** for the Book Sale. We appreciate all who have volunteered in the past as we could not be a success without you!

Mezzanine Exhibits

September.....Midland Watercolor Society
October.....Paint & Palette

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

KAPLAN PRE-COLLEGE WORKSHOPS
@ Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY WRITING SEMINAR

11th and 12th graders
Sunday, September 26, 1:30PM
Library Lounge
Kaplan will provide advice from experts to help students increase their chances of admission.

The program is free. Registration is required.

- Go to the Library homepage.
- Click on the Teen Page.
- Click on Kaplan registration.
- Click on *Attend a Free Event*.

OR call Kaplan's Customer Care Center at 1-800-KAP-TEST (1-800-527-8378) during their business hours:

*Monday-Friday: 9:00AM to 9:00PM EST

*Saturday & Sunday: 8:30AM-5:30PM EST

SAT TEST STRATEGIES 101

11th and 12th graders
Sunday, October 17, 2:00PM
Library Story Room
This event will cover the content and format of the test, lead students through various question types using key Kaplan strategies, and provide a basic study plan for success on the test.

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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Grades 6-12
Thursday, September 9, 6:00PM
Library Lounge
It's Back!

Whether you are looking for volunteer opportunities or simply want to share your thoughts and ideas about teen books and programming, TAB is a great way to get involved! Stop by the Teen Spot or the Youth Services Desk to pick up the TAB schedule for the 2010-2011 school year.

PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9
Registration is required. Call 837-3466 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Monday, September 20, 6:00-7:00PM

Library Lounge

Found (The Missing: Book 1) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Copies are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Join us for pizza and beverages as we discuss the book.

VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the 179 wonderful teens who donated 1350 hours of their time to help make our Summer Reading Program a success!

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September/October
2010

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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LIBRARY Connection

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Newsletter Makeover

You probably noticed right away that the newsletter has a new look. In our efforts to streamline and make better use of our resources, we decided to simplify the newsletter by providing news, programs and events in an easier to read format. We've uncluttered the pages to highlight the information that you need. We hope that the improved "Library Connection" will still be your go-to source for everything happening at the library. You can access the newsletter online or have it emailed. A limited number of print copies will be available at the library. Your comments on the newsletter are welcomed.

Electronic Signage Lights Up Lobby

Stop and read the latest on our new electronic signage in the Library Lobby. Thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Library, keeping up with library information, weather and news is quick and convenient. Check here on each visit to make sure that you don't miss any "breaking news."

Melissa Barnard

NEW THIS FALL

The "Not-Too-Serious" Book Club

This book club will read popular fiction that has something in common during three monthly sessions. This fall we are reading three mysteries written by women that represent the best in detective fiction. In addition to discussing the merits of the books themselves we will also consider the mystery genre. Mark your calendar now. Books available at the Library.

Mysterious Affair at Styles

by Agatha Christie (1920)
September 8, 10:00AM
Conference Room A

Cover Her Face

by P.D. James (1962)
October 13, 10:00AM
Conference Room A

Look Again

by Lisa Scottoline (2009)
November 10, 10:00AM
Conference Room A

This is the first story by Agatha Christie featuring her famous sleuth, Hercule Poirot. Through careful observation and calculating conversation, Poirot discovers the murderer in this prototypical English manor house mystery.

In this police procedural, James introduces the cerebral private Adam Dalgliesh, a Scotland Yard detective. In this long-running series, James explores the psychological underpinnings of the crimes and the effects of modern-day violence.

Not part of Scottoline's Rosato & Associates series, *Look Again* features a reporter who is strangely unsettled by a missing child poster. The child in the photo looks eerily like her own adopted son and she can't stop searching until she finds out the truth.

LIBRARY CLOSING
Monday, September 6
Labor Day

Library Board Meetings:
Wednesday, September 15, 7:00PM
Wednesday, October 20, 7:00PM
City Hall Council Chambers



Our virtual branch
is always open

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

"CELEBRATING FAMILIES"

A Story Time for Families With Children ages 2 - 8

Tuesday, October 19, 7:00PM
Thursday, October 21, 10:00AM
Story Room

The Library and Shelterhouse of Midland bring you this special Story Time. Come and join in the fun of stories, rhymes, and picture books celebrating the wonderful qualities found in families. Dessert will be served to enjoy together.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN PARTY

We will be celebrating Halloween on
Friday, Oct. 29

9:30AM - 3:00PM TRICK OR TREAT STATIONS

Throughout the Library
HALLOWEEN CRAFT
In Youth Services
CIDER AND DONUTS
In the Lounge

9:45AM, 10:30AM, 1:30PM

Move & Groove (Ages 0 -6)
Join us in the Story Room for music and dancing to get in the Halloween spirit before the parades!

10:15 - 10:35AM, 11:00 - 11:20AM, 2:00 - 2:20PM

Halloween Parades
In Youth Services
Filmed by MCTV and shown on
channell MGTV96.

ENGARDE

4TH AND 5TH GRADERS.
Mark your calendar!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS KICKOFF

Saturday, November 13
10:00AM and 2:00PM
Auditorium
Linda Sue Park, author of *The Kite Fighters* and *A Single Shard*, a Newbery Winner, is our guest speaker.

Kids' Corner

STORYTIMES

Baby Time

(For babies who are not yet walking)
Tuesdays at 1:00 & 2:30PM
Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12
Young infants and their parents will share books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes followed by social time for babies to play and adults to chat.

Toddler Time

(Walking babies to 24 months)
Tuesdays at 9:45 and 10:45AM
Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12
Our more active baby program contains books, rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and puppets followed by play time for babies.

Circle Time (Ages 2 - 3)

Tuesdays at 7:00PM
September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12
Wednesdays at 9:45 and 10:45AM
Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13
Thursdays at 9:45 and 10:45AM
Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14
You and your child are active participants in this 30 minute program with stories, fingerplays, puppets, songs and get-up and move activities.

Ready, Sit, Read (Ages 4 - 5)

Mondays at 2:00 and 4:15PM
Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11
Independent listeners can experience the delight of children's literature through picture books, flannel boards, stories, puppets, and rhymes.

FEATURED DATABASE

Marshall Cavendish Digital Library

Designed for students in 6th through 12th grade, Marshall Cavendish provides an easy to search collection of reference works for homework research. The database contains in-depth articles, images, charts, timelines, and maps on Animal & Plant Anatomy, Aquatic World, Earth & Physical Sciences, Elements, Exploring the Middle Ages, Exploring Ancient Civilizations, and World Countries & Cultures.

To access Marshall Cavendish:
• Go to the Library homepage,
• Click on Youth Services,
• Click on Marshall Cavendish Digital Library
• Put in your 14 digit Library barcode

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade
Join us for stories, snacks and a craft.

Laugh-Out-Loud Favorites

Registration begins September 1.
Call 837-3466
Monday, September 13
4:15 - 5:00PM and
6:30 - 7:15PM
Tuesday, September 14
4:15 - 5:00PM
Library Lounge
Enjoy funny stories, silly tales, and some crazy, crafty fun!

There's No Place Like Home ~cosponsored with UNICEF

Registration begins Oct. 1.
Call 837-3466
Monday, October 11
4:15 - 5:00PM and
6:30 - 7:15PM
Tuesday, October 12
4:15 - 5:00PM
Library Lounge
Join us for stories about homes and shelters in other parts of the world.

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 selected titles are available in Youth Services.

Guardians of Ga'hoole: The Capture

by Kathryn Lasky
Registration begins September 1.
Call 837-3466.
Tuesday, September 21, 5:30-6:30PM
Library Lounge

Zoobreak

by Gordon Korman
Registration begins October 1.
Call 837-3466.
Tuesday, October 26, 5:30-6:30PM
Library Lounge

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Adult Highlights

CLASSIC MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

SEA ADVENTURES

Doors will open 15 minutes before the performance. Free.

Captain Blood (1935)

Tuesday, September 14, 2:00PM
Auditorium

China Seas (1935)

Tuesday, September 28, 2:00PM
Auditorium

Treasure Island (1934)

Tuesday, October 12, 2:00PM
Auditorium

Mutiny on the Bounty (1935)

Tuesday, October 26, 2:00PM
Auditorium

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Please look at the library website for our new online survey about usage of the library's subscription databases. The library will use this information to make budgetary decisions in these difficult economic times.

LOOKING FOR YOUR NEXT READ JUST GOT EASIER!

Books and Authors, our brand new literature database, offers on target, personalized suggestions based upon your unique reading tastes. Users can easily create, broaden and narrow book searches according to author, title, character, subject and other criteria. Each suggestion you receive from **Books and Authors** has been thoughtfully analyzed and reviewed by a librarian or other reading expert. Book club participants can also use **Books & Authors** to enhance the experience of the book they are reading; dig deeper into its themes and origins; or learn how the author's life and times contributed to the work. There are limitless possibilities to explore with this exciting new tool.

- Go to the Library homepage.
- Click on "Research Resources".
- Click on "Books & Reading".
- Click on "Books & Authors".

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO-BOOKS, eBOOKS, AND THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, November 10, 7:00PM
Library Lounge

Learn about the Library's collection of downloadable audio-books and web based eBooks. View a demonstration of how to access, download and transfer the audio-books. Find out what works and doesn't work with your portable devices.

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

Thursday, September 2, 6:00-8:30PM
Thursday, October 7, 6:00-8:30PM
Library Lounge

BOOKS AND BITES

Books and Bites is our original, adult book discussion group. Join us as we explore a wide range of today's (and occasionally yesterday's) very best writing. Read the book and enjoy an insightful, thought-provoking conversations.

Fieldwork: A Novel

by Mischa Berlinski
Thursday, September 16, 7:00PM
Conference Room A
"Gripping and entertaining . . . A quirky, often brilliant debut, bounced along by limitless energy."—*The New York Review of Books*

Our Halloween Spooktacular Pick!

Dark Places: A Novel

by Gillian Flynn
Thursday, October 21, 7:00PM
Conference Room A
Dark Places: A Novel by Gillian Flynn
"A nerve-fraying thriller."
—*The New York Times*

Tinkers

by Paul Harding
Thursday, November 18, 7:00PM
Conference Room A
Winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL TOUR RETURNS!

EXPERIENCE THE ART OF THE SHORT FILM
Thursday, September 23, 7:00PM
Auditorium

Join AAFF Executive Director Donald Harrison for an evening of entertaining, genre defying short films. The AAFF is a pioneer of the traveling film festival tour and each year presents short films programs at more than 30 theaters, universities, museums and art house cinemas throughout the world.

LEARNING ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

KNOW THE 10 SIGNS—EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

Tuesday, September 21, 10:30AM
Library Lounge

In commemoration of World Alzheimer's Day, the Alzheimer's Association and the Grace A Dow Memorial Library have teamed up to provide the very best information on the subject. This session is led by a staff member from the local chapter of The Alzheimer's Association.

Please join us to explore one of our most significant health issues.

Visit our website for a listing of in-depth resources.

- Go to the Library homepage
- Click on "Timely Topics".
- Click on "Alzheimer's Disease".

SEPTEMBER COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration begins Tuesday, September 7, 2010. Call the Reference Desk at 837-3449.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Thursday, September 16, 2:30PM
Computer Lab, Lower Level
Learn how to create, save and edit documents.

Introduction to Microsoft Windows

Thursday, September 30, 2:30PM
Computer Lab, Lower Level
Learn to use the basic features of Microsoft Windows XP.