

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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LIBRARY Connection

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Monday, September 1, Labor Day
Sunday hours resume Sunday,
September 7, 1:00 - 5:00PM

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS:
City Council Chambers
September-No Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 7:00PM

Live on MGTV 188 on Charter and
U-verse Channel 99.



Our eBranch
is always open

THE AMAZING BRAIN

Ever wonder what's really going on in your head? As the most complex part of the human body, your brain determines how you learn, experience emotion and make decisions. It also forms the basis for your personality and who you are as an individual. In order to better understand how the brain works, the Library will be offering a series of lectures and workshops entitled, "The Amazing Brain." We are pleased to join Partners in Change: Psychological and Community Services, PLC, a Midland-based counseling service, in providing four lectures and one workshop exploring the complexity of the brain and the theory of mindfulness beginning this fall. The first lecture is **Brain Basics 101**, with speaker, Kim Zielke, MD, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:00PM in the Auditorium. See *Adult Highlights inside* for complete schedule.

CULTURAL AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

Our rich heritage will be celebrated with special events during the month of October. Everyone is invited to read **The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears** by Dinaw Mengestu and come together for a discussion on Thursday, October 16, 7:00PM, Story Room in the Lower Level. This book explores the immigrant experience of an Ethiopian couple. Copies of the book are available at the Library. Watch for information about other events including a display on the Library Mezzanine of items from countries around the world. Check the Library's website: www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/library, or the Midland Area Community Foundation website, www.midlandfoundation.org, for a listing of events, dates, and times. The Midland Area Community Foundation Cultural Awareness Committee and the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library are co-sponsoring this celebration.

FOCUS ON EARLY LITERACY

Before children learn to read, they need to develop skills ranging from identifying letters to understanding that we read words from left-to-right and top-to-bottom. The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Youth Services Department is planning new programming based on these pre-literacy skills. BUILDING BLOCKS is designed for 2-3 year-olds and STORY STRETCHERS is designed for 4-6 year-olds. These short, small group sessions will occur before and after our Move and Groove program on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each month we'll present one of the six pre-literacy skills through a book, an activity and a handout to continue these skills at home. Registration is required. Program details and dates can be found in the Kids' Corner Storytime section located inside.

MOBILEPRINT

Access the Library's printing services from anywhere! Using a network connected device, submit a print job via the Library's homepage then stop by to pick it up! It's as easy as sending an email. Visit our webpage for more details and to download the appropriate app for your smartphone or tablet. This service supports both black/white and full color printing. Printing charges apply. Whether at home or already at the Library, MobilePrint is the convenient, economical choice for all your printing needs. This service is available during all Library open hours. Submitted print jobs are available for pick up same day only.

www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/library

Teen Time

TEEN BAND NIGHT

Grades 6 through Adult
Auditorium
Friday, September 19, 7:00PM
Come out and listen to live music performed by local teens.

TEEN READ WEEK 2014 BOOKMARK CONTEST

Grades 6-12
Youth Services Department
September 2 - 21
Calling all artists! We want you to design a bookmark to go with the theme, **Turn Dreams Into Reality @ Your Library**. Contest forms will be available in the Youth Services Department beginning September 2 and must be submitted by September 21. Winning bookmarks will be reproduced for distribution during Teen Read Week 2014.

TEEN READ WEEK

Grades 6-12
Youth Services Department
October 12 - 18
Celebrate Teen Read Week @ the Library! Stop by the Teen Spot to take a book trivia quiz or try your hand at identifying scrambled book covers. Looking for a good book to read? Pick up a booklist and read one of the titles nominated for the Teens' Top Ten Award.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Grades 7-10
Registration required.
Community Room
Thursday, October 16, 7:00 - 8:00PM
Read one or more titles of your choice from the Teens' Top Ten Award nominations and join us for snacks while we discuss the books, vote for our favorites, and talk about some newly released titles for teens. Selected titles will be available at the Youth Services Desk.

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.

THANK YOU, TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

A special *Thank You* goes out to the 171 AWESOME teens who spent time volunteering with us this summer! Teens logged a total of 2,679 hours as they registered summer readers, ushered movies and other family events, cleaned book covers, prepared program materials, and assisted at *Fizz, Boom, Bash* and *Touch-A-Truck*. We'll miss their smiling faces, energy, and enthusiasm, and hope to see them again next summer!

MCTV

837-3474.....www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/mctv
"FOCUS" is back. The Friends of MCTV are now producing "Community FOCUS," a program featuring interviews about local non-profits, events and services. To apply to appear on this monthly show, go to the Friends page on MCTV's website at: www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/mctv. "Community FOCUS" is shown on MCTV 191 and through Channel 99-Community Voices on U-verse.

Your organization can gain even more exposure on MCTV when you produce your own show. Learn how by attending MCTV's Orientation/Studio workshop. It's held on the second Saturday of the month: September 13 or October 11, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$45 which includes your first annual access user fee. Call 837-3474 for more information.

MCTV is celebrating its 30th anniversary this fall. You're invited to celebrate this milestone at "Honors Night" on Thursday, November 20 at Whiting Forest, starting at 7:00PM.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437.....fogadmi@yahoo.com
Mark your calendars for the **October Used Book Sale**.

- Friday, October 17, 5:30-8:00PM, Members only. Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door.
- Saturday, October 18, 10:00AM-4:00PM. Open to the public.
- Sunday, October 20, 1:00PM-3:30PM Bag day! Fill a grocery sized bag for \$6.

Cash or checks only please.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with our sale, please contact us at 837-3437 or by email. Remember, that you can always visit our ongoing used book sale located in the **Cup and Chaucer**. For more information on the sale and other events, follow us on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/fogadmi>.

CUP AND CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Hours:.....Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:00PM
Specials: TURTLE LATTE—A delicious blend of hazelnut, caramel, chocolate, whipped cream topping, drizzled with caramel, 16 oz. \$3.50.

CINNAMON VANILLA FRAPPE—"Tastes just like a cinnamon bun" with cinnamon, vanilla iced blend, whipped cream topping, 16 oz. \$3.50.

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

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

KICK-OFF



Engarde!

4th and 5th Graders take note! Kick-off programs for the 2014-15 Battle season will be held on: Saturday, November 8th 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Library Auditorium This year's event will feature Heather Vogel Frederick, author of the *Spy Mice* series.

2014-15 Battle Schedule:

Battle Briefing

Saturday, January 10, 11:00AM

Team Registration Deadline

Monday, January 19, 8:30PM

1st Written Battle

Wednesday, February 11, 4:30PM

2nd Written Battle

Wednesday, February 18, 4:30PM

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, February 28, AM or PM (tentative)

Championship Battle and Reception Thursday, March 5, 4:30PM (tentative)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 31

9:30AM – 3:00PM

Celebrate Halloween with your little one at our annual Happy Halloween Party. Wear your costume and join us for music and dancing at one of our Move & Groove sessions, followed by a Halloween parade.

TRICK OR TREAT STATIONS

Throughout the Library

SNACK

In the Lounge

MOVE & GROOVE

In the Story Room

9:45AM, 10:30AM, 11:15AM and 1:30PM

HALLOWEEN PARADES

In Youth Services

10:05 – 10:25AM,

10:50 – 11:10AM,

11:35 – 11:55AM and

1:50 – 2:10PM

Filmed by MCTV and shown on channel MGTV 188 on Charter and U-verse 99.

Kids' Corner

FALL STORY TIMES

Story Room

No Registration required

Baby Time (for babies who are not yet walking)

Tuesdays, 1:00PM OR 2:30PM

September 9, 16, 23

October 7, 14, 21

Share books, songs, music, bounces and rhymes, followed by play time.

Toddler Time (for walking babies up to 24 months old)

Tuesdays, 9:45AM OR 10:45AM

September 9, 16, 23

October 7, 14, 21

A more active program with books, rhymes, music and social time for adults and babies.

Pajama Jams (designed for ages 2-6; all ages welcome)

Mondays, 7:00PM

September 8, 15

October 6, 13

Come join us for fun stories, songs, and more in your pajamas!

Move and Groove (designed for ages 2-6; all ages welcome)

Wednesdays, 10:00AM

September 10, 17, 24

October 8, 15, 22

Thursdays, 10:00AM

September 11, 18, 25

October 9, 16, 23

Dance and sing to fun action song and movement activities.

A Family Story Time (For families with young children ages 2-8)

Monday, October 20, 7:00PM

The Library joins with Shelterhouse of Midland County to bring you this story time celebrating the special qualities found in families. Dessert will be served to enjoy together, provided by Big Boy.

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Saturdays: 10:00 – 11:30AM

September 6 and October 4

Do you like to build with LEGO® bricks? Drop in the first Saturday of the month and set your imagination free to see what you can create. LEGOs® bricks are provided by the Library.

This program is best suited for children ages 4 and up. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

KID VENTURES:

PIRATE PARTY!

Grades K-5

Monday, September 22

Drop-in between 10:00AM – 7:00PM.

Join us for some swash-buckling fun! We'll have pirate games and crafts, as well as a chance to win small prizes.

KID VENTURES:

READING ROCKS!

Grades K-5

Friday, October 10

Drop-in between 10:00AM – 7:00PM.

We're celebrating the 2014 Michigan Reads! book selected by the Library of Michigan! This year's winner is *Acoustic Rooster* by Kwame Alexander. Join us for activities, games, crafts, and prizes.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Registration Required

Register at 837-3466 or the Youth Services Desk (same program throughout month)

September: **Print Motivation**

October: **Vocabulary**

Building Blocks

(ages 2-3):

Wednesdays, 9:45 – 9:55AM

September 10, 17, 24

October 8, 15, 22

Thursdays, 10:35 – 10:45AM

September 11, 18, 25

October 9, 16, 23

Story Stretchers

(ages 4-6):

Wednesdays, 10:35 – 10:45AM

September 10, 17, 24

October 8, 15, 22

Thursdays, 9:45 – 9:55AM

September 11, 18, 25

October 9, 16, 23

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

We are celebrating with a free family showing of the movie *Holes* and promoting Midland Center for the Arts' upcoming production of the play on Nov. 7, 8, 9. See the movie and sign up for a Library card for yourself and/or your child. *Holes*, rated PG, 117 min. Library Auditorium Saturday, September 20, 1:30PM When Stanley Yelnats' family curse lands him in a camp for juvenile delinquents, he and his fellow inmates attempt to dig up the camp's secret.

Adult Highlights

—COMPUTER CLASSES—

Classes take place in the Library Computer Lab on the lower level unless otherwise indicated.

Register for classes beginning September 2, by calling 837-3449 or stopping by the Reference Desk.

SEPTEMBER COMPUTER CLASSES

Beginning Computing:

Introduction to Computers & the Mouse

Thursday, September 11, 2:30PM

What is a computer? How is a laptop different? How do I use the mouse?

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, September 16, 2:30PM

Learn how to use the ribbon to create, save and print documents, highlight, copy and paste text and more.

Introduction to Windows 7

Thursday, September 18, 2:30PM

Learn the basics of Windows 7.

Introduction to PowerPoint

Monday, September 22, 2:30PM

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30PM

Learn to use the ribbon, create slides, add images and text, animate objects, view and print your presentation, work with themes and SmartArt.

Files, Folders, and Storage

Thursday, September 25, 2:30PM

Learn how to organize your computer's filing system.

DEMONSTRATION

Introduction to Mobile Money

Library Computer Lab.

No registration required.

Thursday, September 11, 6:30PM

Learn about mobile payment options – the cash alternative for small business, garage sales and more.

THE AMAZING BRAIN

Brain Basics 101

Wed, Sept. 24, 7:00PM, Auditorium

Is Your Teen's Behavior

Normal? The Developing Brain

Wed, Oct. 22, 7:00PM, Auditorium

Mindfulness and the Brain

Wed, Nov. 12, 7:00PM, Auditorium

The Aging Brain

Wed, Jan. 21, 2:30PM, Auditorium

Mindfulness for Seniors

Wed, Feb. 11, 2:30PM, Community Rm

OCTOBER COMPUTER CLASSES

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Thursday, October 9, 2:30PM

Learn basic skills for cell entry and manipulation, formatting techniques, sheet tabs, and basic formula creation.

Doing More with Microsoft Word

Thursday, October 16, 2:30PM

Learn to use clip art, tables, WordArt, symbols, borders & color in your documents.

Advanced Excel

Thursday, October 23, 6:30PM

A basic understanding of Excel is strongly recommended. Learn how to use functions and create formulas and charts.

Mailing Lists & Labels

Thursday, November 6, 2:30PM

Learn to create a mailing list, and print labels.

THE CLOUD AND OFFICE ALTERNATIVES

Community Room

Don't have Microsoft Office? Need easy access to your files when you are away from home? Learn about these alternatives you can use for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and more.

Cloud Resource - Microsoft OneDrive

Tuesday, September 30, 6:30PM

Cloud Resource - Google Drive

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30PM

Open Source Office Alternative (OpenOffice)

Computer Lab

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30PM

VENTURE START— STARTING A BUSINESS

Community Room

Thursday, Sept. 4, 6:00–8:00PM

Thursday, Oct. 2, 6:00–8:00PM

FALL DVD SPECIAL 25¢

Checkout any non-fiction DVD in September and October for only 25¢. New DVD titles are excluded from promotion.

BOOKS AND BITES

Conference Room A

The Grapes of Wrath

by John Steinbeck

Thursday, September 18, 7:00PM

Since its publication, *Grapes of Wrath* has become one of America's most celebrated and most banned books.

The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears

Story Room

by Dinaw Mengestu

Thursday, October 16, 7:00PM

It's Cultural Awareness Month in Midland! "Mengestu, himself an Ethiopian immigrant, engages the reader in a deftly drawn portrait of dreams in the face of harsh realities from the perspective of immigrants". *Booklist*

The Cartographer of No Man's Land

by P.S. Duffy

Conference Room A

Thursday, November 20, 7:00PM

Our November selection is in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1. Be sure to catch the live theatrical production of *In Fields Where They Lay* this December at Midland Center for the Arts.

ACCESSING THE MIDLAND DAILY NEWS

Since 1870, the Midland area has had its very own newspaper. In 1870, Bartram's Cheek reported the news of the day followed by the The Midland Republican, The Midland Sun and The Midland Times (in that order). Today, the Midland Daily News serves our community.

These early Midland newspapers have been completely digitized by the Library and are accessible via our website.

WE HAVE A FILM COPY OF EVERY MIDLAND NEWSPAPER FROM 1870 THROUGH TODAY.

We also provide full text access to the current Midland Daily News (2002 -). To help access this collection, we have created a searchable, online index that covers the years 1991 to present. This index can be viewed by date, headline, obituary, wedding/anniversary, or personal name. This rich resource makes finding local information quick and easy.