

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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LIBRARY Connection

Look inside for:
*Battle of the Books
*LEGO at the Library
*Battle of the Books for adults.
*eReading
and more!



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Wednesday, November 26
Closes at 5:00PM
Thursday, November 27
Closed Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28
Closes at 5:00PM
Wednesday, December 24
Closed Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25,
Closed Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31
Closes at 5:00PM

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS:
City Council Chambers
Wednesday, November 19, 7:00PM
December—No Board Meeting

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



Our eBranch is always open

YES TO THIS NEW CAMPAIGN

Can I borrow eBooks from the Library? YES YOU CAN! Can I access free Wi-Fi at the Library? YES YOU CAN! Can I find teen graphic novels at the Library? YES YOU CAN! Can I access databases and renew books online? YES YOU CAN! We are kicking off our "Yes You Can @ the Library" campaign. Your participation is easy. Discover all the things that you can do at the Library to inspire, enrich and entertain. Our goal is make every visit to the Library a positive and welcoming experience that will bring you back again and again. We hope that along the way you learn more about the Library and how it can change lives and, yes, have you saying "Yes You Can @ the Library."

KIDVENTURES PROGRAMS

Looking for activities for your Kindergartener through 5th grader? Our KidVenture programs offer a variety of drop-in events for elementary age students. Many of these programs are scheduled on the Midland Public Schools Professional Development Days, so if you are looking for things to do when school is out, consider the Library. Weekday programs will extend into the evenings to accommodate everyone in the community. All of the events are drop-in so that the activities can fit into busy schedules. Upcoming programs include our *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul Release Party* and a *Make and Give Day* where students can fashion crafts for themselves or others. While the program activities will vary, they will always include something to entice and challenge the entire range of ages and interests. See the Kids' Corner inside for program dates and times.

MCTV'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

For 30 years, MCTV's cameras have captured many memories significant to the Library and the Midland community. Every Halloween, MCTV is there to record kids and parents in the Halloween costume parade. MCTV has also recorded the Library's milestones including the celebration last May marking the completion of the \$3 million renovation project. Those memories and more will be highlighted at MCTV's 30th anniversary during "Honors Night," an annual event that recognizes the many people who create the programs you watch. It will be held on Thursday, November 20, at 6:30PM at Whiting Forest, just north of the Library on Eastman Avenue. You're invited to attend.

MORE BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Believe it or not, we have windows that are original to the building when it was built in the early 1950's. One of the projects identified in the renovation was to replace these windows and improve energy costs. The windows affected are in the Quiet Room, computer area on first floor and in the Genealogy/Local History Room. Services may be disrupted as work continues in these areas. Thank you for your patience and understanding during construction. This project is made possible with a grant from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation.

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Teen Time

FAB FRIDAY – GAME NIGHT

Grades 6-12
Community Room
Friday, November 7, 6:00-8:00PM
Looking for some Friday Fun? It's Game Night at the Library! Bring your friends and your favorite game. We'll have food, music, board games, and Wii games available.

TEEN MAKE AND GIVE

Saturday, December 13
Drop-in from 1:00-4:00PM
Choose one or two crafts to make and give to the special people in your life! A variety of crafts will be offered for teens in the Community Room and the Teen Spot.

CRAM NIGHT 2014

Grades 9-12
Auditorium Entrance
Sunday, January 18, 5:30-8:00PM
Save the date! Bring your notes, your brain, and your friends to our "teens only" study night at the Library. Need more information? Call 837-3466.

UPCOMING & RECENTLY PUBLISHED YA BOOKS

Here are some new Young Adult titles you won't want to miss!

- The Darkest Part of the Forest**
by Holly Black (01/13/2015)
- Ensnared** (Splintered series finale)
by A. G. Howard (01/13/2015)
- Firefight** (The Reckoners series)
by Brandon Sanderson (01/06/2015)
- The Ghosts of Heaven**
by Marcus Sedgwick (01/06/2015)
- I Was Here**
by Gayle Forman (01/27/2015)
- Killing Time in Crystal City**
by Chris Lynch (01/13/2015)
- Stolen** (Heart of Dread series)
by Melissa De la Cruz (11/18/2014)
- Vicious** (Pretty Little Liars series finale)
by Sara Shepard (12/02/2014)
- Visitors** (Pathfinder series finale)
by Orson Scott Card (11/04/2014)

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A donation to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library helps to strengthen our ability to provide materials and programs for the community. Click on Gifts, Memorials and Donations on the Library's website to access the donation form. The Library is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Contributions can also be made to the Public Library Development Endowment Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation. Please consider the Library when making your year-end donations. We appreciate your support.

MCTV

837-3474.....www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/mctv
MCTV is celebrating 30 years of providing service to the Midland community. You're invited to honor the many people who use their energy, creativity, and time to create the programs you see on Midland's cable access channels. Come to "Honors Night" on Thursday, November 20, starting at 6:30PM at Whiting Forest. It's located just north of the Library on Eastman Avenue.

If you'd like to create a TV show or just want to volunteer, get started by attending the next orientation/studio training workshop on Saturday, November 8 from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$45 which includes the annual access user fee. Please register in advance.

Just a reminder that you can find MCTV on Charter Communications channels 188-191 and on AT&T's U-verse. Go to channel 99 and search through the menus to find Midland Community Television.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437.....fogadml@yahoo.com
Thanks to everyone who donated, sorted, packed, moved, unpacked, sold, straightened and bought books, magazines, and DVDs for our recent October used book sale! The sale was a great success and ensures that the Friends can continue to support the Library in their programs and services.

Our next book sale will be February 20-22, 2015. If you can't wait until then, you can always find used books available in the ongoing used book sale located in the **Cup and Chaucer**.

For all the latest news, follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/fogadml>

CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Monday-Friday..... 9:30AM-4:00PM
Are you looking for something delicious to warm you up this fall? Try one of the specials offered at Cup and Chaucer, both are sure to delight your taste buds.
Cinnamon Hot Chocolate - 16 oz. \$2.00
Spiced Chai Latte - 16 oz. \$2.75

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

November.....Paint & Palette

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

Fourth and fifth graders are invited to participate in this popular program that runs from kickoff in November through the final battle in early March. Students register as teams to share reading and take part in competitions starting in February.

For specific details about the program, see the Library website:

Click on:

- Youth
- Battle of the Books



Battle Kickoff

Library Auditorium
Heather Vogel Frederick, author of last year's Battle book *The Black Paw*, joins us for the kickoff of the Battle season.

Saturday, November 8
10:00AM and 2:00PM

Fourth and fifth graders, parents, teachers, and the public are invited. A book signing will follow the presentation. Barnes and Noble will sell the author's books, along with all the Battle Books. The Battle Book list and Battle Books will be available immediately following the 10:00AM AND 2:00PM programs and any time after 3:00PM in the Youth Services Area.

Battle Briefing

Library Auditorium
Saturday, January 10, 11:00AM
Here's a chance for teams to see how the Written and Oral Battles are conducted!

Team Registration Deadline

Youth Services Desk
Monday, Jan. 19, 8:30PM

First Written Battle

Middle School Cafeterias
Wednesday, February 11, 4:30PM
(Assignments available by February 3)

Second Written Battle

Northeast Middle School Cafeteria
Wednesday, February 18, 4:30PM

Oral Battle Day

Library Auditorium
Saturday, February 28
Assigned AM or PM

Championship Battle

Library Auditorium
Thursday, March 5, 4:30PM

Battle Reception for ALL Teams

Community Room
Thursday, March 5, 5:15PM

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
November 4, 11, 18

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
November 4, 11, 18

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
November 3, 10, 17

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
November 5, 12, 19

Thursdays, 10:00AM
November 6, 13, 20

Dance and sing to fun action songs and movement activities.

KIDVENTURES

K through 5th grades

Wimpy Kid Kick-Off

Tuesday, November 4

Drop-in activities from 10:00AM-7:00PM
Greg Heffley returns! Celebrate the release of Book 9, *The Long Haul*, with crafts, games and prizes related to our many diary-format books.

Make and Give

Saturday, December 13

Drop-in from 11:00AM-4:00PM

Choose two crafts to make and give to the special people in your life! A variety of crafts will be offered for kindergartners to third graders in the Story Room, and for fourth and fifth graders in the Community Room.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Children need to have basic skills in place in order to learn to read. Building Blocks and Story Stretchers are short, small group sessions that will focus on these pre-reading skills. Each month's sessions feature a different skill and will include a take home component for extending the learning at home.

Registration Required

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

November: **Phonological Awareness**

Building Blocks

(ages 2-3)
10:35-10:50AM, following Move and Groove

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19
Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20

9:40-9:55AM, before Move and Groove
Wednesday, Nov 19 and
Thursday, Nov 20

Story Stretchers

(ages 3½ -6)
6:30-6:45PM, before Pajama Jams

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17

9:40-9:55AM, before Move and Groove

Wednesdays, November 5, 12

Thursdays, November 6, 13

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Saturdays:

November 1

December 6

January 3

10:30AM-12:00PM

Drop in the first Saturday of the month and have fun making incredible LEGO creations. LEGO bricks will be provided by the Library.

DISCOVERY DEPOT

Open December 17-December 31.

You and your young children can play together with the hands-on activities in the Story Room. The December theme will be camping.

Hours are:

Monday-Friday: 9:30AM-7:30PM
(Note the Library closes at 5:00PM on New Year's Eve).

Saturday: 10:00AM-4:00PM

Sunday: 1:00-4:00PM

FREE HOLIDAY MOVIES FOR KIDS

Library Auditorium, 2:00PM

Friday, Nov. 28 *Rio*

Friday, Jan. 2 *Planes: Fire and Rescue*

PG 101 min.

PG 60 min.

Adult Highlights

COMPUTER CLASSES

DEMONSTRATION

Navigating Windows 8

Community Room

Tuesday, January 13

6:30PM

- Mystified by Windows 8? Discover the basics of navigating Windows 8 at this demonstration.

CLASSIC MOVIES – 2015

Library Auditorium

Please join us for Classic Movies in the Afternoon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00PM.

Beginning January 13, we'll be showing a series of Alfred Hitchcock thrillers.

The 39 Steps

January 13

Dial M for Murder

February 10

Marnie

March 10

Rebecca

April 14

Spellbound

May 12

STARTING A BUSINESS

Community Room

Thursday, Nov. 6, 6:00-8:30PM

To accommodate more schedules, the Starting a Business program will now be held on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening in alternating months. This workshop helps aspiring entrepreneurs assess their ability to lead and manage a company, and helps evaluate market and sales potential for your products and services. The basics of business ownership and start-up issues are introduced, along with a presentation of the resources available to help you launch your new venture. For more information, go to: www.sbdcmichigan.org.

2015 Schedule

Wednesdays

2:00-5:00PM

January 7

March 4

May 6

July 15

October 7

Thursdays

6:00-8:30PM

February 5

April 2

June 11

September 3

November 12

HAVE YOURSELF SOME VERY MERRY eREADING

'Tis the season for spending some quality time with a great book! Our collection of eBooks continues to grow and improve as new titles are added continually. You can always find something to download and read. First time using our OverDrive service? Check out the easy to use help guides located prominently on our website. Still have questions, give us a call at the Reference Desk, 837-3449 and we will help get you started.

After signing in to your OverDrive account, you can:

- manage your holds
- adjust your default checkout period
- limit your search results by maturity level and more.

THE AMAZING BRAIN

Auditorium

Mindfulness and the Brain

Wednesday, November 12, 7:00PM

Our captivating series continues with a look at mindfulness. Find out all about being and staying in the moment.

Upcoming events in the series:

The Aging Brain

Wednesday, Jan 21, 2:30PM

Mindfulness for Seniors

Wednesday, February 11, 2:30PM

BOOKS AND BITES

Conference A

The Cartographer of No Man's Land

by P.S. Duffy

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.

Fever: A Novel of Typhoid Mary

by Mary Beth Keane

Thursday, December 18, 7:00PM

"A fascinating, often heartbreaking novel." Booklist

One Amazing Thing

by Chitra Divakaruni

Thursday, January 15, 7:00PM

"A wise and beautifully refined drama." Booklist

CONSUMER REPORTS—NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

The Library now has access to the best known tool for finding product information on cars, appliances, electronics and more. On the online version of the popular magazine you can view articles and reviews as well as special online-only content including videos, updates on product availability, and new products added to previously published test results.

Visit www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/databases;

- click on "Consumer Reports,"
- and enter your Library card number.

COUNTDOWN TO BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

— now for adults too!

This April, experience the grown-up version of Battle of the Books. Teams of 3-5 individuals aged 17+ will compete during a night of head-to-head battle. The winners will claim the ultimate prize—being named "Readers of the Year." Mark your calendars for this spectacular event:

Saturday, April 11, 7:00PM

The Battle list of titles will be announced online and in the Library on New Year's Eve. Teams may officially register to enter the competition in mid-January. Individuals interested in participating may also enter—we will help connect you with a team.

More information and a complete schedule of events/rules will be available in the January/February Library Connection and on our website.

25¢

HOLIDAY DVD SPECIAL

Holiday DVD rentals are a bargain this season. Checkout any DVD from our main floor display for only 25¢. From *It's a Wonderful Life* to *Bad Santa*, we've probably got your favorite holiday classic. Check it out today.

This special is valid throughout November and December.