

## MCTV

837-3474.....www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/mctv  
 Make your New Year's resolution to volunteer at MCTV. Attend one of MCTV's orientation/studio workshops on the second Saturday of the month: January 10, or February 9, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$45, which includes training and MCTV's annual access user fee. *Please register in advance by calling 837-3474.*

Snow day? You can find out by tuning to MGTV 188 on Charter Communications cable or to Channel 99 on AT&T's U-verse for information about school closings, storm warnings, or other emergencies.

Congratulations to MCTV's major award winners at "Honors Night." Joan Timmer received the Edith Doil Community Award while Creative 360/Artshop was honored with the Rosemarie Byers Community Voice Award.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437.....fogadml@yahoo.com

### February Used Book Sale!

Save the date for our February Used Book Sale:

Friday, February 20, 5:30PM-8:00PM

Friends members only. Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door.

Saturday February 21, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Open to the public

Sunday, February 22, 1:00PM-3:30PM

Bag day! Fill a grocery sized bag for \$6.

The sale will be held in the Library Auditorium and mezzanine. Cash or check only please.

If you can't wait for February's sale, check out the great selection of books in the ongoing used book sale located in the Cup & Chaucer.

Remember, you can always stay up to date on the Friends by liking our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/fogadml](http://www.facebook.com/fogadml)

## CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Hours:.....Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:00PM

Snacks and drinks are also available during Library hours via machine.

Cup and Chaucer Specials:

Chocolate Moo-Hot Chocolate (Sweet milk with chocolate sauce): 12 oz \$1.75; 16 oz \$2.25

Special Order Cookies for your events or meetings: Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin, Peanut Butter, and M&M-\$1.50 each.

## 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

Information .....837-3430

Reference .....837-3449

Check Out Desk.....837-3457

On-Call/Renewals 24/7 ..... 835-3280

Youth and Teen Services..... 837-3466

**Our eBranch is always open**

# Teen Time

## TEEN STUDY WEEK @ THE LIBRARY

Saturday, January 10-Saturday, January 17

Need a change of scenery? Need a place to study for exams? Come to the Library! We have individual and group study spaces available in the Teen Spot, Cup & Chaucer, Adult Services Department, Youth Services Department, and on the Mezzanine. In addition, a conference room has been reserved for teens to use on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the week.

## CRAM NIGHT (Grades 9-12)

Auditorium Entrance

Sunday, January 18, 5:30PM-8:00PM

Grab your notes and books, and bring your friends to our "teens only" cram session at the Library. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops as library computers will not be available for use. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided and additional snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. School ID recommended. For more information call the Youth Services Department at 837-3466.

## SNACK & YAK TEEN BOOK CLUB (Grades 6-9)

Registration Required.

Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Community Room

Monday, January 26, 4:00PM-5:00PM

Are you hungry? For books? For snacks? For stimulating conversation? If so, join us after school to snack and yak about books. Read either *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt, or *The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet* by Erin Dionne. Copies of the book are available at the Youth Services Desk.

## ROCK THE LIBRARY (Grades 8 and up)

Library Auditorium

Friday, March 13, 7:30PM

It's the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Teen Band Night @ the Library and we are looking for teen bands or solo acts to perform. Interested in performing? Contact Mrs. Brown at [kbrown@midland-mi.org](mailto:kbrown@midland-mi.org).

## THE TEEN SPOT IS ON FACEBOOK

facebook

You can find us at:

[facebook.com/TeenSpot.GADML](http://facebook.com/TeenSpot.GADML)

"Like" us and receive updates on Teen Activities.

## IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February is National Black History Month. The 2015 theme is "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture." During this month, we celebrate the contributions and achievements of African Americans.

This annual observance was started in 1926 as a one week celebration. It was expanded to a month in 1970. February was selected to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

The Library has many resources for children through adults that provide historical information and highlights the accomplishments of African Americans. February is an opportunity to reflect on the impact of African Americans on our cultural history.

# Grace A. Dow Memorial

January/February

2015

1710 W. St. Andrews Road  
 Midland, MI 48640-2698  
 989-837-3430



# LIBRARY Connection

## Yes You Can @ the Library

Look inside for:

- \* Computer Classes
- \* Battle of the Books
- \* Online Reading—for kids

and more!

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 18

7:00PM

City Council Chambers

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



## THE SENIOR BRAIN

Have you been experiencing "senior moments" lately? Please join us January 21 as we explore "The Aging Brain" in the continuation of our free lecture series on the Amazing Brain. Find out what's normal, what's not, and when to worry. Learn techniques for keeping your brain strong, healthy and active. Then, on February 11, we present a workshop on "Mindfulness for Seniors" to help you keep your mind engaged, focused, and challenged as you age.

### The Aging Brain

Wednesday, January 21, 2:30PM

Library Auditorium

### Mindfulness for Seniors

Wednesday, February 11, 2:30PM

Community Room

Presented jointly with Partners in Change: Psychological & Community Services, PLC

## TEEN STUDY WEEK

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High school students are invited to come to the Library to study for their exams. We have individual and group study spaces available in the Teen Spot, Cup & Chaucer, Adult Services Department, Youth Services Department, and on the Mezzanine. In addition, we have a conference room available for teens to use as a study space throughout the week. **Cram Night** will be held Sunday, January 18, from 5:30PM-8:00PM. Look for details on the back page in Teen Time.

## KIDS DAY @ THE MALL

Yes You Can @ the Library! On Saturday, January 17, the Library will take our new campaign to the Midland Mall. Come out to Kids Day @ the Mall from 10:00AM-4:00PM. You'll be invited to tell us what you can do at the Library. We'll have a craft for kids to make, too.

## ADULT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This April, experience the ultimate reading competition—Battle of the Books—for Adults. Teams of 3-5 players aged 17+ will compete during a night of head-to-head battle. The winners will claim the ultimate reading prize—being named "Readers of the Year." Mark your calendars for these important dates:

Monday, January 12—Registration begins for teams/individuals.

Monday, March 9—Registration closes. All entries must be received by 5:00PM.

Saturday, April 11, 7:00PM—Battle Day.

Registration forms are available online and at the Reference Desk. Cost per person is \$10.00. Participants registering as individuals will be placed on teams consisting of other individual, registered participants. This fun fundraising event is a great way to prove your reading skills and help the Library provide meaningful and educational programming.

## 2015 Adult Battle of the Books Reading List

*The Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich

*The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman

*An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green

*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

*Norwegian by Night* by Derek Miller

Titles are available for checkout at the Library now!

[www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/library](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/library)







## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

**Battle of the Books Battle Briefing**  
Saturday, January 10  
11:00AM-12:00PM  
Library Auditorium

Fourth and fifth graders! Team Managers! Now is your chance to see Battle in action and get your questions answered! Join us as we hold short mock battles in both written and oral formats. We'll mix it up with some author/title challenges too, so be prepared!

Keep these other important dates in mind:

**Team Registration Deadline**  
Monday, January 19, 8:30PM  
Youth Services Desk

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

**Second Written Battle**  
Wednesday, February 18, 4:30PM  
Northeast Middle School Cafeteria

**Oral Battle Day**  
Saturday, February 28  
Assigned AM or PM  
Library Auditorium

**Championship Battle**  
Thursday, March 5, 4:30PM  
Library Auditorium

**Battle Reception for ALL Teams**  
Thursday, March 5, 5:15PM  
Library Community Room

## LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Saturdays, 10:30AM-12:00PM  
January 3, February 7, March 7

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun, family-friendly event. Recommended for ages 4 and up, but all ages are welcome. DUPLO bricks are available for children under 4. Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## NEW! LITTLE PIM LANGUAGE BAGS: English/ESL, French, Spanish

Introduce your baby, toddler, or preschooler to a second language. Studies show the best window of opportunity for successful foreign language learning is from birth to age six. Little Pim, the animated panda bear teacher, makes it fun and easy to learn another language. Each bag contains DVDs, a music CD, flashcards, coloring sheets, and instructional information. Available now in the Youth Services Department.

# Kids' Corner

## WINTER STORY TIMES

Story Room

**Pajama Jams** (developed for ages 2-6; all ages welcome)  
Mondays, 7:00PM  
January 5, 12, 19, 26  
Join us for fun stories, songs, and more, in your pajamas!

**Baby Time** (Babies not yet walking)  
Tuesdays, 1:00PM & 2:30PM  
January 6, 13, 20, 27  
This entertaining program introduces infants to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes with time for babies to play and adults to visit.

**Toddler Time** (Walking babies to 24 months)  
Tuesdays, 9:45AM & 10:45AM  
January 6, 13, 20, 27  
Presented by Jenny Bober  
Walking babies and their caregivers are invited to experience stories, fingerplays, songs and playtime.

**Music on the Go** (Ages 2-6)  
With guest storytellers from the Children's School of Music  
Wednesdays, 9:45AM & 10:45AM  
January 7 & 14  
Thursdays, 9:45AM & 10:45AM  
January 8 & 15

**Leslie Fairfield Presents a Music and Movement Program** (Ages 2-6)  
Wednesdays, 9:45AM & 10:45AM  
January 21 & 28  
Thursdays, 9:45AM & 10:45AM  
January 22 & 29

## ONLINE READING FOR E-KIDS!

Stay warm on cold winter days and let your children experience the joy of reading and learning in a format they'll love... directly from home. Beginning readers can visit our website to explore classic video storybooks paired with related nonfiction books in **Bookflix**. **TumbleBooks** add animation, sound, music, and narration to picture books that kids can read or have read to them. Readers of all ages have the option of **TumbleBookCloud Jr.** for more

## FREE HOLIDAY MOVIE FOR KIDS

Friday, January 2, 2:00PM  
Library Auditorium

Join us for a free showing of **Planes: Fire and Rescue**. Air racer Dusty learns his engine is damaged and he cannot race anymore. Dusty joins an elite group of aerial firefighters and helps battle a massive fire in a national park.

Rated PG 83 min.

## KIDVENTURES

K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades

## CRAFTY READERS

**Penguin Party** (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Call 837-3466 to register  
Monday, January 19  
4:15PM-5:00PM and 6:30PM-7:15PM  
Tuesday, January 20  
4:15PM-5:00PM

Enjoy the cold with some cold-weather friends! We'll have stories, snacks and a perfectly "penguiny" craft.

## BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

(4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Call 837-3466 to register  
Tuesday, January 27  
5:30PM-6:30PM  
Community Room

**The Last Musketeer** by Stuart Gibbs  
Bring your dinner and join us for a book discussion. We'll provide dessert and a drink!

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

Friday, February 13  
Drop-in between 11:00AM-7:00PM  
The Year of the Sheep begins on February 19. Join us for a variety of activities and crafts as we celebrate!

## CRAZY 8'S CLUB

Monday, March 9  
Youth Services Area  
Drop in between 11:00AM-7:00PM  
How much fun can math be? Come to the Crazy 8's Club and find out! Build glow-in-the dark shapes, make things bounce and fly, crack codes like a spy, and meet new friends!

e-books, read-alongs, outstanding National Geographic videos, audio books, and graphic novels. Increase learning and have fun at the same time!

## ABCmouse.com for Libraries

Stop by the Library to try the award-winning early learning games of ABCmouse.com. Help your child prepare for and be successful in preschool, pre-k, and kindergarten classes. With no advertising and no links to other websites, **ABCMouse.com** provides a child-safe learning resource that also includes puzzles, games, and art activities.

# Adult Highlights

## —COMPUTER CLASSES—

Classes take place in the Library Computer Lab on the lower level unless otherwise indicated. Register for classes beginning January 5, by calling 837-3449 or stopping by the Reference Desk.

### JANUARY COMPUTER CLASSES

**Navigating Windows 8**  
Community Room  
Tuesday, January 13, 6:30PM  
Mystified by Windows 8? Discover the basics of navigating Windows 8 at this demonstration.

**Introduction to Windows 7**  
Thursday, January 15, 2:30PM  
Learn the basics of Windows 7.

**Introduction to Microsoft Word**  
Tuesday, January 20, 2:30PM  
Learn how to use the ribbon to create, save and print documents; highlight, copy and paste text and more.

**Files, Folders, and Storage**  
Thursday, January 22, 2:30PM  
Learn how to create folders, move files, and use different types of storage.

**Introduction to PowerPoint**  
Monday, January 26, 2:30PM  
Learn to use the ribbon, create slides, add images and text, animate objects, view and print your presentation, work with themes and SmartArt.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel**  
Thursday, January 29, 2:30PM  
Learn basic skills for cell entry and manipulation, formatting techniques, sheet tabs, and basic formula creation.

### FEBRUARY COMPUTER CLASSES

**Intermediate PowerPoint**  
Wednesday, February 11, 6:30PM  
Learn to incorporate movies and graphics into presentations.

**Maintenance and Security of your Windows PC**  
Tuesday, February 17, 6:30PM  
Learn how to conduct routine maintenance and understand security settings in Microsoft Windows.

**Intermediate Excel**  
Wednesday, February 25, 6:30PM  
A basic understanding of Excel is strongly recommended. Learn how to use functions and create formulas and charts.

## INTRODUCING: TABLET USERS GROUP

Wednesday, January 28, 2:00PM  
Community Room  
Not sure how to use your device? Bring your tablet (Android, Apple) to the Library to learn and share tips about your gadget. Each session, we will have a lesson on some aspect of using your tablet, then time to learn from each other. In January, the lesson will be how to borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks from the Library.

## POPULAR AUTHORS THAT WILL BE RELEASING NEW TITLES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2015

**January**  
**Cold Cold Heart**  
Tami Hoag (1-18)  
**Saint Odd**  
Dean Koontz (1-13)  
**Trust No One**  
Jayne Krentz (1-6)  
**Inside a Silver Box**  
Walter Mosley (1-27)  
**Body Snatchers Affair**  
Marcia Muller (1-6)  
**The Sacrifice**  
Joyce C Oates (1-27)  
**Private Vegas**  
James Patterson (1-26)  
**The Great Zoo of China**  
Matthew Reilly (1-27)  
**Insatiable Appetites**  
Stuart Woods (1-6)

**February**  
**Mightier Than the Sword**  
Jeffrey Archer (2-24)  
**Death of a Liar**  
M C Beaton (2-3)  
**Double Fudge Brownie Murder**  
Joanne Fluke (2-24)  
**The Nightingale**  
Kristin Hannah (2-3)  
**Motive**  
Jonathan Kellerman (2-10)  
**Dreaming Spies**  
Laurie King - (2-24)  
**In Plain Sight**  
Fern Michaels - (2-24)  
**Obsession in Death**  
J D Robb - (2-10)  
**Prodigal Son**  
Danielle Steel - (2-24)

## BOOKS AND BITES

**One Amazing Thing**  
by Chitra Divakaruni  
Thursday, January 15, 7:00PM  
"A wise and beautifully refined drama."  
*Booklist*

**Let Him Go**  
by Larry Watson  
Thursday, February 19, 7:00PM  
"Superb storytelling from a writer who continues to find a special kind of melancholy poetry in the unforgiving landscape of the mountain states."  
*Booklist*

**The Art of Hearing Heartbeats**  
by Jan-Philipp Sendker  
Thursday, March 19, 7:00PM  
"A beautiful tale bound to enchant readers..." *Booklist*

## TAX CORNER

Due to recent changes at the IRS, the variety of paper forms available to filers this year will be significantly reduced. The Tax Corner will provide those forms that are still being printed and shipped by the IRS. We also have a dedicated tax computer for visitors to access the IRS website to print any forms needed this tax season. Also, our public internet computers may be used to electronically fill out and file your 2014 taxes. As always, feel free to ask us at the Reference Desk for assistance in locating any form or publication you may be looking for.

## CLASSIC MOVIES

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

25¢

## JANUARY DVD SPECIAL

Check out our foreign film selection this January. All titles designated as foreign check out this month for only 25¢. New titles are excluded from this promotion.