

MCTV

837-3474.....www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/mctv
Show Midland what you've got! Sign up for the Friends of MCTV Shining Stars Talent Show to be videotaped in MCTV's studio on Saturday, April 11 from 11:00AM-4:00PM. Sing, dance, recite poetry, a comedy monologue, juggle, or whatever else makes you talented. You get five minutes to show your stuff. Email: shiningstars@gmail.com or call 989-837-3476 to register.

You can also register your son or daughter for MCTV's Summer Video Camp. Students ages 12-17, will have fun learning how to use MCTV's field and studio production equipment and then they'll produce a TV show. Choose from two sessions: June 22-25, or August 3-6, Monday through Thursday, 1:00PM-5:00PM, The cost is \$50. It's open to residents of Midland County.

MCTV also offers training on the second Saturday of the month, on March 14, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The first class is an orientation/studio workshop. A follow-up class will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00AM-4:30PM. That class focuses on MCTV's new HD field cameras and non-linear editing using Final Cut X. The cost is \$45, which includes your first year's access user fee. Call 837-3474.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437.....fogadml@yahoo.com
The Friends would like to thank everyone who helped to make our February book sale a big success! We could not be a success without the help of many fabulous volunteers.

As you start to think about spring and your garden, check out our gardening section of the ongoing used book sale, located in the Cup and Chaucer area. We have some great bargains—\$2 for hardcovers, and \$1 for paperbacks.

Save the date for our next sale, June 5-7, 2015. Like us on facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/fogadml>) to keep up with all the latest Friends news.

CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

1 Large House Coffee and 1 Cookie \$3.00
Cookie catering available. See Cup and Chaucer for order forms.

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

March—Midland Artists' Guild
April—Make Midland Beautiful

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Hours

Monday-Friday9:30AM-8:30PM
Saturday10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday1:00PM-5:00PM
Closed Sundays: Memorial Day-Labor Day

Phone Numbers

Information837-3430
Reference837-3449
Check Out Desk837-3457
On-Call/Renewals 24/7 835-3280
Youth and Teen Services 837-3466

Our eBranch is always open

Teen Time

ROCK THE LIBRARY (Grades 8 and up)

Friday, March 13, 7:30PM
Library Auditorium

Join us for Teen Band Night at the Library! Come out and listen to live music performed by local teens. Local bands/artists performing include: Super Sloth, Nine Mile House, Hope O'Dell, Emma Brown, Jacob Trethaway, and Buck Wylde and the Boyz.

SNACK & YAK (Grades 6-9)

Registration Required.
Community Room

Tuesday, April 7, 4:00PM-5:00PM

Join us after school to snack and yak about our book selection of the month. This month's titles are **Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment** by James Patterson, and **Maximum Ride: The Manga Vol. 1** by NaRae Lee & James Patterson. Copies are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 989-837-3466.

TEEN YOGA (Grades 6-9)

Registration Required
Sunday, April 12, 1:30PM

Story Room

Don't miss this opportunity to experience a yoga and mindfulness program with Jen Rapanos of Well-Bean Kid's Yoga and Mindfulness Programs. Jen will lead the class through breathing, yoga, and relaxation techniques which can help with lifelong stress management.

Yoga mats provided. Space is limited. Register at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 989-837-3466.

LOCKED-IN @ THE LIBRARY (Grades 6-8)

Registration Required
Friday, May 1, 8:00PM-11:00PM

Youth/Teen Services Area

Ever wanted to visit the Library after hours? Now is your chance! Food, games, music and FUN! You must have a permission slip from the Library signed by a parent or guardian to attend. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

TEEN SUMMER VOLUNTEERS (Grades 7-12)

We are looking for reliable, friendly, and enthusiastic teens to help with our Summer Reading Program. This is a perfect opportunity to earn community service hours for various organizations and build your resume for college and work. If you like working with kids and want to be part of a fun-filled summer at the Library, look for the Volunteer Orientation Schedule in the May/June Library Connection.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

We are very fortunate to have so many who are willing to give their time to the Library. Our thanks to the Library Board members, the Friends of the Library Board along with the Book Sale sorters/box movers and Sales Day volunteers, the members of the Midland Genealogical Society who assist researchers in the Local History/ Genealogy Room, Volunteers, and the Battle of the Books Team Managers. Thank you also to Will Westerfield for volunteering to develop and teach computer classes at the Library. Contributing to the Library in different ways, these volunteers are truly an asset to the community.

March/April
2015

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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



LIBRARY Connection

Yes You Can @ the Library

Look inside for:

- * Spring Break Movies
 - * Discovery Depot
 - * Computer Classes
- and more!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Closed April 3, 2015
Good Friday
Closed April 5, 2015
Easter Sunday

BOARD MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 18 7:00PM
Library Board Room
Wednesday, April 15 7:00PM
City Council Chambers



HAPPENINGS 2015 PRESENTS THE JOEL TACEY VARIETY SHOW

Every spring, the Library presents a variety of programs to shake off winter and bring you out to the Library. Happenings 2015 will introduce you to exciting and interesting programs during March and April for children through adults. Our theme of **Yes You Can @ the Library** highlights all of the opportunities that the Library offers.

Let's get Happenings 2015 off to an exciting start. Coming to the Library is "The Joel Tacey Variety Show" on Sunday, March 15, 2:00PM in the Auditorium. Yes You Can experience dazzling juggling, wacky stunts, and amazing gadgets. It will be interactive, engaging, and features a lot of surprises. This family program guarantees BIG laughs and BIG fun for everyone! All ages welcome and no charge to enjoy "The Joel Tacey Variety Show."

HAPPENINGS ADULT SERVICES

This year's events include something for everyone. Participate in our inaugural Adult Battle of the Books. The deadline for sign-up has been extended to March 16. The cost to register is \$10 per person. This is a great way to satisfy your need to read and compete. Our National Library Week Tea focuses on the 75th anniversary of the classic movie **Gone With the Wind**. Tickets on sale March 9. For those interested in the writing process, be sure to check out this year's workshop on freelancing. In addition to these special programs, there's always the opportunity to attend an informative computer class, participate in a stimulating book discussion or catch an American classic on the big screen. Schedule some time with us—and discover something new.

HAPPENINGS YOUTH SERVICES

Yes You Can relax with some yoga, **Rock the Library**, have fun with math, and **Drop Everything and Read** ... all at the Library. This year's Happenings events offer many opportunities to try something new. Our youngest patrons will be able to participate in our new early literacy program, **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**. Elementary age students are invited to drop in for the **Crazy 8s Club** activities or any time in April to take part in **Drop Everything and Read**. Teens can also experience yoga or enjoy a night of music in the Library Auditorium. Check out these events and much more in the Kids' Corner, Teen Spot, and Happenings Insert.

GIVE LOCAL MIDLAND—GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Last year was the first annual Give Local Midland fundraising event, hosted by the Midland Area Community Foundation. Its success brings it back this year, offering everyone an opportunity to donate to an endowment fund using your computer, smart phone or tablet from wherever you are between 12:00AM and 11:59PM on May 5, 2015. On this date, please consider donating to the **Public Library Development Endowment Fund** at www.givelocalmidland.org. The minimum donation is \$10 and donations are eligible for matching funds. Help us grow our fund for a brighter future.

EASTMAN AVENUE CONSTRUCTION

Beginning in mid-April, patrons are encouraged to chart a new course to get to the Library while Eastman Avenue undergoes a major reconstruction project until November. You can access W. St. Andrews Road via Orchard Drive, coming from either N. Saginaw Road or Main Street. Eastman Avenue will remain open but will be limited to just one lane in each direction.

www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/library





BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Championship Battle

Auditorium
Thursday, March 5, 4:30PM

Everyone is invited to watch our last Oral Battle to determine the 2015 Champion Team!

Battle Reception

Community Room
Thursday, March 5, 5:30PM

ALL Battle teams are invited to join the reception as we celebrate the end of our Battle Season.

A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO:

- The Friends of the Library for generously providing funding for copies of the Battle books, Battle t-shirts and pencils for every Battle participant, as well as refreshments for the Battle events.
- Local area schools for the use of their buildings for written battles.
- All of the parents, teachers, and other dedicated adults who devote their time and effort to support the children in Battle.
- Most of all, thanks to the 4th and 5th graders who enthusiastically read so many books, work together in teams, and give their all during our Battles.

Battle of the Books is a great success thanks to YOU!

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Saturdays, 10:30AM–12:00PM
March 7, April 4, May 2

Join us the first Saturday of the month for these fun, drop-in events. Come and build some awesome creations with your child. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Children 11 years and under must be with an adult at all times.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Are you ready to do something wonderful for your child? Pick up a reading log to get them started in the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program. We'll provide reading logs and some simple recognition for each 100 books read. The program lasts until you have read 1000 books with your child or they start kindergarten.

To learn more about the program or to get started, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 989-837-3466.

Kids' Corner

SPRING STORY TIMES

Story Room

Baby Time (For babies who are not yet walking)

Tuesdays at 1:00PM & 2:30PM
March 17, 24, April 14, 21, 28

Toddler Time (Walking babies to 24 months)

Tuesdays at 9:45AM & 10:45AM
March 17, 24, April 14, 21, 28

Family Story Time (For families with children ages 2–6)

Mondays at 7:00PM
April 13, 20, 27

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

Wednesdays at 10:00AM
March 18, 25
April 15, 22, 29

Thursdays at 10:00AM
March 19, 26
April 16, 23, 30

Dance and sing to fun action songs and movement activities

DISCOVERY DEPOT!

Wednesday, May 6–Saturday, May 23
Monday–Friday from 9:30AM–7:30PM
Saturdays from 10:00AM–4:00PM
Sundays from 1:00PM–4:00PM

Do you love animals? Then join us at The Imagination Station, featuring our Paws, Claws, Scales and Tails Animal Clinic where children can give a little TLC to some stuffed furry friends. There will also be early literacy stations with activities for children (birth to kindergarten) and adults to play together, including puzzles, games, and building blocks.

KID'S YOGA

Story Room
Registration Required

K–2nd grade
Wednesday, March 11, 4:15PM

3rd–5th grade
Wednesday, March 11, 6:30PM

Try out this lively yoga and mindfulness program with Jen Rapanos of Well-Bear Kid's Yoga and Mindfulness Programs. Students will have fun while integrating yoga, music, and relaxation activities.

Yoga mats provided. Space is limited. Register at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 989-837-3466.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Registration Required. Register at 837-3466 or the Youth Services Desk
April: Letter Knowledge (same program throughout month)

Building Blocks (ages 2–3)
Wednesdays 10:35AM–10:50AM
April 15, 22, 29

Thursdays 10:35AM–10:50AM
April 16, 23, 30

Wednesday 9:40AM–9:55AM
April 29

Thursdays 9:40AM–9:55AM
April 30

Story Stretchers (ages 4–6)

Wednesdays 9:40AM–9:55AM
April 15, 22

Thursdays 9:40AM–9:55AM
April 16, 23

KID VENTURES

K through 5th grades

Drop Everything and Read

During the month of April, students in grades K–5 can check out book-and-activity packs. Return the activity sheets to us before May 1 to receive small goodies and enter a drawing for more.

Crazy 8s Club

Youth Services Area
Monday, March 9, 11:00AM–7:00PM
Discover how much fun math can be with fun, hands-on activities. Drop-in anytime as we explore geometry with glow-in-the-dark sticks, learn about physics with flying marshmallows, and delve into statistics with bouncy dice.

FREE SPRING BREAK MOVIES FOR KIDS

All movies will be shown in the Auditorium at 2:00PM. Movies are rated PG and are intended for older elementary children.

Monday, March 30
How to Train Your Dragon 2 102 min.

Tuesday, March 31
Big Hero 6 102 min.

Wednesday, April 1
Rise of the Guardians 97 min.

Thursday, April 2
Despicable Me 2 98 min.

Adult Highlights

—COMPUTER CLASSES—

Classes take place in the Library Computer Lab on the lower level unless otherwise indicated. *Register for classes beginning March 2 by calling 837-3449 or stopping by the Reference Desk.*

March Computer Classes

Introduction to Word

Monday, March 9, 2:30PM
Tuesday, March 10, 2:30PM

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

Introduction to PowerPoint

Monday, March 16, 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 Excel

Thursday, March 19, 2:30PM

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

Managing Your iTunes Library

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30PM

Get the most from your iTunes library.

Navigating Windows 8

Thursday, March 26, 2:30PM

Community Room
Mystified by Windows 8? Discover the basics of navigating Windows 8 and 8.1 at this demonstration.

STARTING A BUSINESS

Community Room

Wednesdays, 2:00PM–5:00PM

March 4, May 6, July 15, October 7

Thursdays, 6:00PM–8:30PM

April 2, June 11, September 3, Nov 12

Co-sponsored with the Michigan SBDC.

GONE WITH THE WIND NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK TEA

Wednesday, April 15, 2:00PM
Library Mezzanine

Please join us at the annual Library Tea as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the movie **Gone with the Wind**. Detroit's Kathleen Marcaccio will share with us the background story of Margaret Mitchell, her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, and the making of the 1939 film version. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the Checkout Desk beginning March 9.

April Computer Classes

Digital Photos with Picasa

Mouse and basic computer skills are required.

Monday, April 6, 2:30PM

Tuesday, April 7, 2:30PM

Learn to use Google's free software to organize, edit, and share your digital photos.

Doing More with Word—Graphics

Thursday, April 9, 2:30PM

Learn to insert photos & clip art, use WordArt, symbols, borders & color to liven up your documents.

Doing More with Word—Tables

Monday, April 20, 2:30PM

Learn how you can use tables in Word to better organize your information.

Introduction to Mobile Money

Thursday, May 7, 7:00PM

Community Room

Learn how to use apps to accept credit card payments on mobile devices. Great for small business, garage sales, art fairs, and more.

TABLET USERS GROUP

Wednesday, March 25, 2:00PM–4:00PM
Community Room

Not sure how to use your device? Bring your tablet (Android and/or Apple) to the Library to learn and share tips about your gadget. Each session will have a lesson on some aspect of using your tablet then time to learn from each other. In March, the lesson will be how to take and manage photos.

FINDING SECRETS IN YOUR DNA

Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm
Community Room

Richard Hill, author of **Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA**, will use his personal story to demonstrate a real-life application for several forms of DNA testing. He will also provide a general introduction to genetic genealogy.

This event is co-sponsored with the Midland Genealogical Society.

BOOKS AND BITES

Conference Room A

The Art of Hearing Heartbeats

by Jan-Philipp Sendker
Thursday, March 19, 7:00PM

"A beautiful tale bound to enchant readers..." *Booklist*

In Paradise

by Peter Matthiessen
Thursday, April 16, 7:00PM

Thursday, April 16th is Holocaust Remembrance Day. This year, we will read Peter Matthiessen's final novel and new classic.

"The beauty of [In Paradise] comes in [Matthiessen's] powerful descriptions. With his command of the language, he can add something new and profound to that vast library of Holocaust literature." *Miami Herald*

The Life We Bury

by Allen Eskens
Thursday, May 21, 7:00PM

"Eskens's first-person narration grabs the reader and never relinquishes its hold." *Library Journal*

CLASSIC MOVIES

Library Auditorium

Please join us for *Classic Movies in the Afternoon* on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Library Auditorium for our continuing series of Alfred Hitchcock thrillers.

Marnie
March 10

Rebecca
April 14

Spellbound
May 12

25¢

DVD SPECIAL

We will be showing Alfred Hitchcock's *Marnie* and *Rebecca* on the big screen for our classic movie series. Now you can check out all the great classics in our vast DVD collection for only 25¢ in March and April. Any fiction DVD, except new titles, qualifies for this deal. It's a great way to celebrate the magic of cinema.