

MCTV

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 From mid-August to early September, MCTV will undergo an upgrade to its technical facilities. MCTV will replace existing analog video production equipment with new digital production gear in four locations: the replay room and studio control room in MCTV's facility on the lower level of the Library, City Hall, and the production trailer.

You can train on this new equipment at MCTV's orientation/studio workshop on the second Saturday in September, the 12th, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$20.

Much of the programming you see on Midland's cable access TV channels is also available for viewing online.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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 Thank you to everyone who helped to make our June book sale a big success! We are fortunate to have so many volunteers who come together to make our sales successful. Mark your calendars for our next sale: October 16-18, 2015.

Remember, you can shop all summer long at the ongoing used book sale located in the Cup and Chaucer. Reasonable prices make this a great source for your vacation reading!

In May, the Friends elected the following officers:

President: Elissa Thomson
 Vice President: Kelly Bunker
 Secretary: Kathy Rasette
 Treasurer: Angela Schultz

In addition, the Friends said goodbye to board members Jan Marcou and Nancy Emmert and welcomed Anne Southworth to the board.

If you'd like to become more active in the Friends, give us a call, or find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fogadml) to find out how.

CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Hours.....Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:00PM
 Cup & Chaucer Special: 10 percent off ANY menu drink! What a great deal to start the summer.

Special order cookies for your events or meetings: chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, and M&M-\$1.50 each.

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

August - Works of Artist Brian Barnett, collected in his memory by his mother Mary Kielpinski.

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

UNMASK - Teen Summer Reading Program

Grades 6-12

It's not too late to join the summer reading program! Pick up your reading log in the Youth Services Department and get entered to win a gift card in our Teen Summer Reading Prize Drawing. The last day to pick up prizes is Saturday, August 8.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

ROCK THE LIBRARY Auditorium

Grades 8-12

Thursday, July 9, 7:30PM

Join us for an evening of live music performed by local teens!

SAT PRACTICE TEST Youth Services Area

Grades 10-12

Wednesday, July 15, 1:00PM-4:30PM

The SAT will be the college entrance exam administered in high schools in March 2016. Get familiar with the redesigned SAT by taking our SAT practice test offered by Kaplan Test Prep. *Registration Required:* <http://www.kaptest.com/enroll/SAT/48640/events>

SAT TEST GIVE BACK AND FOLLOW UP SEMINAR

Auditorium

Grades 10-12

Wednesday, July 29, 7:00PM

No registration necessary.

BOOKS UNMASKED!

Grades 6-9

Wednesday, July 22, 6:00PM-8:00PM

Registration Required by July 18. Space is limited.

Read any or all of the five books on our list; teams will be formed at check-in on the 22nd. Round 1 will consist of "in what book" questions while Round 2 will be oral questions worth a variety of points. We'll include general knowledge literature questions as well as "Spectator Break" prize opportunities for teams not moving on to Round 2. Copies of the books are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Booklist:

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You by Ally Carter
Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer by John Grisham
Alcatraz vs. The Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson
Peak by Roland Smith
Heir Apparent by Vivian Vande Velde

LOCKED-IN @ THE LIBRARY Youth/Teen Services Area

Grades 6-8

Friday, September 11, 8:00PM-11:00PM

Registration Required by September 10.

Join us after hours for food, games, 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 BEACH & TRAVEL READS

Looking for some fun this summer? In the pages of these books, you will find romance, mystery, action, and adventure to take to the beach or on that long road trip.

Nantucket Blue by Leila Howland, *My Life Next Door* by Huntley Fitzpatrick, *The Moon and More* by Sarah Dessen, *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han, *Lola and the Boy Next Door* by Stephanie Perkins, *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight* by Jennifer E. Smith, *Also Known As* by Robin Benway, *Golden* by Jessi Kirby, *Cinder: Book One of the Lunar Chronicles* by Marissa Meyer, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares, *H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education* by Mark Walden, *Alex Rider Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz, *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey, *Legend* by Marie Lu.

July/August
2015

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LIBRARY Connection

Yes You Can @ the Library

Look inside for:

- * Summer Reading
- * MI Activity Pass
- * Touch a Truck

and more!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4 -
 Closed Independence Day

Monday, September 7 -
 Closed Labor Day

Sunday, September 13 -
 Sunday hours resume,
 1:00PM-5:00PM

BOARD MEETINGS:

No Meeting in July

City Council Chambers
 Wednesday, August 19
 7:00PM



OUR CHANGING EARTH

This fall, our insightful lecture series returns with a focus on "Our Changing Earth." The issue of climate change is multi-faceted and often rather politicized. Getting a sense of what climate change is all about can be difficult, depending on how and where you look for information. Our remarkable line-up of upcoming speakers will help you identify and develop your own perspective on what climate change is and isn't. The causes, consequences, and strategies for dealing with this very 21st century topic will be the focus of our multi-part series which begins this September.

Our first presentation on Thursday, September 24, at 7:00PM features local environmentalist Peter Sinclair who will discuss the impact of global climate change on the choices we make about our future.

Other speakers scheduled to appear in the series include Michigan nature writer Jerry Dennis and Dr. Kimberly Hall from The Nature Conservancy. Our complete series schedule will be available in the next edition of The Library Connection.

"WHAT'S COOLER THAN BEING COOL?"

Having a Library card! Along with the 2015 Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month, Joe Cool a.k.a. Snoopy and the American Library Association, we invite you to get yours today! To promote Library Card Sign-Up, new cards now include the convenient key ring card size. Bring in a valid Michigan driver's license or a Michigan ID, complete the application form and receive your card immediately. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

With your Library card, you can check out books, DVDs, audiobooks, and music CDs. Your card gives you access to online databases like Consumer Reports and Mango Foreign Languages and MORE. As Charlie Brown's sister Sally says, "Happiness is having your own Library card."

FREE KINDLE eREADER LENDING!

The Library is offering Kindle eReaders for check out for use by patrons ages 6-17. The Kindles can be loaded with up to four OverDrive titles. If you are traveling with children and want to avoid carrying a pile of books, the Kindle is a great solution. The novelty of an eReader can also encourage reluctant readers to be more motivated and confident when reading, and with a handy, integrated dictionary it can also help with reading comprehension. To see how easy it is to check out a Kindle, the policies, and FAQ, see the Library website or contact the Youth Services staff at 989-837-3466.

GIVING WHERE YOU LIVE!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Public Library Development Endowment Fund during the Give Local Midland campaign. Your generosity helps grow our fund for future needs at the Library. Donations to the fund can be made anytime through the Midland Area Community Foundation.

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

This Library Connection newsletter is also available online. Have it sent to your email by subscribing through the Library's website at www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/library. Click on "Library Newsletter" to find out how. Forms are also available at the Check-Out Desk.

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DISCOVERY DEPOT!

August 12–August 29

What's summer without all the fresh fruits and vegetables Michigan has to offer? This summer's interactive Discovery Depot will let your little budding entrepreneur run a farmer's market. Fill up baskets with play produce and checkout at the register. Don't forget to take a turn at our Duplo table, puzzles, and educational activities.

Farmer's Market Discovery Depot will be open for business the following hours:

Monday–Friday.....9:00AM–7:30PM

Saturday.....10:00AM–4:00PM

Closed Sundays

ABC MOUSE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY

Visit the Library to give your child the opportunity to use award-winning ABC Mouse. In this teacher-developed program, children can listen to stories and music, paint pictures, play games and take field trips while learning math, science and pre-reading skills. Your child can jump right into any activity of interest or use the Step-by-Step Learning Path. Children earn tickets and prizes to encourage them to complete more learning activities. You can use the program as a guest or set up a free account to make returning to the learning path quick and easy.

LEGO @ THE LIBRARY

Story Room

Fridays, 10:30AM–12:00PM

July 10, August 7

What's the latest craze at the Library? LEGOS! Let your child's imagination soar at summer Lego @ the Library. It's amazing what children can create with free play time and a pile of Legos. See their excitement when they visit the Library and see their creations on display at the Youth Services Desk for that month.

Kids' Corner

EVERY HERO HAS A STORY SUMMER READING

June 8 – August 8

It's not too late to read and earn great prizes this summer, so pick up a reading log if you haven't already done so. The last day to start reading for all prizes is Sunday, July 12, and the last day to start reading for the first prize is Sunday, August 2.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

SUMMER STORYTIMES

Story Room

Pajama Jams

Families with children ages 2–6 years

Mondays at 7:00PM

July 6, 13, 20, 27

Come in for stories and songs performed by special guest presenters. Families are invited to wear their PJs.

Baby Time

Babies not yet walking

Tuesday at 1:00PM & 2:30PM

July 7, 14, 21, 28

Baby time introduces young infants and their parents to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes followed by social time for babies to play and adults to chat.

Toddler Time

Walking babies–24 months

Tuesday at 9:45AM & 10:45AM

July 7, 14, 21, 28

Our more active baby program contains books, rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and puppets followed by play time for babies.

Move and Groove

All ages welcome; designed for ages 2–6.

Thursdays at 10:00am & 11:00am

July 2, 9, 16, 30

Not July 23, due to Touch-a-Truck.

You and your child can dance and sing in this fun program filled with action songs and movement activities.

TOUCH A TRUCK

Library Parking Lot

Thursday, July 23, 9:30AM–11:30AM

Rain Date: Friday, July 24

Your little tykes will have a blast climbing aboard the City's heavy-duty work vehicles and high-speed police vehicles, plus the big fire truck!

CRAFTY THURSDAYS

Thursdays, July 2–August 6

Supplies available from 9:30AM–8:00PM

Energize your creative skills with a super make-and-take craft each week.

SLOAN MUSEUM'S CARTOON PHYSICS

Community Room

Ages 4-12

Tuesday, July 28 10:00AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM, 2:30PM, 4:00PM

Wednesday, July 29 at 10:00AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM, 2:30PM, 4:00PM

Registration Required.

Design, build, and test a superhero suit for an egg-stremlly fragile superhero. Call 837-3466 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB MOVIE NIGHTS

Community Room

Grades 4-6

Registration Required.

Read the book, pack a dinner, and join us for a book discussion followed by the movie and snacks.

Stop by the Youth Services Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book, or call 837-3466.

July 30, 5:30PM–8:00PM

Book – *Powerless* by Matthew Cody

Movie – *Sky High* (PG)

MOVIES FOR KIDS

Auditorium

For Preschool & Early Elementary (G Rated)
Wednesdays, 10:00AM

For Upper Elementary & Middle School (PG Rated)
Fridays, 2:00PM

July 1 *Finding Nemo* 100 min.
July 8 *Snow Buddies* 87 min.
July 15 *Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!* 86 min.
July 22 *Charlotte's Web* 94 min.
July 29 *Rio* 96 min.
August 5 *Monsters University* 104 min.

No Movie July 3, Library Closed
July 10 *Croods* 98 min.
July 17 *Mr. Peabody & Sherman* 96 min.
July 24 *Dolphin Tale 2* 107 min.
July 31 *Penguins of Madagascar* 102 min.
August 7 *Big Hero 6* 102 min.

Adult Highlights

—COMPUTER CLASSES—

A new round of adult computer training opportunities will begin in September. Look out for the next issue of the Library Connection for registration information and a full class schedule.

BIOHAZARD ALERT!

Great Michigan Read 2015-2016

Station Eleven, by Canadian novelist Emily St. John Mandel, has been selected as the Great Michigan Read. The novel, which was short listed for a National Book Award, is a riveting piece of dystopian fiction. After an insidious plague decimates the world, a troupe of Shakespearian actors travel around the Great Lakes region, bringing the magic of art to a world that has lost so much.

We will be discussing *Station Eleven* on September 30, at 7:00PM.

In addition to this novel, we will also be exploring some other stellar examples of dystopian literature.

On October 7, we will take a look at the first installment in the ever popular Walking Dead series:

The Walking Dead, Vol. 1: Days Gone Bye, by Robert Kirkman.

On November 4, we will discuss Margaret Atwood's brilliantly executed *Oryx and Crake*. The first installment in her MaddAddam trilogy, *Oryx and Crake* was a national bestseller. Atwood prefers the term speculative fiction to describe the dark and frightening future she conjures up in this genetically engineered nightmare.

Copies of these titles are available for checkout now.

The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

FEATURED DATABASE: REFERENCE USA

Reference USA provides access to business and residential data used by business owners, entrepreneurs, job seekers and students. This information can be used to create marketing plans, perform competitive analysis, research companies, or research a new city. People relocating can find neighborhood information, medical professionals, school and public facilities, and local businesses. The business data is compiled from published sources and verified individually. It includes basic information about the business plus business size, corporate tree, toll-free numbers, email addresses, websites, franchise information, and credit ratings. You can create custom searches such as restaurants in Midland or home-based businesses in Midland County. Job postings are also easily searchable by job title and location. Find *Reference USA* on the Library databases web page: www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/databases.

BOOKS AND BITES

Library Conference Room A

Thursday, September 17, 7:00PM

Life Drawing

by Robin Black

"An astute inquiry into relationships and betrayal, this novel is nerve-wracking yet irresistibly readable."

—*Publishers Weekly*

SUMMER READING

The Summer Reading Program is going strong! There are three ways to participate:

Weekly Prizes – stop in or visit our webpage and submit what you've read for chances to win local gift certificates.

Literary Lotto – read from our booklists and earn a grand prize drawing entry for every four spots you fill on your game board.

Lego Challenge – recreate a favorite scene from a book in bricks and earn a chance to win a Lego gift card.

Program ends on August 8.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

DVD SUMMER SPECIAL

25¢

All fiction DVD titles check out for 25¢ in July and August. New titles are excluded from this promotion.

MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

You can Discover Michigan with your library card. Go to: www.michiganactivitypass.info to get passes and discounts at many of Michigan's cultural attractions, state parks, and recreation areas. During the registration process, you'll enter the Library's name and your card number. *This program is presented by The Library Network.*

For updates on the Eastman Avenue Reconstruction Project, keep an eye on the Library's Facebook page. The project is scheduled to be completed in November.