

Adult Highlights

HISTORY CONFERENCE @ THE LIBRARY

A one-day conference, "[Be]causes & effects: A Centennial Assessment of the Causes & Consequences of World War I," will be held on Saturday, April 9, 9:00AM-4:00PM at the Library. The day will feature opening and closing keynote addresses and break out sessions in the morning and afternoon. The talks and discussions are presented by local historians and members of the SVSU History Department.

Tickets are available at the Midland Center for the Arts with discounts for purchases before February 6.

The conference is sponsored by the Midland County Historical Society, the Michigan Humanities Council and the Library with special support provided by SVSU. For more information go to www.mcfta.org/because.

LOCAL HISTORY

Our Local History and Genealogy Room offers resources for the curious and for serious researchers. It can be a fun place for those who have lived in Midland for years to visit. Yearbooks, city directories, and Midland newspapers back to the 1800s present many opportunities for trips down memory lane. For our genealogists, we offer online databases including **Ancestry** and **HeritageQuest**, genealogy of many "first families" of Midland, and a fine research collection that will help you trace your family tree domestically and internationally. On weekday afternoons, volunteers can help move your research forward.

25¢ DVD SPECIAL All non-fiction DVD titles check out for 25¢ in January. New titles are excluded from this promotion.

CLASSIC MOVIES

Library Auditorium, 2:00PM
Want to beat the winter blues? Please join us for our Classic Movie series starring comedian Jack Lemmon.

Tuesday, January 12

Some Like It Hot

Tuesday, February 9

The Odd Couple

Tuesday, March 8

The Out-of-Towners



STARTING A BUSINESS

Community Room

Wednesday, January 6

2:00PM-4:30PM

Thursday, February 4

6:00PM-8:30 PM

Do you have a passion ... a hidden talent? Do you know what it takes to turn that skill into a successful business? Find out how by attending one of our "Starting A Business" seminar events. Sponsored by the Michigan Small Business Development Center.

ADULT BATTLE LIST

1222 by Anne Holt

A Constellation of Vital Phenomena

by Anthony Marra

Black Swan Green by David Mitchell

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore

by Robin Sloan

The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival by John Vaillant

TAX CORNER

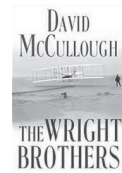
The tax season is officially open! We have a limited variety of printed federal and state forms this year, but you can take advantage of our Tax Corner PC and print most forms and publications you need. Also, filing your taxes online can be completed on any of our public internet machines. Need help locating a specific form? Just ask at the Reference Desk—we're here to help make this annual event as easy as possible.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Looking for a terrific read? Here's a list of the best books we read in 2015—compiled by Adult Services Department staff members. There's something for everyone in this diverse list. And that's not all—stop in and ask us for more individualized recommendations or for help in using any of our many resources to find your next read!

Our Best Books of 2015 (at least some of them)



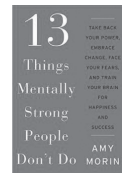
The Wright Brothers

by David McCullough
(Biography)



Girl Waits With Gun

by Amy Stewart (Fiction)



13 Things Mentally Strong People Don't Do

by Amy Morin (Non Fiction)



Karen Memory

by Elizabeth Bear (Sci Fi)



The Life We Bury

by Allen Eskens (Mystery)



The Invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd (Fiction)



City on Fire

by Garth Risk Hallberg
(Fiction)



Bull Mountain

by Brian Panowich (Fiction)

SURVEY SAYS...

Thank you for completing the Library newsletter survey. The new look incorporates your suggestions and more. We've added new features about books and the Library. Ongoing regular youth programs like story times are now listed on a calendar that is available in Youth Services or on our website. The newsletter is folded so that you can slip it into your book or bag easily. We hope that you find the newsletter informative and useful.

TEEN STUDY WEEK @ THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, January 19-Tuesday, January 26
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.

ADULT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



After last year's fun and highly competitive debut, Battle of the Books is back. This year's competition is again limited to 10 teams so sign up early! Cost is \$10.00 per person. Team size is 3-5 players. Entry forms, complete rules, the reading list

and more are available on our website. Check inside for this year's Adult Battle book list.

Here are all the dates and times you need to know:

Monday, January 4, 9:30AM

Registration opens. Completed forms and registration fees can be turned in at the Circulation Desk.

Monday, March 7, 5:00PM

Registration deadline

Saturday, April 16, 7:00PM

The Battle

REDEFINING BEAUTY LECTURE SERIES

Our February lecture series, **Redefining Beauty**, will examine how societal pressure to meet today's standards of beauty have impacted women's self-image and, as a result, their health.

Joined by Rebecca Brumm of Partners in Change: Psychological & Community Services, PLC, our Thursday, February 11 lecture, **The Truth About Dieting and Self-Esteem** will look at the potential damaging effects of yo-yo dieting on self-esteem. We follow that up with **Understanding and Overcoming Emotional Eating** on Thursday, February 25, which will discuss the triggers and causes that contribute to overeating. Both free lectures will be held in the Auditorium at 7:00PM.

CRAM NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY

Sunday, January 24
5:30PM-8:00PM

High school students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a special after-hours cram session to study for exams. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops as Library computers will not be available for use. Library staff will be on hand for reference help. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

YES YOU CAN @ THE LIBRARY & THE MIDLAND MALL!

On Saturday, January 23, the Library will have a presence at Kids Day @ the Mall from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Kids will be invited to make a craft. We'll also have handouts about upcoming events and we'll give away book bags.



Library Closings

Thursday, December 31

Library closes at 5:00PM

Friday, January 1

Closed New Year's Day

Board Meetings

City Council Chambers

Wednesday, February 17

7:00PM

Look Inside For:

- Books and Bites
- Local History
- Battle of the Books



Yes You Can! @ the Library!

Laptops in the Library's computer lab were provided through a donation from the Friends of the Library.

The next Friends Book Sale will be held February 19-21. See inside for a schedule of computer classes.

Phone Numbers

Renewals 24/7 989-835-3280
Information 837-3430
Reference 837-3449
Check Out Desk 837-3457
Youth and Teen Services 837-3466
MCTV 837-3474

Hours

Monday-Friday 9:30AM-8:30PM
Saturday 10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday 1:00PM-5:00PM

Closed Sundays:

Memorial Day-Labor Day

Our eBranch is always open





BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Kids' Corner

Battle Briefing Library Auditorium Saturday, January 9, 11:00AM-12:00PM Fourth and fifth graders, Team Managers, and others interested in Battle of the Books... now is your chance to see how it's done! We'll answer your questions and hold short mock battles in both written and oral formats. We'll also have an author/title challenge, so come prepared!

Other important dates to keep in mind:

Team Registration Deadline

Tuesday, January 19, 8:30PM Youth Services Desk

First Written Battle

Tuesday, February 9, 4:30PM Middle School Cafeterias (Assignments available by February 2)

Second Written Battle

Wednesday, February 17, 4:30PM Northeast Middle School Cafeteria

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, February 27 Assigned AM or PM Library Auditorium

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 3, 4:30PM Library Auditorium

Battle Reception for ALL Teams

Thursday, March 3, 5:15PM Library Community Room

LOOKING FOR STORYTIMES & FAMILY FUN EVENTS?

- Check out our new Youth Events calendar, available at the Youth Services desk, in the lobby, and on-line. It features dates and times of Storytimes, Family Fun Events, and special activities in Youth Services.

LEGO @ THE LIBRARY

Story Room Saturdays from 10:30AM-12:00PM January 2, February 6, March 5

Are you a lover of all things Lego? Come show off your creativity and build something amazing! After the program, your creation will be displayed in the Youth Services Department until the next LEGO @ THE LIBRARY session. While the program is for children 4 and up, there is a Lego Duplo play area for younger siblings to enjoy.

CRAFTY READERS

Grades K-3

Snow Flurries!

Community Room Tuesday, February 16 4:15PM-5:00PM and 6:30PM-7:15PM

Well, the weather outside may be frightful but there is nothing more delightful than February Crafty Readers. Kids will enjoy a snack, create a snow-themed craft, and hear cozy stories all about the winter season. Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!



Teen Time

SNACK & YAK TEEN BOOK CLUB

Community Room Grades 6-9 Wednesday, January 13 4:00PM-5:00PM



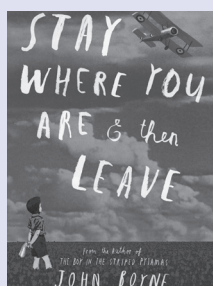
It's January and Snack & Yak is back! Are you hungry? For books? For snacks? For stimulating conversation? If so, join us after school to snack and yak about books. Since it is cold and dark outside, we will be reading something light and humorous. However, if a book makes us laugh out loud, what exactly is it we find humorous? Do we all laugh out loud at the same things? Prepare to explore these issues and share your most humorous reading moments.

Read **Ungifted** by Gordon Korman. Copies of the book will be available at the Youth Services Desk.

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

SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 9, 2016

Join a time travel event! You will be able to go back in time, one hundred years, to the second full year of "The Great War", later known as World War I. The Midland County Historical Society and Grace A. Dow Memorial Library are co-sponsoring a one-day conference devoted to this war and time period. There is a session geared for 8th grade and up, "A Novel Way to Explore the Past (and Bring It to the Present)!" Read **Stay Where You Are & Then Leave** by John Boyne (author of **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**) and explore World War I through the eyes of our protagonist, Alfie Summers.



Kids' Corner

DISCOVERY DEPOT

Story Room February 10-February 24 Monday-Friday: 9:30AM-7:30PM Saturday: 10:00AM-4:00PM Sunday: 1:00PM-4:00PM

Discovery Depot will return in February! The Story Room will have a variety of early learning stations and activities for adults to explore with their children. February's theme will be The Great Outdoors, where you can experience the fun of camping: sing songs around a campfire, read stories in a tent, and fish in a pond. The Discovery Depot is designed for children from birth to Kindergarten and their adult caregiver. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE PARENTING COURSE

Story Room/Community Room Mondays from 6:00PM-7:45PM March 7, 14, 21

The Library is partnering with the Great Start Collaborative to offer Conscious Discipline classes for parents. Learn how to parent with positive intent, maintaining your composure while encouraging the best behavior choices for your child. The program runs three weeks. A lite dinner is provided.

Registration is required and space is limited. For more information, contact Youth Services at 837-3466.

To register, contact Jolene Bjorge at 989-631-5892 Ext.13

TEEN STUDY WEEK

Tuesday, January 19-Tuesday, January 26 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 basis throughout the week.

CRAM NIGHT

Auditorium Entrance Grades 9-12 Sunday, January 24, 5:30PM-8:00PM

Grab your notes and your 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. School ID recommended.

For more information, call the Youth Services Department at 837-3466.

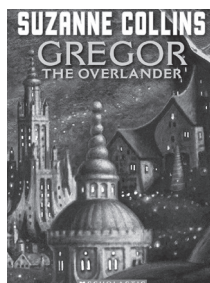
MICHIGAN HISTORY FOR KIDS

Check out the new **Michigan History for Kids** magazine. Filled with stories and activities aimed at 3rd and 4th grade students, this is the perfect supplement to enhance Michigan state history. The stories help children relate to the experiences of those who lived and labored in Michigan over the past 200-plus years and made our state what it is today.

CHAT & CHEW BOOK CLUB

Community Room Grades 4-5 Wednesday, February 3, 4:15PM-5:15PM

4TH & 5TH GRADERS! WE WANT YOU FOR CHAT & CHEW BOOK CLUB! Do you like to read? Do you like to eat snacks? Do you like to chat and have fun? If so, join us after school to chat about books and chew on some awesome snacks. Read **Gregor the Overlander** by Suzanne Collins. We will contemplate "right" versus "wrong" and decide if we will ever be able to look at cockroaches and spiders the same way again! Copies of the books will be available at the Youth Services Desk.



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

THE VOTES ARE IN!

YALSA'S Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year! Nominations are posted during National Library Week, and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles each year. Titles are available in the Teen Room and on Overdrive. And the 2015 winners are:

- The Bane Chronicles** by Cassandra Clare
- To All the Boys I've Loved Before** by Jenny Han
- The Young Elites** by Marie Lu
- Heir of Fire** by Sarah J. Maas
- Since You've Been Gone** by Morgan Matson
- The Shadow Throne** by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- My Life with the Walter Boys** by Ali Novak
- I Become Shadow** by Joe Shine
- The Kiss of Deception** by Mary E. Pearson
- The Geography of You and Me** by Jennifer E. Smith



Adult Computer Classes

Sign-up begins Monday, January 4. Please call 9837-3449 or visit the Reference Desk to register. Classes take place in the Library Computer Lab on the lower level. They are free of charge.

Using the Mouse

Wednesday, January 6, 10:00AM Never touched a computer? Now's your chance to practice your mouse skills.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, January 13, 10:00AM Learn basic skills for cell entry and manipulation, formatting techniques, sheet tabs, and basic formula creation.

TABLET USERS GROUP

Tablet One to One Help

Computer Lab Wednesdays, 2:00PM-4:00PM January 13, February 3

Tablet beginners, sign up for a half an hour time slot to work one to one with a librarian. Registration is required, and begins January 4.

Tablet Users Group

Computer Lab Wednesday, February 24 2:00PM-4:00PM No registration required In February we will look at some of our favorite apps.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Wednesday, January 20, 10:00AM Learn how to use the ribbon to create, save and print documents; highlight, copy and paste text and more.

Introduction to PowerPoint

Wednesday, January 27, 10:00AM Learn to use the ribbon, create slides, add images and text, animate objects, view and print your presentation, work with themes and SmartArt.

E-BOOK TIP

Did you know that you can self-manage your holds/requests in OverDrive? If you have a title on hold and are not quite ready to check it out, you can temporarily suspend the request without losing your place in line. When you're ready to download the title, simply reactivate your hold and you will be notified when the title is available for checkout. This is a perfect option to help ensure that you always have the right book to read at the right time.



Friends of the Library

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

Save the date for our February Used Book Sale:

Friday, February 19, 5:30PM-8:00PM Friends members only. Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door.

Saturday February 20, 10:00AM-4:00PM Open to the public.

Sunday, February 21, 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 and Chaucer.

Remember, you can always stay up to date on the Friends by liking our Facebook page at facebook.com/fogadml

MCTV

837-3474...cityofmidlandmi.gov/mctv

You can serve your church, service club, or favorite non-profit by creating programs at MCTV. Learn how by attending one of MCTV's orientation/studio workshops on the second Saturday of the month: January 9 or February 13 from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The cost is \$45, which includes training and MCTV's annual access user fee. Please register in advance. Call 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." Tim Doil received the Edith Doil Community Award while Emmanuel Baptist Church was honored with the Rosemarie Byers Community Voice Award.