

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
1710 W. St. Andrews Road
Midland, MI 48640-2698
A SERVICE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND

Change Service Requested



Library Information

Library Hours

Monday–Friday 9 AM–9 PM
Saturday 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday 1 PM–5 PM
Closed Sundays Memorial Day – Labor Day

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Youth837-3466
MCTV Network837-3474
TDD837-3472
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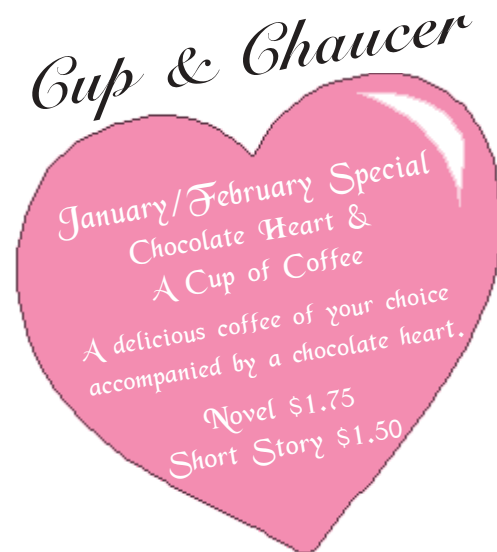
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Friends' Forum

A **Big Thank You** to our November Book Sale Volunteers - you are the key to our successful sales! The next Used Book Sale is March 11, 12 & 13. Call 839-8159 or email us at fogadml@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Check out our *Romance on a Ribbon Sale* in February. Romance books and bundles of books will be for sale at Cup & Chaucer during February!



Offer good January 2 - February 28
Thank You for your support!

Exhibits & Displays

Mezzanine Gallery

January 9-31
Library's 50th Building Anniversary,
Library Staff

February
Midland Artists Guild Annual Exhibit

Lower Level Display Cases

January
"The Wonder of Life" Exhibit,
Right to Life of Midland County

February
Project Peanut Butter Display

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2005

"The idea is to do something more than just build a library. It is designed to be a source of enjoyment to the community ... the enjoyment of finding a new idea ..."
Alden B. Dow

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library building, an Open House will be held!

Monday, January 24
from 2-4 PM and 5-7 PM

Daria Potts, Director of the Alden B. Dow Archives, will present a program titled *"The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library: Alden B. Dow's Vision"* at 7 PM on the Library Mezzanine.

We can only imagine the excitement in the City of Midland on January 24, 1955 when the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library opened its doors for the first time.

A special exhibit, prepared by library staff, will be featured on the Library Mezzanine from January 9-31. This exhibit will highlight the planning, construction, and celebration of the library as well as the additions and changes through the years. Photos, news articles, floor plans, Library Board minutes, and other information will be on display.

It's Here! It's Yours! It's Time to Celebrate the TEEN SPOT!

Many teens have already discovered the new place in town to meet for a study date, chat with friends, browse teen magazines or graphic novels, engage in a game of chess or pick up the hot test teen read. After years of dreaming, months of planning, and weeks of construction, the **TEEN SPOT** is a reality!

TEEN SPOT CELEBRATION



Saturday, February 5 at 2 PM!

We are most grateful to The Friends of the Library and the Edwin and Helen Blake Memorial Foundation who have made this unique space possible for teens to study, socialize, and relax.

Born on the Trail - Pomp's Birthday Bash!



Celebrate the 200th birthday of Sacagawea's baby, Jean Baptiste "Pomp" Charbonneau! Born on the trail in 1805, Pomp traveled with Sacagawea and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Headwaters Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is sponsoring 200 birthday celebrations nationwide and our party is #152! A family event!

Friday, February 11 from 6:30-8:30 PM

Our party begins in the Library Auditorium with Emmy Award-winning musician **Kitty Donohoe**. After the program we invite you to visit the Youth Services area for activities including **Visit with a Voyageur!**, **Pomp's History with Midland resident Wilma Diesen**, **Crafts**, and **Birthday Refreshments**.

From the Director ~ Melissa Barnard



Joyce Fisher

Many of you have met or talked with Joyce Fisher, Circulation and Acquisitions Supervisor. Joyce retired November 30, 2004 after working at the library for 24 years. Staff and patrons alike will miss her.

Joyce was instrumental in planning and implementing the collection barcoding project when the library moved to a new automated system. She kept spirits high during the library expansion in the 1990s. Joyce's efficiency, organization, library knowledge, and commitment to excellence in customer service helped her develop a circulation team who works

hard to meet the needs of the community. Our good wishes go to Joyce as she considers new opportunities in retirement. We thank her for her many contributions that have improved and enhanced services at the library. Joyce will continue to be involved with the library - she is looking forward to being a library patron!

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Spotlight On ...

BEE Safe at the Library

The Library's Safety Committee is always looking for ways to keep staff and patrons safe. This winter season **BEE** sure to clear your entire windshield of snow and ice before driving. For more information visit fema.gov/hazards/winterstorms.



Youth Services Librarian, Stephanie Williams, takes time out from the Library Halloween party to update her fire extinguisher training.



Kids Corner

SeussMania! Wednesday, March 2 from 6-8 PM

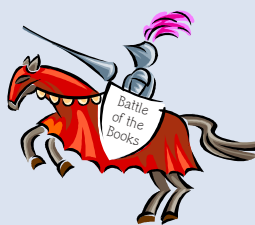
It's a wild night of reading fun with Thing 1 & Thing 2, The Cat in the Hat, and other Seuss friends. *Read Across America*, from the National Education Association, has become the nation's largest reading event. Games, stories, and rhyming fun! Family Event! Story Room

Battle of the Books Update

Battle Season is swinging into full gear! Our next important event is the Battle Briefing on **Saturday, January 8** from 2-3 PM. We invite all Teams and Team Managers to come and observe how written and oral battles are done. This is your chance to ask questions about Battle!

Other Battle dates to remember are:

- Monday, January 17** – Team Registration Deadline
- Wednesday, February 16** – First Written Battle
- Wednesday, February 23** – Second Written Battle
- Saturday, March 5** – Oral Battle Day
- Thursday, March 10** – Championship Battle followed by a reception for ALL Battle Teams



MCTV Network

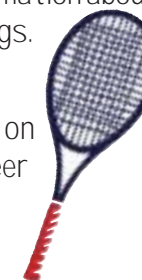


Snowy Weather?

Watch MGTV 5 and MPS-TV17 for up-to-date information about school closings. MGTV 5 also posts storm warnings.

Love Tennis?

Watch the finals of the "Dow Corning Tennis Classic" on MCTV 3 on Sunday, February 13 at 8 PM. Coverage is produced by MCTV volunteer access users with help from MCTV staff.



Make a New Year's Resolution to get involved at MCTV!

Come to one of the following orientation/studio training classes: Saturday, January 8 or Saturday, February 12 at 10 AM in MCTV's studio in the Library. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474 or check out MCTV's website at www.midland-mi.org.

Cable Access Advisory Commission

Wednesday, February 9 at 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers. Watch the meeting "live" on MGTV 5.

For Adults

Family Wellness Day

Sunday, February 13 ~ Test your nutrition knowledge at our booth ~12-6 PM, Midland Mall

Classic Movies

Tuesdays at 2 PM, Library Auditorium. Doors will open at 1:45 PM ~ Free

February 8 - *His Girl Friday* (1939), Cary Grant. Rosalind Russell. (92 minutes)

February 22 - *The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer* (1947), Cary Grant. Shirley Temple. (95 minutes)

Book Discussion Group ~ 7 PM, Library Lounge

January 20 ~ *The Sleeping Father* by Matthew Sharpe

February 17 ~ *Our Lady of the Forest* by David Guterson



Westlaw Legal Database Training

Tuesday, February 1 at 10 AM. Program is free and open to the public. Library Lounge

Business Start-Up Seminars

Thursdays, January 6 and February 3 from 6-8:30 PM. Program is free and open to the public. Library Lounge

Tax Time

Tax forms will be available as they are received from the State and Federal Treasury Offices. Check out the "Tax Corner" on the first floor behind the Reference Desk.

Tax forms and instructions can be accessed from the Internet - go to www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary and click on "Federal Tax Forms" or "Michigan Tax Forms" at the top of the page. Tax forms can also be



The online book club, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, has changed its name to DearReader.com. A new logo has been added to the library web page: www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary. Click the Online Book Clubs logo to sign up for daily five-minute reads in your email.

Free Kids Movie in Library Auditorium

Friday, January 21 enjoy *Finding Nemo* at 2 PM, Rated G, 100 Minutes, Free

Kids Day at the Midland Mall

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library will be part of Kids Day at the Midland Mall on Saturday, January 29 from 10 AM-6 PM. Stop by our booth and make a paper puppet from the story of *Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

Circle Time (2 and 3 year-olds) Share books, finger plays, puppets, songs, & more.

Tuesdays at 7 PM on January 11, 18, 25

Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM on January 13, 20, 27

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5) Picture books, classic tales, and stories.

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Crafty Readers (Kindergarten - 3rd Grade)

Discover new books & listen to old favorites! Join us for stories, crafts, & a snack.

Big and Bad: The Big Bad Wolf ~ *Registration begins January 2*

Tuesday, January 11 from 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, January 12 from 4:15-5 PM

What's Black and White and Red (Read) All Over? ~ *Registration begins February 1*

Tuesday, February 8 from 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, February 9 from 4:15-5 PM

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 and 5)

Join a book discussion and activity group! Pack a dinner (in a brown bag) and meet us in the Library Lounge for discussion, dessert, and fun!

Abel's Island by William Steig: Tuesday, January 25 from 5:30-6:30 PM

Shades of Gray by Carolyn Reeder: Tuesday, February 22 from 5:30-6:30 PM

For more information, call Youth Services at 837-3466

Teen Time

Cram Night

Sunday, January 16
6-9 PM



A night of study! Bring your notes, your brain, your friends and we'll provide pizza and refreshments. Areas for group study and a quiet place for individual study. Grades 9-12



Look and Roll

Teen Game Night

Friday, February 18, 7:30-10 PM

Come on down to the Library Lounge with your friends to enjoy games of Risk, Battleship, Scattergories, Clue, and more! Refreshments! Music! Prizes! Grades 6-12

The Teen Advisory Board Wants to EMPOWER You!

Voice your opinion on books, compact discs, teen programming, teen space and more! Grades 6-12

Upcoming TAB Meetings

Saturdays, January 8 and February 12
1 PM in the Library Lounge

NEW!!

Patron Information Now Available 24/7 by Phone

Call 835-3280 to check your patron record, renew library materials, and check overdue fines. Have your library card number and material barcode numbers handy and the automated system will prompt you to:
Press 1 - Renew titles
Press 2 - List titles currently checked out
Press 3 - List or cancel titles being held
Press 4 - Current fines
Press 5 - List overdue items

Also check your account information and/or browse the library catalog at www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary.

Library Board

It is a pleasure working on the Library Board. Although I have not been a frequent library user in the past, being on the Board has given me a greater appreciation for what I've been missing. And the new coffee shop has been a wonderful addition to an already great place! As a Board member, I have learned a lot and met many nice people and I hope my participation with the Board continues to be rewarding.

Maxine Brink,
Library Board

Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 19
7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
Wednesday, February 16
7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

