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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2007



LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, December 31  
Monday, January 1

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*

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  
MCTV Network .....837-3474  
TDD .....837-3472  
Friends .....839-8159

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The next Friends USED BOOK SALE will be:

Friday, January 26, 6-8 PM  
MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW NIGHT  
Saturday, January 27, 10 AM-4 PM  
Sunday, January 28,  
1-4 PM "\$5 BAG DAY"  
Everything you can fit in a brown paper grocery bag for \$5! Bags are provided at the door.

Sale will be on the Mezzanine and in the Auditorium of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Use the Auditorium Door Entrance. Please call the Friends office at 839-8159 with any questions.



EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

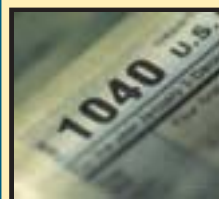
MEZZANINE GALLERY  
February - Midland Artist Guild

LOWER LEVEL DISPLAY CASES

January - Memorial Presbyterian Preschool  
February - Black History Month by Library Staff



The "Tax Corner" is located on the main floor behind the Reference Desk. Selected Federal and State



paper tax forms will be available as they are received. Due to a limited number of forms being provided by the government, you are encouraged to print your forms off the computer. A computer devoted exclusively to the printing of tax forms is available. Tax forms and instructions can be accessed on the Internet at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary).

AARP volunteers will again provide invaluable expertise starting in late January.

Call the Reference Desk at 837-3449 for more information.



DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION  
WAGING A LIVING

Come and watch the documentary *Waging a Living*, produced and directed by Roger Weisberg. Then discuss it with two professors from Central Michigan University, Dr. Stephen Colarelli and Dr. Larry Brunner.

The film follows four hard-working individuals as they strive for their piece of the American Dream. *If you work hard, you get ahead.* Yet, this widely held dream is out of reach for an

increasing number of working Americans. *Waging a Living* chronicles the day-to-day struggles of four low-wage earners who are determined to lift their families out of poverty. The documentary is approximately 85 minutes.

Documentary and discussion Friday, February 9 at 7 PM in the Library Auditorium  
Made possible in part by WCMU Public Television.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

~ MELISSA BARNARD

"Can we do it again?" is a question that I love hearing. The community read featuring *The Beggar King* and *the Secret of Happiness* by Joel ben Izzy was so well received that many have asked us when the next book will be announced.



one book, one community  
on the same page

I am pleased that we met the program goals thanks to the hundreds who read the book. Community members experienced the joy of reading, came together to talk and share ideas, learned about other cultures and perspectives, and became more aware of the library through this program.

The book and the author's presentation will long be remembered because of the universal themes that can be applied to everyone's lives. I am sure that the folktales will be read or told at gatherings of families and friends for years to come.

It is very gratifying to live in a community that eagerly embraces opportunities to grow and learn. With the success of the inaugural community read, staff has begun the search for the next great read.

Celebrate! March is Reading Month



Jim Aylesworth

March 6, 7 PM  
Library Story Room

Join us for lots of fun! Author Jim Aylesworth will tell his stories with generous doses of loud sounds, rhythms and rhymes. A teaching career taught him that these are the elements children like in a story – especially if it is being read aloud. His picture books include *Naughty Little Monkeys*, *Goldilocks Three Bears*, *Old Black Fly*, *Country Crossing* and more.

A Family Event in cooperation with Midland schools.



# SPOTLIGHT ON...

## LIBRARY MEZZANINE

Have you visited the Mezzanine floor of the library lately? You will notice the new bright and attractive seating areas. With donated funds, worn lounge furniture was reupholstered and moved to this space.



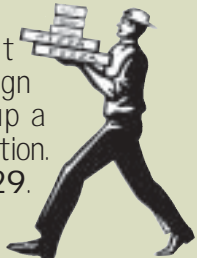
The Mezzanine is an attractive floor with natural light from large windows and ever changing art displays provided by individuals and organizations from our community. We invite our users to enjoy the ambience as they read, study and visit. Library materials and covered drinks from the Cup and Chaucer may be brought to the Mezzanine. More plans are underway to transform this area into a welcoming and comfortable place for library visitors to enjoy.

*We are pleased to provide this seating to encourage you to come to the library and stay awhile!*

# TEEN TIME

**Unit! It's Cram Night!** Join your fellow exam meisters for a night of study. **Sunday, January 14.** Drop in from 6-9 PM and study in groups, study alone, eat pizza and get ready for those finals. Students in grades 9-12.

**Plots & Pizza:** Like to read, eat pizza and talk about books? Sign up in Youth Services and pick up a copy of the current teen selection. Grades 6-8. **Monday, January 29.** Library Lounge, 6 PM



**Lock 'n Roll:** An after hours night of board games, cards, and food for grades 6-12! **Friday, February 16.** Library Lounge, 7-10 PM

**Coming soon!** Watch for details on our popular *Teen Poetry Contest!*

**Teen Advisory Board:** Get on board and have a say in Teen Services! Students in Grades 6-12 welcome.

**Teen Advisory Board Meetings**

Saturdays, 1 PM, January 13 and February 10, Library Lounge

# KIDS' CORNER

## Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is going strong! But there's still plenty of time to register your team. We invite you to come to our Battle Briefing on **Saturday, January 6,** from 2-3 PM. This is your chance to observe both Written and Oral Battles and ask questions too!

In addition to our Battle Briefing, here are some dates to keep in mind:

**Monday, January 22** – Team Registration Deadline  
**Thursday, February 15** – First Written Battle  
**Wednesday, February 21** – Second Written Battle  
**Saturday, March 3** – Oral Battle Day  
**Thursday, March 8** – Championship Battle  
**Thursday, March 8** – Reception for ALL Battle Teams  
 If you need more information, please call the Youth Services Department at 837-3466.



## Brown Bag Book Club

(Grades 4 & 5)  
 Book discussion and activity group. Bring your dinner - we'll provide dessert and a drink. Registration begins the first of the month.



**Runt** by Marion Dane Bauer  
**Tuesday, January 23, 5:30-6:30 PM**

**Kensuke's Kingdom** by Michael Morpurgo  
**Tuesday, February 27, 5:30-6:30 PM**



## ACT/SAT PRACTICE TESTS OPEN HOUSE

Improve your test taking skills with online practice tests. Librarians will show you how to establish an account for taking online practice SAT, ACT, ASVAB and other tests before the big day. *This is a great free way to improve your test taking skills.*

Drop in from 6-8 PM  
**Thursday, January 25**  
 Conference Room C

## Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, and a snack! Registration begins the first of the month.

*Journey to the Frozen Lands: the Arctic and Antarctica*

**Tuesday, January 9**  
 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM  
**Wednesday, January 10**  
 4:15-5 PM

*Out of This World*

**Tuesday, February 13**  
 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM  
**Wednesday, February 14**  
 4:15-5 PM

**Kids' Movie in the Auditorium - Friday, January 19, 2 PM**  
*Nanny McPhee*, PG, 99 minutes

## Introducing: SCIENCE ONLINE

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Available 24/7 on the web at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary). You will be asked to enter your library card number.

## BABY TIME

1 PM on Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23, 30

## TODDLER TIME

6:30 PM on Mondays: January 8, 15, 22, 29  
 9:30 and 10:30 AM on Tuesdays:  
 January 9, 16, 23, 30

## CIRCLE TIME WITH GUEST STORYTELLER:

Georgia Abbott  
 6:30 PM on Tuesdays:  
 January 9, 16, 23, 30  
 9:30 and 10:30 AM on Wednesdays:  
 January 10, 17, 24, 31

## LISTENERS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME WITH GUEST

STORYTELLER: Colleen Kothbauer  
 1 PM on Mondays: January 8, 15, 22, 29  
 10 AM on Thursdays: January 11, 18, 25,  
 February 1  
 7 PM on Thursdays: January 11, 18, 25,  
 February 1

## Kids' Day at the Mall

**Saturday, January 27**  
 10 AM-6 PM  
 The Library will be at the Midland Mall with a Jack and Jill craft for each child. Hope to see you there as Midland's community of children's services join together to celebrate children.



# FOR ADULTS

## JANUARY COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library will be offering free "hands-on" computer classes during January in Conference Room C. The Computer Lab is provided by the Midwestern Michigan Library Cooperative. Class size is limited. Make reservations at the Reference Desk or by calling 837-3449.

### Introduction to the Mouse & Windows

Friday, January 5, 9:30-11 AM

### Basic Internet Searching

Tuesday, January 9, 2:30-4 PM  
 Thursday, January 11, 9:30-11 AM

### Basic Library Catalog

Tuesday, January 16, 7-8:30 PM  
 Thursday, January 18, 2:30-4 PM

### Advanced Library Catalog

Tuesday, January 23, 7-8:30 PM  
**Yahoo Email Open House** No registration required. *Drop in* and sign up for your free Yahoo email account.

**Monday, January 22, 5:30-7:30 PM**  
**Advanced Yahoo Email**

Yahoo Email Account Required


**Monday, January 29, 2:30-4 PM**  
**Tuesday, January 30, 7-8:30 PM**

### Health Information on the Internet

Wednesday, January 24, 7-8:20 PM  
**Friday, January 26, 2:30-4 PM**

### Online Investment Research

Saturday, January 27, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

**Hands-on Legal Research Training**   
**Monday, January 15, 2-3 PM**

## Small Business Start-up Seminar

Thinking about starting your own business? Attend a free seminar and see what it's all about. Registration preferred, but not required. Call the Midland Chamber of Commerce at 839-9901 to register. **Thursday, January 11 or Thursday, February 8, 6-8:30 PM,** Library Lounge. FREE and open to the public.

Come to Cup and Chaucer and get out of the cold to warm up with our new Hot Chocolate Chai Tea. *Cup and Chaucer* Hours M-F 10AM-5PM




## CLASSIC MOVIES

Celebrating John Wayne's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 FREE 2 PM  
 Library Auditorium  
**February 13 - Hondo** (1953)

**February 27 - The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance** (1962)





**Books and Bites**

Conference Room A  
7 PM  
Join Us!

**January 18**  
*March*  
 by Geraldine Brooks and  
*The March*  
 by E. L. Doctorow  
**February 15**  
*Little Women*  
 by Louisa May Alcott

# MCTV NETWORK

For information about MCTV go to the website: [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org). Find MCTV under Services/Other Services, or call 837-3474.

**Join the Friends of MCTV.** Show your support for community television.

**SNOWY WEATHER?** Be sure to watch MGTV 5 and MPS-TV 17 for information about school closings. MGTV 5 also posts storm warnings.



**LOVE TENNIS?** Tune in to watch the finals of the "Dow Corning Tennis Classic" on MCTV3 on **Sunday, February 11** starting at 8 PM. Coverage is being produced by MCTV volunteer access users with help from MCTV's staff.

Make and keep a New Year's resolution to get involved at MCTV. Come to an orientation/studio training class on either **Saturday, January 13 or February 10 at 10 AM** in MCTV's studio on the lower level of the Library. The cost is just \$10. Call or check MCTV's website.

**Cable Access Advisory Commission Meetings - Wednesdays, January 10 and February 14, 7 PM,** City Hall Council Chambers

# LIBRARY BOARD ASKS DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a question about taking care of your body and making the best possible choices, our reference librarians can help you locate information. From understanding health issues to symptoms to nutrition guidelines to medical options, the library provides many sources of medical information. Of course this information does not replace the advice of our doctors, but it enables us to have better discussions with our doctors about actions, and pros and cons. *Ask a reference librarian today!*

## Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays, 7 PM, January 17 and February 21, City Hall Council Chambers