

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 Closings

Friday, April 14
Good Friday
Sunday, April 16
Easter

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

Web Access

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Tax Volunteers

Volunteers from AARP will provide free tax help in the Library on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-12 NOON, 2-5 PM, and Saturdays from 10 AM-5 PM until April 15.

Friends of the Library

Come to the Friends Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 26 in the Library Lounge at 7 PM and receive a coupon for a free bag of books at the June Used Book Sale.

March Used Book Sale (Please use the Auditorium entrance for the Book Sale)

Friday, March 17 from 6-8:30 PM, Friends Members Only

Saturday, March 18 from 10 AM-3 PM, Open to the Public

Sunday, March 19 from 1-4:30 PM, Open to the Public - \$5 bag sale!

BEE Safe

People have a yearly exam for good health so why not an exam for your vehicle? Get your vehicle in top condition for an accident-free year.



Displays

Mezzanine Gallery **March** - Midland Public Schools Middle School Art Exhibit

April - Travel Poster Display

Lower Level Cases **March** - Epworth Preschool Exhibit

April - Around the World Display by Library Staff

Cup & Chaucer

Think Spring! Come and enjoy our very own Margarita Smoothie in March. In April, guess the number of jelly beans in the jar and receive a free Jelly Bean Smoothie. The Cup & Chaucer is a great place to meet friends or just get away all by yourself.

Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM - 7 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM, Sunday 1-4 PM



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MARCH/APRIL 2006

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Why Celebrate National Volunteer Week April 23-29?

- ♥ The Library Board and the Teen Advisory Board meet regularly to discuss the Library and work towards improving services.
- ♥ Through the hard work of the Friends' Board and Book Sale Volunteers, the Friends of the Library are invaluable for their support of programs and services.
- ♥ The Midland Genealogical Society members volunteer in the Local History/Genealogy Room five afternoons a week, using their expertise to assist users.
- ♥ Members of the AARP of Midland are available during tax time to answer tax form questions.
- ♥ Volunteers assist staff with the Summer Reading Program, volunteering 749.5 hours in 2005.
- ♥ LITE and Battle of the Books volunteers contribute to successful programs.



Volunteers make a difference at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Thank you!



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Search MeLCat, our new service with access to over 48 million items. You can request items from your home and have them delivered to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library for only 25¢ per item. It's easy to do - visit our website and click on MeLCat to get started. You will need to have a Grace A. Dow Memorial Library card to use this service. Call 837-3449 or stop at the Reference Desk for more information. MeLCat is a service of the Library of Michigan.

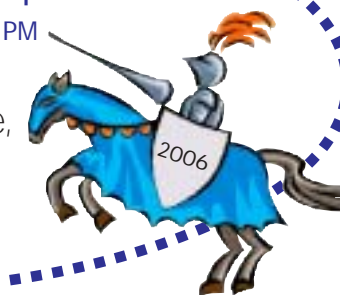
2006 Battle of the Books

Championship Battle and Reception

Thursday, March 9, 4:30 PM

Library Auditorium

Join us for the Championship Battle, followed by a reception in the Library Lounge celebrating all 61 of our Battle teams!



National Library Week 2006

Discover the world through these and other events:

- ~ Annual Afternoon Tea ~
- ~ Feng Shui Demonstration ~
- ~ Travel Program ~
- ~ Film Festival with Catherine Deneuve ~
- ~ International Children's Fair ~

Watch for more information about these exciting programs and all the fun in our special National Library Week edition of the Library Connection.

THANKS to the Friends of the Library for their support of National Library Week!



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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Need Sound for that Website?

You can now use your personal headphones to hear sound on the Internet computers in the Library. A limited number of headphones are available for check out at the Circulation Desk. A library card is required.



TEEN TIME

Teen Poetry Contest!

Express yourself! Teens are encouraged to submit their poetry for the 2006 contest. Pick up entry forms in your school media center or in the Library beginning March 1. Submit entries by March 31. Winners will be notified by April 10. Awards night will be held at **Café Muse on Thursday, April 20 from 7-9 PM.**

Lock 'n Roll with an Irish Theme

Friday, March 17 from 7:30-10 PM

Library Lounge, Grades 6-12
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a night of board games, cards, and refreshments. Irish food and a wee 'bit of Emerald Isle shenanigans add up to fun!

Teen Job Workshop

Saturday, April 8 at 2 PM, Library Lounge

Tips for completing job applications, interview dos and don'ts, job searching strategies, and a fashion-on-a-budget show! Grades 9-12

Teen Advisory Board

March 11 at 1 PM ~ Book buying trip to Barnes & Noble

April 8 at 1 PM ~ Teen Spot

Join the Teen Advisory Board and have a say about teen activities, services, and collections at the Library. Grades 6-12

KIDS' CORNER

Dinosaur Fun Continues at the Library!

Awesome dinosaur events to coincide with the "A T-Rex Named SUE" exhibit at the Midland Center for the Arts.

Drawing Dinosaurs! Thursday, March 23 at 4:15 and 6:30 PM, Library Lounge
Do you love dinosaurs? Want to learn how to draw them? Tom Woodruff, author and illustrator, will be conducting dinosaur drawing workshops.

Sign up starting March 1 by calling Youth Services at 837-3466 (Grades K-5)

Enjoy the Dinosaur Art Display during March in Youth Services

Thanks to Midland preschools, daycares, and our young patrons who provided their DINO-MITE art.

Drop in to make a Stegosaurus Hat in March and a Flying Dinosaur in April.

Family Read - Thursday, April 27 from 6:30-7:30 PM
Library Lounge (K-3rd Grade and their families)

Read the book, *Lady Lollipop* by Dick King-Smith as a family and then come to this program for a family discussion about the book, a fun activity, and dessert. Registration begins April 1. Pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Services Desk.

Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Stories, snack, and an art project! *Registration begins the first of the month.*

Blowing in the Wind Tuesday, March 14 from 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, March 15 from 4:15-5 PM

Under the Sea Tuesday, April 11 from 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, April 12 from 4:15-5 PM

Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Pack a dinner and meet in the Library Lounge for dessert, discussion, and fun!

Fair Weather by Richard Peck on Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 PM

Registration begins the first of the month. No Brown Bag in April.

Baby Time (for babies who are not yet walking)

Tuesdays at 1 PM and 6:30 PM on March 14, 21, 28

Toddler Time (babies up to 24 months old) Mondays at 6:30 PM on March 13, 20, 27

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM on March 14, 21, 28

Circle Time (2 and 3 year-olds with an adult) Tuesdays at 6:15 and 7:15 PM on April 4, 11, 18

Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM on April 5, 12, 19

Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM on April 6, 13, 20

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays at 10 AM on April 4, 11, 18

Thursdays at 7 PM on April 6, 13, 20

Take a "Spring Break" at the Library with Kids' Movies

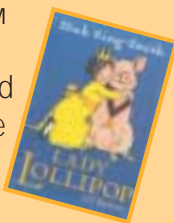
Monday, March 27 10 AM: *Pooh's Heffalump* (G, 68 min.)
2 PM: *March of the Penguins* (G, 80 min.)

Tuesday, March 28 10 AM: *Toy Story* (G, 81 min.)

Wednesday, March 29 10 AM: *Little Bear Movie* (G, 75 min.)
2 PM: *Robots* (PG, 89 min.)

Thursday, March 30 10 AM: *Finding Nemo* (G, 101 min.)
2 PM: *Madagascar* (PG, 86 min.)

Friday, March 31 10 AM: *The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh* (G, 83 min.)
2 PM: *The Adventures of Ociee Nash* (G, 98 min.)



FOR ADULTS

Alone Across the Arctic

Monday, March 6 at 7 PM, Library Lounge

Travel with Pam Flowers and her sled dogs across 2,500 miles of the Arctic in this gripping true adventure story.

The author of *Alone Across the Arctic* and *Big Enough Anna* will host a family friendly slide show and book signing.



Grandma did WHAT? The Obituary and Beyond...

Wednesday, March 15 at 7 PM, Library Auditorium

Newspapers can provide clues about families beyond the traditional obituary. Break through walls in your genealogical research by using newspapers to provide social context for your family's history. The Library and the Midland Genealogy Society present Bobbi Schirado, a Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Western Michigan Genealogical Society.



Spring Writers Event ~ Get Published Now...On the Web!

Saturday, May 13 from 10 AM-12 NOON, Library Auditorium

Discover E-Publishing! Mary Hedberg (pen name, Birgitta Jansson) will discuss her experiences as a first-time author and what led her to the world of "Publish On Demand" (POD), a new and highly accessible approach to self-publishing. Participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences in publishing and marketing their work. This event replaces the Midland Writers' Conference. No charge. Reservations required. Call the Reference Desk starting April 15 at 837-3449.



Business Start-Up Seminar

Thursday, March 2 and Thursday, April 13 from 6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge

Registration suggested, but not required. Call 839-9901.

Classic Movies in the Afternoon starring Katherine Hepburn

2 PM in the Library Auditorium

March 14 - *Pat and Mike*; **March 28** - *Bringing up Baby*

April 11 - *Little Women*; **April 25** - *African Queen*

Join Us!



Books and Bites

Book Discussion ~ Thursdays at 7 PM, Conference Room A

March 16 - *Dress Lodger* by Sheri Holman

April 20 - *The Coroner's Lunch* by Colin Cotterill

If you plan to attend our Book Discussion Group please stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a coupon for a free drink from the Cup & Chaucer.

LIBRARY BOARD

Library Board Frequently Asked Question

Question: Why does the Library charge to borrow videos and DVDs?

Answer: When the Library began offering videos many years ago, videos were expensive to purchase. In order to provide a collection without impacting the book budget, a charge was instituted that funded the purchase of videos. The money collected from video/DVD rentals continues to provide a revenue source for the Library that contributes to financing Library services. The funds are still used to purchase videos and DVDs rather than reducing the book and materials budget to offer this service. The rental charge has not been increased over the years but the length of time that a video/DVD can be borrowed has gone from 3 days to 7 days.

Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 15 at 7 PM and Wednesday, April 19 at 7 PM in City Hall Council Chambers

MCTV NETWORK

Community Media Conference

MCTV will host the Spring Conference for the Alliance for Community Media's Central States Region May 4-6. On Friday, May 5 the Keynote Luncheon will feature Melissa Davert, former Director for the Center for Independent Living. The Resonators, an outstanding local percussion group will perform Friday night at 6 PM. For more information visit www.csregionacm.org.

MCTV Open House

Explore Midland's only television station at MCTV Network's "Open House" on **Saturday, April 8 from 1-4:30 PM** during National Library Week. MCTV will partner with GMS Arts Education to stage a special "live" program in the studio. For more information call 837-3474.



City Budget

Tune to MGTV 5 in April as City Council and City staff review the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The budget will be presented to Council on Monday, April 10 and will be studied further on Mondays April 17 and May 1.

Volunteer Access User Training

MCTV's next volunteer training class is Saturday, March 11 from 10 AM-1 PM. \$10

[Cable Access Advisory Commission Meeting](#)
No meeting in March or April.

NEW Audiobooks

Do you want to find out what new Audiobooks the Library has available for check out? Click on the link to "New Audiobooks" on our Library Catalog webpage at www.midland-mi.org/gracedow/library/catalog.html to see what new books on CD and MP3 have arrived.