



LIBRARY BOARD

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 17 & APRIL 21, 7PM, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Public comments related to library business are welcome at the Board meetings.

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

Friday, April 2  
Good Friday

Sunday, April 4  
Easter

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library Hours

Monday-Friday ..... 9:30 AM-8:30 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  
TTY ..... 837-3472  
Friends ..... 837-3437

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MCTV VOLUNTEER TRAINING

March over to MCTV to take training on the second Saturday, March 13 from 10AM-1PM in MCTV's studio on the lower level of the Library. Learn what MCTV's all about and get some hands-on training. The cost is \$20. For more information, call 837-3474 or check MCTV's section on the City of Midland website: www.midland-mi.org.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Enjoy music and help support the Friends of MCTV by coming to the "Muzyka" concert on Friday, April 23 at 7PM in the Library Auditorium. "Muzyka" will be joined by special guests for an evening of musical entertainment. Donations at the door.



2010-2011 MIDLAND CITY BUDGET PLANNING

What does the future hold for your City services? Find out when City Council begins deliberations on the 2010-11 City Budget. Tune in to MGTV 96 as City Council and City staff review the proposed budget for the next fiscal year which begins July 1. The budget will be presented to Council on Monday, April 12 and will be studied further on Monday, April 19.

MARCH IS READING MONTH

To celebrate March is Reading Month the library staff wants to share some of their recent favorite 'reads.' On the front page of our webpage there's a button called 'STAFF PICKS.' We hope you enjoy these selections and share your thoughts on our Literary Arts Blog.

Here are some selected titles:

Coventry by Helen Humphreys  
Animal Dreams by Barbara Kingsolver  
Still Life with Elephant by Judy Reene Singer  
Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann



MEZZANINE EXHIBIT

March - Midland Artist's Guild



A big thank you to all who supported our February Used Book Sale!

A special thank you goes to all of our dedicated volunteers...we couldn't do it without you!

If you are interested in serving on the Board, sorting used books or working at the book sales, please contact us at 837-3437 or email us at fogadmi@yahoo.com



Cup and Chaucer  
Coffee Bar

Hours: Monday-Friday  
10AM-5PM



Need a snack when Cup and Chaucer is closed? Our new vending machine will serve your cravings any time the library is open.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

ORAL BATTLE DAY - Saturday, March 6

The top 16 battle teams will be competing; 8 teams in the morning and 8 in the afternoon, to determine the two teams meeting at Championship Battle.



CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE - Thursday, March 11 at 4:30PM, Auditorium

Everyone is invited to watch the top two teams battle it out! A reception for ALL Battle teams follows in the Library Lounge.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS THANK YOUs! to ~

- Friends of the Library for their financial support.
- Carpenter, Cook, Eastlawn, Parkdale and Floyd Schools for allowing us to hold our Written Battles in their gyms.
- Parents and teachers who organize teams and make it a fun competition.
- Special thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who spent time reading books and answering questions.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Battle of the Books was a success because of YOU!

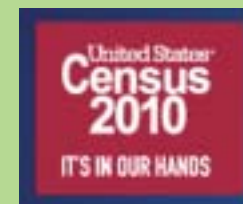
WE ARE A CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE ASSISTANCE SITE

The 2010 decennial Census officially gets underway in early March. Look for your information in the mail and be sure to complete and return all forms promptly.

If you have questions about the process or about filling out your form, you can visit with a Census Representative at the library. Beginning March 23, a representative will be available to assist you in the Adult Services area.

Census Help Desk Hours:

Tuesdays: 10AM - 3PM  
Thursdays: 3PM - 8PM  
Saturdays: 11AM - 4PM



Why is the census so important? Data received from the census helps legislators determine distribution of federal funds for services like: hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, emergency services, bridges, tunnels and other public works projects. The data also helps determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

Melissa Barnard

CELEBRATING A LIFE LIVED WELL



We are dedicating National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2010 to Nancy Lackie. Nancy volunteered over 30 years in the Library's Local History/Genealogy Room. We lost Nancy to cancer on December 20, 2009. She generously gave of her time to help people with their family histories and also to develop the library's genealogy collection. Nancy brightened everyone's days with her kindness and her positive outlook. She will be remembered for not only her service to our library but her work with the Sanford Historical Society. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

National Volunteer Week and Nancy's passing reminds us that we can't thank our volunteers enough for their time and dedication to helping us serve our community. Let's celebrate the contributions of our volunteers.

Thank you to the Library Board, Teen Advisory Board, Midland Genealogical Society, Friends of the Library, Volunteers, Battle of the Books Team Managers and Parents, and Lucille Bicknell, our senior services volunteer.



"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." Mahatma Gandhi



Learn about all of Midland's Summer Camps at one free event! Saturday, March 20, 12-4PM Midland Center for the Arts.

The Library will be participating in Discovery Square Camp with Dow Gardens, Midland Center for the Arts, Alden B. Dow Home and Studio, and Michigan Molecular Institute. Information on a unique camp experience for your child is available at Camp Kick Off or call the Library at 837-3466.



## CHILDREN'S ART WANTED

The Library invites children preschool age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, to paint a picture themed "My Art" for display in the Youth Services area from **March 19 through April 30**.



Bring in artwork by March 12.



## NETBOOKS FOR STUDENTS IN YOUTH SERVICES

Through a generous donation from the Friends of the Library, four netbooks are available for use in the Youth Services Area by students ages 10 to 17.

The netbooks offer wireless access to the Internet, Microsoft Office Suite, as well as the ability to upload and download files and to save documents to a flash device. Printing is offered for 10¢ per page after the first page. Borrowers need a library card or a computer access card. Use of the netbooks is FREE with a two hour checkout limit.

Visit the Youth Services Desk for more information or to check out a netbook.

## BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB GRADES 4-5

Pack a dinner and join us in the Story Room for dessert, discussion, and fun! *Registration begins the first of the month.*

Tuesday, March 23, 5:30-6:30PM  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by CHRISTOPHER PAUL CURTIS

Brown Bag Book Club does not meet in April or May.

## CRAFTY READERS - GRADES K-3

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, snacks and a craft. Call Youth Services to register at 837-3466.

*Registration begins the first of the month.*

**GO FLY A KITE!** Make a kite that will fly so high it is Out of Sight! Stories and food too! Library Lounge.

Monday, March 8  
4:15-5PM &  
6:30-7:15PM  
Tuesday, March 9  
4:15-5PM



## EARTH DAY BIRTHDAY 2010

Celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day!

Monday, April 12  
4:15-5PM &  
6:30-7:15PM  
Tuesday, April 13  
4:15-5PM



## SPRING STORYTIMES

Story Room  
No registration necessary

**BABY TIME** (BABIES NOT YET WALKING)  
Tuesdays at 1 & 2:30PM:  
March 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27

## TODDLER TIME

(WALKING BABIES TO 24 MONTHS)  
Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
March 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27

## MOVE & GROOVE (AGES 2-6)

Wednesdays at 10AM:  
March 17, 24  
Thursdays at 10AM:  
March 18, 25



## CIRCLE TIME (AGES 2-3)

Tuesdays at 7PM:  
March 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27  
Wednesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
April 14, 21, 28  
Thursdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
April 15, 22, 29

## READY, SIT, READ! (AGES 4 & UP)

Mondays at 2 & 4:15PM:  
April 12, 19, 26



## Kid's Spring Break Movies

2PM, AUDITORIUM FREE!



Monday, March 29 - *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* (PG) 90 min.

Tuesday, March 30 - *G-Force* (PG) 88 min.

Wednesday, March 31 - *Up* (PG) 96 min.

Thursday, April 1 - *Over the Hedge* (PG) 83 min.

## TEEN TIME

### TEEN GAMES DAYS - GRADES 6-12

NEW TIME, SAME DAY!!  
6:30-8PM. Drop in for video and board games in the TeenSpot. No registration necessary. Thursdays, March 4 and April 8.



### PLOTS & PIZZA - GRADES 6-9

Monday, March 22, 6-7PM, Library Lounge. Read *Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt and join us to discuss the book. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Copies of the book are available at the Youth Services Desk. Register at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.



### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

If you like to read books, write, listen to music, and are looking for volunteer opportunities, then TAB is right for you! Come share your interests, work on projects, and share your ideas about teen programming at the library. Grades 6-12 welcome. TAB meets in the Lounge, 6-7PM, Thursdays, March 18 and April 15.



### VolunTEENS!

The library is looking for students in grades 7-12 to help with our Summer Reading Program. If you enjoy working with children, call the Youth Services Desk at 837-3466 to register for an orientation session. Sessions will be held at 2PM and 6PM on June 14 and 2PM on June 15.



## CONDUCTING AN ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

Wednesday, March 17, 7PM, Library Lounge

Your older relatives are a valuable source of genealogical information. Geneva Wiskemann of the Michigan Oral History Association will demonstrate how to do a proper interview for your records.

### MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Co-sponsored by Midland County Genealogical Society and Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.



## WRITE YOUR STORY - A WORKSHOP ON WRITING A MEMOIR

Michael Steinberg  
Tuesday, March 23, 7-9PM, Library Lounge



Registration begins Monday, March 1 at the Reference Desk. Call 837-3449 or stop by to register.

Have you enjoyed the Michigan Humanities Council's 2009 Great Michigan Read selection *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*? Are you interested in writing your own personal essay or memoir? Michael Steinberg, writing instructor and memoirist, will conduct a workshop and give you some exercises to get started.

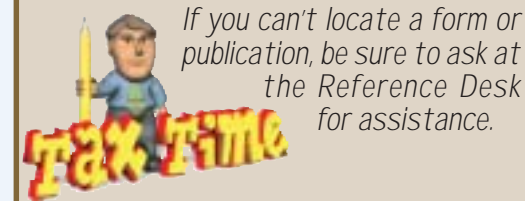
*"The most important concern for memoirists and aspiring memoirists is how to make the best use of the narrator—the 'I'—the storyteller, who, in effect, the writer's surrogate self. In most memoirs, the narrator utilizes at least two voices--one voice narrates the actual story (events) and the other voice reflects on that story."* Michael Steinberg

This program is funded in part by Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



## TAX CORNER

It's tax time. Visit our website for links to both State and Federal forms. Download, print and file from the convenience of your home or from our tax-corner PC. We still have many paper forms and instructions in the tax corner as well.



If you can't locate a form or publication, be sure to ask at the Reference Desk for assistance.

## EMPOWERING WOMEN

A subject gateway about women's issues called "Empowering Women" has been



posted on the library web page. The gateway includes links to books, subject searches, and important web sites, including *The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything*. Get in touch with yourself, your past, and your future through the information on the Empowering Women Gateway.

To find the gateway, go to the library home page, click on SUBJECT GATEWAYS, then click on EMPOWERING WOMEN.

## MURDER IN MICHIGAN

Michigan Notable Book author Mardi Link will visit the library in May.



Her latest book, *Isadore's Secret* profiles the mysterious disappearance of a young nun in a northern Michigan town and the national controversy that followed when she turned up dead and buried in the church basement.

Watch for more information in the next *Library Connection*.

Tuesday, May 18, 7PM, Auditorium

The Michigan Notable Book Program is made possible in part by Michigan Humanities Council, Cooley Law School, ProQuest, the Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, Auto Owners Insurance, the Michigan Center for the Book and NA Publishing Inc.

## SPRING WRITER'S EVENT

Saturday, May 15, 10AM-12NOON, Library Lounge

No charge, but since seating is limited, reservations are required. Please contact the Reference Desk starting Monday, April 19 at (989) 837-3449.

### LIFE INTO FICTION

Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli, author of the Emily Kincaid mystery series, will speak about where her books come from and the inspiration she gains from living in the north woods of Michigan.



The audience will participate in a writing exercise in which they will find something from their own lives and begin to write a story, a novel, or an article.

Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli is the author of the well reviewed Emily Kincaid mystery series. Her newest book *Dead Sleeping Shamans* will be released in May. Her work has appeared in literary magazines worldwide, and on NPR radio. She is a member of the International Women's Writing Guild, Michigan Writers, Detroit Working Writers, International Crime Writers Association, and Sisters in Crime.

## SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

March 4 & April 8, 6-8:30PM, LIBRARY LOUNGE.



### Everyone Welcome!

Please join us.

### CONFERENCE ROOM A

March 18, 7PM and March 24, 2PM

*The Thing about Georgie*

by Lisa Graff

*Bud, Not Buddy*

by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Snow Treasure*

by Marie McSwigan

April 15, 7PM and April 28, 2PM

*Letters from Yellowstone*

by Diane Smith



### CLASSIC MOVIES

2PM, AUDITORIUM

FREE!

Spencer Tracy Classics

March 9 - *Captains Courageous* (1937)

March 23 - *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (1967)

April 13 - *Father of the Bride* (1950)

April 27 - *The Old Man and The Sea* (1958)