



**LIBRARY CLOSINGS**  
Friday, January 1 - CLOSED

**FORMER LIBRARY DIRECTOR LEAVES A PROUD LEGACY**



Keith Doms, 89, passed away on September 26, 2009. Mr. Doms was the Director of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library from 1951-1956. The library on Saint Andrews was built during his directorship. Mr. Doms is quoted, "We hope that Midland's new Grace A. Dow Memorial Library will become the cultural center for the city of Midland."\* He later served as the Director of the Philadelphia Free Library for 17 years. Our thoughts are with Mr. Doms' family.

\*Tell Me a Story - for One Hundred Years by Dorothy Langdon Yates.

**MCTV NETWORK**

837-3474

**Midland's cable access channels have moved.**

MCTV 3, COMMUNITY VOICES, can now be seen on cable channel 99.

MGTV 5, MIDLAND GOVERNMENT TELEVISION, is now on cable channel 96.

MCTV 15, MESSAGES, is available on cable channel 97.

MPS-TV 17, the MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHANNEL, is shown on channel 98.



Charter Communications made these changes on December 1. You can also watch the four access channels in the digital tier, 991-994.

MCTV wants you to get involved in community television this year. Attend one of the orientation/studio training classes on either **Saturday, January 9** or **February 13** from 10AM-1PM in MCTV's studio on the lower level of the library. The cost is \$20. Call 837-3474 or check out MCTV's website at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org). Look under SERVICES.



**SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND STORM WARNINGS**

After a snowy night, tune to MGTV 96 or MPS-TV 98 to find out if school is closed. MGTV 96 is also the place to watch for information about storm warnings or other emergencies.

**CABLE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING:**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 7 PM, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS. Watch "live" on MGTV 96.

**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

**Web Access**

[www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary)

**Email**

[gadmi@midland-mi.org](mailto:gadmi@midland-mi.org)



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**WINTER USED BOOK SALE**

You'll warm up to the Great Selections and Great Prices!

**Friday, February 19, 6-8PM**

Friends Members Only  
Memberships may be purchased or renewed at the door.

**Saturday, February 20, 10AM-4PM**

Open to the Public

**Sunday, February 21, 1PM-4PM**

\$5 Bag Day

**REMINDER ABOUT NEW VIDEOS**

New videos will go directly to the shelves. Holds are no longer allowed on new videos.

The checkout period for new videos remains the same at 4 days for \$2.50 each.

We hope that this change will provide better service to all who enjoy the video collection.

*Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar*

Hours: Monday-Friday  
10AM-5PM

Through February 28, buy one jumbo cookie and receive a second one half off!



**LIBRARY BOARD**

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:**

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 20 & FEBRUARY 17, 7 PM, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Board goals for 2009-10 are on the library's website. Click on LIBRARY BOARD to locate the link to the goals.

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS WINTER?**



Are your children looking for something to do? Too busy to read to them? If you have Internet access, **TumbleBooks** will read to your children. **TumbleBooks** provides animated, talking picture books plus games and puzzles that will entertain and help with reading skills.

There are hundreds of popular titles such as Rosenthal's *Duck! Rabbit!* and Robert Munsch's *50 Below Zero*.

**TumbleReadables** offers an online collection of read-along titles for elementary, middle school and high school students. A limited number of foreign language titles are also available.



To access **TumbleBooks** and **TumbleReadables** go to the library's website and, from the Youth Services page, click on the **TUMBLEBOOKS** link.

For more information call or visit the Youth Services Desk, 837-3466

**NEW IN YOUTH SERVICES - NETBOOKS FOR STUDENTS**

Have a homework assignment that requires a PowerPoint presentation? Do you need to create a graph?



Through a generous donation from the Friends of the Library, four netbooks are available in Youth Services for use 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 portable storage device.



Printing is also offered for 10¢ per page after the first page. Borrowers must have a library card or a computer access card. Use of the netbooks is free. There is a two hour checkout limit.

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

**DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Melissa Barnard

**SHARING THE 2009 ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

The message of our One Book, One Community selection, *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway, is timeless. Even though the library's book discussions have ended and the author's visit held, we still recommend that you keep this title on your reading list. Copies of the book are available at the library for those who wish to read it for the first time, or the second or third time. The author's presentation was taped and the video can be checked out for 7 days at no charge. The video is shelved in the DVD collection under 808.543. Included with the video is the musical composition, *Adagio in G minor*, performed by Cathy White and Heather DeGroot, members of the Midland Symphony Orchestra.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the One Book, One Community program. Your appreciation of this literary work was evident in your insights and questions about the characters and events portrayed. *The success of the program is measured by community involvement and you made it a success!*

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their sponsorship.

**WRITE YOUR STORY - A Workshop on Writing a Memoir**

Tuesday, March 23, 7-9PM  
Library Lounge



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.



Mr. Steinberg is the author of *Still Pitching: a Memoir*, the only memoir published by the MSU Press.

Registration begins Monday, March 1 at the Reference Desk or call 837-3449.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle Briefing  
**Saturday, January 9**  
 from 2-3PM in the Library Auditorium. Anyone planning to participate in Battle or manage a team is invited to watch how Written and Oral Battles are run.

Other important dates to keep in mind:  
**Monday, January 25 at 8:30PM**  
 Team Registration Deadline  
**Wednesday, February 17**  
 First Written Battle  
**Wednesday, February 24**  
 Second Written Battle  
**Saturday, March 6**  
 Oral Battle Day  
**Thursday, March 11**  
 Championship Battle  
**Thursday, March 11**  
 Reception for ALL Battle Teams

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



## CRAFTY READERS - GRADES K-3

**MOSTLY MAGIC** - Make magic tricks to amaze and delight your family and friends! Good stories and food, too! **Library Lounge.** Registration begins the first of the month.

**Monday, January 11**  
 4:15-5PM & 6:30-7:15PM  
**Tuesday, January 12**  
 4:15-5PM

## HEARTS, HEARTS, HEARTS!

Valentine's Day is almost here...join us in the **Library Lounge** for stories, snacks, and crafts with lots of heart!

Registration begins the first of the month.  
**Monday, February 8**  
 4:15-5PM & 6:30-7:15PM  
**Tuesday, February 9**  
 4:15-5PM



## BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB GRADES 4-5

Join the Brown Bag Book Club in the **Library Lounge** for an hour of discussion and fun! Pack a dinner (in a brown bag) - we'll provide dessert and a drink! Registration begins the first of the month.

**Tuesday, January 26, 5:30 - 6:30PM**  
*TREASURE ISLAND* by ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON  
**Tuesday, February 23, 5:30 - 6:30PM**  
*No TALKING* by ANDREW CLEMENTS



## ATTENTION YOUNG ARTISTS

The library invites children preschool age-5<sup>th</sup> grade, to create art for display in the Youth Services area during the Spring Art Show. This year's theme is simply "My Art".

The children are asked to paint a picture on a white piece of paper. They may use watercolor, poster or other paint appropriate for use on paper.

Deliver your art piece to Youth Services by March 12.

The art will be on display March 19-April 30. Please call 837-3466 for additional information.



## TEEN TIME

### TEEN GAMES DAYS - GRADES 6-12

Drop in after school from 3-4:30PM for video and board games in the TeenSpot. No registration needed. Snacks provided. **Thursdays - January 7 and February 4.**

### PLOTS & PIZZA ROAD TRIP! - GRADES 6-9

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PLOTS & PIZZA @ THE MIDLAND COMMUNITY CENTER\*** Read *Peak* by Roland Smith then join us for pizza, book discussion and a special rock climbing demonstration.  
**Monday, January 18, 6-8PM** at the Midland Community Center. Register at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Copies of the book and Climbing Wall permission slips are available at the Youth Services Desk. \*Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Midland Community Center. The Community Center is located at 2001 George Street.



## STORYTIMES

In the Story Room

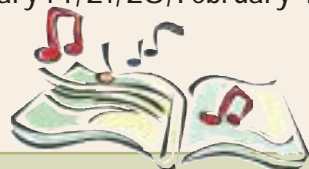
**BABY TIME** (BABIES NOT YET WALKING)  
 Tuesdays at 1 & 2:30PM:  
 January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9

**TODDLER TIME** (WALKING BABIES TO 24 MONTHS) With guest storytellers from the Children's School of Music  
 Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:  
 January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9

**CIRCLE TIME WITH MUSIC** (AGES 2-3) Join our guest storytellers from the Children's School of Music for musical fun.

**Tuesdays at 7PM:**  
 January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9  
**Wednesdays at 9:45 & 10:45AM:**  
 January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10

**READY, SIT, READ!** (AGES 4 & UP) With guest storyteller Trena Winans-Bagnall  
**Thursdays at 10AM:**  
 January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11



## TIME EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC INTERNET PC'S

During non-peak periods, public computer users can now extend their sessions by fifteen minutes. If you are waiting to use a PC, it is important to make a reservation for the next available computer at the Print Release/Reservation Station. Pending reservations will prevent current users from extending their sessions and ensure the most efficient and effective use of equipment.

If you need assistance making a reservation, please inquire at a public service desk.



## AUDIOBOOK GATEWAY

Audiobooks are available in many different formats and places. Click on "SUBJECT GATEWAYS" on the library's homepage and then click on AUDIOBOOKS to find the AUDIOBOOKS GATEWAY. The library has created a list of all types of audiobooks available in the library and online.

Also, you no longer have to create a NetLibrary account in the library for downloadable audios. You now can log on to NetLibrary with your library card number from home.



Check out our new **Bulletin Board** feature. Click on the bulletin board located on our homepage for a listing of all our upcoming programs and events.

Updated frequently, the board is a convenient way to keep informed of all the happenings at the library.

## TAX INFORMATION AREA

Visit the Tax Information Area and pick up a wide variety of Federal and State forms and publications. Can't find what you are looking for? Download and print any State or Federal form from your home pc or from our conveniently located tax computer (printing charges apply).

Just visit the Tax Information link on our homepage where you will also find links to safe, secure online tax filing options.



Spencer Tracy

## CLASSIC MOVIES

2PM, AUDITORIUM, FREE!  
**February 9 - Boom Town** (1940)  
**February 23 - Boys Town** (1938)

**SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR**  
 January 7 & February 4, 6-8:30PM, LIBRARY LOUNGE.

## Everyone Welcome!

Please join us.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** In March, Books and Bites will once again read several Battle of the Books titles—

*The Thing about Georgie* by Lisa Graff  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan  
 March 18 - 7PM  
 March 24 - 2PM

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Register at the Reference Desk or call (989) 837-3449 beginning **Monday, January 13** for computer classes. Class size is limited.

### LEARN TO USE THE MOUSE

Thursday, February 4, 2:30 - 3:30PM



### INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Tuesday, February 9, 2:30-3:30PM  
*Ability to use a mouse is required.*

### INTRODUCTION TO WINDOWS XP

Thursday, February 11, 2:30-3:30PM  
 The class is intended for people who will be using a computer at work or home.  
*Ability to use a mouse is required.*

### BEGINNING MICROSOFT WORD

Tuesday, February 16, 7-8PM OR  
 Thursday, February 18, 2:30-3:30PM  
*Keyboarding & mouse experience is required.*

### PICASA DIGITAL PHOTOS

Tuesday, February 23, 7-8PM OR  
 Thursday, February 25, 2:30-3:30PM  
 Organize and edit your digital photos online with Google's powerful and free software. *Mouse & Internet experience required.*



### FACEBOOK

March 2, 7-8PM  
 March 4, 2:30-3:30PM  
 Tour of Facebook for beginners with special attention to privacy features.