



# The Library Connection

## From the Director

Over the past year, the library has increased and expanded programming to include a variety of ages and interests. Perhaps you have participated in the Book Discussion Group or come to a classic movie or brought a child to Baby Time. Programs are an important part of library services because they enhance the learning opportunities in the community, promote the use of the library, and encourage reading as well as entertain.

Information will soon be available on the special events that are planned for **National Library Week 2003!** National Library Week began in 1958. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the idea of highlighting libraries and encouraging reading was explored. The theme of that first National Library Week celebration was "Wake Up And Read." The goals were to encourage people to read, improve incomes and health, and develop a strong and happy family life.

Today, libraries across the nation use National Library Week and other activities throughout the year to inform and invite community members to experience the resources of the library. Come and share in the excitement of discovering something new at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library!

Melissa Barnard

## Adventures Abound @ the Library

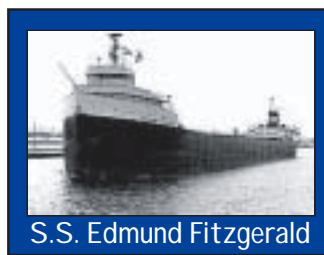
### National Library Week, April 6-13, 2003

Cosponsored by the Friends of the Library

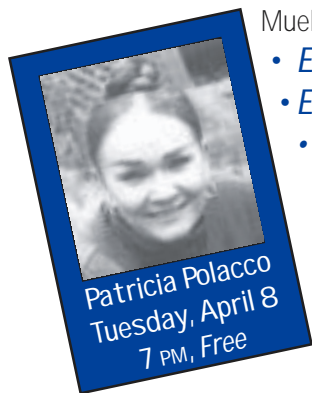
- **Explore** the remarkable history of the U.S. Life-Saving Service on the Great Lakes with Frederick Stonehouse, the leading expert and author of *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*.
- **Discover** "A Face in the Rock," the story of the Chippewa Tribe on Grand Island in the Upper Peninsula with MIT and Harvard professor, Loren Graham. This program will also feature Robert Mueller, composer of *Kitchi-Minissing!*
- **Enjoy** a visit with Froggy, the delightful Jonathon London book character.
- **Experience** the wonderful children's author Patricia Polacco.
- **And so much more!**

The University of Michigan Gimble Choir, Café Muse and a Teen Poetry Workshop, Afternoon Tea, Karate Workshops for Kids, 25¢ video & dvd checkout, MCTV Open House, and more...

Watch for our special brochure with all the exciting details!



S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald



## Events

**Seuss Night**  
Monday, March 3  
7-8:30 PM, Story Room

**Championship Battle and Reception**  
Thursday, March 6  
4:30 PM  
Library Auditorium

**Friends of the Library Used Book Sale**  
March 14, 15, 16  
(See page 4)

**National Library Week**  
April 6-13

## Meetings

**Library Board**  
Wednesday, March 19  
Wednesday, April 16  
7 PM, Library Boardroom

**Cable Access Advisory Commission**  
Next meeting to be held in May.

**Teen Advisory Board**  
Saturday, March 8  
1-4 PM, Barnes & Noble  
Saturday, April 12  
1 PM, Library Lounge

# Spotlight

## MCTV on the World Wide Web!

The City of Midland's web page will soon incorporate MCTV and have these exciting features:

- Access to the program schedule for MCTV 3 and MGTV 5 with schedules updated weekly.
- Schedule for upcoming volunteer training dates.
- Form for the MCTV 15 message board.

Access [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org) and click on MCTV!

Thanks to Billy Bethune, MCTV production assistant, and Selina Tisdale, Community Relations Coordinator for the City of Midland for their hard work on this web site.

## Teen Time



### Poetry Rules!

Young Tennysons wanted! If you love to write poetry and are in Grades 6–12, enter our **Teen Poetry Contest**. Poems will be accepted March 1–31 with entry information and guidelines available in Youth Services and online at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/ys/teenspot.html](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/ys/teenspot.html). Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at **Café Muse**, a popular night of teen poetry with a coffee house atmosphere and refreshments served in the Library Lounge on **Friday, April 11 from 7-9 PM**.

### April is Poetry Month!

Need some tips on writing poetry? Aspiring poets will want to attend this creative workshop on **Saturday, April 12 from 10 AM – noon** in the Library Lounge. Delta College poetry instructors will conduct this writing workshop for students in grades 6–12. Sign up in Youth Services or call 837-3466.

## Literary News

### Newbery and Caldecott Medal Winners Announced!

The Newbery and Caldecott Medals are the most prestigious awards in children's literature and honor outstanding writing and illustration of works published in the United States the previous year.

2003 John Newbery Award Winner for Writing  
*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi

2003 Randolph Caldecott Award Winner for Illustration  
*My Friend Rabbit* by Eric Rohmann

Available in the Youth Services Department soon.

## Kids' Corner



### Battle of the Books Championship Battle and Reception

The public is invited to attend the exciting final Battle on **Thursday, March 6 at 4:30 PM** in the Library Auditorium. Afterwards, join in the celebration at the Battle Reception in the Library Lounge.

### Crafty Readers (Grades K-3)

Join us in the Library Lounge for stories, crafts, snacks and games!

#### Family Fun!

Tuesday, March 11 at 4:15-5 PM or 6:30-7:15 PM

Wednesday, March 12 at 4:15-5 PM

#### Author Spotlight: Patricia Polacco

Tuesday, April 8 at 4:15-5 PM or 6-6:45 PM (special time)

Wednesday, April 9 at 4:15-5 PM

Registration begins on the first day of the program month.

### Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4 and 5)

Discuss a selected book and have some FUN with a book related activity! Bring your dinner (we will provide dessert and a drink) and join us in the Library Lounge from 5:30-6:30 PM.

March 25 ~ *The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich

April 29 ~ *The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech



### Movies in the Library Auditorium

Wednesday, April 2, 10 AM

*Spirit*, Rated G, 83 minutes

Friday, April 4, 2 PM

*Stuart Little 2*, Rated PG, 78 minutes

### "Success by 6" Playgroup (Ages 0-5)

This collaborative playgroup will have stories, crafts, snacks, and playtime. Drop-in, no sign-up required.

Tuesday, March 4, 9:30-11 AM, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

Wednesday, April 16, 1-2:30 PM, *Clap Your Hands*

Thursday, May 8, 6-7:30 PM, *On Mother's Lap*

### Baby Time (For babies who are not yet walking)

Introduce your infant to books, songs, music, and rhymes.

Tuesdays at 1 PM on March 11, 18, 25

### Toddler Time (For walking babies up to 24 months)

An active baby program with books, rhymes, music and more!

Tuesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 AM on

March 11, 18, 25



### Circle Time (Ages 24 months–3 years)

You and your child are active participants as we share books, finger plays, puppets, songs and activities.

Mondays at 10:30 AM on April 14, 21, 28

Tuesdays at 6:15 or 7:15 PM on April 15, 22, 29

Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 AM on April 16, 23, 30

### Listeners Preschool Story Time (Ages 3–5)

A time for your independent preschooler to experience the joy of wonderful children's literature.

Thursdays at 10 AM or 7 PM on April 17, 24, May 1

**Questions? Call Youth Services at 837-3466**

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# For **A**dults

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## Midland Writer's Conference, Saturday, June 14

The 2003 Keynote speaker will be **Michael Beschloss**, author of the bestselling book, *The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941-1945*. Beschloss is known for his historical commentary on events such as the Gore-Bush presidential race and the 911 tragedy.



Brochures will be available in April by calling 837-3435 and information will be available on the library's web page.

## Classic Movies

Free movies begin at 2 PM in the Library Auditorium.

**Tuesday, March 11** ~ *To Catch a Thief* (1955) Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, 106 minutes

**Tuesday, March 25** ~ *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1952), 95 minutes

**Tuesday, April 8** ~ *Brigadoon* (1954) Gene Kelly and Cyd Charisse, 108 minutes

**Tuesday, April 22** ~ *Never Say Goodbye* (1946) Eleanor Parker and Errol Flynn, 97 minutes



## Books and Bites

Join readers for stimulating conversation and tasty treats at 7 PM in the Library Lounge.

**Thursday, March 20** ~ *About the Author* by John Colapinto

**Thursday, April 10** ~ *Charlotte Gray* by Sebastian Faulks



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# Library **B**oard

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## Coffee Service is Perking!

The Library Board received updated information on coffee service in the library. Mike Shea, Director of the Arnold Center, continues his research on costs. Don Koster of Dow-Howell-Gilmore Associates is assisting with figures for construction and design. Melissa Barnard and Virginia McKane continue to be involved in these discussions.



## Library Planning Steering Committee Formed

The committee includes Board members Stu Bush and Eric Gardner; staff members Katherine Redwine, Joyce Fisher, Nancy Birkeland, Jan Kimmel, Virginia McKane, and Melissa Barnard. The committee began meeting in February.

## Question of the Month

Stop by the library and respond to the Library Board's "Question of the Month," which is also posted on the library's web page.

*Your opinions do matter!*

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# MCTV **U** pdate

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## New Program Schedule

Watch for MCTV's new program schedule! Debuting soon, this guide will assist viewers in finding out when their favorite shows are on MCTV 3 and MGTV 5. The schedule will be published in the *Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time*, shown on the TV Guide Channel (Channel 97 in Midland), and will be available on the City of Midland's web page.

## Midland Public Schools Channel!

MPS will soon have their own cable channel featuring a message board about MPS activities and events, "live" coverage of School Board meetings, the monthly program "MPS Today," and programs produced by the Video Communications Course at MPS and MCTV. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting new channel.



## MCTV Access User Orientation/Studio Class

Become an MCTV volunteer — have fun, learn a new hobby, and serve your community! **Saturday, March 8 from 10 AM - 1 PM**. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474 to register.

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# Electronic **R**esources

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## Magill OnAuthors & Magill OnLiterature

From the publishers of MasterPlots, **Magill OnAuthors** covers famous and not-so-famous authors from all over the world. This database provides information on authors who have made important contributions to all areas of literature.



Each entry gives an overview of the author's life and achievements. The database includes: Critical Surveys, Notable Poets, Shakespeare, Mystery and Detective Fiction, and World Philosophers and Their Works. **Magill OnLiterature** includes plot summaries, literary criticism and reviews of commonly assigned literary works.

Access the library web page at <http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary> and click *Resources Accessible from Home: Magazines and Sources*. The two databases can be searched together by clicking both boxes on the "choose databases" screen.

## New Web Catalog Launched

The library is pleased to announce that the new iPac web catalog is now available for our online users. This new catalog solves many access problems and makes it easier to renew items, place holds, create your own book list, or look up a book.

Access the library web page at <http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary> and click *Library Catalog—Renewals—View Your Record*.

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## Library Closures

Friday, April 18  
*Good Friday*  
Sunday, April 20  
*Easter Sunday*

### 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  
Circulation ..... 837-3457  
Youth ..... 837-3466  
MCTV Network ..... 837-3474  
TDD ..... 837-3472  
Friends ..... 839-8159

### Web Access

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

**Email:** [gadml@midland-mi.org](mailto:gadml@midland-mi.org)

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## Displays & Exhibits

### March

Mezzanine Gallery  
Through March 7, Midland Artists Annual Guild Exhibit  
March 1–19, Battle of the Books Banner Display

Lower Level Display Cases  
Display of Library Teacups

### April

Mezzanine Gallery  
Glowing Color:  
Pastels by Barbara Meyer and Carol Struthers



Lower Level Display Cases  
Epworth Preschool Art Show

*Call 837-3432 for exhibit and display information.*

## Friends' Forum

### Friends Spring Used Book Sale!

Friday, March 14

6–8:30 PM, Friends Members Only

Saturday, March 15

10 AM–4:30 PM, Open to the Public

Sunday, March 16

1–4 PM, Open to the Public - Bag Day!

### Volunteers Needed!

As cosponsors of National Library Week, Friends members are invited to volunteer for the many activities during the week. **Hospitality, Greeters, Popcorn Poppers, and more!** Call Virginia at 837-3438 to volunteer.



*We salute and sincerely thank our volunteers who help make the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library a great place!  
Volunteer Week ~ April 27 – May 3*