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### Library Summer Hours



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Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

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MAY/JUNE 2005

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

In May, the Friends of the Library held their annual meeting that highlighted their accomplishments from this year and their plans for the coming year.

Over the past year, the Friends have generously donated funds to support the following Library programs: Battle of the Books, National Library Week, Summer Reading Programs including the Touch-A-Truck program, and Chapter-A-Day Online Book Club. The design and construction of the Teen Room was made possible from funding received from the Friends and the Edwin and Helen Blake Memorial Foundation. We appreciate the continued support that allows us to enhance our programs and services.

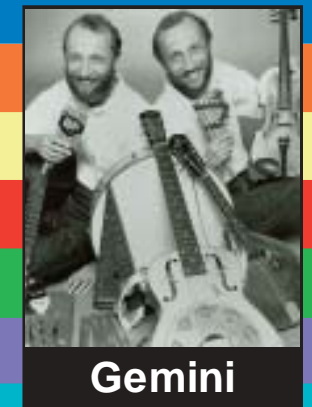
The Friends have committed funds for this next year towards the programs above and, in addition, a teen author visit and book giveaways to children attending the Library's first grade tours. If you would like to know more about the Friends and how you can participate, please call Mindy Hibner at 839-8159.

### Cup and Chaucer

With warm and sunny weather try a cool and creamy Smoothie. Flavors include mango, raspberry, strawberry, and peach. Add some whipped cream for a wonderful treat. Only \$2.25



Award winning performers **Gemini** celebrate with their audiences the fun, warmth, and humor of family life. Kids and adults love to sing with them! This family concert will abound with rousing sing-alongs, hand motion tunes, folk tales, and music from around the world. Join us for a joyful time!  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
9:30 and 10:30 AM, Story Room  
Special concerts especially for toddlers and their parents  
7 PM, Library Auditorium  
Concert for the whole family



Gemini

### Heritage Quest: New Genealogy Research Database

Check out our new genealogy research database, Heritage Quest, from home or in the Library! Access it online from our homepage at <http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary> or from a public computer in the Library. Beginning or professional genealogists can use this product to access over 25,000 family and local history books, the U.S. Federal Census from 1790-1930, over 80,000 Revolutionary War Pension records, and more. You can view and download scanned images of the documents in this database from home. Contact the Reference Desk at 837-3449 for more information on this powerful online genealogy source.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY JUNE 6 - AUGUST 13, 2005

Readers and listeners of all ages are invited to join our Medieval Summer Reading Programs. Enjoy terrific books and earn great prizes. Sign-up begins June 6 and prizes may be picked up from June 13 - August 13.



#### Program Levels

- Dragons, Dreams, & Daring Deeds (Infants - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
- Don't Let Summer Drag-on. Read! (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Wander Through the Middle Pages (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Summer Knights Reading (Adults)

Come enjoy our exciting activities including professional performers, storytimes, movies, and special event days.

For more information, call Youth Services at 837-3466 or Adult Services at 837-3449 or visit the Library's webpage.

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

#### Web Access

[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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### THE BACK PAGE...

#### Friends' Forum

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the March Used Book Sale such a wonderful success. Our next used book sale is the first weekend in June.

Farewell and thank you to outgoing board members Janis Bond, Bonnie McNamara, Marilyn Gay, Kathie Bunge, and Kim White. A warm welcome to new board members Berta Gebo, Judy Groom, Mary Jane Hoshaw, Rosemary King, Pam Lauer, Richard Pastula, Bridgit Sova, Joe Sova, and Joann Taylor.

A big thank you to all members who participated in the annual meeting or sent in their ballots by mail. A lifetime membership award was given to Katheryn Kirchmeir, Book Sorting Lead, for her dedication and continuous hard work with the Friends. Thank you Katheryn. If you would like to volunteer for the Friends call 839-8159.

#### BEE Safe in the Garden

When planting or weeding, sit on a low chair or stool and avoid stooping or kneeling for extended periods of time.



#### Exhibits and Displays

**Mezzanine Gallery:** May ~ Gladwin Area Artists Guild Exhibit

June ~ MPS Art Faculty Annual Exhibit

**Display Cases:** May ~ Civil War Exhibit by Matt Kline

June ~ Pewabic Decorative Tiles Exhibit by Ann Jarvis

Thank You!

## SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Library staff has voted Mary Schultz, Acquisitions Coordinator, the 2005 Outstanding Employee of the Year.

In recognizing Mary, staff praised her willingness to assist others and her always present sense of humor. Mary became the "go to" person during our recent transition to the new automated system. Her positive attitude was evident during training and in problem solving. Mary works hard to maintain efficiency and explores ways to better utilize the technology available.

During 11 years as a library employee, Mary's patience, productivity, and professionalism have earned her the respect of her peers and supervisors. **Congratulations Mary!**

## KIDS' CORNER

**Crafty Readers** (K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)  
Join us for stories, crafts, and a snack. Registration begins May 1.

**Medieval Tales**  
Tuesday, May 3 at 4:15-5 PM and 6:30-7:15 PM  
Wednesday, May 4 at 4:15-5 PM

### Kids' Free Summer Movies

June 8 at 10 AM  
*Sleeping Beauty*, G, 75 minutes  
June 10 at 2 PM  
*Shrek*, PG, 191 minutes  
June 15 at 10 AM  
*Snow White*, G, 84 minutes  
June 17 at 2 PM  
*Shrek 2*, PG, 92 minutes  
June 22 at 10 AM  
*Beauty and the Beast*, G, 84 min.  
June 24 at 2 PM  
*Emperor's New Groove*, G, 77 min.  
June 29 at 10 AM  
*Blue's Clues: Blue Talks*, G, 102 min.

## TEEN TIME



### International Night ~ Mexico ~ ¡Hola!

Thursday, May 5 from 7-8:30 PM

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexican games, food, dancing, and crafts. Prizes & refreshments. Grades 6-12. Library Lounge.

### Free Comic Book Day ~ Saturday, May 7

Free comic book day nationwide. Drop in for free comics in Youth Services and free Spider-man movies back to back! Spider-man I (PG-13) @ 11 AM and Spider-man II (PG-13) @ 2 PM in the Library Auditorium.

### Wander Through the Middle Pages ~ Teen Summer Reading

Readers in grades 7-12 are invited to read their way through "Ye Olde Labyrinth," around the "Dread Loch," and past the fiery breath of "Dragon Pushenka" from June 6-August 13. Enjoy these quests (programs):

- **William Schulert's Magic Workshop: Tuesday, June 14 at 2 PM**
- **Paul Sizer, Graphic Artist: Tuesday, June 21 at 2 PM**
- **Anime Extravaganza: Enjoy two Anime blockbusters on Tuesday, June 21, Princess Mononoke (PG-13) at 3:30 PM and Spirited Away (PG) at 6:30 PM**

### TAB Meetings (Grades 6-12)

Come voice your opinion on books, teen programming, teen space, and more! Mark your calendar for **Saturdays, May 14 and June 11 @ 1 PM** in the Library Lounge. The June meeting will be our annual picnic and election of officers.



## Summer Reading Program Activities

### William Schulert's Magic Workshop

(Grades 4-12, students only)  
**Tuesday, June 14 at 2 PM, Story Room**  
Free tickets required. Ticket drawings for door prizes. (Tickets in Youth Services starting June 6)

### Acting Up Theatre Company

**Wednesday, June 15 at 7 PM, Library Auditorium, Family Event**

### Paul Sizer - Graphic Artist

(Grades 4-12, students only)  
**Tuesday, June 21 at 2 PM, Library Lounge**  
Free tickets required. (Tickets in Youth Services starting June 6)

### Miz Rosie - Storyteller

**Wednesday, June 22 at 7 PM, Library Auditorium, Family Event**

### Kitty Donohoe - Singer/Musician

Emmy Award Recipient  
**Wednesday, June 29 at 7 PM, Library Auditorium, Family Event**

### Touch-A-Truck Day

**Thursday, June 30 from 9:30-11:30 AM (Rain Date: July 1), Library Parking Lot**

## FOR ADULTS

### VAM = VendPrint Access Management

New computer time management software. You will need your library card and PIN number to access an Internet PC at the Library. With VAM you must activate your library card at the Reference or Youth Services Desk before using the Internet for the first time.



### Business Start-Up Seminar

**Thursdays, May 12 and June 2 from 6-8:30 PM in the Library Lounge**

### The 2005 Midland Writer's Conference

**Saturday, May 21 from 8:30 AM-3 PM.** The price is \$50 and includes lunch. Come to the Library to pick up a brochure and registration form or request one on the web at [www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/writers.html](http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/writers.html).

#### Conference Sessions:

Richard L. Baldwin - "How to Self Publish your Book"

Vivian Degain - "Effective Writer's Groups"

Sue Robishaw - "The Interplay Between Fiction and Non-Fiction"

Call 837-3435 for more information.



### Harry Grether ~ Lessons from an Imperfect World

**Wednesday, May 25 at 7 PM in the Library Auditorium**

Join us as local author Harry Grether unveils his new book and shares and reflects upon stories from his life. A book signing will follow Mr. Grether's presentation.

*"We are not alone as we travel life's journey. In many ways, our lives are more similar than they are different."*

### Classic Movie in the Afternoon

**May 10 - The Bishop's Wife** (1947), Cary Grant and Loretta Young (109 minutes)

### Books and Bites

**May 19 - The Book of Salt** by Monique Truong

**June 16 - The Kite Runner** by Khaled Hosseini, featuring Matrix:Midland bestselling author, speaking on June 6 at 7 PM in the Midland Center for the Arts Auditorium.

## Summer Knights Reading ~ Adult Summer Reading Program



### Family Ice Cream Social ~ Friday June 10 from 7-8:30 PM

Join us as we kick off Summer Reading for the whole family in the Japanese Garden! Free ice cream from the Great Lakes Ice Cream Co. and entertainment from Midland's Men of Music's Dirty Dozen!



### Knights at the Movies ~ 2 PM in the Library Auditorium - Free

**June 14 - First Knight** with Richard Gere, 1995, 134 minutes

**June 28 - Henry V** with Kenneth Branagh, 2000, 138 minutes

### Read and Win Prizes!

Enter our drawings for gift certificates to area bookstores. Simply enter your name for every book you read AND with your first entry form you will receive a coupon for a free smoothie, coffee, cappuccino or latte at the Library's **Cup and Chaucer** Coffee Bar.

## MCTV NETWORK

### MCTV's Summer Video Camp

Campers will learn how to produce a studio show! Camp runs from Monday, June 20 through Thursday, June 23 from 1-5 PM in MCTV's studio. The cost is \$25. Class size is limited and is open to kids age 12-17 who are residents of Midland County. Registration with payment begins Monday, May 9 at 4 PM in MCTV's office.

### Adult MCTV Orientation

Adults can learn how to make videos, too. Come to orientation/studio class on May 14 or June 11 from 10 AM-1 PM. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474.

### Spring Weather

Watch MGTV 5 for information on storm warnings, rising river levels, and emergency information when warning sirens sound.

### Cable Access Advisory Commission

Wednesday, May 11  
7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

## LIBRARY BOARD

### Library Board Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** Can something be done about patrons using cell phones in the Library and in the Coffee Bar? It can be very distracting when people talk loudly on their phones.

**Answer:** Cell phones can make life easier and more connected, but they can also be distracting. The Library does not ban cell phones as they are a part of many people's lives and are often a necessity. We would like to suggest that when a patron needs to use their cell phone, they go outside or move to an area of the Library where their conversation will not intrude on other patrons. While in the Library, please put cell phones on vibrate and keep voices low.

### Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, May 18  
7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers  
Wednesday, June 15  
7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

