



The

Library

Connection

From the Director

A recent phone call began with, "We would like to honor our father in a special way on his 80th birthday." The family wanted to donate to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library instead of purchasing the usual birthday gifts for their father. His frequent visits and use of services reflect his love of the library.

A variety of books were selected based on the family's suggestions and special book plates noting the occasion, honoree and donors were added to the books when they arrived. The father was invited to view the books and be the first to check them out. His comments and smile told us that this was the perfect gift from his family.

The library has traditionally accepted memorial donations. They are a wonderful way to remember those who have passed away. Donations reflect the interest of the person and enhance all areas of the library's collection including books, audiotapes, compact discs, CDROMs, and videos.

Please consider donating to the library as a way of celebrating someone's life. It is a lasting tribute and a gift enjoyed by many.

Melissa Barnard

Enjoy a variety of interesting displays and exhibits at the library!

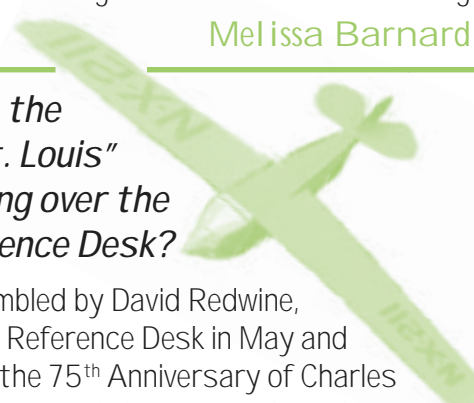
Upcoming displays:

Glittery...Glossy...Glamorous ...Diamonds ~ The Midland Center for the Arts will be hosting a magnificent display of brilliant diamonds this summer and the library is ready with lots of interesting materials about these amazing gems.



Did you notice the "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over the Reference Desk?

This model, assembled by David Redwine, "flew" over the Reference Desk in May and helped to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's historic flight across the Atlantic.



Beach Reads ~ Michiganders are lucky to have the Five Great Lakes with their wonderful beaches, but we also need great books to enjoy on vacation and all summer long. Check out this collection of fabulous summer books.



Classy Chocolate ~ The world's favorite dessert will be highlighted with a delicious mix of chocolate cookbooks, intriguing chocolate facts and more that is sure to tempt your taste buds.

State Fairs ~ When you think of August do you think State Fairs? If so, you won't want to miss this remarkable exhibit showcasing State Fairs.

Events

~ **Insects, Spiders & Mini-Beast Museum & Zoo**

Tuesday, July 2

~ **Animal Friends**

Wednesday, July 10

~ **Fabulous & Fresh Books**

Thursday, July 11

~ **Quest for Survival**

Friday, July 12

~ **Green Books**

Tuesday, July 16

~ **Harpbeat**

Wednesday, July 17

~ **Green Forests**

Thursday, July 25

~ **Touch A Truck Day**

Friday, July 26

~ **Bob the Builder Day**

Wednesday, July 31

~ **Your Passport to Cooking**

Thursday, August 1

See inside for all the details!

Meetings

Library Board

Wednesday, July 17

7 p.m., Library Boardroom

No August meeting scheduled

Cable Access Advisory Commission

No regular meetings are scheduled for July or August

Teen Advisory Board

No regular meetings are scheduled for July or August

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

Email: gadml@midland-mi.org

July/August 2002

Spotlight on ...

Automated Phone Notification

The library is pleased to announce a new phone notification system!

This new system will contact patrons when:

- ~ A requested hold item is available.
- ~ Library material becomes overdue.
- ~ A library card has outstanding fines of more than \$3.

Benefits to Patrons include:

- ~Faster hold notification
- ~Faster overdue notification
- ~The opportunity to renew over the phone

All patrons are automatically registered for this phone notification system. However, if you currently have an email address listed with the library you will continue to receive your notices via email. If you would prefer to receive email notification instead of phone notification, stop at the checkout desk or call 837-3457.



Time

Teen Advisory Board

Fall meetings begin again on Saturday, September 14 at 1 p.m. in the library lounge. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome.

"Keep It Green!" Teen Summer Reading

There's still time to sign up! Read great books, enjoy interesting events and earn cool prizes.

Join the fun at these Summer Teen Events:

- ~ **Monday, July 8** at 6:30 p.m., *George of the Jungle*, PG-13 Swing from tree to (crash) tree with George as he saves his animal friends from poachers. Snacks provided. Lounge
- ~ **Tuesday, July 16** at 1 p.m., *Green Books*, Read Green Thumb by Rob Thomas and join our teen book discussion group in the Story Room. Snacks provided. Sign up in Youth Services.
- ~ **Thursday, July 25** at 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. *Green Forests* Science Alive will take us on an inspiring trip through tropical nature. Meet some of the Earth's most amazing animals and discover how deforestation threatens this fragile equatorial wilderness. Lounge



Corner

Young Gardeners ~ Sow, Hoe & Grow

Drop by the library's garden to do a little garden work, keep a garden journal and do a garden craft. Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. or Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. until October 1. **3rd Grade & Younger**

Kids'

2002 Summer Reading!

Read (or listen) to great books, chart your progress, and earn prizes!

Enjoy these fun summer events:

- ~ **Insects, Spiders & Mini-Beast Museum and Zoo**
Tuesday, July 2, Drop in between 1 & 3 p.m.
Browse through displays of scientific artifacts and live mini-beasts. **Ages 6 & Up**
- ~ **Animal Friends**
Wednesday, July 10, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 1 p.m.
Science Alive will discuss (and let you touch) a variety of animals from all over the world. Free tickets available in Youth Services. **K-3rd Graders**
- ~ **Quest for Survival**
Friday, July 12, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Science Alive will explore animal defenses with live animals to see and touch. Free tickets available in Youth Services. **4th-6th Graders**
- ~ **Harpbeat**, Wednesday, July 17, 2 p.m.
Enjoy a musical tour of the world with this highly interactive, fun & multicultural program. **Family**
- ~ **Touch a Truck Day**
Friday, July 26, Drop in between 10 a.m. & 12 noon
Do you love those big fire engines & garbage trucks? Now is your chance to see some City of Midland trucks up close. Library Parking Lot **Ages 2-6**
- ~ **Bob the Builder Day**
Wednesday, July 31, Drop in between 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Meet Bob while enjoying crafts & activities. **Ages 2-6**
- ~ **Free Movies** in the Library Auditorium
 - July 3 (10 a.m.), *Bugs Life*, G, 95 min.
 - July 5 (2 p.m.), *Scooby-Doo*, G, 80 min.
 - July 10 (10 a.m.), *Little Mermaid*, G, 83 min.
 - July 12 (2 p.m.), *Harry Potter*, PG, 150 min.
 - July 17 (10 a.m.), *Lion King*, G, 88 min.
 - July 19 (2 p.m.), *Mary Kate & Ashley: Winning London*, G, 93 min.
 - July 24 (10 a.m.), *Lion King II*, G, 75 min.
 - July 26 (2 p.m.), *Spy Kids*, PG, 88 min.
 - July 31 (10 a.m.), *Toy Story*, G, 81 min.
 - August 2 (2 p.m.), *MVP2*, G, 87 min.
 - August 7 (10 a.m.), *Toy Story II*, G, 95 min.
 - August 9 (2 p.m.), *Princess of Thieves*, PG, 88 min.
- ~ **Summer Story Times** - drop in during the month of July!
Call Youth Services for details. **Ages 2-5**

Questions? Call Youth Services at 837-3466

For Adults

"Read Around the World"

Adult Summer Reading Program

It's not too late to sign up for our adult summer reading program. Pick up your reading log at the Reference Desk, read great books, attend interesting events, enjoy free movies, and earn fun prizes.

"Fabulous and Fresh Books" Book Talk

Looking for something new to read? Enthusiastic reader and Ann Arbor librarian Beth Anderson will discuss an eclectic selection of books.

Thursday July 11 at 7 p.m., Lounge, **FREE**

Join us in the Lounge for upcoming meetings of this adult book discussion group:



Thursday, July 18, 7-8 p.m.

A Spanish Lover

by Joanna Trollope

Thursday, August 15, 7-8 p.m.

More Than You Know

by Beth Gutcheon

Your Passport to Cooking

Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m., Lounge, **FREE**

Local caterer "Chefs on the Run" will be here to introduce some exciting and delicious international cuisine.



Travel Around the World with Movies

Enjoy free movies in the cool library auditorium.

~ Tuesday, July 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Smoke Signals, PG-13, 80 min.

~ Tuesday, July 16 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

The Road Home, G, 89 min.

~ Tuesday, July 23 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Emma, PG, 120 min.

~ Tuesday, July 30 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Strictly Ballroom, PG, 94 min.

~ Tuesday, August 6 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Il Postino: The Postman, PG, 108 min.



Great Summer Reads

Looking for a new book to try this summer? The Reference

Desk always has excellent suggestions including:

The Conspiracy by Jasmine Cresswell, Paperback

Analyst by John Katzenbach, New Fiction

In the Forest of Harm by Sallie Bissell, Mystery

The Kingfisher's Call by John Reed, New Fiction

Witness by Ginna Gray, New Paperback

Update

Election 2002: Be prepared for the August Primary with the League of Women Voters. Tune in to MCTV 3 for all your election coverage.

~ **Candidates Forum**, Wednesday, July 24, 7 p.m.

~ **Election Results**, Tuesday, August 6, 9 p.m.

Live election night coverage from the Midland County Services Building.

Congratulations: Several students from the Midland Public School Video Communications Course won recognition in the Detroit Area Student Film and Video Contest! Congratulations to them and their teacher, Judy Kuehl and assistant teacher, Ric Wilson.

Hello and Goodbye: Hello and welcome to MCTV's new intern, Nicholas Lilly from Ferris State University. Goodbye and thank you to departing intern, Jeremy Ruble for his work this past year.

Volunteer: Become an MCTV volunteer and have a voice in your community. Attend the new volunteer orientation scheduled for Saturday, September 14. Call 837-3474 for more details.

MEZZANINE GALLERY EXHIBIT - Second Level

-- Recent Works by John Andrew Henley, July 2-31

-- "Consider the Lilies..." Floral Art Photography by Dave Sierawski, August 1-31

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES - Lower Level

-- "Christmas in July" Santa exhibit by library staff July 1-31

-- "There's No Place Like the Public Library" Wizard of Oz display by library staff, August 1-31

Library Board

The Library Board welcomes Eric Gardner, appointed by City Council as Member-at-Large to replace Sandra Blank who did not seek re-appointment. Mr. Gardner is an Associate Professor in the Humanities Department at Saginaw Valley State University. His term begins July 2002 and runs for three years.

The Library Board's Activities include:

~ Presentation of their annual report to City Council highlighting accomplishments since July 2001.

~ Discussion on providing coffee service at the library.

~ Review of patron use policies.

~ Introduction of a new "Question of the Month" for July.

The question will be posted in the library and on the library's website.

As always, the Board encourages your comments and suggestions on library issues of concern.

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Change Service Requested



Although the Library Garden will continue to grow, the 2002 Summer Reading Programs will end August 10. Be sure to turn in your reading/listening logs and pick up your prizes.

Library Hours:

Monday - Friday... 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday.....10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday.....1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day

Phone Numbers:

837-3430..... General Library Information
837-3449.....Reference Questions
837-3457.....Check out, renewals, overdues
837-3466..... Youth Services
837-3474..... MCTV Network
837-3472..... TDD
839-8159..... Friends of the Library

Web Access:

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Did You Know?

- ~ Magazines are now available for check out! Back issues of many magazines may be checked out for 14 days, are renewable, and holds may be placed on them. Titles available include: *People, National Geographic, Parents, Martha Stewart Living, Seventeen, O-The Oprah Magazine, Smithsonian, Field & Stream, Consumer Reports, Car & Driver, Redbook* and MORE!
- ~ The Online Book Club is **FREE** and **FUN!** It's a great way to try new books and authors. Sign up on the library's webpage and start reading today!

Forum

Friends'

Are you anxiously awaiting the next used book sale? Volunteers are needed before a sale can be scheduled! If you are willing to sort books, set up sales, clean up after sales, cashier or fill a leadership position, please fill out the form available at service desks throughout the library. With your help the used book sales can continue!

Welcome to the new
Friends of the Library Board:

Janis Bond – President
Patti Klein – Vice President
Becky Kuhl – Treasurer
Marilyn Gay – Assistant Treasurer
Marcia Ericson – Secretary

