



# The Library Connection

## All Aboard!

### Check out the new Library Train!



Exciting things are happening in Youth Services! Summer Reading Programs are in full swing and our model train has been installed! Alden B. Dow, the Midland architect who designed our beautiful library building, was a train enthusiast and as new ideas for the area were discussed, it seemed natural to include a model train in the plan. This operational train is suspended on a clear shelf from the Youth Services ceiling where it is visible to train lovers of all ages. The sounds you hear are authentic train sounds and of course, there is a Dow car! We hope you stop by soon to see all the excitement!

## Events

### The Spoon Man

Monday, July 7 at 7 PM

### Attracting Birds to Your Backyard

Thursday, July 10 at 7 PM

### Hags, Craggs, and Cronies

Monday, July 14 at 7 PM

### Joel Tacey Comedy and Variety Show

Thursday, July 24 at 7 PM

### Don't Worry - BE FUNNY!

Tuesday, July 29 at 7 PM

### Touch A Truck Day

Thursday, July 31  
9:30-11:30 AM

## From the Director

I was recently asked how many items were in the library's collection of books, magazines, and audiovisual materials. The collection at the end of last fiscal year (2001/2002) contained 266,500 items!

We are fortunate to be able to provide a collection that reflects the many interests of the community. The collection is heavily used with a circulation last year of 846,511 items, which is one of the state's highest circulations per capita for a public library serving populations of over 50,000.

Staff continually evaluates the collection, adding new items and withdrawing those items that contain out-of-date information, are in poor condition, or are no longer relevant to the collection. Community members are encouraged to submit suggestions using forms available in the library or communicating via the library's email address at [gadml@midland-mi.org](mailto:gadml@midland-mi.org).

We are committed to providing a quality collection to address the informational, educational, and cultural needs of all members of our community. I invite you to browse our exceptional collection, check out materials or enjoy using them in our beautiful building.

Melissa Barnard

## Meetings

### Library Board

Wednesday, July 16  
7 PM, 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

## Teen Time



This summer the operative word is **HUMOR!** Enjoy a few more laughs before heading back to school in the fall.

**Hilarious Teen Movie Night!** ~ Friday, July 18 at 7 PM  
*Mr. Deeds*, PG-13, Library Lounge, Free refreshments!

There's still time to read more funny books and earn book bucks. If you've finished the **Humor Me—Read!** program, ask about earning more book bucks. The last day to spend book bucks is Saturday, August 9 by 5 PM.

### Looking ahead...

Want to have your teen voice heard? Teens in grades 6-12 interested in having a say about teen programs, books, CDs, and more are welcome to attend Teen Advisory Board meetings. TAB meets the second Saturday of each month through the school year at 1 PM in the Library Lounge. The next TAB meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 13.

## Free Movies



Wednesday animated G-rated movies are for everyone!

July 2, 10 AM, *The Book of Pooh: Stories from the Heart*, 77 minutes  
July 9, 10 AM, *Little Bear Movie*, 75 minutes  
July 16, 10 AM, *Cinderella II: Dreams Come True*, 73 minutes  
July 23, 10 AM, *Rolie Polie Olie: Great Defender of Fun*, 75 minutes  
July 30, 10 AM, *Barbie in the Nutcracker*, 78 minutes  
August 6, 10 AM, *Spirit*, 83 minutes

Friday movies are for elementary children and up.

July 11, 10 AM & 2 PM, *Big Fat Liar*, Rated PG, 88 minutes  
July 18, 10 AM & 2 PM, *The Rookie*, Rated G, 128 minutes  
July 25, 10 AM & 2 PM, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*,  
Rated PG, 161 minutes  
August 1, 10 AM & 2 PM, *Stuart Little*, Rated G, 85 minutes  
August 8, 10 AM & 2 PM, *Stuart Little II*, Rated PG, 78 minutes

The last day to  
pick up Summer Reading  
Prizes is Saturday,  
August 9 by 5 PM!

## Kids' Corner



**The Spoon Man ~ Monday, July 7 at 7 PM**  
Library Auditorium, Free family event. Enjoy a hilarious and interactive comedy act for all ages.

**"Hags, Craggs, and Cronies" ~ Monday, July 14 at 7 PM**  
Library Auditorium, Free family event for children ages 7 & up. Storyteller Ruthann Holzwart will keep you on the edge of your seats and laughing too!

**Brown Bag Book Club ~ Tuesday, July 22 from 5:30-7 PM**  
Read *The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket and meet in the Library Lounge for some repulsive refreshments and dismal diversions. Pack a brown bag dinner – we will provide dessert and a drink. Register beginning July 1. (Grades 4-6)

**Joel Tacey Comedy/Variety Show ~ Thursday, July 24 at 7 PM**  
Library Auditorium, Free family event. Magic, jokes, juggling, & stunts - a first rate show with lots of audience participation!

**Touch A Truck Day ~ Thursday, July 31, Drop in 9:30-11:30 AM**  
Library Parking Lot, Free event for truck fans of all ages. See those big fire engines, road graders, and garbage trucks up close! Provided by the City of Midland.

### "Success by 6" Playgroup

This playgroup is presented by "Success by 6" and the Youth Services staff will have stories, crafts, snacks, and play. Ages 0-5, drop-in, no signup required.

Tuesday, July 1 from 1-2:30 PM ~ *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Thursday, August 14 from 6-7:30 PM ~ *Wake Up, Big Barn!*

## Story Times



**Baby Time** – for babies who are not yet walking. A program designed for parents and caregivers to introduce their young infants to books, songs, music, bounces and rhymes.

Tuesdays at 1 PM on July 8, 15, 22

**Toddler Time** – for walking babies up to 24 months old.

An active program with books, rhymes, music, and social time.  
Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM on July 9, 16, 23

**Circle Time** – for 2 and 3 year-olds accompanied by an adult. Be an active participant as we share books, finger plays, puppets, songs, and activities.

Tuesdays at 7 PM on July 8, 15, 22 and

Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM on July 10, 17, 24

**Listeners Story Time** – for ages 3-5. We'll read from the best picture books, tell classic tales, and share stories on the flannel board. Adults are welcome but not required to attend.

Tuesdays at 10 AM on July 8, 15, 22 and

Thursdays at 7 PM on July 10, 17, 24

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

# For Adults

## Attracting Birds to Your Backyard

Thursday, July 10 at 7 PM Library Lounge, Free. Janea Little from the Chippewa Nature Center will share tips on attracting our feathered friends to our backyards.



## Books and Bites Book Discussion Group

Read the books and then enjoy lively discussion in the Library Lounge at 7 PM.

Thursday, July 17

*Bachelor Brothers' Bed & Breakfast* and *Bachelor Brothers' Bed & Breakfast Pillow Book* by Bill Richardson

Thursday, August 21

*Charms for the Easy Life* by Kaye Gibbons



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Thursday, July 24 at 7 PM

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## Don't Worry - BE FUNNY!

Tuesday, July 29 at 7 PM

Library Lounge, Free. Professional comedian Seth Buchwald will teach you how to tell a successful joke in any setting!



# Classic Comedy Movies

Enjoy Classic Comedy Movies in the cool Library Auditorium on Tuesday afternoons and evenings - Free!

July 1, 2 & 7 PM, *Neptune's Daughter*, 94 minutes

July 8, 2 & 7 PM, *Road to Bali*, 91 minutes

July 15, 2 & 7 PM, *The Shop Around the Corner*, 100 minutes

July 22, 2 & 7 PM, *The Facts of Life*, 103 minutes

July 29, 2 & 7 PM, *The Awful Truth*, 92 minutes

August 5, 2 & 7 PM, *Sabrina*, 113 minutes



There's still time to sign-up for the Summer Reading Programs!

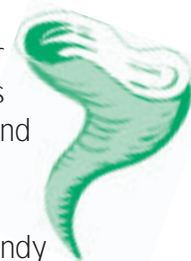
# MCTV Network Update



**K**ids ~ Cameras and tripods instead of suntan lotion and bug repellent are the items that will be used at MCTV's Summer Video Camp from August 11-14. Kids (ages 12-17) can enroll in this camp held Monday through Thursday from 1-5 PM. The cost is \$25 and camp size is limited to 12 kids so sign up soon! Call 837-3474 for more information.

**A**dults ~ are also welcome to get into video at MCTV! Learn how to produce your own show or be a crew member on another producer's show. The next orientation/studio training class is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at 10 AM. The cost is \$10.

**W**eather ~ Watch MGTV 5 when weather threatens during the summer. MGTV's message board will display storm warnings and other emergency information.



**H**ello and **G**oodbye ~ Best wishes to Randy Streu, MCTV's intern this spring and hello to Lorry Hess of Ferris State University who will be MCTV's intern beginning this July.

# Library Board

Last year, the Library Board informed City Council that our #1 goal was to increase interaction with the Midland Community. This year, we are delighted to write a column in the *Library Connection* as an additional avenue of reaching that goal.

We have much to appreciate in our library, but we continue to look for ways to improve the library and to ensure that the library evolves with the needs of its patrons. I invite you to become part of the process by using the patron comment cards in the library, sending a note or email to a library board member, or talking with a library board member about your thoughts and ideas for the library. We are eager to listen!

In future issues we will use this column to share your ideas and keep you informed regarding what the Library Board is doing to address them. We encourage your participation in the future of our library.

Cherie Hutter  
Library Board Chair

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## Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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### Library Hours

Monday–Friday ..... 9 AM – 9 PM  
Saturday ..... 10 AM – 5 PM  
Sunday ..... 1 PM – 5 PM  
*Closed Sundays from  
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

### 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)

### Library Director

Melissa Barnard

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### Library Closings

Friday, July 4 ~ Independence Day  
Thursday, August 28 ~ Closed until 1 PM ~ Staff In-Service  
Monday, September 1 ~ Labor Day  
The library will reopen Sundays (1-5 PM) beginning September 7

## Displays Exhibits

### July

Lower Level Display Cases  
American Red Cross  
85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### August

Mezzanine Gallery  
West Midland Family Center  
"Through the Eyes of  
our Children"

Lower Level Display Cases  
Creative Spirit Center  
"Facing Forward: The Journey  
into Womanhood"

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

## Friends' Forum

The Friends Annual Meeting was held on May 18. Highlights include the return of the Blake Foundation funds to the Friends of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library! Full minutes of the meeting can be reviewed on the Friends webpage at [www.mindnet.org/~fogadml](http://www.mindnet.org/~fogadml).

### Friends Board Members:

President ~ Janis Bond  
Vice-President ~ Patti Klein  
Secretary ~ Kathie Bunge  
Treasurer ~ Bonnie McNamara  
Assistant Treasurer ~ Marilyn Gay  
Book Sale Chairperson ~ Katheryn Kirchmeir

*Thank you to all the volunteers and shoppers at our  
Giant June Book Sale – Friends DO make a difference!*