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Library Closings

Sundays until September 11



Monday, July 4
Independence Day

Monday, August 15
Staff In-Service

Monday, September 5
Labor Day

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
Check Out Desk 837-3457
On-Call/Renewals 24/7 835-3280
Youth and Teen Services 837-3466
MCTV Network 837-3474
TDD 837-3472
Friends 839-8159

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Safety Award

In April, the Library was awarded the City Manager's Excellence Safety Award. This was a result of the Library staff's continued dedication to patron safety and enthusiastic practice of safe work habits. The Library had no recordable staff injuries in 2004, and implemented several changes to the building with an eye toward maintaining a safe and inviting atmosphere. Congratulations to the Library Safety Committee for their continued good work.

Friends' Forum - Thank You Book Sale Volunteers!

We had an extraordinary June Book Sale - thank you for your generous donations of time and books! The next book sale is October 21, 22 & 23. If you would like to donate books, magazines, videos, CDs, tapes, records, or DVDs you can drop them in the donation bin located in the staff parking lot (large donations) or in the cart by the Reference Desk (small donations). Tax receipts are available - call 839-8159.

Exhibits and Displays

Mezzanine Gallery: July - Transylvania and California Paintings by Pavel Belou
August - Paintings by Henry Etta and Beth Hartwick

Display Cases: July - National MS Society
August - Good Shepherd Lutheran School Exhibit

REMINDER!
The LAST Day to pick up Summer Reading Prizes is
August 13



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JULY/AUGUST 2005

Harry Potter Extravaganza

Friday, July 15 from 10 AM - 8 PM
Youth Services, Grades 3 & up

Celebrate the soon-to-be released *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*. Enter the Library through Platform 9 ¾ to join the fun!

- Harry Potter movies on the big screen at 10 AM, 2 PM, and 6 PM
- Play Hogwarts Feud
- Crafts and a scavenger hunt
- Dress as your favorite Harry Potter character or just come as a muggle!

Knightscares Children's Book Authors

Monday, July 25 at 2 PM
Story Room, Grades 4 & up



Authors David Anthony and Charles David share their new medieval fantasy series, *Knightscares*, featuring:

- Authentic period costumes
- Music
- Chapter readings

Cup and Chaucer

What's new at the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar?

- Fruit cups
- Giant cookies
- Snow cones



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Once Upon A Time... at the Library
Wednesday, July 6 from 10 AM to 8 PM
Youth Services Area, Grades 3 & under

Come and join the fun! Dress up as your favorite fairytale character if you'd like - costumes are optional. Games, crafts, and snacks available all day. Movies shown in the Library Auditorium at 10 AM - *Cinderella* and 1 PM - *Peter Pan*.

Following each movie, costume parades will be filmed by MGTV in Youth Services at 11:15 AM and 2:15 PM. Schedule of showings on Channel 5 available. *See you there!*

FROM THE DIRECTOR ~ MELISSA BARNARD

In August, I will be celebrating my fifth anniversary as Director of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. I would like to emphasize "celebrating" as it has been an exciting, challenging, and rewarding five years.

The excitement is working with a staff who provides the community with creative and interesting programs and excellent service. The wide variety of activities offered during the annual National Library Week is one example. We have also maintained popular programs such as Battle of the Books, Crafty Readers, Books & Bites, and Classic Movies.

Continuous technological advancements have been the greatest challenge. We strive to balance technology needs and wants with the associated costs. Web services have been expanded, new subscription databases have provided dependable, accurate information, and the number of public access and online catalog computers has increased. More improvements in technology services are planned.

The reward is the satisfaction of our library patrons. You have been very generous in your praise and support of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. We will continue to welcome your comments and concerns so that we may better serve you.

Looking forward, there will be many opportunities to build on our successes and I am fortunate to have a role in planning for the future.

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Book Club in a Bag

Do you want to start a book club or are you looking for books to read in your current club? Then check out Book Club in a Bag! Each bag includes multiple copies of one title and study guides to stimulate discussion. Bags may be checked out for three months with no renewals and can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Call the Reference Desk at 837-3449 or stop by for more information. Titles include: *The Secret Life of Bees*, *Charlotte Gray*, *Seabiscuit*, *Undaunted Courage*, *Alias Grace*, and many more.



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| KIDS | FREE | SUMMER | MOVIES |
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- July 1 at 2 PM, *Cinderella* (Brandi as Cinderella), G, 88 minutes
 - July 6 at 10 AM, *Cinderella*, G, 76 min.
 - July 6 at 1 PM, *Peter Pan*, G, 76 min.
 - July 8 at 2 PM, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, G, 100 minutes
 - July 13 at 10 AM, *Mulan*, G, 88 min.
 - July 15 at 10 AM, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, PG, 152 minutes
 - July 15 at 2 PM, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, PG, 163 min.
 - July 15 at 6 PM, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, PG, 142 minutes
 - July 20 at 10 AM, *Hercules*, G, 94 min.
 - July 22 at 2 PM, *Kiki's Delivery Service* (Anime), G, 103 minutes
 - July 27 at 10 AM, *Bug's Life*, G, 95 min.
 - July 29 at 2 PM, *The Incredibles*, PG, 121 minutes
 - August 3 at 10 AM, *Sesame Street: Cookie Monster's Best Bites & Monster Hits* (1969), G, 60 min.
 - August 5 at 2 PM, *Princess Diaries*, G, 115 minutes
 - August 10 at 10 AM, *Spirit*, G, 83 min.
 - August 12 at 2 PM, *Princess Diaries 2*, G, 113 minutes
 - August 17 at 10 AM, *Dumbo*, G, 63 min.
 - August 19 at 2 PM, *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*, PG, 113 minutes

KIDS' CORNER

"Doofus the Dragon: A Puppet Opera"

Thursday, July 7 at 3 & 7 PM, Story Room, Free tickets required
Take one smart princess, a non-macho prince, a smoking dragon, and you have a recipe for "true luuuv."



Brad Lancaster – Magician, Puppeteer, Ventriloquist

Wednesday, July 20 at 7 PM, Library Auditorium

Young readers will laugh at the antics of a special puppet guest as he discovers the importance of books. This unique blend of books, magic, stories, and puppets is fun for all ages!

Youth Computer Classes in September

Youth computer classes will be offered on "Using the Library Catalog" (4-6 Graders), "Using Databases" (6-8 Graders), and a combination class (homeschooling parents and children). Register in Youth Services starting August 16. Class size is limited.



Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Pack a dinner and join us in the Library Lounge for dessert, discussion, and fun! Registration for each program begins on the first of the month.

Knightscares: Cauldron Cooker's Night by David Anthony & Charles David
Monday, July 25 from 1-2 PM, A medieval adventure story with non-stop suspense. Stay and meet the authors at the program immediately following. Story Room

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket
Tuesday, August 16 from 5:30-8:30 PM, Watch *A Series of Unfortunate Events* with us and decide which was worse...the book or the movie?

Baby Time (Babies who are not walking) Tuesdays at 1 PM on July 12, 19, 26

Toddler Time (Babies to 24 months) Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM on July 13, 20, 27

Circle Time (2 and 3 year-olds) Tuesdays at 7 PM on July 12, 19, 26 and Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM on July 14, 21, 28

Listeners Story Time (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays at 10 AM on July 12, 19, 26 and Thursdays at 7 PM on July 14, 21, 28

TEEN TIME

Wander through the Middle Pages

Teen Summer Reading

There is still time for readers in grades 7-12 to earn a free paperback book. Sign up in Youth Services, choose a quest, and read your way to fun and plunder!

Counting the days until *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* is released? To ease those waiting blues the Library is hosting a Harry Potter Extravaganza on Friday, July 15. See page 1 for more details. Grades 3 & up

Kudos to the Volunteens!

We owe a big **THANK YOU** to our teen volunteers for helping with the summer reading program - You guys rock!

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Want to get in on the fun of being a Teen Advisory Board member? First meeting of the school year will be Saturday, September 10 @ 1 PM in the Library Lounge. Students in grades 6-12 are invited - let your teen voice be heard!



FOR ADULTS

Westlaw Legal Online

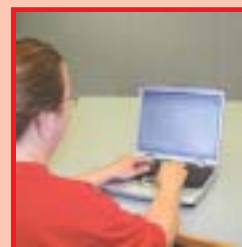
Resource Training
Wednesday, July 13 at 10 AM
Library Lounge, Free
Learn how to look up Michigan laws and court cases online.

Business Start-Up Seminar

Thursday, July 14 from 6:30-8:30 PM
Library Lounge, Free
Attendance is recommended for those who would like to start a business or would like to become acquainted with community and business resources. Pre-registration is preferred to the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce (989)839-9901.

Hands On Computer Classes

These popular classes will return in September! Learn how to use the Library Catalog in basic and advanced sessions or attend our beginners guide on how to use the mouse and your home PC. Class size is limited and reservations necessary. Stop by or call the Reference Desk at 837-3449 beginning August 16.



Books and Bites Book Discussion Group, 7 PM
July 21 ~ *The News from Paraguay* by Lily Tuck
August 18 ~ *But Come Ye Back* by Beth Lordan

LIBRARY BOARD

Library Board Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Can the Library provide a drive-up book drop?

Answer: The Library Board and staff will be investigating the feasibility and cost of this request. Solutions suggested to date do not address the issues that must be resolved. There are over 2,000 items returned each day. Without regularly emptying the book drop, it could easily overflow, resulting in theft or damage to materials. Weather conditions and the physical demands of transporting books into the library are also a concern. Building and parking lot changes would be necessary to develop a drive-up book drop that empties into the Library. The Board will consider options and financial implications and make that information available. To avoid congestion in the parking lot when returning materials, we encourage patrons to use the 5-minute parking spots provided.



Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, July 20 at 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
No meeting scheduled for August

Summer Knight's Reading - Adult Summer Reading Program

Stop by the Reference Desk through August 13 and enter our drawings for every book you read. Recommend a book you have read this summer and your review will be posted on the **Summer Reads Wall** for others to browse. With your first entry you receive a coupon for a free small smoothie, coffee, cappuccino, or latte at the **Cup and Chaucer** Coffee Bar.



The grand prize is 4 tickets to the Michigan Renaissance Festival and will be chosen from all entries turned in throughout the summer. Other drawings will include Movie Gift Certificates to the NCG Midland Cinemas and Book Gift Certificates to Waldenbooks and Barnes and Noble.

Book Suggestions

Looking for a good book to read? Check out these two literary databases. Access them from the library or from home - click on the Research link on the Library's web page: www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

Novelist

An electronic resource that provides subject access, reviews, annotations, and much more for over 125,000 fiction titles.

Online Book Club

Every weekday morning, you will receive via email a portion of a book. After reading two or three chapters, you can decide if you want to check the book out of the library.



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

July 12 ~ *Ivanhoe* (1952), Elizabeth Taylor and Robert Taylor
July 26 ~ *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (1991), Kevin Costner
August 9 ~ *Man in the Iron Mask* (1998), Leonardo DiCaprio

MCTV NETWORK

Costume Parades

Tune to MGTV 5 to see the Library's "Once Upon A Time" costume parades that will be videotaped on Wednesday, July 6. Check the Midland Daily News Sunday TV Time and the MGTV 5 message board for dates and times.

New MCTV Staff

Please welcome Dan Goodell, MCTV's new production intern. He is a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University and just married a Midland native!

Volunteer

Summer's a great time to start a new hobby. Come to the MCTV orientation/studio class on Saturday, July 9 at 10 AM in MCTV's studio on the lower level. The cost is \$10. Call 837-3474.

Cable Access Advisory Commission

No meetings scheduled for July or August