

The Library Connection

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
1710 W. St. Andrews Road
Midland, MI 48640-2698
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Change Service Requested

Library Closings



Monday
September 6
Labor Day
Sunday Hours
Resume
beginning
September 12
(1-5 PM)

Access the library on the internet
even when we're closed!

- Renew most items
- Place holds
- Check status of holds
- Browse the catalog
- Use library databases

Visit

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

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

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September/October 2004

MCTV Celebrates 20 Years!

Since October 1984, Midland Community Television (MCTV) has been on the air. Join us in celebrating the 20th anniversary!

~ **Submit your home videos to MCTV 3 to share with the community!**

Or if you are an MCTV access user, produce a video saluting MCTV's 20 years. The deadline to submit is September 24. Call 837-3474.

~ **20 years of great moments and programs!** Watch MCTV 3 in October for a look back at MCTV's archives.

~ **Honors Night!** Thank MCTV's access users for their 20 years of service to the Midland Community! Join us for "Honors Night" on Saturday, October 16 at 7 PM in the Library Auditorium.



MCTV Access Users (L to R): Blake Hanson, Edith Doil, Todd Coy, Bob Granstra, Amanda Worden

MCTV is a wonderful forum for individuals and organizations to inform and entertain the community. It has grown from two to four channels on the Charter Communications system:

- MCTV 3-Community Voices
- MGTV 5-Midland Government Television
- MCTV 15-Messages
- MPS TV 17-Midland Public Schools

Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar Open!

*Construction...finished
Equipment...installed
Supplies...received
Arnold Center staff...trained*



Treat yourself to a variety of coffee drinks, soft drinks, pastries and snacks while reading or visiting with a friend.

Grand Opening Celebration

*Wednesday, September 22
9 AM, Everyone Welcome!*

Join us in recognizing the many foundations and agencies who made the coffee bar possible and for the ceremonial pouring of the coffee. Special guests include Mayor Black and SVSU Professor and Chaucer Scholar Basil Clark.

Halloween Happenings!

Thursday, October 28

Halloween Spook-tacular by the Smudge Fundaes!

This is an interactive show with funny, ghouly characters, songs, and stories. Non-scary performances will be held at **9:30 & 11 AM** in the Library Auditorium. A **costume parade** will follow each show and will be filmed by MCTV to be shown on channel MGTV 5 (dates/times of showings to be announced).

Also enjoy from **9 AM - 8:30 PM:**

- ~ **Trick or Treat Stations** throughout the library.
- ~ **Halloween Craft** in the Youth Services area.
- ~ **Cider and Donuts** for all in the Lounge.

This program is designed for young children. An adult should accompany children at tending these events.



Questions? Call Youth Services at 837-3466.

Exhibits & Displays

Mezzanine Gallery

October

The Color of Water
Midland Watercolor Society
Annual Exhibit

Lower Level Display Cases

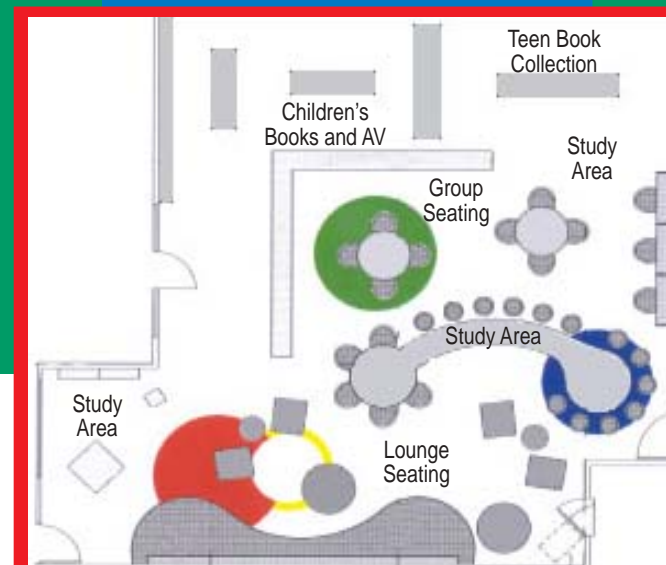
September

Homeschooler Association Exhibit

October

Annual UNICEF Exhibit

Teen Room!



Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library and in honor of Edwin and Helen Blake, a Teen Room is being constructed on the lower level of the library.

Designed by Dow Howell Gilmore Associates, Inc., with input from our Teen

Advisory Board, this exciting space will provide a unique area for teens to study, socialize, relax, and use library materials. The furnishings will integrate modern design with durability and comfort.

Gerace Construction has received the bid and construction will begin soon. Materials currently in the room will be moved during construction, but will remain available for patron use. Please ask

for assistance and *thank you* for your patience as we work towards this exciting renovation for the library.

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Spotlight On...

From: Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
 To: Our Patrons
 Subject: **Ask the Librarian**
Email Reference Service

 Do you prefer the convenience of email? Send your questions to: askthelibrarian@midland-mi.org and librarians will respond to your questions within 24 hours (except during Holiday closings). We will answer your questions, direct you to library online services, or refer you to other sources.



Join us for a celebration of terrific brothers. Michigan author and former Midland resident Marci Curtis will visit the library to read from her newest children's book *Big Brother, Little Brother*.

Saturday, October 9
3-4:30 PM, Story Room, FREE

Books available for purchase and signing.

Kids Corner

Crafty Readers (K-3rd Grade)
Purrrrrrfectly Fun! Join us for stories about brave cats, wild cats, cool cats – and a little scratch art fun!

Registration begins September 1.
 Tuesday, September 14
 4:15–5 PM & 6:30–7:15 PM
 Wednesday, September 15
 4:15–5 PM

Children Around the World Join us for stories, snacks, and fun! Cosponsored with UNICEF. *Registration begins October 1.*

Tuesday, October 12
 4:15–5 PM &
 6:30–7:15 PM
 Wednesday, October 13
 4:15–5 PM



Brown Bag Book Club
 (4th-6th Grade)

Guardians of Ga'hoole: The Capture
 by Kathryn Lasky

Join us on the library lawn for a campfire book discussion. Bring your brown bag dinner and we will provide s'mores and a drink. *Registration begins September 1.*
 Tuesday, September 28
 5:30–6:30 PM

Count Karlstein by Philip Pullman
 Find laughs and screams in this creepy tale! Bring your brown bag dinner and we will provide dessert and a drink. *Registration begins October 1.*
 Tuesday, October 26
 5:30–6:30 PM

Circle Time (Ages 2-3 with a caregiver)
 Tuesdays at 6:15 & 7:15 PM
 September 7, 14, 21
 Wednesdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM
 September 8, 15, 22
 Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM
 September 9, 16, 23

Listeners Story Time (ages 3-5)
 Tuesdays at 10 AM
 September 7, 14, 21
 Thursdays at 7 PM
 September 9, 16, 23

Baby Time (babies not yet walking)
 Tuesdays at 1 PM
 October 5, 12, 19

Toddler Time
 (Babies to 24 months)
 Tuesdays at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM
 October 5, 12, 19

Questions? Call 837-3466.

For Adults **FALL** into the Web

September 20 – 24

Getting the most out of the library's internet resources? Join us as special guests and your local librarians demonstrate the power of the internet. Stop at the Reference Desk during Web Week for instructional handouts, a web scavenger hunt, and a special gift.

Monday September 20	10 AM 2 PM 7 PM	Tour of the Library Web Page: 24/7 access to the library. Using Westlaw®: Michigan laws, court cases, atorneys, and more. How to Use AncestryPlus: Research your family history online.
Tuesday September 21	10 AM 2 PM	Email Basics: Set up and use a free web-based email account. Tour of the Library Web Page: 24/7 access to the library.
Wednesday September 22	10 AM 7 PM	Using the Library Catalog and Managing your Account: Renew, place holds, research online. Using eBay: Buy and sell on eBay with Richard Truxall.
Thursday September 23	10 AM 2 PM 7 PM	Mergent Financial Database: Specialized financial information from home. Using the Library Catalog and Managing your Account: Renew, place holds, research online. Searching Periodicals in Infotrac: Find magazine articles online.
Friday September 24	2 PM 6 PM	Email Basics: Set up and use a free web-based email account. Caught in the Web: See <i>Teen Time</i> .

Award-Winning Mystery Author Doug Allyn to Visit & Conduct Workshop
 Enjoy an evening with author Doug Allyn, winner of the Edgar, McCavity, and Shamus Awards on **Tuesday, October 5 at 7 PM, Story Room**
 Want to learn how to write mysteries? Join us for a free writers' seminar conducted by Doug Allyn. **Saturday, October 23 from 10-11:30 AM, Library Lounge.** To make a reservation call 837-3449.

Westlaw Legal Research Database is now available!

This database provides access to Michigan laws and court cases in an easy to search online format. Reference librarians are trained to assist patrons in finding legal materials in the database.

Westlaw is an essential tool for anyone involved with or interested in legal issues. This is truly a unique resource made available to the community by the generosity of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Midland County Chief Circuit Court Judge Thomas L. Ludington

Business Start-Up Seminar

Monday, September 13 and Monday, October 11 from 6-8:30 PM, Library Lounge.

Classic Movies in the Afternoon

Tuesdays at 2 PM in the Library Auditorium – **FREE!** Doors will open at 1:45 PM.
 September 14 ~ *Guys and Dolls* October 12 ~ *All Through the Night*
 September 28 ~ *Charade* October 26 ~ *Viva Las Vegas*



Books and Bites

Read the books and join us for lively discussion at 7 PM in the Library Lounge.
 September 16 ~ *I am Madame X* by Gioia Diliberto
 October 21 ~ *We Need to Talk about Kevin* by Lionel Shriver
Questions? Call 837-3449.

New Look to Library's Catalog



On your next visit to the library, take a moment to familiarize yourself with the new online catalog. We have upgraded the library's automated management system and now have a web based catalog. In searching for items in the catalog, you will notice many new features. Ask for staff assistance or use the help sheets provided at the Reference Desk.

MCTV Network

Access User Training

Discover how to make your own show! Sign up for an orientation/studio class on either Saturday, September 11 or October 9 at 10 AM. The cost is \$10.

Cable Access Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 8 at 7 PM
 City Hall Council Chambers

Library Board

Judy Stein has been elected to serve as the Library Board Chair for 2004-2005 and Eric Gardner will serve as Vice-Chair. The Board thanks Stu Bush for serving as Chair this past year.



The Library Board's Annual Report to City Council is available on the library's website. Click on "Annual Report" under the Library Board link.

Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 15 at 7 PM
 City Hall Council Chambers
 Wednesday, October 20 at 7 PM
 City Hall Council Chambers

Teen Time

Folding Photo Album (Grades 6-12)

Saturday
September 11
 2 PM
Library Lounge
 Preserve your special summer memories, spotlight a favorite person, or create a rock-star tribute. Supplies provided, but bring your own memorabilia. Registration required. Sign up in Youth Services or call 837-3466.



Caught in the Web (Grades 7-12)



Friday
September 24
 6-9 PM, Lounge
 Suspense and intrigue on the internet! See and hear the details of stolen identities and internet dangers as Trooper Dave from the Bay City State Police Post gives pointers on safe internet use. Then watch the terrifying film *The Net* (PG-13) starring Sandra Bullock while enjoying pop and pizza.

Read a Banned Book - Get a Button (Grades 6-12)

September 25
- October 2
 During Banned Books Week read a banned book and earn a button (while supplies last). Watch for display and reading list.

Café Muse

Friday
October 15
 7-9 PM
Library Lounge
 Enjoy a night of teen poetry and help kick off Teen Read Week (October 17-23). Teen poets are invited to read their own poems or other favorites. Refreshments and coffeehouse atmosphere provided!

Teen Spook Night

Friday, October 29
 7:30 PM
 Spooks will abound with games, prizes, food, and a costume parade! Dress up and win a prize!



Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Saturdays
September 11 &
October 9
 1 PM
Library Lounge
 Meet to discuss teen programming, teen space in the library, books, magazines, music, movies, and more. The October meeting is designated "Bring a Friend to TAB." Current members are invited to bring a friend to attend a meeting and see what TAB is all about.