

MCTV

837-3474 www.midland-mi.org/mctv
Tune to MGTV 96 in November to watch two special events: the Library Halloween Parade and the City of Midland's Appreciation of Beautification Awards.

If you're looking for a new hobby or a way to serve your community, attend the MCTV's next orientation/studio training workshop to be held on Saturday, November 12, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. The cost is \$20. Please register in advance.

You're invited to attend MCTV's "Honors Night" program on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00PM in the Library Auditorium. It's our night to thank MCTV's many access users for their efforts.

Show off your talent in the Friends of MCTV's "Shining Stars Talent Show" to be videotaped on Saturday, December 3, from 10:30AM to 4:00PM here at MCTV. Call 837-3476 or e-mail: mrichards@midland-mi.org.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

837-3437 fogadml@yahoo.com
We would like to once again thank all the volunteers who gave their time and helped with the October Used Book Sale. We wouldn't be the success we are if it weren't for you. Thank you!

Please visit our expanded "On-Going Used Book Sale" in the back of the Cup and Chaucer... we are bigger and better than ever! We have great books at a great price!

Our next Used Book Sale is **February 10-11-12, 2012**. Mark your calendars now! For more information, go to the library's website and click on the "Friends of the Library" link. Don't forget to find us on Facebook!

MEZZANINE EXHIBITS

November.....Photography and Photo Collage by Leslie Szymanski and Nancy Curtis
December.....Portraits and Poems of Peace by student artists presented by the Helen Casey Center and Midland Chapter of Nonviolent Peaceforce.

CUP & CHAUCER COFFEE BAR

Hours:.....Monday-Friday, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Snacks and drinks are also available during library hours via machine.

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Hours
Monday-Friday.....9:30AM-8:30PM
Saturday.....10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday.....1:00PM-5:00PM
Closed Sundays: Memorial Day-Labor Day

Phone Numbers

Information837-3430
Reference837-3449
Check Out Desk.....837-3457
On-Call/Renewals 24/7 835-3280
Youth and Teen Services..... 837-3466
TTY.....837-3472

Teen Time

PLOTS & PIZZA

Grades 6-9
Registration required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.
Thursday, November 17, 6:00-7:00PM
Story Room
Read *Heir Apparent* by Vivian Vande Velde then join us for pizza and book discussion. Copies are available at the Youth Services Desk.

BEGINNERS' KNITTING CLASS

Grades 6 -12
Register at the Youth Services Desk in person or by calling 837-3466.
Sunday, November 6 & Sunday, November 13, 1:30-4:00PM
Story Room
Teens, here's your chance to learn how to knit. Attend two sessions to learn the basic steps of knitting and create a scarf. Bring your own knitting needles or borrow a set of ours (Size 10 recommended). Yarn will be provided.

UPDATED WEBPAGES

You may have already noticed our new look. The Youth Services and Teen Spot webpages have been updated with a fresh design and new features to make it easier to navigate. Check it out!

CRAM NIGHT 2012

Grades 9-12
Sunday, January 15, 5:30-8:00PM
Auditorium Entrance
Save the Date! Bring your notes, your brain, and your friends to our "teens only" study night at the library. Need more information? Call 837-3466.

WORLD BOOK WEB

Not your ordinary encyclopedia, the World Book Web is a suite of online research tools. The site features three different editions -- Kids, Student, and Advanced -- to provide information for all ages.

World Book Web includes:

- Encyclopedia and other reference articles
- More than 20,000 photos, illustrations, and maps
- Hundreds of videos
- World of Animals
- Biography center
- Science projects
- Dictionary
- Atlas
- Timeline and citation builders
- Correlations to state and provincial standards
- Games and activities
- How to Do Research homework help
- Current news
- Editor-approved websites
- Magazine articles

Access from home through the library webpage:

- Click on Teen Services
- Click on Homework Help
- Click on World Book
- Enter your Library Card Number

November/December 2011

Grace A. Dow Memorial

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LIBRARY Connection

- * THE GREAT MICHIGAN READ
- * BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- * LOW PRICES ON SELECT DVDS
- * HOLIDAY STORYTIMES
- * TELLEBRATION



LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Wednesday, Nov. 23,
Close at 5:00PM
Thursday, Nov. 24
Closed for the Holiday
Friday, Nov. 25,
Close at 5:00PM
Friday, Dec. 23-Monday, Dec. 26
Closed

Library Board Meetings:

Wednesday, November 16, 2011
City Hall Council Chambers

There is no Board meeting in December



Our virtual branch is always open

FROM THE DIRECTOR - Melissa Barnard

Saluting One of Our Own
We dedicate this Library Connection to Assistant Director Virginia McKane. Virginia is retiring after ten years of service at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

Virginia brought many strengths to this position and we benefited from her skills and talents. She has been responsible for the library's public relations, including coordinating the production of the bimonthly newsletter that keeps our community informed about library services and programs. Virginia was instrumental in taking our vision of a separate teen area to reality in the Teen Spot. She also played a key role in the successful digitization of the Midland historical newspapers. Always on the lookout for interesting and educational programs, Virginia provided our patrons with a diversity of experiences through the programs that she organized.

Many of you have enjoyed Virginia's artistic touches in the library. She is the inspiration and guiding hand behind the library's beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the Quiet Room each year. The table decorations for the annual tea demonstrate her incredible creativity. Her eye for color and design has been a bonus for the library. We wish Virginia a happy retirement filled with reading, family and new adventures. She leaves a wonderful legacy of hard work, loyalty, and a passion for all that our library represents.

BRINGING THE GREAT MICHIGAN READ TO MIDLAND

The Michigan Humanities Council's community reading program returns with Detroit native Kevin Boyle's *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age*. This award winning, non-fiction account of the Dr. Ossian Sweet case traces the events that occurred after an African American physician purchased a house in an all white Detroit neighborhood. Dr. Sweet's choice to defend his family from the forces organized to drive them out set in motion a series of events that were tragic and transformative.

To help get the conversation started locally, the library has invited notable members of our community to participate in a panel discussion, sharing their thoughts and insights on the Sweet case and its lasting impact on the civil rights movement. Copies of *Arc of Justice* are available for checkout. Reading guides are also provided.

Join the discussion live:

Tuesday, February 28th

7:00PM, Library Auditorium

The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council and made possible by support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Meijer. Learn more at www.michiganhumanities.org.

CONSIDER A YEAR END DONATION TO THE LIBRARY

Your charitable donation to the library is eligible for a tax deduction. The Michigan Tax Credit is still effective for 2011 but this will be the last year to take advantage of the tax credit. On the library's website click on Gifts, Memorials & Donations to access the donation form.

Thank you for supporting the library and helping us meet the needs of the community.

www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Battle of the Books program encourages 4th and 5th graders to read from a list of twenty books. Interested students form teams which compete in "battles" over the books. See the library website for more information:

- Click on Youth Services
- Children's Programs
- Battle of the Books

KICK OFF

Shelley Pearsall, author of last year's Battle book *Trouble Don't Last*, joins us for the kick-off of the season.

Saturday, November 12

10:00AM and 2:00PM

Library Auditorium

Fourth and fifth graders, parents, teachers, and the public are invited. Following the program, Shelley Pearsall will be signing her books. Barnes and Noble will sell her books, along with our Battle Book selections.

The Battle Book list and Battle Books will be available immediately following the 10:00AM program and anytime after 3:00PM in the Story Room.

2011 - 2012 BATTLE SCHEDULE

Battle Briefing

Saturday, January 7, 11:00AM

Library Auditorium

Here's a chance for your team members to observe how the Written and Oral Battles are conducted!

Team Registration Deadline

Tuesday, January 24, 8:30PM

Youth Services Desk

1st Written Battle

Wednesday, February 15, 4:30PM

Middle School Cafeterias, as assigned

2nd Written Battle

Wednesday, February 22, 4:30PM

Northeast Middle School Cafeteria

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, March 3, AM or PM

as assigned

Library

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 8, 4:30PM

Library Auditorium

Reception after Battle

Thursday, March 8, 5:15PM

Library Lounge

A celebration for ALL Battle Teams!

Kid's Corner

ARE YOU A WIMPY KID EXPERT?

The newest book in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series is coming out on Nov. 15. Celebrate the release of CAB-IN FEVER. Visit the Library Nov. 15 for fun activities and take our Trivia Quiz based on the first 5 books. Turn your quiz in and receive a Diary of a Wimpy Kid bookmark!



BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

4th - 5th Grade

Library Lounge

Bring your dinner and join us for a book discussion.

We'll provide dessert and a drink!

Call 837-3466 to register.

All of the Above by Shelley Pearsall

Registration begins November 1

Monday, November 28

5:30 - 6:30PM

Title to be announced after Nov. 12.

Registration begins December 1.

Monday, December 19

5:30 - 6:30PM

STORY TIMES

Baby Time (For babies who are not yet walking)

Tuesdays, 1:00 & 2:30PM

November 8 & 15

Story Room

Baby time introduces young infants and their parents to books, songs, music, bounces, and rhymes followed by social time for babies to play and adults to chat.

Toddler Time (Walking babies to 24 months)

Tuesdays, 9:45 & 10:45AM

November 8 & 15

Story Room

Walking babies and their caregivers share books and recite rhymes, fingerplays, and songs, followed up with play time.

Move & Groove

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:00AM

November 9, 10, 16, 17

You and your child can dance and sing along in this fun program filled with action songs and movement activities.

CRAFTY READERS

K-3rd Grade

Join us for stories, snacks and a craft.

Call 837-3466 to register.

Gobble, Gobble 'Til You Wobble

Registration begins November 1.

Monday, November 14

4:15 - 5:00PM AND

6:30 - 7:15PM

Library Lounge

Join us for stories about Thanksgiving feasts, and make a fan-tailed turkey!

Snow Friends

Registration begins December 1.

Monday, December 12

4:15 - 5:00PM and

6:30 - 7:15PM

Library Lounge

Listen to stories about reindeer and snowmen, and then make a magnet of each!



HOLIDAY STORY TIMES

Holiday Baby Time (For babies who are not yet walking)

Tuesday, 1:00 & 2:30PM

December 6, 13

Holiday Toddler Time (Walking babies to 24 months)

Tuesday, 9:45 & 10:45AM

December 6, 13

Holiday Circle Time (Ages 2-3)

Tuesday, 7:00PM

December 6

Wednesday, 9:45 & 10:45AM

December 7

Holiday Ready, Sit, Read (Ages 4 and up)

Thursday, 2:00 & 6:30PM

December 8

KIDS' HOLIDAY MOVIES

Friday, November 25, 2:00PM

Cars 2 (G) 106 min

Wednesday, December 28, 10:00AM

Winnie the Pooh (G) 63 min

Friday, December 30, 2:00PM

Justin Bieber: Never say Never

(G) 105 min

Adult Highlights

COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration required. Register at the Reference Desk 837-3449 beginning Tuesday, November 1.

Files, Folders, and Storage: Demonstration

Wednesday, November 16

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Library Lounge

Learn how to create files and folders, use external storage devices and back up your important data.

Finding Books to Talk About

Wednesday, December 14

10:00AM

Library Lounge

A good read doesn't necessarily make for a great discussion. Sometimes a book that is riveting and fun to read leaves little to talk about in your book discussion group. Adult Services book discussion leaders will provide some good ideas for identifying books that read well and also give readers lots to talk about. This session highlights the Library's online reading resources plus provides a list of recent titles we'd love to talk about.

CLASSIC MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Free Admission

Library Auditorium

Exotic Locations - Egypt and Africa Mogambo (1954)

Tuesday, November 8, 2:00PM

A safari leader in the jungles of Kenya becomes the target of affections from his boss' wife and a Broadway showgirl.

African Queen (1951)

Tuesday, November 22, 2:00PM

A gin-swilling riverboat captain is persuaded by a strait-laced missionary to use his boat to attack an enemy warship.

Born Free (1970)

Tuesday, December 13, 2:00PM

Kenya game warden George Adamson and his wife Joy adopted and raised an orphaned lion cub named Elsa and helped her return to the wild.

The Not-Too-Serious Book Club

Cold Comfort Farm

by Stella Gibbons

Wednesday, January 11, 10:00AM

Conference Room A

Join us in reading this parody of the traditional English country novel.

BOOKS & BITES

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

The Story of My Father

by Sue Miller

Thursday, November 17

7:00PM

Library Conference Room A

"A rare example of an illness memoir with widespread appeal. Prospective readers need not have any interest in Alzheimer's; they need only have parents of their own to appreciate this testimony's dignity and grace." *Publishers Weekly*

The Blind Contessa's New Machine

By Carey Wallace

Thursday, December 15

7:00PM

Library Conference Room A

"Writing with the assurance and the clarity of a seasoned author, Wallace crafts a seemingly simple, but ultimately iridescent, love story." *Booklist*

Madame Bovary

by Gustave Flaubert

Thursday, January 19

7:00PM

Library Conference Room A

"Davis [is] operating in top form in her new translation of Madame Bovary. . . . [One is] struck delirious by the force of Flaubert's writing, and the precision (the perfection) of Davis's translation." *The New Yorker*

Civil War Sesquicentennial - 150 Years

In the Fall

by Jeffrey Lent

Thursday, February 16

7:00PM

Library Conference Room A

"This is an astonishing piece of work—period...No part of Lent's narrative is superficial...Lent's writing is deeply introspective, intelligent, and beautifully descriptive." *Booklist*

OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS DATABASE

Opposing Viewpoints in Context is a great resource for students exploring social issues. Covering today's hottest issues from Offshore Drilling to Climate Change, or Health Care to Immigration, *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* is a great way to research, analyze and organize a broad variety of data. Available from the Research Resources page on our website, try out *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* for your next research paper, debate or presentation.

"WHAT WE NEED IS MORE PEOPLE WHO SPECIALIZE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE."

Saginaw native Theodore Roethke received the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize among other awards and honors. This November, join us in celebrating the Theodore Roethke Poetry and Arts Festival by visiting the display located on the main level. Information about other Roethke events and activities can also be found online at:

www.svsu.edu/roethke

The Theodore Roethke Poetry & Arts Festival is a triennial celebration featuring various events throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region highlighted by the awarding of the SVSU Board of Fellows Theodore Roethke Memorial Poetry Prize.

LOW LOW PRICES ON SELECTED DVDS

50¢ SPECIAL

Throughout November, check out any **foreign film title** for only 50¢. Catch the best world cinema has to offer including titles from the prestigious Criterion Collection.

In December, take advantage of the savings to catch up on a favorite **HBO series** or enlighten yourself with a groundbreaking **HBO documentary**. Considered the leader in American television programming, it's worth investing some time with HBO.

Certain restrictions apply:

- New titles are not eligible for discount.
- Regular overdue fees apply.

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SEMINAR

Thursday, Nov.10, 6:00-8:30PM

Library Lounge

Designed for persons thinking of starting a business or in the early stages of startup. This workshop is the first step for MI-SBTDC assistance.

TELLABRATION!

A night of storytelling around the world!

"A Tapestry of Stories"

Friday, November 18, 7:00-9:00PM

Library Auditorium

Enjoy a storytelling concert by the Mid-Michigan Area StoryTellers, suitable for adults and older children. Refreshments served in the Lounge after stories.

Donations accepted at the door.

Presented in cooperation with the

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