

Adult Highlights

ADULT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The countdown is on! On January 2, this year's Adult Battle of the Books list hits the streets. We are really excited about the titles on this year's list! Readers will compete answering trivia questions about these 5 intriguing stories and how they relate to each other. Our goal this year is 10 teams of 3-5 people each; the cost is \$10 per person. Intrigued but want to know more? Visit www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/library and click on Programs or call 989-837-3449. Registration begins January 2. The Battle will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 7:00PM.

CONSUMER REPORTS

Fall is the season of Monday Night Football, flannel sheets and lots of yard maintenance. It can also be the right time to make some major purchases. According to Fortune Magazine, this is the best time of the year to think about replacing your cooktop or your cookware. Retailers often have terrific sales on these items in the months before the Holidays. This can also be a very good time to buy a new lawn mower, golf clubs and car. As sales, rebates and other incentives begin, remember to visit the Library when researching your purchases. We have print and online access to Consumer Reports, the quintessential guide to purchasing just about anything. Visit the Reference Desk or visit us online for access to thousands of product reviews and rankings. Everyone with a Grace A Dow Memorial Library card has a subscription to Consumer Reports online. Simply visit our website, click on databases and then Consumer Reports.

Be informed, don't make an impulse buy. Take advantage of fall savings with timely, trusted and easily accessible consumer information.

25¢ DVD SPECIAL

All fiction DVD titles checkout for 25¢ in November and December. New titles are excluded from this promotion.

TECH TIP: Web Browser Keyboard Shortcut

Accidentally closed a browser tab you weren't finished with? Ctrl-shift-T will reopen it, whether you're using Chrome, Firefox, Explorer, or Edge.

BOOKS & BITES

Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore
Thursday, November 17, 7:00PM

"This book is an important, inspiring portrait of a determined and faith-filled woman who just happened to be the sister of a big shot."
—*Library Journal*

Best Boy by Eli Gottlieb
Thursday, December 15, 7:00PM

"Arresting...The book's empathy is bracing."
—*The New Yorker*

The Hours Count by Jillian Cantor
Thursday, January 19, 7:00PM

"This intriguing novel that intertwines facts about the Rosenbergs into the life of an average American housewife is highly recommended for historical fiction fans."
—*Library Journal*

STARTING A BUSINESS

Community Room

Thursday, November 10, 6:00PM-8:30PM
Wednesday, January 4, 6:00PM-8:00PM

Find out how to turn a skill into a successful business by attending one of our "Starting a Business" seminars.

MAGNIFIER

New to the Adult Services area, this device allows users to magnify and project pages from books and other printed material onto a fully adjustable digital screen. Ask for assistance using this new and helpful tool. The Magnifier was donated by the Midland County Council on Aging.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

What came first, the book or the movie? Which one do you prefer? How close does the plot of the movie follow the book?

Before heading to the movie theatre, check out our display of November and December picks -- **The Girl on the Train** by Paula Hawkins and **Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk** by Bill Fountain.

The Back Page

STAFF REVIEWS

We have stories for everyone and hope our diverse collection that includes romance, literary fiction, and horror will find a variety of readers.



Badawi by Mohed Altrad

Drifting through Syria, Southern France, and Dubai, this autobiographical novel traces a liminal life. **Badawi** is sparsely written. Yet, the juxtaposed contradictions of contemporary Middle Eastern life allows a story as free and rootless as desert sand to take form. This is a must-read for literature connoisseurs.

I'm Still Here by Clélie Avit

Elsa is physically locked in her body after a mountaineering accident. Thibault is trapped in a psychological whirlwind after his brother kills two children while drunkenly driving. They're clinging to the edge when their paths cross and an unlikely romance is formed. The result is a moving meditation on what it means to be alive and the people who make life worthwhile.



My Best Friend's Exorcism by Grady Hendrix

This quirky book fuses John Hughes and horror. Set to a soundtrack of synth pop and dusted in Aqua Net, Hendrix's second novel follows a demon-possessed teen and her best friend's quest to save her amidst the Satanic Panic of the 1980s. It's darkly fun, campy, sometimes terrifying, and wholly original.



Yes You Can @ the Library!

It's the Tween Zone!

A place for 4th and 5th graders to hang out with friends, work on homework, or just relax and read in the Youth Services Department. The new fiction, paperback, and nonfiction books are featured here, plus music for check out; and of course our free WI FI access is available for use with your devices.

Phone Numbers

Renewals 24/7 835-3280
Information 837-3430
Reference 837-3449
Check Out Desk 837-3457
Youth and Teen Services 837-3466
MCTV 837-3474

Hours

Monday-Friday 9:30AM-8:30PM
Saturday 10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday 1:00PM-5:00PM

Closed Sundays:
Memorial Day-Labor Day

Our eBranch is always open

OUR FOUNDING FATHERS LECTURE SERIES

On **Thursday, November 3**, we will be treated to a two-act play on the life of John and Abigail Adams, entitled "**My Dearest Friend.**" Gem Theatrics from Grand Rapids will make history come alive with their first-person account of the Adams' lives and love.

Join us **December 1** as Dr. Andrew Wehrman, CMU, presents, "**Alexander Hamilton: The Ten Dollar Founding Father.**" Drawing insights from Hamilton's extraordinary life and with tie-ins to the Broadway musical, Dr. Wehrman will help us understand how Hamilton came from nothing to become one of our most influential founders.

These events begin at 7:00PM in the Library Auditorium, and are free of charge.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The 2016-2017 Battle season kicks off with author Kirby Larson presenting on Saturday, November 12 at 10:00AM and 2:00PM in the Library Auditorium. Kirby Larson is the author of **Hattie Big Sky** and the **Dogs of World War II** series. Barnes and Noble will be selling Kirby Larson's books along with all of the books on this year's Battle list. Battle of the Books is a reading program designed to reward fourth and fifth grade readers. Students, parents, teachers, and the public are invited to attend the kickoff presentation.

STAFF SIGN-OFF

Congratulations to Ron Beacom, Manager of MCTV and Library Communications, on his retirement. It was in 1989 that Ron was hired to run MCTV. Under Ron's leadership, the station went from 2 to 3 channels and then added a Midland Public Schools channel. He manages the public and government access stations, providing local programming to cable subscribers. During his tenure, MCTV has upgraded production equipment several times including the most recent upgrade to HD. A new Mobile Video Production Unit is the latest project to be completed. Five years ago, Ron took on the responsibilities of Library communications to promote Library services and programs. Beyond the technical side of his job, Ron has developed lasting relationships with volunteers and community members by reaching out to involve them in his passion for community television. Here's to a great retirement and new challenges.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A donation to the Library helps to grow the collection and enhance programs. Click on "Gifts, Memorial and Donations" on the website to access the donation form. The Library is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. You can also consider giving to the Public Library Development Endowment Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation as an investment for future needs.

Please consider the Library when making your year-end donations. We appreciate your support.

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FRIENDS RE-TALE MARKET

In July and August, the Friends of the Library held a contest to name their ongoing book sale in the Library AV room. They received over 150 creative entries. At the September Friends of the Library Board of Directors meeting, the board evaluated the entries and decided on Debra Harlow's suggestion: The Re-Tale Market.

Congratulations, Debra. Thanks to everyone who entered the contest.

Be sure to stop by the Friends Re-Tale Market, where you can find a wide selection of gently used books, magazines, and videos.



Library Closes at 5PM

Wednesday, November 23
Friday, November 25

Library Closed

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 24

Christmas Holiday
Friday, December 23-
Monday, December 26

New Year's Holiday
Sunday, January 1-
Monday, January 2

Look Inside For:

- Adult Battle
- Computer Classes
- Chat & Chew



Kids' Corner

YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

The entire offering of children's and teens' programming is available in the Youth Events Calendar. The calendar is available online or in the Library.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Story Room
For families with children ages 2-6

Mondays, 7:00PM-7:30PM
November 7 - **Moose on the Loose**
November 14 - **Yummy Thanksgiving**

Family Fun Night continues with more great stories, puppet shows, flannel board stories, songs, rhymes, and a take-home craft.

CRAFTY READERS

Community Room
Grades K-3

Registration is required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

It's full STEAM ahead with Crafty Readers this November and December.

Engineering Ingenuity

Tuesday, November 15
4:15PM-5:00PM or 6:30PM-7:15PM

November Crafty Readers explores engineering. Test your construction skills and see what you can build with jelly beans and toothpicks. How creative can you be? Sign up today and find out.

Art Down Under

Tuesday, December 13
4:15PM-5:00PM or 6:30PM-7:15PM

December Crafty Readers combines math and art with the land down under. Children will use repeat patterning to create an Australian Aboriginal inspired painting. Outback animals will be explored through stories. So grab a mate and sign up today.

CHAT & CHEW BOOK CLUB

Community Room
Grades 4-5

Wednesday, December 7, 4:15PM-5:30PM
Registration is required. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Do you like to read? Do you like to eat snacks? Do you like to chat and have fun? If so, join us after school to chat about books and chew on some awesome snacks (and ideas). December's Chat & Chew will feature a Battle of the Books selection. Book to be announced. Copies of the book will be available at the Youth Services Desk.

DISCOVERY DEPOT

Story Room
December 14-31
Monday-Friday: 9:30AM-7:30PM
Saturday: 10:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday: 1:00PM-4:00PM

Discovery Depot will return this December! The Story Room will have a variety of early learning stations and activities for adults to explore with their children. December's theme will be **The Caboose Café** where you can make and serve pretend pizza and ice cream.

The Discovery Depot is designed for children from birth to Kindergarten and their adult caregiver. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books is a reading program for fourth and fifth graders. Students form teams and then participate in Battles beginning in February. To learn more about this popular program, see our website: cityofmidlandmi.gov/library and click on Battle of the Books.

2016-2017 Battle Schedule

Battle Kickoff with author Kirby Larson

Saturday, November 12
10:00AM OR 2:00PM
Library Auditorium

Books and Booklist available

Saturday, November 12
Immediately following the 10:00AM program or after 3:00PM
Youth Services

Monday, November 14 - booklist available on the website:

<http://cityofmidlandmi.gov/510/Battle-of-the-Books>

Battle Briefing

Saturday, January 14, 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 17, 8:30PM
Youth Services Desk

1st Written Battle

Wednesday, February 8, 4:30PM
Assigned Middle School Cafeterias

2nd Written Battle

Wednesday, February 15, 4:30PM
Northeast Middle School Cafeteria

Oral Battle Day

Saturday, February 25, Assigned AM or PM
Library

Championship Battle

Thursday, March 2, 4:30PM
Library Auditorium

Battle Reception

Thursday, March 2, 5:15PM
Library Mezzanine

A celebration of and for ALL Battle Teams!

FREE HOLIDAY MOVIES

Join us in the Library Auditorium for three free movies for kids this holiday season.

Friday, November 25, 2:00PM
Finding Dory, Rated PG, 97 min.

Wednesday, December 28, 10:00AM
The Land Before Time XIV: Journey of the Brave, Rated G, 82 min.

Friday, December 30, 2:00PM
Zootopia, Rated PG, 108 min.

Kids' Corner

Teen Time

FAB FRIDAY @ THE LIBRARY!

Grades 6-12
Friday, November 18, 6:00PM-8:00PM

Registration is required.
Sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 837-3466.

Are you ready to have a rock-n-roller coaster of a good time? Well, hang on tight this Friday night! We're looking for teens who have enough STEAM to craft a coaster of epic proportions. Join us for a fun Friday night at the Library and put your design skills to the test. Try not to go off the rails when your design is challenged...roller coaster-style.

You bring the rock music to get your coaster rolling. We'll provide snacks and selfie ops.



TEEN STUDY WEEK

Tuesday, January 17-Sunday, January 22
Need a change of scenery? Need a place to study for exams? Come to the Library! We have individual and group study spaces available in the Teen Spot, Adult Services Department, Youth Services Department, and the Mezzanine.

In addition, Conference Room A has been reserved for teens to use on a first come basis throughout the week.

Teen Time

CRAM NIGHT

Auditorium Entrance
Grades 9-12
Sunday, January 22
5:30PM-8:00PM



Grab your notes and your books and bring your friends to our "teens only" cram session at the Library. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops as library computers will not be available for use. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided. School ID recommended.

For more information, call the Youth Services Department.



Adult Computer Classes

Stop by the Reference Desk or call 837-3449 to register.
Classes take place in the Library Computer Lab on the lower level.

GETTING STARTED WITH COMPUTERS

Using the Mouse and Basic Internet

Thursday, November 3, 10:00AM

Learn how to use a computer mouse, access the Internet, go to a website, and use a search engine.

Introduction to Windows 10

Thursday, November 10, 10:00AM

Learn how to turn your Windows 10 computer on and off; locate files; install a printer; and use the Windows personal assistant.

Files and Folders

Thursday, November 17, 10:00AM

Learn how to create and organize a structure for saving and locating computer files.

MICROSOFT OFFICE

More with Excel

Tuesday, November 1, 10:00AM

Learn about using charts and graphs, conditional formulas, and pivot tables in Excel.

More with Word: Mail Merge

Tuesday, November 15, 10:00AM

Learn how to print labels and envelopes and create a mailing list using Word.

TABLET USERS GROUP

One to One Help

Library Computer Lab

Wednesdays, 2:00PM-4:00PM
November 9, November 16

Registration is required.

Tablet beginners, sign up for a 30-minute time slot to work one to one with a librarian.

Friends of the Library

837-3437..... fogadml@yahoo.com

Thank you to everyone who helped us have a very successful October used book sale! So many people contribute to our book sales by donating, sorting, setting up and purchasing books, and we appreciate every one of you!

Pop-up Sale

Please mark your calendars for our Holiday Pop-up sale on December 10, 2016 from 11:00AM-2:00PM in the Library AV room. Check our Facebook page or our webpage for more details.

You can always shop for used books at the Friends Re-Tale Market, which is located in the Library AV room. And be sure to follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/fogadml>) for all the latest news.

Mezzanine Exhibits



November:

Paint & Palette Artists' Group

MCTV

837-3474 ... cityofmidlandmi.gov/mctv

MCTV will celebrate "Honors Night" on Thursday, November 17. This is an annual event to honor the efforts of the people who create the programs you see on MCTV. The Friends of MCTV will also celebrate their 10th Anniversary. "Honors Night" will be held at Creative 360, 1517 Bayliss Street. The reception will begin at 6:30PM followed by the program at 7:00PM. You are invited!

You can serve your community and have fun at MCTV. Get started by attending the next orientation/studio training workshop on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The field camera/editing class is held on the following Saturday, November 19 from 10:00AM-4:30PM. The cost is \$45 which includes the annual access user fee. Please register in advance.

You can find MCTV on Charter Communications channels 188-191 and on AT&T's U-verse. Go to channel 99 and search through the menus to find Midland Community Television. You can also watch programming online. Go to www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/mctv.