

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board

Director's Report, September 13, 2007

Staff Continuing Education

Virginia McKane attended an informational meeting on the 2008 summer reading program organized by the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative.

Adult Services Activities

The Great Michigan Read kick off is September 17th. Copies of The Nick Adams Stories by Ernest Hemingway will be available for check out. The September "City in 15" program on MGTV 5 features a segment on the program. You can view it from the library's web page.

Midland Public Schools Curriculum Coordinators met with Adult Services and Youth Services staff for a presentation on library electronic resources.

The Adult Services staff will participate in the Northwood University Kick Off Party for students on September 18th.

Staff will be highlighting library services for seniors at the 2007 Senior Expo at the Midland Mall on Wednesday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Youth Services Activities

Through the Volunteen program, seventy-four teens volunteered 939.75 hours helping with the Summer Reading Program.

The Great Michigan Read is being celebrated in the Teen Spot with Gloria Whelan's book, The Pathless Woods: Ernest Hemingway's Sixteenth Summer in Northern Michigan. Copies will be available for check out beginning September 16th and the author will be speaking on Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The Paraprofessionals from the Midland Public Schools Elementary Media Centers met with Youth Services staff to learn about library services available to teachers and students.

Youth Services staff will be participating in the Third Annual Educator Open House sponsored by the Midland Center for the Arts on Thursday, September 27th. Attendees will learn about resources and programs for students.

Other

Approximately 275 people stopped by the library table at the Dow Blue Planet Run on Saturday, August 25th. Crafts and displays were set up at the library on the same day.

The library is a distribution location for the "Be a Tourist in Your Town" passports and will also participate in the event on October 6th and 7th. The event is coordinated by the Midland Area Partnership, a committee of the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce.

CIRCULATION	Adult Materials	Juvenile Materials	ILL / Misc.	YTD TOTAL 2007/2008	YTD TOTAL 2006/2007
Jul-07	40,014	35,985	2,303	78,302	
Jul-06	37,902	34,656	2,211		74,769
Aug-07	39,498	29,385	2,446	71,329	
Aug-06	38,532	27,373	2,145		68,050
YEAR-TO-DATE				149,631	142,819

GATE COUNT	2007/2008	2006/2007
Jul-07	45,689	
Jul-06		46,554
Aug-07	42,543	
Aug-06		40,890

DATA BASES	Sessions	Searches
Jul-07	2,013	30,822
Aug-07	2,215	29,584

PROGRAMS -- ADULT SERVICES	Jul-07		Aug-07	
	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions
Author Visits	0	0	0	0
Books and Bites	0	0	0	0
Business Seminars	13	1	0	0
Classic Movies	20	1	43	2
Outreach	0	0	275	0
Summer Reading	145	0	82	0
TOTAL	178	2	400	2

PROGRAMS -- YOUTH SERVICES	Jul-07		Aug-07	
	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions
Baby Time	28	4	4	1
Brown Bag Book Club	22	1	19	1
Circle Time	365	14	193	9
Movies	599	11	207	6
Ready, Sit Read!	266	8	51	2
Special Programs	2170	9	363	6
Summer Reading	0	0	4557	0
Teens	18	1	0	0
Toddler Time	179	8	44	2
Tours	33	1	40	1
TOTALS	3680	57	5478	28