

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board
Director's Report, October 11, 2007

Staff Continuing Education

Vicki Carto and Catherine Lundgard, Youth Services Librarians, attended a workshop on MeL databases for children sponsored by the Michigan Library Consortium.

Rebecca Hastings, Youth Services Librarian, attended a workshop on children, teens, and literature sponsored by the Michigan Library Association.

Melissa Barnard did a short presentation at the Michigan Library Consortium Annual Meeting on Libraries Build Communities.

Adult Services Activities

The taped book discussion of The Nick Adams Stories selected for the Great Michigan Read is being shown on MGTV 5 throughout the month of October.

The Movie Poster exhibit on loan from the Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University will be on display on the Mezzanine during October and November.

Youth Services Activities

Teen author Patrick Jones will speak at Midland, Dow, and Windover High Schools on Monday, October 15th in celebration of Teen Read Week. He will do a book signing at the library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. that same day. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring the program.

Author Gloria Whelan will be speaking at the library on Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Great Michigan Read. Her visit is made possible through a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council.

The library will be celebrating National Family Week with other community organizations with activities at the Midland Community Center, November 16th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and at the West Midland Family Center on November 17th, 1-3 p.m.

Other

The library welcomed over 700 participants during the "Be a Tourist in Your Town" event. A special library scavenger hunt introduced visitors to library services.

Rosetta Stone Online Language Program is withdrawing services from libraries. Access to this database will terminate in February 2008.

Melissa Barnard has submitted an article about library services for the Homer Township newsletter at their request.

Library hours for the upcoming holidays are:

Wednesday, November 21 – Close at 5 p.m.

Thursday, November 22 – Closed

Friday, November 23 – Close at 5 p.m.

Monday, December 24 – Closed

Tuesday, December 25 – Closed

Monday, December 31 – Close at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1 - Closed

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 Statistical Report -- September 2007

CIRCULATION	Adult	Juvenile		YTD TOTAL	YTD TOTAL
	Materials	Materials	ILL / Misc.	2007/2008	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
Sep-07	36,129	26,220	2,294	64,643	
Sep-06	36,620	25,568	2,284		64,472
YEAR-TO-DATE				214,274	207,291

GATE COUNT	2007/2008	2006/2007
Jul-07	45,689	
Jul-06		46,554
Aug-07	42,543	
Aug-06		40,890
Sep-07	37,578	
Sep-06		36,946

DATA BASES	Sessions	Searches
Jul-07	2,650	34,333
Aug-07	2,823	33,648

PROGRAMS -- ADULT SERVICES		
	Sep-07 Participants	Sessions
Author Visits	0	0
Books and Bites	12	1
Business Seminars	4	1
Classic Movies	62	2
Misc. Programs	34	2
Outreach	125	1
TOTAL	237	7

PROGRAMS -- YOUTH SERVICES		
	Sep-07 Participants	Sessions
Baby Time	52	3
Brown Bag Book Club	8	1
Circle Time	541	12
Crafty Readers	58	4
Outreach	55	3
Ready, Sit Read!	108	9
Special Programs	28	2
Teens	52	3
Toddler Time	103	5
Tours	188	6
TOTALS	1193	48