

GRACE A DOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

Director's Report, January 10, 2008

Staff Continuing Education

Sudi Kotecha, Katherine Redwine, Emelia Parker, Reference Librarians; Stephanie Williams, Circulation Services Supervisor; and Ron Suszek, Supervisor of Adult Services, attended the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference.

Catherine Lundgard and Kathy Brown, Youth Services Librarians, attended a workshop on young adult literature sponsored by the Bureau of Education and Research.

Cheryl Brown, Library Assistant, attended a workshop on cataloging sponsored by the Michigan Library Consortium.

Katherine Redwine and Ann Jarvis, Reference Librarians, and Ron Suszek, Supervisor of Adult Services, attended a workshop on YouTube and Flickr sponsored by the Michigan Library Consortium.

Elaine Warakomski, Library Assistant, attended graphics training sponsored by Education Training Connection.

Adult Services Activities

Staff will be participating in the Longview Parents Night, providing information on the library's website resources using the school's computer lab.

Two new computer classes will be offered in March: Learn to Google and YouTube and You. Registration is required.

Youth Services Activities

The staff will be participating in Kids Day at the Mall on Saturday, January 19.

The Battle of the Books Kick-Off in November with author Bruce Hale had 491 in attendance.

Staff participated in the following: the Community Baby Shower, program for Head Start parents at Midland County Educational Service Agency; and tour and information about books to Midland Public Schools Middle and High School English teachers.

Over 450 children and parents celebrated Halloween at the library with treats, the Halloween parade and Smudge Fundaes performances.

Staff has added another session for Crafty Readers. There are now 4 sessions a month.

Other

The library was a location for the 2007 Midland County Career Showcase sponsored by MiTech+. Four students and one parent participated in the event that featured library tour and library career information.

Library staff conducted a computer class at the Chippewassee Elementary School computer lab for parents. Youth Services staff provided stories and crafts for their children. A total of thirteen attended.

Rebecca Hastings, Youth Services Librarian, retired from the library after 12 years of service.

Safety Committee members will staff a table at Family Wellness Day at the Mall on Sunday, February 10.

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PROGRAMS -- ADULT SERVICES	Oct-07		Nov-07	
	Participants	Sessions	Participants	Sessions
Books and Bites	10	1	0	1
Business Seminars	10	1	3	1
Classic Movies	50	2	63	2
Community Read	102	6	23	1
Computer Classes/Programs	34	5	12	2
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