

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board

**Director's Report, February 14, 2008**

**Adult Services Activities**

The library has been selected to host Michigan Notable authors Sharon Kegerreis and Lorri Hathaway. They will be speaking about their book From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries. The program date has not been determined.

**Youth Services Activities**

Cram Night attracted 155 high school students studying for exams. The library furnished refreshments.

Sixty-one teams are participating in Battle of the Books program. Written battles are held in February. The Oral and Championship Battles are scheduled in March.

**Other**

The Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar will be adding a vending machine with snacks to serve customers during closed hours.

Melissa Barnard was guest speaker at the February meeting of the Lioness Club.

Virginia McKane participated on the 100 Best Communities for Young People Application Committee. The Greater Midland Community received the award for the second time.

Renovation of the lower level public restrooms will begin in March. Patrons will be directed to use the restrooms on first floor during construction.

Discovery Square is featured on the February "City in 15" program airing on MGTV5. The program can also be viewed via streaming video.

Twenty-seven fifth graders from Pine River Elementary School visited the library on "Job Shadow Day" sponsored by Junior Achievement of Central Michigan, Inc. to learn about how the library operates and the different tasks performed.

Library staff has scheduled a variety of programs in March and April which will be advertised as "Happenings '08: Celebrating Libraries" and will supplement other programs held during National Library Week. A flyer will be inserted in the March/April Library Connection.

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
Oct-07	38,884	28,490	2,543	69,917	
Oct-06	35,155	27,305	2,334		64,794
Nov-07	36,841	27,791	2,181	66,813	
Nov-06	34,937	26,945	2,130		64,012
Dec-07	33,860	22,776	2,029	58,665	
Dec-06	32,575	21,070	1,561		55,206
Jan-08	38,431	29,340	2,525	70,296	
Jan-07	39,727	28,773	2,340		70,840
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>				<b>479,965</b>	<b>462,143</b>

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
Oct-07	43,234	
Oct-06		40,776
Nov-07	36,079	
Nov-06		35,664
Dec-07	30,809	
Dec-06		28,810
Jan-08	40,133	
Jan-07		41,311

DATA BASES	Sessions	Searches
Jul-07	2,650	34,333
Aug-07	2,823	33,648
Sep-07	3,119	36,410
Oct-07	3,435	38,648
Nov-07	3,237	37,879
Dec-08	2,680	36,118

PROGRAMS -- ADULT SERVICES	Jan-08	
	Participants	Sessions
Books and Bites	10	1
Business Seminars	11	1
Computer Classes/Programs	25	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>3</b>
PROGRAMS -- YOUTH SERVICES	Jan-08	
	Participants	Sessions
Baby Time	73	4
Battle of the Books	189	1
Brown Bag Book Club	17	1
Circle Time	542	12
Crafty Readers	64	4
Outreach	400	1
Ready, Sit Read!	139	12
Teens	164	3
Toddler Time	119	7
Tours	229	9
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1936</b>	<b>54</b>