

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board

Director's Report, March 13, 2008

Staff Continuing Education

Ron Suszek, Supervisor of Adult Services; Stephanie Williams, Supervisor of Youth Services; and Mary Schultz, Acquisitions Coordinator, attended MeL Users Day 2008 sponsored by the Michigan Library Consortium.

Adult Services Activities

Reference Librarian Sudi Kotecha presented a program highlighting library services to members of P.E.O. Chapter FA.

The MCTV staff and Library staff are teaming up to offer a program on the conversion of TV broadcasting to an all digital system. The program is March 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge.

Youth Services Activities

The Ruling Readers of Woodcrest School won the Battle of the Books Championship Battle with the Farewell My Opponents of Blessed Sacrament as the runners-up. Sixty-one teams participated in this year's Battle.

The Animal Art submitted by area preschools and students through 5th grade is on display in the Youth Services Department through April 30th.

Other

The Library Connection newsletter is now available via email. From the Library's homepage click on Library Connection and follow the instructions to subscribe.

The Friends of the Library ongoing used book sale in the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar has been moved and expanded to the shelving area next to the new DVD collection.

Mary Schultz has been promoted to Acquisitions and Circulation Services Coordinator.

A session of the 2008 City of Midland Citizens Academy was held at the library on March 12th. MCTV and the library were featured with presentations by Ron Beacom and Melissa Barnard.

The library will be closed Good Friday, March 21st and Easter Sunday, March 23rd. The library is open regular hours on Saturday, March 22nd.

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
Feb. 08	36,917	28,203	2,541	67,661	
Feb. 07	35,673	28,091	2,277		66,041
YEAR-TO-DATE				547,626	528,184

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
Feb. 08	33,995	
Feb. 07		34,978

DATA BASES	Sessions	Searches
	Jul-07	2,650
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-07	2,680	36,118
Jan-08	3,331	42,956

PROGRAMS - ADULT SERVICES	Feb-08	
	Participants	Sessions
Books and Bites	5	1
Classic Movies	48	2
Computer Classes/Programs	55	6
Misc. Programs	245	1
TOTAL	353	10

PROGRAMS - YOUTH SERVICES	Feb-08	
	Participants	Sessions
Battle of the Books	703	2
Brown Bag Book Club	16	1
Crafty Readers	60	4
Outreach	50	1
Special Programs	182	2
Teens	5	1
Tours	71	4
TOTALS	1087	15