

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board

Director's Report, April 10, 2008

Staff Continuing Education

Joan Grady and Jenny Marr, Associate Reference Librarians, attended MeL training conducted by the Michigan Library Consortium. This training was hosted by Midland Public Schools.

Katherine Redwine and Ann Jarvis, Reference Librarians, attended the workshop Teaching Technology in Libraries sponsored by the Michigan Library Association.

Melissa Barnard attended the Computers in Libraries 2008 Conference sponsored by Information Today.

Adult Services Activities

Approximately sixty people attended the "What is China?" lecture presented by Dr. Drew Hinder, Chair of the International Studies Program at Saginaw Valley University.

The Apron Exhibit on the Mezzanine will continue through the end of April.

"Kick Off Your Boots & Read" is the theme for the adult Summer Reading Program that starts on June 9th.

Youth Services Activities

Eight hundred children did the make and take Carousel Horse craft during their visits to the library in March.

Three levels of reading programs will be offered this summer: "Catch the Reading Bug" for infants - 3rd grade, "Don't Bug Me ... I'm Reading" for 4th - 6th grades and "Metamorphosis@Your Library" for 7th - 12th grades. The programs begin on June 9th.

Other

The Friends Annual Membership Meeting is Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m., Library Lounge.

The lower level restroom remodeling project is underway. The restrooms will be closed for approximately one month.

Brandi Pfohl has resigned her position as Technical Secretary and accepted the position as part time Office Assistant in MCTV.

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STATISTICAL REPORT – APRIL 2008

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
Mar. 08	38,837	33,707	2,754	75,298	
Mar. 07	40,972	30,759	2,593		74,324
YEAR-TO-DATE				622,924	602,508

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
Mar. 08	37,263	
Mar. 07		40,221

PROGRAMS - ADULT SERVICES	Mar-08	
	Participants	Sessions
Books and Bites	15	1
Classic Movies	39	2
Computer Classes/Programs	33	7
National Library Week	60	1
Outreach	15	1
TOTAL	162	12

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-07	2,680	36,118
Jan-08	3,331	42,956
Feb. 08	4,002	44,865

PROGRAMS - YOUTH SERVICES	Mar-08	
	Participants	Sessions
Baby Time	36	1
Battle of the Books	486	3
Brown Bag Book Club	12	1
Crafty Readers	71	4
Movies	163	2
Special Programs	800	1
Teens	16	2
Toddler Time	85	4
Tours	150	7
TOTALS	1819	25