

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board

Director's Report, May 15, 2008

Staff Continuing Education

Stephanie Williams, Supervisor of Youth Services, attended the Michigan Users Group annual meeting. The group addresses issues and concerns with the Horizon automated system.

Ann Jarvis and Debbie Schell, Reference Librarians, attended the Fantastic Fiction Readers' Advisory workshop sponsored by the Michigan Library Association.

Sharron Hill and Karin Mudd, Library Assistants, attended catalog training conducted by the Michigan Library Consortium.

Stephanie Williams, Supervisor of Youth Services, attended the Children's Spring Institute sponsored by the Michigan Library Association.

Adult Services Activities

Thirty-five people attended the Spring Writer's Event. Michael Delp, instructor of creative writing at the Interlochen Arts Academy, was the speaker.

Youth Services Activities

Members of the Teen Advisory Board will be helping to plant flowers along the library property on Eastman Road on Saturday, May 17th for Midland Blooms.

Other

Lori Garrison, Library Assistant, was selected by her peers as Outstanding Library Employee of the Year. Lori processes interlibrary loan requests.

The Summer Reading Program begins on Monday, June 9th. There are programs for all age levels.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 26th for observance of Memorial Day. Beginning Sunday, May 25th, the library will be closed Sundays until September 7th.

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| 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 |
| Apr-08 | 36,659 | 30,496 | 2,705 | 69,860 | |
| Apr-07 | 36,450 | 26,780 | 2,177 | | 65,407 |
| May-07 | | | | | |
| May-08 | | | | | |
| Jun-08 | | | | | |
| Jun-07 | | | | | |
| YTD | | | | 692,784 | 667,915 |

| GATE COUNT | 2007/2008 | 2006/2007 |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| July | 45,689 | 46,554 |
| August | 42,543 | 40,890 |
| September | 37,578 | 36,946 |
| October | 43,234 | 40,776 |
| November | 36,079 | 35,664 |
| December | 30,809 | 28,810 |
| January | 40,133 | 41,311 |
| February | 33,995 | 34,978 |
| March | 37,263 | 40,221 |
| April | 39,079 | 37,491 |
| May | | |
| June | | |
| YTD | 386,402 | 383,641 |

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| PROGRAMS - ADULT SERVICES | Apr-08 | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | Participants | Sessions |
| Books and Bites | 8 | 1 |
| Business Seminar | 15 | 1 |
| Classic Movies | 28 | 2 |
| National Library Week | 236 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 287 | 9 |

| DATABASES | 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 |
| Mar-08 | 3,708 | 44,830 |
| TOTAL | 28,985 | 349,687 |

| PROGRAMS - YOUTH SERVICES | Apr-08 | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | Participants | Sessions |
| Baby Time | 122 | 4 |
| Circle Time | 585 | 19 |
| Crafty Readers | 44 | 4 |
| Movies | 525 | 8 |
| Ready, Sit, Read | 91 | 6 |
| Special Programs | 1350 | 2 |
| Teens | 4 | 1 |
| Toddler Time | 186 | 8 |
| Tours | 116 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 3023 | 55 |