

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board
Director's Report
June 10, 2008

Staff Continuing Education

Katrina Dumont and Kathy Brown, Youth Services Librarians, attended a workshop on books for young adults sponsored by the Bureau of Education and Research.

Adult Services Activities

The library is offering a new foreign language online program, Mango Languages. Although it is not the same instructional format as the Rosetta Stone Online Language Program, it is easy to use and a great learning tool.

The library is participating in Entrepreneurs Day at Delta College on Wednesday, June 18th. A library booth will provide attendees information about library resources for businesses.

Youth Services Activities

Seventy-five high school students were at the library for Cram Night on Saturday, June 7th.

On September 15, 2008, the 2008 Michigan Reads! Author, Nancy Shaw, is scheduled to visit. Nancy Shaw's book Raccoon Tune will be featured in two programs, one for preschoolers and one for grades K-2. The Library of Michigan Foundation selected the libraries for the author tour.

Other

The lower level restrooms have been completed. The remodeling added handicapped accessibility including automatic doors and child friendly fixtures.

The Friends of the Library approved \$30,500 to support library programs and events in 2008/09.

Wendy Shields has been promoted to Technical Secretary. She formerly held the position of Account Clerk.

The library will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

The library will close at noon on Wednesday, August 27th for a staff in-service.

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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-08	35,394	26,993		2,602	64,989	
May-07	36,047	23,921		2,147		62,115
Jun-08						
Jun-07						
YTD					757,773	730,030
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	35,079	35,999				
June						
YTD	421,481	419,640				

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PROGRAMS - ADULT SERVICES		May-08	
	Participants	Sessions	
Author Visit	5	1	
Books and Bites	10	1	
Business Seminar	6	1	
Classic Movies	24	1	
Spring Writer's Event	35	1	
TOTAL	80	5	
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	
Apr-08	3,687	38,629	
May-08			
Jun-08			
TOTAL	32,672	388,316	
PROGRAMS - YOUTH SERVICES		May-08	
	Participants	Sessions	
Baby Time			
Circle Time	26	1	
Crafty Readers	57	4	
Movies			
Outreach	3	1	
Ready, Sit, Read	43	2	
Special Programs	65	1	
Teens	13	3	
Toddler Time			
Tours			
TOTALS	207	12	