

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board  
**Director's Report**  
**September 11, 2008**

**Adult Services Activities**

The Dow Chemical Company donated 10 copies of the video, "What Free Men Will Do: The Veterans of Dow Honor Flight 2007" to the library. In November 2007, the Dow Chemical Company sent 93 of its retired Michigan employees and World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to see their World War II Memorial. These men are being honored in a one-hour documentary tribute to their bravery, sacrifice, and commitment to freedom. The videos can be borrowed for 7 days at no charge.

The 2008 Adult Services Summer Reading Program had 206 adults participate in the program. The 2007 program had 227 participants.

The Adult Services staff will participate in the Northwood University Kick Off Party for students on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Services Activities**

The 2008 Youth Services Summer Reading Program had 4,249 children and teens participate in the program. This includes 161 children who joined the program at the outreach locations: West Midland Family Center, North Midland Family Center, Campfire USA, and Mills Elementary School. The 2007 Summer Reading Program had 4,557 participants.

Through the Volunteering program, ninety-seven teens volunteered 1053.75 hours helping with the Summer Reading Program. Last summer, seventy-four teens volunteered 939.75 hours.

The October Crafty Readers program is co-sponsored with UNICEF and the Family Story Time in October is co-sponsored with Shelterhouse of Midland.

**Other**

Staff is posting library events and programs on Everything Tri-Cities.com, a new web site that covers Saginaw, Bay City and Midland. The site is sponsored by Dow Corning Corporation. Information is also being posted on the Midland Daily News Community Calendar at [www.midland.com](http://www.midland.com).

Midland residents, industry leaders and business owners are all being asked to participate in a series of budget roundtables to obtain citizen input that will help shape priorities for the 2009-10 City of Midland budget. City roundtable discussions have been scheduled between October 7-10, at the following times and locations:

- Tuesday, Oct. 7                      11 a.m. - 2 p.m.              Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge
- Tuesday, Oct. 7                      6:30 - 9:30 p.m.              Midland Law Enforcement Center
- Wednesday, Oct. 8\*                7 - 10 a.m.                      Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge  
*\* Business Roundtable: This session will be geared toward those who own or operate businesses within the city of Midland.*
- Wednesday, Oct. 8                6:30 - 9:30 p.m.              Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge
- Thursday, Oct. 9                    2 - 5 p.m.                        Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge
- Thursday, Oct. 9                    6:30 - 9:30 p.m.              Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge
- Friday, Oct. 10                      9 a.m. - Noon                 Midland Law Enforcement Center

Midland residents interested in participating in one three-hour session can visit the City of Midland website at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org); click on the Roundtables link, and register via an online form. Citizens may also contact the City Manager's Office at 837-3301. Please be ready to provide a first and second meeting choice. Registration deadline is October 1.

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CIRCULATION	Adult	Juvenile			YTD TOTAL	YTD TOTAL
	Materials	Materials		ILL / Misc.	2008/2009	2007/2008
<b>Jul-08</b>	<b>42,601</b>	<b>38,620</b>		<b>2,821</b>	<b>84,042</b>	
Jul-07	40,014	35,985		2,303		78,302
<b>Aug-08</b>	<b>37,266</b>	<b>30,704</b>		<b>2,543</b>	<b>70,513</b>	
Aug-07	39,498	29,385		2,446		71,329
<b>Sep-08</b>					<b>0</b>	
Sep-07	36,129	26,220		2,294		64,643
<b>Oct-08</b>					<b>0</b>	
Oct-07	38,884	28,490		2,543		69,917
<b>Nov-08</b>					<b>0</b>	
Nov-07	36,841	27,791		2,181		66,813
<b>Dec-08</b>					<b>0</b>	
Dec-07	33,860	22,776		2,029		58,665
<b>Jan-09</b>					<b>0</b>	
Jan-08	38,431	29,340		2,525		70,296
<b>Feb-09</b>					<b>0</b>	
Feb-08	36,917	28,203		2,541		67,661
<b>Mar-09</b>					<b>0</b>	
Mar-08	38,837	33,707		2,754		75,298
<b>Apr-09</b>					<b>0</b>	
Apr-08	36,659	30,496		2,705		69,860
<b>May-09</b>					<b>0</b>	
May-08	35,394	26,993		2,602		64,989
<b>Jun-09</b>					<b>0</b>	
Jun-08	35,100	38,465		2,460		76,025
<b>YTD</b>					<b>154,555</b>	<b>833,798</b>
<b>GATE COUNT</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>				
July	46,268	45,689				
August	39,373	42,543				
September		37,578				
October		43,234				
November		36,079				
December		30,809				
January		40,133				
February		33,995				
March		37,263				
April		39,079				
May		35,079				
June		44,653				
<b>YTD</b>	<b>85,641</b>	<b>466,134</b>				

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<b>PROGRAMS - ADULT SERVICES</b>		<b>Aug-08</b>	
	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	
Classic Movies	14	1	
Summer Reading	206	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>PROGRAMS - YOUTH SERVICES</b>		<b>Aug-08</b>	
	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	
Baby Time	51	2	
Brown Bag Book Club	27	1	
Move & Groove	270	4	
Movies	382	9	
Outreach	108	3	
Special Programs	629	5	
Summer Reading	4249	0	
Teens	7	1	
Toddler Time	132	4	
Tours	21	1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5876</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>DATABASES</b>		<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Searches</b>
Jul-08	3,591	41,901	
Aug-08			
Sep-08			
Oct-08			
Nov-08			
Dec-08			
Jan-09			
Feb-09			
Mar-09			
Apr-09			
May-09			
Jun-09			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,591</b>	<b>41,901</b>	