

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board
Director's Report
October 9, 2008

Adult Services Activities

Approximately 350 people stopped by the library's booth at the Senior Expo at the Midland Mall on Wednesday, October 8th.

Staff is working with the Poetry Society of Michigan to sponsor the "My Favorite Poem" event on Thursday, October 23rd.

In conjunction with the Center for the Arts Theatre Guild production of To Kill a Mockingbird, staff will be leading a book discussion on the novel on Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. The movie based on the book will be shown on Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Services Activities

Stephanie Williams, Supervisor of Youth Services, participated in the Educator's Open House at the Midland Center for the Arts that also included a tour of the Library for teachers from Bullock Creek School. Katrina Dumont, Youth Services Librarian, represented the library at the Community Baby Shower sponsored by Success by 6. Stephanie Williams provided supportive materials and information on accessing library resources for the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art Picture Parents Program.

Stephanie Williams attended the 2009 Summer Reading Program organizational meeting coordinated by the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative.

Battle of the Books kick-off is Saturday, November 15th with children's author Betty Birney.

Other

Approximately 500 people participated in the Library's "Tourist in Your Town" activity on Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th. Board members Marilyn Soules and Kathleen Kinnish volunteered to assist staff at the event.

Melissa Barnard submitted an article about library services and upcoming programs for the Homer Township newsletter at their request.

The Library is co-sponsoring with the Literacy Council of Midland County a presentation by Susan Barton, an expert on dyslexia, on Saturday, October 18th in the Library Auditorium.

Library hours for the upcoming holidays are:

Wednesday, November 26 – Close at 5 p.m.

Thursday, November 27 – Closed

Friday, November 28 – Close at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24 – Closed

Thursday, December 25 – Closed

Wednesday, December 31 – Close at 5 p.m.

Thursday, January 1 - Closed

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CIRCULATION	Adult	Juvenile			YTD TOTAL	YTD TOTAL
	Materials	Materials		ILL / Misc.	2008/2009	2007/2008
Jul-08	42,601	38,620		2,821	84,042	
Jul-07	40,014	35,985		2,303		78,302
Aug-08	37,266	30,704		2,543	70,513	
Aug-07	39,498	29,385		2,446		71,329
Sep-08	35,810	30,458		2,609	68,877	
Sep-07	36,129	26,220		2,294		64,643
Oct-08					0	
Oct-07	38,884	28,490		2,543		69,917
Nov-08					0	
Nov-07	36,841	27,791		2,181		66,813
Dec-08					0	
Dec-07	33,860	22,776		2,029		58,665
Jan-09					0	
Jan-08	38,431	29,340		2,525		70,296
Feb-09					0	
Feb-08	36,917	28,203		2,541		67,661
Mar-09					0	
Mar-08	38,837	33,707		2,754		75,298
Apr-09					0	
Apr-08	36,659	30,496		2,705		69,860
May-09					0	
May-08	35,394	26,993		2,602		64,989
Jun-09					0	
Jun-08	35,100	38,465		2,460		76,025
YTD					223,432	833,798
GATE COUNT	2008/2009	2007/2008				
July	46,268	45,689				
August	39,373	42,543				
September	37,957	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				
YTD	123,598	466,134				

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PROGRAMS - ADULT SERVICES		Sep-08			
		Participants		Sessions	
Books n Bites		16		1	
Business Seminars		5		1	
Classic Movies		27		2	
Computer Classes		10		2	
Miscellaneous Programs		180		2	
Tours		14		1	
TOTAL		252		9	
PROGRAMS - YOUTH SERVICES		Sep-08			
		Participants		Sessions	
Baby Time		105		8	
Brown Bag Book Club		12		1	
Circle Time		455		13	
Crafty Readers		55		4	
Outreach		110		1	
Ready, Sit, Read!		88		6	
Special Programs		82		2	
Teens		22		2	
Toddler Time		309		8	
Tours		213		8	
TOTALS		1451		53	
DATABASES		Sessions	Searches		
Jul-08		3,591	41,901		
Aug-08		3,779	39,926		
Sep-08					
Oct-08					
Nov-08					
Dec-08					
Jan-09					
Feb-09					
Mar-09					
Apr-09					
May-09					
Jun-09					
TOTAL		7,370	81,827		