

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board
Director's Report, January 15, 2009

Continuing Education

Virginia McKane, Assistant Director, participated in a webcast of "Word-of-Mouth Marketing for Libraries" sponsored by Library Journal and Novelist.

Adult Services Activities

The Books and Bites Book Discussion Group will also meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2:00 in the afternoon beginning in January. The group will continue to meet on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The same title will be discussed at both times.

The Tax Corner, located behind the bank of computers on first floor, has a limited number of forms available for pick up and a dedicated computer to search and print forms. The first page is free, additional pages are \$.10 each. Staff at the Reference Desk will assist patrons needing help locating or printing forms.

Youth Services Activities

The deadline for team registration for the Battle of the Books is Monday, January 26th. The Championship Battle is Thursday, March 12th.

The staff is working with staff of the other organizations in Discovery Square to develop a Summer Camp. The week long camp will provide activities to children and teens, introducing them to Discovery Square. This is a pay to attend camp.

Other

The Dow Gardens generously donated the holiday poinsettia plants to the library.

The City of Midland Citizen's Academy will be held beginning January 14th. The library will be participating with a presentation on services and programs.

The Friends of the Library are providing recyclable book bags for sale at the library for \$1.00 each. They are available at the check out desk.

Mike Shea, President of the Arnold Center, is retiring after serving 25 years. Mr. Shea was instrumental in developing the partnership with the library for the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar.

Happenings '09 in combination with celebrating National Library Week will be held in March and April with programs on Abraham Lincoln, the annual tea, game nights for teens and a musical program for children. The children's art exhibit this year will highlight Eric Carle (He is turning 80 this year and The Very Hungry Caterpillar was published 40 years ago) and will include a reception for the children, parents, and caregivers. Dates and times of the events and activities will be included in the March/April Library Connection.