

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board  
**Director's Report, February 12, 2009**

**Adult Services Activities**

In celebration of Black History Month, staff has developed a link to African American Resources on the library's website, accessible on the front page.

The Library of Michigan has selected the library as a host site for the 2009 Michigan Notable Book Author Tour. Brian Dunnigan, author of A Picturesque Situation: Mackinac Before Photography, 1615-1860, will do a presentation on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**Youth Services Activities**

Cram Night was attended by 180 high school students.

There are 64 teams participating in the 2009 Battle of the Books Program. The first written battle is February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Championship Battle is March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Staff will be at Camp Kickoff! on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 4 p.m. at the Midland Center for the Arts to promote summer programs and the Discovery Square Summer Camp. There will be a City of Midland booth with information about all city summer programs.

In conjunction with the Lizards and Snakes: Alive exhibit at the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, staff has prepared a link to lizard and snake resources on the library's website, accessible on the front page.

**Other**

Melissa Barnard spoke at a meeting of the Contemporary Review Club on January 20<sup>th</sup>, presenting information on services available at the library.

The library participated in the Junior Achievement Job Shadow Day on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Eighteen fifth grade students from Pine River Elementary School along with their teacher and aides toured and experienced various jobs at the library.

The Friends of the Library Used Book Sale is Friday (members only day), February 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In 2008, the library staff had no on job injuries. The Library Safety Committee is to be commended for their work in providing safety information and training for the staff. The library staff is also recognized for their commitment to safety on the job and at home.