

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Board
Director's Report
April 9, 2009

Adult Services Activities

The lecture presented by Author Jason Emerson had an audience of 110. He spoke about his books, The Madness of Mary Lincoln and Lincoln the Inventor. Lincoln Historian Timothy Townsend's presentation was attended by 57. His lecture focused on Lincoln's view of slavery and included the showing of a new video about Lincoln's years in Springfield. Both programs were taped and will be shown on MGTV.

Staff has developed an informational web page that includes links to foreclosure resources, contact information for government agencies and other organizations that can help those facing financial challenges.

Michigan Notable Author Brian Dunnigan will be discussing his book, A Picturesque Situation: Mackinac Before Photography 1615-1860, on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Doc Fletcher, author of two books on canoeing in Michigan, will be presenting a program at the library on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Chippewa Nature Center is assisting with promoting the program.

The Adult Summer Reading Program begins June 8th with the theme "Be Creative@Your Library."

Youth Services Activities

The Children's Art Show Open House was attended by approximately 270 children, parents, grandparents and other caregivers. Children created the art projects inspired by Eric Carle in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Over 400 preschool children and their teachers attended the Jim Gill concert. The lively event had children and adults clapping hands, stomping feet and singing along.

The Abraham Lincoln Impersonator entertained an audience of 111.

An Internet safety program is planned for Wednesday, May 6th, 7:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge. Panelist include: Todd DuBois, Charter Communications; Norm Neher, Midland Public Schools; Stephanie Williams, Supervisor of Youth Services and a representative from the Michigan State Police. The program will be taped and shown on MGTV.

The Youth Summer Reading Program begins June 8th. The theme for the children's program is "Be Creative@the Library" and for teens "Express Yourself@the Library."

Other

Melissa Barnard and Virginia McKane, Assistant Director, were interviewed by Cathy Nelson Price for the Midland Daily News Front Page program shown on MCTV.

The library will be closed Memorial Day, May 25th. The last date for Sunday hours is May 17th. Sunday hours will resume September 13th.