

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board  
**Director's Report**  
**May 14, 2009**

**Continuing Education**

Debbie Schell, Reference Librarian, and Jenny Marr, Associate Reference Librarian, attended the Fantastic Fiction Workshop sponsored by the Michigan Library Association.

Stephanie Williams, Supervisor of Youth Services, and Catherine Lundgard, Youth Services Librarian, attended the Children's Spring Institute sponsored by the Michigan Library Association.

**Adult Services Activities**

The presentation by Michigan Notable Book Author Brian Dunnigan had an audience of forty-one. Mr. Dunnigan shared drawings, maps and paintings depicting Mackinac Island between 1615-1860. Among the sponsors are: Library of Michigan, Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Humanities Council and Michigan Center for the Book.

Staff has developed a web guide with summer travel ideas. Click on the link from the library's front page.

The Summer Reading Program begins June 8<sup>th</sup> and continues through August 15<sup>th</sup>. The program will include a blog with news, reviews and suggestions for books and movies.

**Youth Services Activities**

The Teen Advisory Board has volunteered to help plant flowers along library property on Eastman Road for Midland Blooms on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The library is participating in Discovery Square Camp for ages 8 to 11 and 12 to 14. The camp includes activities at the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio, Midland Center for the Arts, Dow Gardens, Whiting Forest and the library. Registrations can be made by calling 832-8543.

The Summer Reading Program begins June 8<sup>th</sup> and continues through August 15<sup>th</sup>. A Fun Arts Fair will be held on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 7 pm. Teens are encouraged to sign up for the VolunTEENS program to help with the Summer Reading Program.

**Other**

Ann Jarvis, Reference Librarian, was selected as Outstanding Employee of the Year by her peers.

The library will be participating in the statewide program, "Park & Read." A limited number of passes may be checked out beginning in June and throughout the summer. These passes can be redeemed for one free entrance into any one state park, with several parks offering hammocks to participants. The pass is "due" in one week. This program

is made possible by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Library of Michigan, Macy's, and The Hammock Company. Information will be posted in the library as it becomes available.

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library is Wednesday, May 27th, 6:15 pm in Library Conference Room C. The Friends of the Library Used Book Sale is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm for members only, Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am-4 pm, and Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 am-4 pm.

The library will be closed Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day holiday. The last date for Sunday hours is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday hours will resume September 13<sup>th</sup>.