

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board

Director's Report

June 9, 2009

Continuing Education

Stephanie Williams, Supervisor of Youth Services; Ron Suszek, Supervisor of Adult Services; and Mary Schultz, Acquisitions and Circulation Services Coordinator, attended the SirsiDynix Users Group meeting. This meeting is for staff at libraries using the SirsiDynix automated library management system.

The following staff members attended the Social Networking Workshop sponsored by the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative: Virginia McKane, Assistant Library Director; Ann Jarvis, Jan Kimmel and Katherine Redwine, Reference Librarians; and Catherine Lundgard, Youth Services Librarian.

Jenny Marr, Part Time Associate Librarian in Adult Services, completed her Masters of Library and Information Science degree at Wayne State University. She has been promoted to Part Time Reference Librarian beginning July 1st.

Adult Services Activities

The One Book, One Community Program will begin August 3rd. The announcement of the title selected will be in the July/August Library Connection newsletter. Book discussions and other events will be held in September and early October. The author will be speaking at the library on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The Friends of the Library are co-sponsoring this program.

The Great Michigan Read selection is Stealing Buddha's Dinner by Bich Minh Nguyen. The author is scheduled to speak in Midland on Thursday, October 15, 2009. The library will be sponsoring book discussions and other related events from October through February. Copies of the book will be available in the library beginning July 1st.

Youth Services Activities

The Fun Arts Fair will be held on Tuesday, June 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Children will enjoy the artists in action, creating a work of art, face painting, games and snacks.

Library staff is preparing "Babysitter's Bags" for checkout. The canvas bags will contain three books, a video and activity sheets. The bags should be ready for check out by mid-July.

Other

The "Lincolns for the Library" banks contained \$516.84. The money has been used to purchase books for the library. A list of the books purchased is on the library's website.

Members of the Midland Area Garden Clubs volunteered their time to plant the annuals in the flowerbeds in front of the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Bar.

New library hours begin Wednesday, July 1st: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (no change); Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m. during the school year (no change).

The library will be closed July 3rd and 4th for the Independence Day holiday. Sunday hours will resume September 13th.