

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board
Director's Report
September 10, 2009

Adult Services Activities

The 2009 Adult Services Summer Reading Program had 226 adults participate in the program compared to 206 participants last summer. The Friends of the Library sponsored the program.

Adult Services staff has developed Web Gateways for the One Book, One Community and Polio Programs. These gateways provided additional information including videos and links to other resources on the specific topics.

Youth Services Activities

The 2009 Youth Services Summer Reading Program had 4,663 children and teens participate in the program including those joining at outreach locations. The 2008 program had 4,249 participants. The final prize for those completing the program was a book donated by the Friends of the Library. The Midland Rotary Club provided funding for prizes at the West and North Midland Family Centers.

The library's newest online resource Something About the Author: Facts and Pictures about Contemporary Authors and Illustrators of Books for Children is now available in the library and remotely. This resource is used by students, teachers, homeschoolers, and parents. The Friends of the Library donated the funds to purchase the back files.

Other

The new time management system for public computers will be installed on September 30th. The computers will not be available for use on that day.

The Midland Artist Guild donated the new art hanging system that has been installed on the Mezzanine Gallery. The Guild is dedicated to providing members the opportunity to exhibit their artwork at local businesses and institutions. The 25th Annual Juried Art Exhibition will be held at the library from March 5 through March 31, 2010.

Marilyn Soules, Jack Telfer, Midland Daily News; Jim Woehrle, Midland High School; and Maggie Moore, Midland High School student, participated in the taped book discussion on the One Book, One Community selection The Cellist of Sarajevo. The program is being shown on MGTV Channel 5.

A Retirement Open House will be held for Roger Mendel, Director of the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative, on Sunday, September 27th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Baker College Technology Building.