

Grace A Dow Memorial Library Board
Director's Report
October 15, 2009

Continuing Education

Library Assistants Rachel Guentensberger, Deborah Haskin and Melanie Larson attended catalog training sponsored by the Valley Library Consortium.

Adult Services Activities

The One Book, One Community Author Presentation had an audience of approximately 130. The program was taped and is being shown on MGTV, Channel 5. A DVD copy of the program will be available for check out. One Book, One Community was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The program "Polio – Yesterday and Today" on October 29th at 7 p.m. in the Library Auditorium will feature the PBS American Experience film "The Polio Crusade" and a presentation by Rotarian David Carpenter. A book discussion on Warm Springs: Traces of a Childhood at FDR's Polio Haven by Susan Richards Shreve and Splendid Solution: Jonas Salk and the Conquest of Polio by Jeffrey Kluger will be held on November 10th at 7 p.m. in the Library Lounge. The Midland Rotary Club will be distributing copies of a Rotary publication, Amazing Stories of Polio. The library partnered with WCMU on a grant for this program.

Youth Services Activities

Stephanie Williams, Supervisor of Youth Services, presented information on library resources at two Picture Parent Orientations held at the Center for the Arts. There were 20 parents in attendance with 17 who were new to the program. The library's Picture Parent online resource page is at:

http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/ys/picture_parents.htm

The Battle of the Books kick off is Saturday, November 14th with author Deborah Wiles speaking at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. Copies of the Battle books will be available for check out after each presentation.

Other

The new public computer time management program has been installed. New computer users no longer are required to have their barcode numbers entered by the librarians before they can use the computers. Reservation stations allow users to put their name on a waiting list for the next available computer or select a specific time during that day to use the computer.

MCTV will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on Sunday, November 8th from 2 – 5 p.m. in the MCTV Studio. A special ceremony is scheduled at 3 p.m.

Library hours for the upcoming holidays are:

Wednesday, November 25th, close at 5 p.m.

Thursday, November 26th, closed

Friday, November 27th, close at 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 24th, closed

Friday, December 25th, closed

Thursday, December 31st, close at 5 p.m.

Friday, January 1st, closed