



## CLARKE HISTORICAL LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

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### NDNP Grant Renewal

We are happy to announce that the Clarke Historical Library has received another grant to continue the National Digital Newspaper Project. In August 2012, the Clarke Historical Library received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities' National Digital Newspaper Program to digitize culturally significant Michigan newspapers.



Since receiving funding, the MichDNP has digitized several titles that are now available on the Library of Congress' [Chronicling America](#) website. With the help of this renewed grant, we can continue to make newspapers available to you online!

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### Eleanor Roosevelt's Visit to Central

PBS will be airing Ken Burns' film, "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History" this fall. It is a seven-part, 14-hour documentary chronicling the lives of Theodore, Franklin, and Eleanor Roosevelt. The Clarke will be taking a look back at Eleanor Roosevelt's February 1955 visit to Central Michigan College this fall. Stay tuned to the [Clarke News and Notes blog](#) for stories about Mrs. Roosevelt's speech, her meetings with students, and her stay in a Central residence hall.

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### Clarke Exhibit Changing Soon

The Clarke Historical Library will be featuring a new exhibit soon, "Process, People, and Preservation," which will display the history and development of photography, showing off many of the different types of photographic materials that the Clarke has in its holdings.



Make sure you stop by within the next month if you haven't already seen our current exhibit, "I used this because... the riches of the Clarke" exhibit, featuring our favorite items!

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### Summer Speakers Review

Over the summer we were honored to have three wonderful presentations in the library.

On June 4, Michael Schumacher spoke about his book, *November's Fury: The Deadly Great Lakes Hurricane of 1913*. Michael Schumacher shared a night of memorable storytelling about the Great Storm of November 1913. You can read more about this on our blog.

On July 8, Jack Westbrook spoke about the oil boom in Mount Pleasant in the 1930s. And on July 22, Robert Knapp was here to speak about his book, *Mystery Man: Gangsters, Oil, and Murder in Michigan*. You can look forward to a post about this event on [our blog](#) in the coming weeks.

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### Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog

Our July blog posts include a [Fourth of July-inspired comparison](#) between two centennial programs the Clarke has in our holdings, and seeing what folks were up to in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo 128 years ago.



We also featured a post about the wide array of [pop-up books](#) that the Clarke has added in honor of a large incoming donation that is currently being interfiled.

Lastly, Marian Matyn wrote a piece, "[Not everything needs to be retained forever!: An appraisal lesson](#)," which discusses the process that an archivist must go through in order to decide which documents are worth keeping and which might find a better home elsewhere.

Check back on the [Clarke News and Notes blog](#) regularly for more interesting stories and important Clarke news.

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### Fall Semester Begins August 25

We will be resuming our academic year schedule soon when Central Michigan University classes are back in session. We will be open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays (September 6 to November 22<sup>nd</sup>) 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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