

Clarke Historical Library E-Newsletter

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Preservation Microfilming News

The microfilming unit at the Clarke Historical Library is currently undertaking two large projects. The first is the digitization of the historic *Saline Observer*. We are in the midst of uploading all of the available editions from 1880 through 1963 to the [CMU Online Digital Object Repository \(CONDOR\)](#). Currently, all of the editions that we hold on microfilm through 1948 have been uploaded to the [Clarke Historical Library Newspaper Collection](#) on CONDOR and we are adding more items every week. This is your source for historic Washtenaw County news.

We are also working on a National Digital Newspaper Program funded initiative to digitize 100,000 pages of local Michigan newspapers. To be a candidate for digitization, the newspaper run must date from before 1923, it must be a Michigan newspaper, and it cannot be currently digitized by another source. The final result will be the addition of the newspapers to the Library of Congress's [Chronicling America](#) site for historic American newspapers. As this project kicks into high gear in the fall, stay tuned to the Clarke Historical Library [News and Notes](#) Blog for updates on its progress.

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Clarke Lecture Series Fall 2012 Events

This fall, the Clarke is welcoming several speakers to share their expertise on a variety of subjects. Below is a list of the speakers and the topics they will present (*Each presentation begins at 7:00 pm. in the Park Library Auditorium, followed by a reception in the Clarke*):

September 25: *Need Money? Just Print It!*

Karl Pall will discuss banking in pre-Civil War Michigan, when banks (and pretty much anyone else) could print their own money.

October 10: *An Evening of Children's Books and Stories*

Doctor Elizabeth "Betsy" Hearne is both an author of and nationally recognized expert on children's books. The lecture is funded by a generous endowment gift of Eunice Sutherland Burgess.

October 23: *Arthur Vandenberg: An Eventful Career*

A video documentary about the life of U.S. Senator Arthur Vandenberg will be followed by a panel discussion with Mike Grass, the film's producer, and historical consultants Hank Meijer and Gleaves Whitney.

November 5: *Purple: Organized Crime in a Small Town*

Benjamin Tigner of the CMU School of Broadcast and Cinematic Arts will screen and discuss his recently completed film documenting the involvement of Detroit's "Purple Gang" in Clare during the 1930s

Fall Hours

We will be resuming our academic year schedule now that school is back in session. We will be open Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm and Saturdays (September 8 to December 1 with the exception of November 24) 9 am to 1 pm.

Become a Fan On Facebook

The Clarke Historical Library is contributing an historic photograph of Central to the [Central Michigan University Libraries Facebook page](#) each week as part of a "Picture of the Week" project. Check it out and then "Like" us - you can then receive our updates on your Facebook page.

Check Out New Articles On Our Blog

We will soon be changing exhibits from historical political cartoons to an exhibit on U. S. presidential campaign biographies. Read more about it [here](#).

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