



## CLARKE HISTORICAL LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

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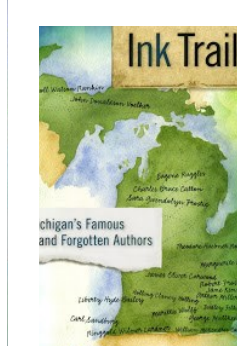
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### Summer Speakers Review

This summer, the Clarke had the opportunity to welcome two speakers,



both of whom spoke about literary figures who have called Michigan home at some point in their lives. The first speaker, on June 25, was Jack Dempsey. He spoke about his book, *Ink Trails*. The purpose of this book was to prove that not all authors live in New York, California, and Chicago. Jack and his brother, Dave, set out together to discover the famous, once popular, or simply unrecognized authors for whom Michigan mattered. Read a [review of this presentation](#) by Clarke Historical Library Director, Frank Boles,

on our blog.

The second speaker this summer was Michael Artman, who presented "Hemingway's Paris" to a crowd of more than 50 on July 31. While he was on a vacation in France, he and his wife ended up staying in an apartment that was only a few blocks from the apartment Ernest and Hadley Hemingway had occupied when they lived in Paris during the 1920s. He spoke about their opportunity to visit the same sites and dine at the same places that the Hemingways did. [More information about this presentation](#) is also located on our blog.

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### Clarke Exhibit Changing Soon

The Clarke's current exhibit, *Drilling for Brine: The Dow Chemical Plant in Mount Pleasant 1903-30*, will be coming to an end soon. The last day for viewing will be Friday, August 17.

Coming in September, our next exhibit will be *Our Front Porch*, about the long running WCMU radio program. Stay tuned to the Clarke Historical Library [website](#), the [News and Notes](#) blog, and our e-newsletter for information concerning the exhibit opening and events about *Our Front Porch*.

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### Michigan Newspapers in *Chronicling America*

The Library of Congress's [Chronicling America website](#) features over six million pages of historical American newspapers. Newly added to their digital collection are over 10,000 pages of Michigan newspapers, all of which were provided by the Clarke. To view the over 2,000 issues of newspapers from Cass County, Constantine, Grand Haven, Cheboygan, St. Clair County, and Ypsilanti, click on this link to access the [Michigan section of the Chronicling America](#) website. As always, feel free to [contact us](#) if you have any questions about these newspapers, our other digital newspaper holdings, or our microfilm and hard copy newspapers.

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### John Fierst on Michigan Radio

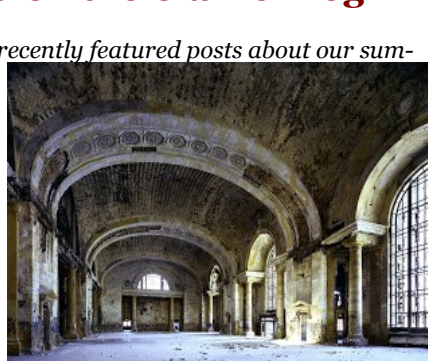
John Fierst, Librarian at the Clarke Historical Library, was recently interviewed by [Michigan Radio's Stateside](#) program about his blog [Michigan in Letters](#). The *Michigan in Letters* blog is a means of highlighting the manuscript collections at the Clarke through the in-depth investigation of documents, one or two pages at a time. In this interview, Fierst discussed the nature of the site and spoke about some of the documents that have been featured on *Michigan in Letters*, such as documents concerning Sarah Edmonds, Hannah Bingham, and Orlando Poe.

To listen to this interview, visit the *Stateside* website and click on the "play button" next to the word "Listen." Here is a link: <http://www.michiganradio.org/post/discovering-michigans-history-through-letters>

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### Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog

The Clarke *News and Notes* blog recently featured posts about our summer speaker series, interesting documents in the Clarke, and recent acquisitions. Two acquisitions that were noted on the blog were [The Ruins of Detroit](#) and access to the digital historical [Detroit Free Press \(1831-1922\)](#). Frenchmen Yves Marchand and Romain Meffre's coffee table sized book, *The Ruins of Detroit*, features hundreds of striking photos of some of Detroit's most glorious architectural sites. In this book, Marchand and Maffre beautifully capture the decay of what was once one of America's most successful cities.



The *Detroit Free Press*, provided by ProQuest, allows researchers to delve into the rise of the Motor City. Every issue published between May of 1831 and December of 1922 is available for electronic searching. Now at your fingertips are firsthand accounts from the days when Detroit was the Territorial capital, when hometown hero Lewis Cass ran for President, and when the "Polar Bears" of the American North Russia Expeditionary Force headed East in 1918-19. This resource can be accessed on Clarke Historical Library computers. In Michigan, CMU authorized users can access this source through the CMU Libraries webpage by logging in with their Global ID credentials.

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### Fall Semester Begins August 26

The Clarke is gearing up for classes to begin. We will be open for Saturday hours from 9am to 1pm starting on September 7th. We will still keep our regular hours during the week -- Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

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