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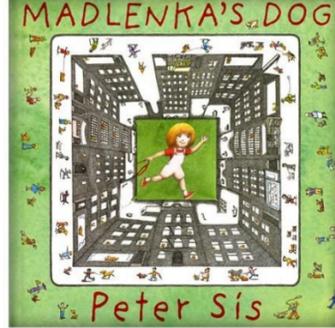
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Clarke Speaker Series Events in October

October is full of interesting and exciting presentations at the Clarke. On



Thursday, October 17, internationally acclaimed illustrator, author, and filmmaker, Peter Sís will visit Mount Pleasant. Mr. Sís, a native of the former Czechoslovakia, defected to the United States in 1982. Soon after, he entered the children's literature business. Join the Clarke for this rare opportunity to engage with the Caldecott Honor and Hans Christian Andersen

Award winning author and illustrator of *Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei*, *The Whipping Boy* (illustrator), *Madlenka*, and other beloved books.

Mr. Sís' presentation is made possible by the David M. and Eunice Sutherland Burgess Endowment.

Five days later, on **Tuesday, October 22**, the Clarke Historical Library, in conjunction with the Michigan State University Museum, will present *Alan Lomax: Folk Music in Michigan*. 2013 is the 75th anniversary of American folklorist Alan Lomax's historic field collecting trip in Michigan. We will celebrate this historic effort through a multimedia lecture and exhibit, which is displayed on the Park Library's Third Floor Exhibit Area.

This program is made possible, in part, by support from the Michigan Humanities Council.

Finally, on **Tuesday, October 29**, the Clarke has invited Deborah Thomas, program coordinator at the Library of Congress for the National Digital Newspaper Project, to present *Digitizing Newspapers in Michigan and Across America*. Ms. Thomas will discuss the Library of Congress's national program to digitize historic newspapers, as well as the role the Clarke Historical Library plays in this project as the Library's partnering organization in Michigan.

Ms. Thomas' presentation is made possible, in part, by travel funds made available through the National Endowment for the Humanities.

All events begin at 7:00 pm and are free and open to the public. A reception, to be held in the Clarke, will follow each event. The October 17 and 22 presentations will be held in the Park Library Auditorium. The October 29 discussion will take place in the Park Library Baber Room.

New Clarke Exhibit Opens

With two events, the Clarke officially opened our new exhibit, *Our Front Porch*. The Tuesday, September 24 event was discussion among the principal people involved in bringing WCMU's longtime music show to the airwaves. On Saturday, September 28, an *Our Front Porch* concert featuring artists Billy Strings and Don Julin was held. It started with a warm-up performance in the Clarke and later moved to the Moore Hall Kiva. If you didn't have a chance to catch the September 24 discussion, stay tuned to the Clarke [News and Notes](#) blog for a link to a recording of the event.

And check out the eye-catching Clarke exhibit showing pictures and stories of the history of WCMU's *Our Front Porch* radio program -- a program that has been run by John Scheffler for over 30 years. This exhibit is available for viewing Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm through January of 2014.

CMU Homecoming

CMU's annual Homecoming football game will be played on October 19.



Be on the lookout for historic images and stories of Homecoming on the [CMU Libraries facebook page](#), the [CMU Alumni Association facebook page](#), and the [Clarke News and Notes blog](#).

If you are returning to campus for the football game, be sure to stop by the Clarke and take a look at an old yearbook, a historic copy of CM Life, or images of past Homecomings. Like other Saturdays in the fall, the Clarke will be open from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, October 19.

Michigan Historical Review News

Susan Paton has recently joined the Clarke Historical Library staff as the Assistant Editor of the *Michigan Historical Review (MHR)*. The *MHR*, a biannual publication, is the only scholarly journal devoted to the history of Michigan. The fall issue will be going to press this month and will be available shortly after that.

For more information about subscriptions, upcoming calls for papers, student essay contests, or to access our subject index of previous articles featured in the *Review*, please see the [MHR webpage](#) on the Clarke website.

Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog

The Clarke *News and Notes* blog recently featured posts about [French Canadian Heritage Day in Michigan](#), the [200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie](#), and the [75th anniversary of the first night football game played at Central](#).

In October, we will feature a stories about "Edna," a popular contestant in 1950 Homecoming Queen contest and a classic tale that has become a favorite of many during this spooky time of year. Stay tuned to the [News and Notes](#) blog for these stories and information about upcoming speakers, programs, and much more.

october is American Archives Month

Among the many roles that the Clarke Historical Library has, we act as the archives of Central Michigan University and we hold a vast collection of historical records related to local history. October gives us a chance to celebrate this role. As the Society of American Archivists states, this month is "a collaborative effort by professional organizations and repositories around the nation to highlight the importance of records of enduring value." Stop by the Clarke and take a peek at the archives in our holdings -- from the days of fur traders and early pioneers in Michigan to the history of Central Michigan University.

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