



# CLARKE HISTORICAL LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

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## Recap of Clarke Speakers Series Events in October

This October, we were lucky to have three wonderful speakers present as part of the Clarke Historical Library Speaker Series.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed internationally acclaimed children's author, artist, and filmmaker Peter Sís to speak about his life and career.

Then, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alan Lomax's historic trip to the Great Lakes State to collect and record the folk music and folklore of the people of Michigan.

Finally, on October 29<sup>th</sup>, we were joined by Deborah Thomas to discuss the Library of Congress's *Chronicling America* website and the role that Michigan Digital Newspaper Program, coordinated by the Clarke, plays in the greater world of digitized historical newspapers.

It has been an interesting month full of great presentations. Look out for an upcoming blog post by Clarke Director, Frank Boles, detailing all of the events from this past fall's Speaker Series.

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## Michigan Digital Newspaper Program on Social Media

Stay up with the latest news about the Clarke's grant-funded program to digitize historical newspapers from Michigan and make them freely available through the [Library of Congress's Chronicling America website](#). Check out the MichDNP on [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@DigMichNews\)](#), and [Pinterest \(DigMichNews\)](#).



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## [Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog](#)

Make sure to check out our recent [blog posts](#)! October was a month full of various happenings, and not just about cider and donuts or ghouls and ghosts. We featured an informational post about [French-Canadian Heritage Day in Michigan](#) and some of the resources held in the Clarke related to Michigan's Francophone heritage. We also told a [funny story about a mystery Homecoming Queen candidate](#) from 1950. And of course we got into the spooky season with a post about the [Clarke Historical Library's first edition of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving](#) and all of the derivative tales of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman that followed.

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## Clarke Closed for Thanksgiving

The Clarke Historical Library wishes you and your family and friends a wonderful Thanksgiving. In order to celebrate with our family and friends, we will be closed Thursday, November 28 through Saturday, November 30. We will reopen with our regular business hours Monday, December 2 at 8:00 am.

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## Giving for Good (Libraries We Hope!)

A couple of statistics make the point -- Approximately 57 percent of Americans make a charitable contribution during the year-end holidays and 24 percent of all money received by not-for-profit organizations is given between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.



We hope, as the holidays approach, you will remember the Clarke Historical Library. Much of what we do is made possible by the generosity of our many friends. New acquisitions, ongoing programs such as our exhibits and speaker series, and a wide range of other activities are subsidized or entirely supported by your gifts. When you think about year-end giving, we hope you will help us preserve and share the history of Michigan and the Great Lakes region, the best in children's literature and K-6 textbooks, and of course, Central Michigan University's own past.

To give online, please go to <https://ssl.cmich.edu/development2/pledge.aspx>. Under the heading "Select a College or Program," click on the box "Libraries." After you have selected "Libraries," a new drop down menu box will open entitled "Select a fund." Please select the "Clarke Historical Library Associates Program," and then enter the dollar amount you wish to donate.

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