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### New Exhibit Opening Soon

The Clarke's new exhibit, *International Children's Books: Celebrating Recent Gifts* will be opening soon. This exhibit will feature highlights from our collection of international children's books, including many IBBY Award-winning books recently donated by CMU professor emeritus Susan Stan as well children's books purchased through a generous gift of CMU professor emeritus Christa Kamenetsky.

Our *News & Notes* blog in January featured a post about some of our [newly-acquired international children's books](#). These are just a few samples of some of the wonderful books that the



new exhibit will display.

[illustration from South African children's book, *Diphoofole*]

The exhibit's opening event will take place on Tuesday, February 19 with a presentation by Professor Susan Stan at 7:00 pm in the Park Library Auditorium. Professor Stan is an internationally recognized expert on children's books. Her most recent publication, *Global Voices: Picture Books from Around the World*, was published in 2014. A reception, in the Clarke, will follow Professor Stan's presentation.

### Winner of the 2014 MDNGP Grant



Congratulations to Milford, the awardee of the Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program for 2015! They had the most votes cast for them in a postcard and twitter voting campaign. The grant will allow their historical newspapers to be digitized by the Clarke Historical Library's preservation microfilm unit. It was a tough race with five communities vying for the award. During the contest, Alpena, Ionia, Milford, Sault St. Marie, and Traverse City cast a total of 27,657 votes to the [DigMich Newspapers](#) Twitter account, in addition to the Clarke receiving a total of 12,198 post cards, with each card equal to 100 Twitter votes.

The *Milford Times* was the premiere newspaper in the Huron Valley area. It also had the distinction to be owned, operated and edited by a female journalist who is now in the Michigan Journalist Hall of Fame - Carrie Jackson Rowe.

Carrie Jackson Rowe (1866-1949) grew up in Milford and was credited as one of the first women publishers in Michigan. She was reared in the print shop of The *Milford Times*, which was owned and operated by her father. In 1892, after her father and brother passed away, Rowe was the sole owner, publisher, and editor of the growing Milford paper. For the next 40 years, Carrie and her husband published the paper together and raised a family of eight children.

The *Milford Times* chronicled the changes from a farming community with local commerce to a thriving industrial sector that traded goods throughout the world. The estates of Edsel Ford, hunting lodge of Henry Ford, the Dodge estate, and more were noted and remarked upon in the newspaper. The *Detroit News* referred to the Huron Valley area as the "Up-north playgrounds of the Detroit wealthy." Unique items include reporting about the eighty years the Oakland County Fair was held in Milford (1860 to 1940), the Casino in Commerce, the development of Milford as one of Henry Ford's cottage industries, and the development of the General Motors Proving Grounds.

### CMU History Class

We think that knowing the history of your campus is important, and so does Professor Jay Martin, who is leading a class on CMU history. The Clarke Historical Library is here to help those students with any information about CMU that they might be in search of. *CM Life* recently wrote an article about Professor Martin's class, called "Not Your Normal History." You can read the whole story at [this link](#).

### Spring Speaker Series

In addition to Professor Stan's presentation, we have many other exciting speakers lined up this semester.

CMU Professor Hope May will present "CMU President E.C. Warriner and his involvement in the pre-World War I Peace Movement," on **Wednesday, February 25**. Professor May's research on the 19th and early-20th century Peace Movement in the U.S. led her to the papers of former CMU President E.C. Warriner, housed in the Clarke Library. Prior to serving as President of CMU from 1918-1939, Warriner established the Michigan Branch of the 'American School Peace League' (ASPL) in 1910. The ASPL was an extensive national network of U.S. educators committed to spreading awareness about the Hague Peace Conferences and the 'Peace through Law' movement of the 19th century. Within Warriner's extensive archives, May discovered numerous documents relating to the ASPL as well as notes and speeches written in 1914-1918 that discuss The Great War, its relationship to the Hague's Peace through Law tradition, and public U.S. education at the time.

On **March 3**, the Clarke will partner with CMU's Department of English Language and Literature to sponsor a day-long symposium in the Park Library on graphic novels. This exciting event will be keynoted by Michelle Ann Abate. Professor Abate is the author of three books of literary criticism: *Bloody Murder: The Homicide Tradition in Children's Literature* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013), *Raising Your Kids Right: Children's Literature and American Political Conservatism* (Rutgers University Press, 2010), and *Tomboys: A Literary and Cultural History* (Temple University Press, 2008).

Professor Abate's participation is made possible through funds from the John and Audrey Cumming Endowment.

On **March 24**, J. Kevin Graffagnino, director of the William L. Clements Library will speak about the Library's history and treasures.

### New on the Blog



As everyone knows, this past Monday was the holiday celebrating Bryan Whitledge's favorite rodent, the weather-predicting groundhog. There is a new post by Brytan Whitledge on our [News and Notes blog](#) that talks not only about current groundhog news, but also offers a little bit of the history of the holiday and what newspapers in Michigan from a hundred years ago had to say about the exciting event. Make sure to stop by the blog page and check out this post and more!

### Spring Break Hours

CMU's spring break is just a month away! The Clarke Historical Library will be closed on Saturday, March 7 and the following Saturday, March 14. We will be open during the week of Spring Break, March 9th - March 13th, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

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