

Clarke Historical Library E-Newsletter

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Read-In



On Tuesday, April 7th, the Clarke Historical Library will be hosting an International Children's Books "Read In," which will feature more than 25 CMU international students and faculty who will read in 14 different languages. The readings will be at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, and 4:00 pm. You can view the full schedule by clicking [here](#). This exciting event is free and open to the public. We hope you have the chance to listen to some of the participants read a variety of the international children's books that the Clarke Library has to offer.

U.S. Presidential Campaign Biography Endowment

Among the vast resources available in the Clarke is the U. S. Presidential Campaign Biography Collection. The collection, started by the CMU Class of 1964, has continued to grow in the years since. Last fall, the Clarke started an endowment campaign to raise funds that will allow us maintain this wonderful collection.

To date, we have raised \$2,000 of the \$10,000 goal. We are very pleased to announce that, through the generosity of a donor, we have received a \$4,000 matching pledge. If we can raise \$4,000, the donor will match it and we will reach our \$10,000 goal. We appreciate any and all contributions that can be made to this cause. For more information contact [Frank Boles](#) or follow [this link](#).

Retirement of Pat Thelen

Pat Thelen, head of the Clarke digitizing unit and webmaster for the Clarke's webpages, will be retiring at the end of April. Pat has been with CMU for 45 years. She will be missed and we wish her all the best with her retirement. The CMU Libraries will be celebrating her career in the Park Library Garden Room, Wednesday, April 29th from 2-4 pm.

Speaker Recap

The Clarke Library sponsored or co-sponsored five presentations during the spring 2015 semester.

Susan Stan opened the Library's current exhibit, "International Children's Books: Celebrating Recent Gifts," on February 19 in a talk that focused on the important reasons why the Clarke has developed an international component to its collection of children's books. Later in February, Professor Hope May spoke on her research on E.C. Warriner's involvement in the pre-World War I peace movement.

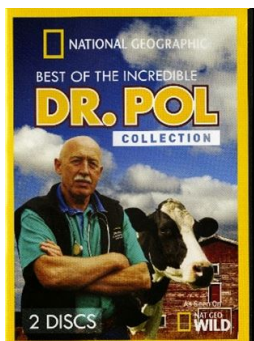


In the beginning of March, Ohio State University Professor Michelle Abate gave a very interesting talk on the comic book, "Lil Tomboy" which expressed how girl's don't always have to play the feminine card. Toward the end of March, we welcomed J. Kevin Graffagnino (pictured), Director of the Clements Library at the University of Michigan. He discussed some of the great treasures of that can be found at the William L. Clements Library. Lastly, on March 31, the Clarke co-sponsored a presentation by Dr. Allida Black on the topic of Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

It was an honor to have these amazing speakers and presentations at the Clarke this semester. You can read more details about them on our [News and Notes](#) blog.

New on the Blog

Our [News and Notes](#) blog featured some very interesting posts last month, including the following:



[Professor Hope May's research](#) on CMU President E.C. Warriner and his involvement in the pre-World War I Peace Movement.

New materials added to our collection that feature studies on [local legend Dr. Pol](#).

Original drawings of a [well-known landscape architect](#) found in a Clarke collection.

Last Saturday of the Spring Semester - May 2

May 2 will be the last Saturday that the Clarke will have Saturday hours for the spring semester. Between now and May 2, we are open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays. We will continue our weekday hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm throughout the summer. Saturday hours will resume in September when the fall semester at CMU starts up.

Contact us via phone (989-774-3352), e-mail (clarke@cmich.edu), or stop by to view our exhibit or conduct research.

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