Clarke Historical Library E-Newsletter

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Updates to the Newspaper Portal

The [Michigan Digital Newspaper Portal](http://www.michigandigitalnewspaperportal.org) is available through [CONDOR](http://www.condor.michigan.acs.org), where we connect you to digitized newspapers from all over the state of Michigan. We have identified over 200 newspapers from over 40 counties and we are constantly finding new additions. If you discover an online Michigan newspaper that is not currently on the MDNP website, please let us know and we will add it to the list to make it available to everyone.

Summer Speakers

This past Saturday, A.J. Baime, *New York Times* best-selling author of “The Arsenal of Democracy: FDR, Detroit, and an Epic Quest to Arm America at War,” spoke at the 2015 Friends of the Libraries Speaker and Luncheon event. His recounting of the story of how Ford Motor Company went from making automobiles to producing the airplanes to help win World War II was enjoyed by all who attended.

Coming up in June, Al Declercq will be here to talk about his new book, *Bernida: A Michigan Sailing Legend*. Bernida, a boat that had previously won the very first Port Huron to Mackinac Island race in 1925, was refurbished by Declercq and his friends in 2012 to win again in the Bell’s Beer Bayview Mackinac Race.
Declercq has had plenty of experience in boat races, with over 50,000 miles raced and a recent victory in the 25th Mackinac race in 2013. This event will take place on **Saturday, June 20, at 2:00 p.m.**

On **Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m.**, Nancy Auer will discuss *The Great Lake Sturgeon*, which captures many of the aspects of the remarkable Great Lakes sturgeon, from the mythical to the critically real. A professor at Michigan Technological University with a doctorate in biological sciences, Auer has dedicated much of her career to the study and restoration of the lake sturgeon. She is one of the region’s leading experts on the fish.

Both Declercq and Auer’s presentations will be held in the Park Library Auditorium. They are free and open to the public. An author’s reception, held in the Clarke Historical Library, will follow each presentation.

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**Clarke Library Awarded Grant**

The Michigan Humanities Council has awarded the Clarke Library $25,000 to develop and present an exhibit beginning in February 2016 regarding Native American treaty rights and their application in contemporary Michigan.

Through the use of Michigan-based examples featured in a travelling exhibit, web-based material, and public dialog, the goal is to create a better general understanding regarding what treaties are, and the ongoing and permanent commitments made through treaties by the United States and its citizens to the Native American tribes and their members.

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**New on the Blog**

In the month of May, the Clarke’s *News and Notes* blog featured three new posts:

- During commencement week, a post about past CMU commencement speakers.
- In honor of Memorial Day, a post exploring the correspondence of a WWII soldier to his family.
- A post recognizing Clarke research and CMU Libraries’ staff member Sandra Standish and her accomplishments in her independent study.

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**Clarke Summer Hours**

The Clarke Historical Library will be open during the summer Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday hours will resume in the Fall semester.

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