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(Best viewed on-line)

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Last Weeks to View Current Exhibit and New Exhibit Coming Soon

The current exhibit, *International Children’s Literature*, will be changing in the coming weeks. If you have yet to view the exhibit, make sure to stop by soon!

Our next exhibit will be *The Michigan Angler – An Early History of Sport Fishing*. Fishing has been ingrained in Michigan’s history since the Native Americans’ subsistence harvest of the abundant white fish. In the late 1800s, the writings of prolific angler Charles Lanman introduced the vast opportunities that awaited the ‘Michigan angler,’ fueling the relatively recent hobby of angling. The stories of subsistence to commercial fishing, the discovery to extinction of the grayling, and those of the many people whose lives have been immersed in Michigan angling illustrate the profound impact fishing has had on the development of the state.

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Upcoming Fall Speakers

The Clarke has an exciting lineup of outstanding speakers who are sure to engage audiences.

On **Tuesday, September 22**, Linda Hundt of Sweetie-licious Pies will tell the story of the rise of her self-made business and what it’s like to be an award-winning pie entrepreneur. Ms. Hundt will bring samples of her delicious creations to share.
Sue Ann Martin, former Dean of the College of Communications and Fine Arts at CMU, will speak on October 7 about children’s literature as part of the David M. and Eunice Sutherland Burgess Lecture. Dr. Martin (pictured on the left in the photograph) is co-host of "The Children’s Bookshelf," a podcast on WCMU radio where she and Dr. Pamela S. Gates (pictured on the right) review children's books.

Angling aficionado and private book collector, Bob Kohrman, will officially open our next exhibit about the history of angling and fishing tourism in Michigan on October 13.

Pulitzer Prize winning poet Theodore Roethke (1908-63) had deep roots in Michigan. On October 22, we welcome Jeff Vande Zande, Professor of English at Delta College, and Annie Ransford, president of the Friends of Theodore Roethke, to discuss Roethke’s early life. Vande Zande will talk about the Roethke House in Saginaw and read from his novel, American Poet. Ransford will tell a story within a story about Roethke’s boyhood home, now a museum.

Finally, on November 12, owner and chef of Mt. Pleasant’s fabled restaurant, The Embers, Clarence Tuma, will share stories from his life and work, drawn from his recently published memoir, The One-Pound Pork Chop – A Recipe for Life, Love, Family & the American Dream.

All presentations begin at 7:00 pm in the Park Library Auditorium and are free and open to the public. A reception in the Clarke Historical Library will follow each event. We hope you can make it in to hear some of these wonderful speakers this semester!

Newspapers Online

The winning city of the MDNP Grant Program for 2015 was Milford. The grant provided for their historical newspaper, the Milford Times, to be digitized by the Clarke Historical Library’s preservation microfilm unit, and this process is officially complete! You can now view all of nearly 2,000 issues (1871-1913) online via CONDOR.

Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce that Stephanie Oldeck, who has been working with the Clarke’s microfilming unit for nearly three years, has accepted the position of Microfilm Services Specialist. Additionally, Bryan Whitledge, who has been working as our Reference Assistant for almost four years, has accepted the position of Reformatting and Imaging Manager in the Clarke.

New on the Blog

The month of August featured some intriguing posts on the Clarke’s News and Notes blog.

The beginning of the month marked the 40th anniversary of the International Special Olympics Games in Mt. Pleasant. You can read all about the story of how this international athletics competition came to Mount Pleasant and CMU.
We also highlighted the Clarke's contribution to the Ford Theatre's Remembering Lincoln digital project, which is an effort to provide electronic access to thousands of primary source documents showing how people reacted to the assassination of the 16th President of the United States.

Finally, we covered one hundred years of course registration at CMU - a read that is much more pleasant than the experience it chronicles.

Keep up with the Clarke Historical Library News and Notes blog for updates and tales of interesting finds.

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**Clarke Fall Hours**

The fall semester has now begun! Our hours will remain 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and we will be resuming Saturday hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m starting on September 12. Saturday hours will continue through December 5, with the exception of November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

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