

**2009 Michigan Center for the Book
Annual Report**
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ACTIVITIES:

Grants:

Through our literary grants program, we gave 12 grants for a total of \$4,150.00. Affiliates received 7 grants and non-affiliates received 5 grants for events that included author visits, one book events, book festivals and a family literacy program. All grants were to public libraries throughout the state. Recipients and the events are listed at the Center web site.

Ann Arbor Book Festival: (www.aabookfestival.org/)

With the Library of Michigan, we exhibited at the Ann Arbor Book Festival on Saturday, May 16th. We provided information on Center for the Book resources and Michigan literary information to festivalgoers. We also hosted three Michigan Notable Book author visits during the day. The authors and their Notable award winning books were Michael Rosenberg, author of *War as They Knew It: Woody Hayes, Bo Schembechler, and America in a Time of Unrest*; Deborah Smith Pollard, author of *When the Church Becomes Your Party: Contemporary Gospel Music*; and Margery Krevsky, author of *Sirens of Chrome: The Enduring Allure of the Auto Show Models*.

National Book Festival: (www.loc.gov/bookfest/)

We attended the 9th annual National Book Festival on September 26th in Washington, DC to promote Michigan's literary heritage in our nation's capitol. Sue Stoney, Kelly Ireland, Steven Flayer and Loraine Campbell, affiliate representatives from the Plymouth District Library, the Southfield Public Library, the Shiawassee District Library and the Troy Public Library respectively, assisted at the event along with Karren Reish from the Library of Michigan. We brought our range of resource materials on Michigan literature, including the new Michigan Teen Adventures brochure and sample *Pout Pout Fish* materials from Michigan Reads! We highlighted Loraine Campbell's children's book, *Pocketful of Passage*, as the Michigan children's book for the festival. We also provided travel magazines and maps from Travel Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Kerrytown Bookfest: (www.kerrytownbookfest.org/)

We attended the 7th annual Kerrytown Bookfest on Sunday, September 13th. The Center for the Book and the Library of Michigan had a booth together Metta Lansdale of the Royal Oak Public Library and Karren Reish of the Library of Michigan represented the Michigan Center for the Book and Randy Riley represented the Library of Michigan. The Bookfest had a food theme this year, with several thousand attendees.

Literary Landmarks:

We have approved funding for a literary landmark for Marguerite d'Angeli in partnership with the Lapeer District Library. The landmark will be dedicated in spring 2010.

Letters about Literature: (www.lettersaboutliterature.org/)

In collaboration with many volunteer judges from school and public libraries, we acted as the coordinator for the Letters about Literature program in Michigan. We promote the program to school and public libraries and to teachers and coordinate judging the semi-finalist's letters. The program is a national letter-writing program sponsored by the National Center for the Book. Students write a letter to the author of a book that changed their lives. State winners receive a \$50 Target gift card and a \$300 donation to the library of their choice. In 2009, Michigan had its first national winner as well. Nilesh Raval of Saginaw was one of the national honor winners and received an additional \$100 Target gift card and a \$1,000 donation for the library of his choice. The 2009 winners, their letters and further information on the program is listed at are listed at the Center web site

River of Words: (www.riverofwords.org/)

In collaboration with Michael Moore, the regional coordinator for the River of Words, the Center began promoting the River of Words program to Michigan public and school libraries and to literature teachers. River of Words is a national poetry and art program using the theme of watersheds and is sponsored by the National Center for the Book.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Conferences:

We participated in the Library of Michigan vendor exhibit at the Michigan Library Association conference.

We participated in the Library of Michigan vendor exhibit at the Michigan Association for Media in Education conference.

We provided materials on Letters about Literature and River of Words for the Michigan Council of Teachers of English conference.

RESOURCES:

Michigan Notable Books Programming Guide:

As part of our sponsorship of the Michigan Notable Books program, the Center developed a programming guide for the 2009 Notable books. Chris Byron, Kelly Ireland and Kris Rzepczynski assisted in the writing. The guide has suggestions for author visits, programs, exhibits, off-site trips, and read-a-likes for each book on the list. The programming guide can be

found at the Center web site, on the Activities page under Promotions and Sponsorships and at www.michigan.gov/documents/hal/lm_2009_Notable_Books_Programming_Guide_268630_7.pdf.

One Book Archive:

We maintain the One Book Archive, where we post One Book event materials, such as discussion questions and readers guides, from Michigan libraries. We currently have 49 different resources for 34 different books along with links to programming information.

Summer Reading Bookmarks:

Our 6th adult Summer Reading bookmarks, for the 2010 Summer Reading program, were mailed out to all public libraries in October with the Summer Reading manuals. The slogan is “Michigan’s Waters” and the bookmarks have lists for Recreation on our Waters, Environment of our Waters, Fiction on our Waters, Ships on our Waters and Images of our Waters. The bookmarks are included on the national Collaborative Summer Library Program’s website as a resource and are available at www.michigan.gov/documents/hal/Summer09_Reading_Bookmarks_292146_7.pdf.

Michigan Teen Adventures! brochure:

With the help of affiliate members, we produced a new literary brochure, Michigan Teen Adventures, which lists young adult novels set in a range of eras and areas of Michigan history and landscapes. Copies are available for libraries on request and it is available on the Center website at www.michigan.gov/documents/hal/lm_YA_books_brochure_284518_7.pdf.

Author Visits at Your Library: (www.michigan.gov/authorvisits & michiganlibraryauthorvisits.blogspot.com/)

We added an author visit listserv and the Michigan Library Author Visits blog to our author visits site this year. The blog is currently up to 122 posts on several hundred author visits. We are also continuing to maintain the how-to information and links at the main site.

Michigan Authors & Illustrators database: (www.hal.state.mi.us/authors/)

We are maintaining the Michigan Authors & Illustrators database in partnership with the Michigan Association of Media in Education. The number of authors continues to increase and is up to approximately 1,850. The database receives over 50,000 hits a year. An upgrade to the database is currently in development.

SPONSORSHIPS:

Michigan Author Award:

We sponsored the Michigan Library Association Michigan Author Award at \$500. The award is presented at the Michigan Library Association conference. The 2009 recipient is Dave Dempsey, an environmental writer focusing on issues of the Great Lakes.

Michigan Notable Books:

We provided \$3,000 in funding to the Library of Michigan Foundation for the Michigan Notable Book author program and tour. Several affiliates had author visits as part of the program. As part of our sponsorship, the Center for the Book had a seat on the Notable Books selection committee, currently held by Pam Christensen. The Center also developed a Notable Books programming guide as listed above.

ADMINISTRATION:

Membership increased by one with 24 affiliate members and two book community members. The Clinton-Macomb Public Library resigned and the Delta Township District Library and the Troy Public Library joined.

Karren Reish, as the Center Coordinator, attended the National Center for the Book management conference, the Idea Exchange, on May 11-12 in Washington, DC.

The committee structure was stable with four standing committees: Statewide Projects, Statewide Resources, Nominations, and Finance.

The officers for 2009 were:

Chair – Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin

Chair-elect – Metta Lansdale

Secretary – Kelly Ireland