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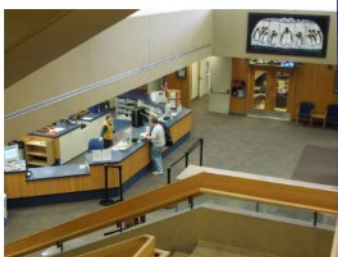
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Vision Statement

The Mardigian Library is an essential part of the UM-Dearborn experience-- a campus hub for academic success, creativity, knowledge creation, and interdisciplinary collaboration; a gathering place for learners; and a catalyst for integrated learning and community engagement.



Celebrating Publication of Campus History

On Tuesday, October 8, the Mardigian Library was proud to host two former professors emeriti, Elton Higgs and Fred Bolling. Professors Higgs and Bolling returned to campus to discuss their collaborative work chronicling the second 25 years of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, *The Gift Matured*.

The second of two volumes, the publication of *The Gift Matured* and Prof. Higgs's earlier work, *The Gift Renewed*, help celebrate the 50-year history of our campus.

The Gift Matured is as much about remembrances as it is about history, as both authors pointed out at the beginning of their discussion. The chapter "Out of the Shadows" is a particular point of pride for both Elton and Fred. It presents reflections from a variety of the support service personnel across campus, functions described as "absolutely essential" in the preface to the text. Also included in the book are reflections from the deans of



all four academic units, as well as a foreword by Chancellor Daniel Little.

Colleagues from across campus showed up to share experiences or stories, and learn about the history of the campus from two very popular authors and scholars. Many staff and faculty members shared their own memories of the early days of the campus. The discussion was lively and informative, and a great way to conclude the 50-year anniversary celebrations on campus. *The Gift Matured* can be purchased at the campus bookstore.

Some interesting events from the second quarter century:

- September 1984 – The reaccreditation of UM-Dearborn by the North Central Association
- January 1985 – The largest foundation grant in UM-Dearborn history awarded: \$2.15 million from the Annenberg Foundation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to fund the "Seasons of Life" radio/TV project
- April 1991 – Rosa Parks awarded an honorary Doctorate of Law degree at spring commencement
- February 1993 – UM-Dearborn Hockey finishes 2nd in ACHA Division I with a 16-7-2 record
- Summer 2000 – Launch of the Rouge River Gateway Project between UM-Dearborn, Ford Motor Co., City of Dearborn, and Wayne County
- November 2008 – Regents approve the first two doctoral programs at UM-Dearborn: Information Systems Engineering and Automotive Systems Engineering

Children Share Their Dreams for the Future at Young Authors' Festival

In November, the Mardigian Library hosted over 100 enthusiastic attendees at the Young Authors' Festival. The theme was "Henry's Dream: Young Authors Celebrate Henry Ford's 150th Birthday." The event was planned by the College of Education, Health, and Human Services (CEHHS) and the library. Other university departments sponsoring the event included the Office of Metropolitan Impact; the Berkowitz Gallery; and the Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore.



Matt Faulkner and Carol Hagen

Guest Speakers

Special presenters were Carol Hagen and Matt Faulkner, author and illustrator, respectively, of the children's book *The Night Henry Ford Met Santa*. Carol, a graduate from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, spoke about the obstacles she overcame in writing and publishing the book.

Carol was having trouble thinking of a topic for a writing class assignment, and asked her young son to "help Mommy." It was near Christmas, and her son suggested putting Santa into the story because he loved Christmas. Carol created the idea of Mr. Ford writing to Santa, asking for advice on manufacturing an affordable car. Her family loved the story, and her brother encouraged her to get it published. It took almost six years of effort, but the book was finally published in 2006 by Sleeping Bear Press!



Matt, a Lake Orion resident, is another local success story, having illustrated over 25 books. He spoke about illustrating Carol's book, and also read *The Monster Who Ate My Peas*, a book he illustrated for another author. The audience was thoroughly entertained, helping provide the monster's maniacal laugh during the reading. Matt's newest book, *Gaijin: American Prisoner of War*, will be published in April by Disney Hyperion.



Writing Contest for Children



To encourage children in their writing, we held a writing contest for children in grades four through six. Thinking of Henry Ford's dream of manufacturing a car, entrants were asked to write about their own dreams for the future. We received over 200 entries! Winners from each grade were selected plus one grand prize winner. Winners

received Barnes & Noble gift cards. Top winners were invited to read their compositions at the festival. Winning entries were submitted to the Michigan Reading Association's *Kaleidoscope* magazine to be considered for publication.

Anne-Marie Sab, a fifth grader from Flint, was our grand prize winner. In her essay, Anne-Marie dreamed of a world where girls are valued as much as boys. She hopes to write books for children someday. As an additional prize, she received an original illustration from Matt that he drew based on her essay.



UM-Dearborn CEHHS Students



Danielle DeFauw and M. Bazzi

Students from professor Danielle DeFauw's CEHHS "Literature for Children" class were highly involved with both the writing contest and festival. During the fall they visited local schools, reading books to the children and encouraging them to enter the contest. They read and judged all of the writing contest entries. At the festival, they led break-out sessions for the children, with activities to help the children develop their writing skills. Our students are preparing to become teachers, and professor DeFauw said that, for many of them, it was the first time they had managed an actual classroom, led sessions for students, or talked to parents. "It was definitely a richer experience for my students. They learned so much from their engagement with the children before and during the festival. Our course content was significantly improved because of the festival. My students are even more excited about becoming teachers."

Book Signing and Art Exhibition

At the end of the morning, a book signing was held in the Berkowitz Gallery, where an exhibition of Matt's illustrations was on display. And since we were celebrating Henry Ford's birthday, there was birthday cake for everyone!



Contest Winners



3rd grade (l-r): Dana Jboor (3rd), Mohammed Harp (2nd), Mo Bazzi (1st)



4th grade (l-r): Tucker Harrison (3rd), Ian Plansker (2nd), Igor Trifunovic (1st)



5th grade (l-r): Leah Gouin (3rd), Alex Levine (1st), Eden Kalaj-Rice (2nd)



6th grade: Olivia Robbins (1st)



Grand Prize: Anne-Marie Sab with mother and Faulkner

Save the Date for the 2014 Festival!

The festival revived an annual conference organized for many years by Dr. Jane Romatowski, professor emeritus. Parents told us that they had attended one of the earlier conferences and were thrilled we were reviving the tradition. We are planning a 2014 festival with Nov. 22, 2014 as a possible date. So mark your calendars and stay in touch as we move forward with our plans!

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Two Librarians Join the Staff at the Mardigian Library

The Mardigian Library would like to announce our two new librarians: Nadine Anderson, Behavioral Sciences Librarian, and Joel Scheuher, Business Librarian. They joined the library in January 2014.



Joel comes to us from MarkLines, N.A., a Japan-based online automotive information platform, where he was a Senior Analyst. He has extensive experi-

ence in both corporate and academic libraries, including General Motors' Business and Law Libraries, and University of Michigan's Kresge Business Administration Library. In addition to his M.I.L.S. (University of Michigan), Joel has an M.B.A. from Wayne State University and a B.B.A. in Accounting (University of Michigan).



Nadine brings her experience in academic and K-12 libraries and classrooms, both in Canada and overseas. Most recently, she

was at McGill University as a Research Assistant for the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology. In addition to her M.L.I.S. (McGill University), she has a M.Ed. in Educational Psychology (McGill University) and B.A. in Psychology (University of Alberta).

Please join us in welcoming Nadine and Joel as part of the Library Research Center staff.