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December Hours

This Saturday, December 7, is the last Saturday the Clarke will be open for the remainder of 2013. Starting on December 9, we will be open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. From Saturday, December 21 through Sunday, January 5, we will be closed for the Central Michigan University winter recess. We will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 8:00 am.

Spring 2014 Speakers Announced

We are delighted to announce some wonderful speakers who will be joining us this Spring for the Clarke Speaker Series. On February 24, Michigan artist Patricia Lay Dorsey will discuss her battle with multiple sclerosis, which she has documented through her photography, and the impact this battle has had on her life.

We will also hear from Michigan author Don Faber on March 5, who will talk about his book, The Boy Governor: Stevens T. Mason and the Birth of Michigan Politics, a biography about Michigan’s first governor, and the youngest man in American history to be the chief executive of a state.

On March 17, William Rapai, author of The Kirtland’s Warbler: The Story of a Bird’s Fight Against Extinction and the People Who Saved It, will come to discuss the story of a great team who helped restore this endangered bird’s limited breeding habitat in the northern Lower Peninsula.

The Clarke will also host a presentation about the history of Gentle Friday and the rise of the activism on the CMU campus in the 1960s and 1970s. Stay tuned to the Clarke Historical Library website, News and Notes blog, and this newsletter for further information and updates.

Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog

Make sure to check out our recent blog posts from November, like “How a Library Knows the Holidays are Soon Upon Us” in which Clarke Director Frank Boles talks about the interesting finds and temptations that book dealers offer to libraries. Or read the “100th Anniversary of Football Being Replaced by Soccer at Central,” the story of how the Central football team was disbanded in 1913 in favor of a different kind of football. And as the dessert for the main course that was Frank’s exploration of Turkey recipes from the Maureen Hathaway Culinary Archives, Frank will be exploring gingerbread recipes in a future blog post. You won’t want to miss out on that.

Happy Holidays from the Clarke and the CMU Libraries

The image to the left is the “The merry Fidler” illustrated by Marcellus Laroon. The original, black and white engraving is found in The Cryes of the City of London (ca. 1709-10), one of the outset books depicting the common street vendors of London, which is part of the Clarke’s holdings. This image is featured in the 2013 CMU Libraries winter holiday