Central Michigan University's annual Homecoming took place this past weekend and the Clarke Historical Library took a look back at historic homecomings. The most recent Centralight, the quarterly publication of the CMU Alumni Association, featured an article with facts about past Homecoming parades (p. 25). You can read the digital version of Centralight via this link. The next week's online photograph on the CMU Libraries blog about the 1971 Homecoming, when most all of the traditions were scrapped in favor of a carnival and a bazaar.

Clarke Celebrates CMU's Homecoming

Oct 17 - Homecoming is just one of the many CMU traditions that can be researched at the Clarke Historical Library. In addition to the Homecoming blog, we have a new post on the Clarke Celebrates CMU's Homecoming.

In January 2015, five communities whose newspapers have been digitized as part of the Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program: Pioneer & Historical Collections.

Michael Unsworth, a retired librarian from Michigan State University, will explore the history of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections. In 1876, as America celebrated its first centennial, across the nation a sense developed that the pioneer experience should be documented. In Michigan the result became the forty volume Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections. This often overlooked resource is a trove of early state history. The first seven volumes are made up almost entirely of pioneer reminiscences, biographical sketches and memorials, and the proceedings of the local pioneer societies. In 1886, publication of historical documents began. When the series came to an end in 1929, it had created an invaluable resource for Michigan history. The Memories of Early Michigan.

Fall Speaker Series

The Clarke Fall Speaker Series has opened up with three great presentations. In the months of October and November, we have three more events we are looking forward to:

- **Tuesday, October 14 - Professor Andrew Mahon (CMU), Antarctica Expedition**
  Expedition members, including principal investigator, Professor Mahon will discuss research trips they have made to Antarctica. They will discuss their experiences working in the environment and present their findings. The presentation will feature beautiful photographs of the continent. The program is co-sponsored by the University Archives within the Clarke Library, the Park Library, and the CMU Department of Biology.

- **Thursday, October 23 - Keith Wilder, Author of Beyond Pontiac's Shadow**
  Keith Wilder will discuss his book Beyond Pontiac's Shadow: Michilimackinac and the Anglo-French War of 1689, which tells the story of Michilimackinac as a key site of conflict in North America from 1685-1690. Wilder will tell the story of fighting more victories against the British. (which is the commonly used named for the 40 volume set, was published in 1886). On the heels of the British, French force mar- shaled their last effort to retake Michilimackinac by L'Arbre Croche arrived to rescue British prisoners, setting into motion a con- tinued series of negotiations among Iroquois, Ojibwe, Menominee, and other So- cies. At the heart of this discussion is an account of French Canadian and Indian relations and the British struggle to control the Great Lakes. This program is co-sponsored by the University Archives within the Clarke Library, Park Library, and the CMU Department of History.

- **Monday, November 3 - Michael Unsworth, The Memories of Early Michigan**
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Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program:

The Clarke Historical Library is pleased to offer a $24,000 award to improve access to a Michigan newspaper. The funds will be used for:

- Scanning and placing online up to 12,500 pages of a previously microfilmed Michigan newspaper.
- Microfilming, mounting, and placing online up to 5,000 pages of Michigan newspapers.
- If you are interested in applying, or would like more information please visit the MICHIGAN DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAM website.

In January 2015, the communities whose newspapers have been digitized will be encouraged to show their support through a state-wide vote. The newspaper that receives the most votes will be selected and included in the Clarke Historical Library's online digital newspaper repository, showing the Homecoming grant of 2014. This grant is made possible by the Robert and Susan Clarke Endowment.

Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog

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