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Current Exhibit Changing Soon

The Clarke's current exhibit, *Photography: Process, People, & Preservation*, will be coming to an end in early 2015. Our next exhibit will feature highlights from our collection of international children's books. Stay tuned to the Clarke Historical Library website, the *News and Notes* blog, and our e-newsletter for information concerning the exhibit opening and events about the new exhibit.

(Spent is the cover of Peter Sís’s, *Madlenka, Soccer Star*]

Spring Speaker Series

Although details of the spring speaker series are not complete, two exciting programs are already planned. On February 19, 2015, retired CMU faculty member Susan Stan will open the Clarke Historical Library's new exhibit, displaying international children's books purchased over several years as well as the generous donation of international children's literature made personally by Professor Stan. Professor Stan is an internationally recognized expert on children's books. Her most recent publication, *Global Voices: Picture Books from Around the World*, was published in 2014.

On March 3, 2015, the Clarke will partner with CMU’s Department of English Language and Literature to sponsor a day-long symposium in the Park Library on graphic novels. This exciting event will be keynoted by Michelle Ann Abate. Professor Abate is the author of three books of literary criticism: *Bloody Murder: The Homicide Tradition in Children's Literature* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013), *Raising Your Kids Right: Children's Literature and American Political Conservatism* (Rutgers University Press, 2010), and *Tomboys: A Literary and Cultural History* (Temple University Press, 2008). Professor Abate’s participation is made possible through funds from the John and Audrey Cumming Endowment.

Loan to Peace Palace

In November, the Clarke loaned six documents to the Peace Palace Library in the Hague, Netherlands. These documents, from the President Eugene C. Warriner Papers, shed light upon Dr. Warriner’s support for the American Peace Movement. The loan, arranged by CMU Professor Hope May, allowed the Peace Palace Library to include the documents as part of the Europeana 1914-1918 Collection Day event on November 15, 2014. The documents were digitized and will be added to the Europeana Collections 1914-1918. You can find out more about this Mount Pleasant contribution to documenting the history of World War I on our blog or the Peace Palace Library blog.

New on the Blog!

Speaking of World War I, one of our blog posts from November 11 featured historical Mount Pleasant newspaper articles from November of 1918 discussing Mount Pleasant’s two celebrations of the end of the War. Other posts include the announcement of the *Claw of 34 Presidential Campaign Biography Endowment*, as well as a post about Thanksgiving-related documents and greeting cards found in the Clarke’s archives. Make sure to check them out on the Clarke Library’s *News and Notes* blog!

Clarke December Hours

The Clarke will be open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm through December 19. From Saturday, December 20 through Sunday, January 4, we will be closed for the Central Michigan University winter recess. We will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 8:00 am. Happy Holidays!