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***The Great Michigan Read* exhibit and programs now in Sault Ste. Marie**

(LANSING)---The Michigan Humanities Council (MHC) announces that the exhibit, *Up North with the Hemingways*, is on public display at the Chippewa County Historical Society (CCHS), 115 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, now through April 21, 2008. The exhibit is part of *The Great Michigan Read*, launched in July by the Michigan Humanities Council to help address the decline in reading literature. The exhibit will visit 29 sites, including Marquette, in the state of Michigan through July 7, 2008 (see below or log onto the website, www.greatmichiganread.org). Hours to view the exhibit in Sault Ste. Marie are 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. everyday, including Saturdays and Sundays.

In addition, several *The Great Michigan Read* programs will be held in the area: on April 19, Michael Federspiel of the Michigan Hemingway Society will speak at the CCHS annual meeting; on April 24, a screening of the 1945 film, *A Farewell to Arms*, will be held at the Bayliss Public Library; on May 8, the Bayliss Public Library will feature a discussion by Eric Gadzinski titled, "Soldier Home: The war aesthetic in the story *Indian Camp*"; on May 15, the Bayliss Public Library will host a screening of the 1945 film, *To Have and Have Not*; and, throughout May 2008, the Bayliss Public Library will display Up North-themed quilts. For more information about the exhibit and the programs, contact 906-635-7082.

The *Up North with the Hemingways* touring exhibit includes references to original artifacts about Ernest Hemingway's life and his writings that pertain to his time in Northern Michigan. There are four themes as a focus of each exhibit: Northern Michigan in the early 1900s, the Hemingway family, Ernest Hemingway, and *The Nick Adams Stories*. *The Great Michigan Read* touring exhibits were funded in part by the MHC and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and were created by the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University and the Michigan Hemingway Society.

"The Michigan Humanities Council is pleased to reach a wider audience with *The Great Michigan Read* programs by making available a touring exhibit about *The Nick Adams Stories* and Ernest Hemingway," said Janice Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council.

"The Chippewa County Historical Society is pleased to be partnering with the Bayliss Public Library in sponsoring *The Great Michigan Read* locally and to be hosting *Up North with the Hemingways* exhibit," said Nancy Steinhaus, president of the Chippewa County Historical Society. "Our volunteers are looking forward to sharing the exhibit with the community, as well as area school groups."

The MHC is the first organization to implement a program for an entire state to read one of Hemingway's works. To date, more than 190 organizations and more than 130 communities across the state are participating in

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