



Michigan Humanities Council

*Michigan People, Michigan Places
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Dow Foundation Awards Michigan Humanities Council \$20,000 for *The Great Michigan Read*

(LANSING)----The Michigan Humanities Council (MHC) announces it is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation in support of *The Great Michigan Read*. Funds will be used to assist with the production and distribution of the reader's guide, bookmarks, posters, construction of *The Great Michigan Read* website (www.greatmichiganread.org), and special events held in conjunction with the year-long program.

“The Michigan Humanities Council appreciates the financial support from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation to help fund *The Great Michigan Read* statewide reading initiative,” said Janice Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. “We look forward to implementing a successful program for people to become engaged in reading and participating in community literary events and other programs.”

The author and book selected for *The Great Michigan Read* will be announced on July 9, 2007. Additional information announced on July 9 will include participating communities, activities and events, traveling exhibits, radio and television features, a website resource (www.greatmichiganread.org), and grant programs to help engage communities in literature and reading.

The Michigan Humanities Council, founded in 1974, is the state's independent, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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