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## ***The Great Michigan Read* exhibit in Plainwell from Mar. 7 through Mar. 24**

*Exhibit featuring Hemingway's early years in Michigan and his Nick Adams Stories*

(LANSING)---The Michigan Humanities Council (MHC) announces that the exhibit, *Up North with the Hemingways*, will be on public display at the Charles Ransom District Library in Plainwell (180 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell) from March 7 through March 24, 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 Plainwell, in the state of Michigan through July 7, 2008 (see below or log onto the website, [www.greatmichiganread.org](http://www.greatmichiganread.org)). Hours to view the exhibit in Plainwell are Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 – 5 p.m. In addition to hosting the exhibit, the Charles Ransom District Library will host a community-wide book discussion of *The Nick Adams Stories* on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. For more information about the exhibit and the book discussion, contact 269-685-8024 or visit [www.ransomlibrary.org](http://www.ransomlibrary.org).

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 Clarke Historical Library hopes the touring exhibits will help people explore and understand some of the complex themes in *The Nick Adams Stories* and how the stories relate to Hemingway's years in Michigan," stated Dr. Frank Boles, director of the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University.

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 180 organizations and more than 130 communities across the state are participating in *The Great Michigan Read*. Reader's guides, bookmarks, posters, and other opportunities are available to participating cultural organizations. Additional activities include radio and television features, podcasts,

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speakers bureau, driving tours, a website resource ([www.greatmichiganread.org](http://www.greatmichiganread.org)), and grant programs to help engage communities in literature. And, Valerie Hemingway, author of *Running with the Bulls*, a memoir of her years as Ernest Hemingway's secretary and her later marriage to his son, Gregory Hemingway, will tour six cities in Michigan from April 23-29, 2008 (Lansing, Hamtramck, Grand Rapids, Marquette, Traverse City, Saginaw).

### **The Great Michigan Read Touring Exhibit Schedule**

#### **2007**

September 7 - 24, 2007. .... Oscoda County Library, Mio.  
September 21 – October 8, 2007. .... Colon Township Library, Colon.  
September 28 - October 15, 2007. .... Munising School Public Library, Munising.  
October 12 – 29, 2007. .... Michigan Story Festival/Clarke Historical Library, Mt. Pleasant.  
October 19 – October 26, 2007. .... Durand Union Station, Durand.  
October 29 - November 2, 2007. .... Baker College of Owosso, Owosso.  
November 2 – 20, 2007. .... Midland County Historical Society, Midland.  
November 9 – 26, 2007. .... Jake Menghini Historical Museum, Norway.  
November 23 – December 10, 2007. .... Three Rivers Public Library, Three Rivers.  
November 30 – December 17, 2007. .... Adrian Public Library, Adrian.  
December 14 – 31, 2007. .... Cadillac Wexford Public Library, Cadillac  
December 21, 2007 – Jan. 7, 2008. .... Traverse Area District Library, Traverse City.

#### **2008**

January 4 – 21, 2008. .... Standish Historical Depot, Standish.  
January 11 – 28, 2008. .... Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph.  
January 25 – February 11, 2008. .... Niles District Library, Niles.  
February 1 – 18, 2008. .... Historical Society of Saginaw County (Castle Museum), Saginaw.  
February 15 – March 3, 2008. .... Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan, Alpena.  
February 22 – March 10, 2008. .... Calumet Public School Library, Calumet.  
**March 7 - 24, 2008. .... Charles Ransom District Library, Plainwell.**  
March 14 – 31, 2008. .... Peter White Public Library, Marquette.  
March 28 – April 14, 2008. .... Plymouth Community Arts Council, Plymouth.  
April 4- 21, 2008. .... Chippewa County Historical Society, Sault Ste. Marie.  
April 18 – May 5, 2008. .... Library of Michigan, Lansing.  
April 25 – May 12, 2008. .... Artworks (One Book: 15 Libraries), Big Rapids.  
May 9 – 26, 2008. .... Ann Arbor Book Festival, Ann Arbor.  
May 16 – June 2, 2008. .... Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township.  
May 30 – June 16, 2008. .... Bay County Historical Society, Bay City.  
June 6 – 23, 2008. .... Wolcott Mill Historic Center, Ray.  
June 20 – July 7, 2008. .... Alfred P. Sloan Museum, Flint.

### **Share Your Hemingway Story**

The MHC invites people to share their personal stories about Ernest Hemingway and his time in Michigan. Stories can be submitted at [www.greatmichiganread.org/memories.php](http://www.greatmichiganread.org/memories.php) and may be published on the Internet and in a future MHC newsletter.

Additional information is available at [www.greatmichiganread.org](http://www.greatmichiganread.org) or by contacting the MHC at 517-372-7770. *Up North with the Hemingways* was made possible by Michigan Humanities Council, Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University, Michigan Hemingway Society, and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The Michigan Humanities Council, founded in 1974, is a private, non-profit organization funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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