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***The Great Michigan Read* exhibit in Ray Twp. now through June 23**

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

(LANSING)---The Michigan Humanities Council announces that the exhibit, *Up North with the Hemingways*, will be on public display at the Wolcott Mill Metropark Historic Center (63841 Wolcott Rd., Ray Township) now through June 23, 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 visit to Ray Township is the next to last stop of the exhibit's yearlong tour to 29 sites in Michigan (a complete list is below). Hours to view the exhibit are from 9 am – 5 pm every day. For more information about the exhibit, contact the Wolcott Mill Metropark Historic Center at 586-749-5997.

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 Michigan Humanities Council 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.

"Historic Center at Wolcott Mill Metroparks is the perfect setting for the Hemingway exhibit, the meeting of two historic families the Hemingway's and the Wolcott's," stated Kathy Reidt, Interpreter at the Wolcott Mill Historic Center.

The Michigan Humanities Council is the first organization to implement a program for an entire state to read one of Hemingway's works. To date, more than 200 organizations and more than 135 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, speakers bureau, driving tours, a website resource (www.greatmichiganread.org), and grant programs to help engage communities in literature.

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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.

Additional information is available at 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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