

Clarke Library Speaker Series

During the Spring 2012 semester the Library is pleased to sponsor five events in the Park Library. These include:

February 20: Celebrating America's Presidents

Surrounded by a collection of presidential autographs on loan to the University, Clarke Library Director Frank Boles will discuss the history of presidential elections. The founding fathers probably would not have been pleased about how the process played out. Presentation and reception in the Baber Room, with the presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m.

February 29: Clarke Exhibit Opening

Award winning author Michael Federspiel will discuss the history of tourism in the first years of the Twentieth Century in and around Little Traverse Bay to open the Clarke exhibit, "*A Delightful Destination: Little Traverse Bay at the Turn of the Century.*" The exhibit will run until May 31.

March 15: Dan and Jennifer Digmann

Authors Dan and Jennifer Digmann will discuss their recently published book, *Despite MS, To Spite MS*. The authors, who are married to one another, both have been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Dan's case is, to this point, relatively mild. Jennifer has not stood up without assistance for almost a decade. They will discuss their life together, dealing with the disease.

March: 26: Paul Taylor

Paul Taylor will discuss his award-winning biography of General Orlando Poe. A military engineer, Poe made possible Civil War General William Sherman's "March to the Sea." After the war's end, Poe was assigned to the Great Lakes, where he designed and helped construct many of the landmark lighthouses upon which navigators still rely.

April 12: Ari Berk

Author of several works of fantasy including, including *The Secret History of Mermaids and Merfolk*, *How to be a Viking*, *Coyote Speaks*, and *The Secret History of Giants*, CMU Department of English and Literature Professor Ari Berk will discuss his work and his inspiration.

Unless otherwise noted, all presentations begin in the Park Library Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., with a reception following in the Clarke Library.