

Build Imagination

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The Michigan Architectural Foundation Rae Dumke Children's Book Collection "Build Imagination" will be launched in conjunction with the Children's Block Party at the Baldwin Library, at 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, on Saturday, September 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The intention is to have the parents or grandparents bring their children to the event. Books, Legos, fun activities and refreshments will be part of the morning festivities.

The "Build Imagination" Collection will have 100 books is targeted to preschool through 8th grade, and is the second collection, following the 100 Essential Architecture Books, funded through the Rae Dumke Fund within the MAF. The

primary source of funding has been through the MAF Dumke Golf Open, which is an annual event. This event has been chaired by Bob Washer, Hon. Affiliate AIA Michigan and Vice President of the Foundation. This year, the event was held at the Western Country Club in Redford with 84 golfers participating on a warm June day. The proceeds, almost \$10,000, will be divided between MAF and the Dumke Fund to promote architectural awareness, which is exactly the aim of this library project.

The collection housed at The Baldwin Library will be available statewide through the library network. Additional small collections of 25 "Build Imagination" books will be given to the Glen Lake and Leland libraries in Leelanau County, Michigan where Rae resides. An additional 25 books will be delivered to the Mackinac Island Public Library, where AIA Michigan and MAF have a long tradition of supporting Island projects like the Biddle House, hosting events at Fort Mackinac and touring some of the historic architectural cottages on the Island.

MAF will also sponsor their annual auction at the AIA Michigan Mid Summer Conference, this August, at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. This year there will be two sets of five books each from the collection auctioned. The **Younger children's collection will be up to age 7.** Titles and authors as noted: Young Frank Architect by Frank Viva; The Three Little Pigs: An Architectural Tale by Steven Guarnaccia; Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty; 13 Buildings Children Should Know by Annette Roeder; and Rosie Revere, Engineering by Andrea Beaty.

Older children's collection (ages 7 to 13): Titles and authors as noted: 13 Architects Children Should Know by Florian Heine; Future Architect's Handbook by Barbara Beck; Lego Architecture: the Visual Guide by Lego; The Story of Buildings by Patrick Dillon; From Mud Huts to Skyscrapers by Christine Paxman.

Special thanks to our partners Doug Koschik, Library Director, and Stephanie Miller, Youth Director at Baldwin Library, Committee Members Alan Cobb, FAIA, Steve Smith, AIA, Jeffrey Ryntz, Associate; Co-Chairs Michelle Saroki, Hon. Affiliate Member AIA Michigan, and Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA. Special thanks to Heidi Pfannes, Albert Kahn Associates, Designer of the bookplate and spine label; and Dennis M. King, FAIA for naming the collection "Build Imagination".

Within the next couple of months there will be a link from the MAF and AIA Michigan websites to the Baldwin Library for the complete collection information. Watch for further details.....