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Unique Architecture Book Collection to be Unveiled at Birmingham Library

Detroit, Michigan- May 9, 2014- The Michigan Architectural Foundation is proud to announce the installation of: *The Rae Dumke Collection: 100 Essential Architecture Books* at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. The public is encouraged to attend the celebration from 5-7pm and entry is complimentary with RSVP to evelyn@aiami.com.

This pilot collection will be housed at the Baldwin Public Library and there will be a designated section dedicated for the collection. The books, chosen from hundreds of nominations from architects for the best titles, will be available statewide to the public through the Michigan Library Network.

Stephen Vogel, FAIA, Professor and Past Dean for the School of Architecture at University of Detroit-Mercy will be the guest speaker for this event, which celebrates both the unique collection and the precedence for the promotion of architecture set by Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA.

Throughout her career, Rae Dumke has been a leader and pioneer in efforts to promote architecture and architects. Rae spent from October 1967 to December 2010 in the employ of AIA Michigan, AIA Detroit, and the Michigan Architectural Foundation (MAF). She served as the Executive Director of all three organizations from 1984 until her retirement in 2010. She was invested in the community, and shared her leadership experience with fellow association executives nationally, as well as with the members of the association she headed.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the profession of Architecture at the local, state, and national levels of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), she was granted Honorary Membership by its national organization in 1990. This is one of the highest honors that AIA can bestow upon a non-architect. Most importantly, Rae understood that being the Executive Director of three nonprofit professional organizations was not just about running a business; rather it was about people, in serving them well and bringing out the best in them to benefit the individual, the profession and society.

Upon her retirement, Rae and her husband relocated to the Leelanau Peninsula in northern Michigan. As a tribute to Rae's passion for architecture and those she represented, the Michigan Architectural Foundation established a dedicated Endowment Fund to honor her legacy of 43 years of service to AIA and MAF. Contributions to The Rae Dumke Endowment came from AIA members, the construction industry, friends, and family. A major funding event is the annual Dumke Open, a golf outing to raise funds for the Endowment.

To view the collection titles, please visit the <u>Baldwin Library website</u>. The Mission of the Michigan Architectural Foundation is to promote architecture to the public. To learn more, please visit: <u>www.michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org</u>.