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First place - Friends of the Library

## Library wins contest; to hold event

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October is an exciting month for Dearth Union Township Library.

To start with, the Friends of the Library won Green Thumb Garden Club's annual scarecrow contest with their "Head Over Heels for the Library" scarecrow, created by Deanna Carey (see the scarecrow and other entries on page 2).

Also, the library held its 2014 Pinewood Derby race Saturday during Union City's

Heritage Day. It was a great turnout with 38 cars entered and more than 100 participants and spectators. FOL members Marv Carman and John Rick assisted with the event; Carman with placing of the cars and Rick as time keeper. Winners of the event were: first place - Judy Gottschalk, second place, Deanna Carey and Jaylyn Eyre, and third place - Devin Gottschalk. Also awarded was Chevy Sloan, who won the favorite car contest, in which

those present could vote for their favorite car by putting coins in the contestant's cup. Proceeds will benefit FOL for next year's Pinewood Derby.

The library also has the following events planned.

A Fancy Nancy/Pirate Party will be held Saturday, October 25, at 10 a.m. at the library. Girls are invited to dress up in fancy dresses and will create barrette holders. Boys will be given pirate hats and eye patches and will create treasure chests. Boys and girls alike

will participate in a treasure hunt in which they will seek out coins and jewels. Refreshments will be served for all children.

A parent/child craft will be held Saturday, November 1. Parents will create wreaths from book pages and children will create book sculptures.

Library hours, including the recently added hour Wednesday, are Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, October 22, 2014, pg. A2:

## 1. 'Meet the Authors'

**WHAT** The Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library will host a "Meet the Authors" event.

**WHEN** 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23

**WHERE** Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library, 10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater

**DETAILS** Authors Sheamus Clarke and Scott Stellhorn will be discussing their book "The importance of Land-lording." Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, November 7, 2014, pg. A2:

## 1 'Orphan Trains'

**WHAT** The Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library will offer "The Orphan Trains" program.

**WHEN** 1-2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7

**WHERE** Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library, 10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater

**DETAILS** Shirley Gage Hodges will present the program. She is the author of "Guide to the United States Census, 1790-1930." The orphan train movement began in New York City in 1854 and continued until 1930. Thousands of children were transported west from overcrowded orphanages to live with farm families. The first orphan train arrived in Dowagiac on Oct. 1, 1854.

**RESERVATIONS** To learn more about the orphan train movement, reserve a spot by calling 278-2341.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, November 14, pg A1:

## **Santa to have breakfast with Branch County children**

BRANCH COUNTY — Children will soon be able to celebrate the Christmas season by having breakfast with the one-and-only Santa Claus! Two Breakfast with Santa events will take place next month. The first will take place at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge on Dec. 6 from 9-11 a.m. The second will take place at the First Congregational Church of Union City on Dec. 13 from 9-11 a.m.

Both breakfasts will include pancakes, sausage, milk or juice. The meal is free for children of all ages, and includes a photo and gift from the jolly old man himself. Early registration is requested as space is limited. Call the Branch District Library – Sherwood Branch at 517-741-7976 or visit <http://goo.gl/MSh2Aj> to register for the Sherwood event. For the Union City event, register by calling the Branch District Library – Union Township Branch at 517-741-5061 or visit <http://goo.gl/MSh2Aj>.

The events are sponsored by the Branch District Library.