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WHAT'S NEW

## Bronson Library to offer more to public

**By Julia Baratta**  
For GateHouse Media

BRONSON — Because of the overwhelming approval of the Branch District Library millage on Aug. 5, 2014, Bronson residents, as well as everyone who lives in Branch County, will see a positive increase in the library's offerings as of Jan. 1, 2016.

Bronson Library manager Lynnell Eash has been anticipating and planning for the new year for a while.

"A lot of services will be increased due to the millage," Eash said. "It is going to be nice to have some extra help around here."

Staff is just one of the areas affected by the increased funding. A new staff member will be starting in January, adding to the two employees already working there. Summer help also relieves some of the pressure during the especially busy times when the children aren't in school.

Another significant change will be in the operating hours of the library.

"We will be open until 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, as well as the other days," Eash said. "We were able to add three hours to our weekly schedule."

Saturday hours will not change from 9 a.m. until noon.

There will be more printed, audio and video items available for the community to check out, with a larger materials budget for the library staff to work with. In addition, there will be more programs planned for the

coming year.

"Steve (Watson) will be planning some teen programming within his duties," Eash said.

Watson was hired after Stephanie Davis retired from the library system. These will be offered in addition to the adult and children's programs already being appreciated.

The saying goes, "Good things come to those who wait," and patrons of the Bronson Library will soon be able to take advantage of all the changes that will come with 2016.

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ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



Brandi Killian reads a story to Cameron and Kannon. JENNIFER COE-HARRIS PHOTOS

# Little ones enjoy story time at the library

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**C**OLDWATER — From birth to 18 months, parents can bring their little ones in to the Branch District Library for lap time. Brandi Killian from BDL reads stories, sings songs and plays other activities with local children.



Little Kannon enjoys lap time at the library.

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## ORGANIZATION CORNER

# Friends of the Bronson Library supports BDL

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BRONSON — One of the busiest groups in Bronson, the Friends of the Bronson Library, have a full slate of fundraising activities and a mission to uphold.

The group's mission statement reads, "The purpose of this organization is to promote interest in books and libraries; to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; to support the freedom to read; and to encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library," and they are always encouraging the appreciation of the library.

The many fundraising activities have assisted with the payment on the principal portion of the loan for Library's the new media center. In 2015 alone, they paid over \$20,000 on the loan. The money was raised from the various and sundry activities the group sponsors and organizes.

Some of the larger, and more involved, fundraisers include the Golf Scramble, held at the Coldwater

Gold Course, the Tea and Garden Tour, and the Terri Lynn Nut Sale, which are annual events. A quilt has been donated for the past few years giving the group an opportunity to sell raffle tickets. The fall collection of black walnuts has added to the till while book sales are a common practice to clean out the numerous donations of books and other materials.

The Friends have so many books, currently, that there will be a sale during library hours through Saturday, Jan. 9, with a bag costing only \$3 to fill.

Another project they work on is the selling of memorial/appreciation bricks in the library/township hall patio. There are a couple of sizes to pick from and priced accordingly.

The Friends are also working to help make the library and literacy an important part of the community. They are set up at many of the community functions to promote the activities of the library and the materials available to the public. They also do a special bake sale on 'Make



**Lynnell Eash, Bronson Library manager, assists Friends member Jim Eash as he adds a brick to the patio.** JULIA BARATTA PHOTO

a Difference Day' where all the funds raised that day are used to purchase new materials for the library.

Anyone interested in

joining the Friends of the Bronson Library are welcome to call the library at 517-369-3785 with any questions.

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# Snowmen collection displayed



**Judy Groholske's snowman collection will be featured for the month of January at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library. COURTESY PHOTO**