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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Margie Carrington and Luci Cunningham, 8, sing *This Little Light of Mine* during the discussion. PHOTOS BY CHRISTY HART-HARRIS

CARRINGTON PRESENTS SOUL FOOD

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COLDWATER – Many attended the Library Saturday to hear local resident Margie Carrington present on the history of slavery around the world and how it is still prevalent today. She also prepared fried chicken, collard greens, corn bread, sweet potatoes, cooked sliced peaches and pinto beans from scratch for all in attendance to enjoy. Carrington, joined by her daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter, explained to the crowd how she prepared the food, how she learned to cook and all about how slaves in the United States learned to prepare a variety of foods that later became known as soul food.



Cassandra Michael and her daughter serve guests soul food.

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MARCH IS READING MONTH



Cat in the Hat visited the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library Saturday to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Kids listened to a story, read by the famed character, and did various Dr. Seuss-themed crafts. PICTURED: The Cat in the Hat reads a story to kids. PHOTOS BY CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTO

THE CAT IN THE HAT VISITS LIBRARY



Angela and Sophia, 6, make a craft during the library event.



Sandy Risner does a craft with Elizabeth, 8, and Jayda, 12.

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BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Inde wins blind date contest



Marge Inde, right, was the winner of the Blind Date With A Book Contest through the Branch District Library. COURTESY PHOTO

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BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Hoopla Digital now open to patrons

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BRANCH COUNTY – Looking to enhance the community’s at-home entertainment experience, the Branch District Library launched Hoopla Digital – a database offering online and mobile

access to 440,000 movies, television shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks and comics – last month.

With Hoopla Digital, library card holders at each of the Branch District Library branches, can instantly stream and



Dozens of computers are available for patrons to use at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library. COURTESY PHOTO

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download free content.

Patrons with a smartphone or tablet can access Hoopla Digital’s online database 24/7 through an app on their device’s Google Play store, through their computer’s browser by visiting www.hoopladigital.com, or with Apple TV or Chromecast.

“The Branch District Library is the 33rd library system in Michigan to partner with hoopla digital,” Passion Hemphill, MWW public relations, said. “(Hoopla Digital) features content from major Hollywood studios, publishers and record companies, such as Coldplay’s ‘A Head Full of Dreams,’ ‘The Color Purple’ by Alice Walker, ‘Suicide Squad’ (Vol. 1-5),

‘August Osage County’ and many others.”

Gina Horn, administrative assistant at the Branch District Library, said that since Hoopla Digital’s launch in February, 73 users accessed 205 items from the database.

Since January, the Branch District Library has also offered NewsBank, a “consolidated current and archived information from thousands of

newspaper titles, as well as newswires, web editions, blogs, videos, broadcast transcripts, business journals, periodicals, government documents and other publications,” to the community.

“In January, there were 219 searches and 230 in February,” Horn said.

Visit the Branch District Library to learn more about Hoopla Digital and the services available.