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ENTERTAINMENT

QUINCY BRANCH OF THE BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Ball to perform piano favorites on April 28

QUINCY – Attorney turned boogie, blues and ragtime musician, Matthew Ball aka “The Boogie Woogie Kid” will heat up the piano keys at 6:30 p.m. April 28 at the Quincy branch of the Branch District Library, with his all-American program of family piano favorites from

the swing era. Now, with over 3.4 million youtube views of his past performance and at-home video footage, and concerts with regular capacity crowds and standing ovations, Ball has become a phenomenon, with descriptions of his performances like

“Awesome!” “Crushing!” “Fantastic!”

The program of “family piano fun” will feature classics like “Swanee River,” “In the Mood,” “Over the Rainbow,” “Glory of Love,” “Waltzing Matilda,” “The Entertainer,” “Bumble Boogie” and many more.

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The Boogie Woogie Kid will perform at 6:30 p.m. April 28 at the Quincy branch of the Branch District Library. COURTESY PHOTO

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MARCH IS READING MONTH

Students read over 108,000 pages

COLDWATER – The Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library’s Kids’ Place held its bi-annual Reading Incentive during the month of March. Youth ages two to 18-years-old could signed up for an age appropriate reading level goal at the beginning of the month, and depending on the age, they either recorded the title of the book read or the number of pages.

A total of 80 youth signed up, with 50 turning in their completed reading logs. A grand total of 108,684 pages were read... spread out, that is equal to each of the 50 participants averaging 70 pages per day. Everyone who turned in their reading log received a Little Caesar’s Crazy Bread

coupon, compliments of the local Little Caesar’s.

If participants met, or exceeded their reading level goal, they received either a Happy Meal coupon or a McCafe drink coupon from the local McDonald’s.

The grand prize winners received \$15 Books n More gift certificates with the winning family receiving a \$40 certificate. The certificates were compliments of Kids’ Place.

The grand winners are as follows: Level A, Noah Wheato; Level B, Elliot Steckbauer; Level C, Mariah Yuha; Level D, Adira Jaros; Level E, Sara Jones; Level F, Tyler Ford; and Family, Marisa and Ross Dornbush.



Winners of the reading incentive include (not in order) Noah Wheaton, 3, Elliot Steckbauer, Mariah Yuhas, Adira Jaros, Sara Jones, Tyler Ford, Marisa and Ross Dornbush. COURTESY PHOTO

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BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Friends of the Library meet

By Julia Baratta
For Gatehouse Media

BRONSON — On April 21, the Bronson branch of the Branch District Library hosted the annual meeting of the Friends of the Branch District Libraries, with 30 attendees representing all six branches of the library system.

Bronson Friends President Fran Fletcher welcomed the groups and encouraged the sharing of what each was doing to promote their library and the services offered.

The Algansee branch has provided coloring sheets for their patrons and conducted two book sales. During the winter, a weekly needlecraft series was offered and enjoyed. An Independence Day pie sale and a couple of books sales have kept the Quincy branch busy along with the selling of cookbooks, book bags and old time picture postcards. The funds raised are used for a number of projects including a quarterly newsletter.

The Dearth Union Township branch's group has assisted with the summer reading program, breakfast with Santa, and their annual Pinewood Derby. With the upcoming Tea and Garden Tour, the Bronson branch continues with their numerous fundraising efforts. They, along with some of the other groups, have collected black walnuts and been very successful in providing the libraries with funds.

Two of the branches have very young groups and were open to ideas to build their memberships. Coldwater is reviving their Friends group and in the process of reorganizing. They do have an ongoing book sale in order



Renee Hardy from the Quincy branch talks to Paul Snyder after the county-wide Friends group meeting. Snyder is from the Northville District Library and works with the Friends of Michigan Libraries group. JULIA BARATTA PHOTO

to raise funds. Sherwood, on the other hand, is looking to start their first Friends group. The members have helped with the weekly crafts for young people.

Paul Snyder from the Friends of Michigan Libraries was the keynote speaker with words of encouragement, especially for the newer groups.

"There are 600 libraries in Michigan and only one-third of them have Friends groups," Snyder said. "We have grants for new groups to help them out."

He has been involved in his local Friends group since 2007.

"My library is Northville District Library," Snyder said. "I once heard a saying, 'If you want 20,000 answers, go to Google. If you want the right one, go to your library.'"

He was impressed with the camaraderie between the branch managers at the meeting and noted that it wasn't a common practice.

"It's terrific to see the branches work together," he added.

Snyder talked about a number of opportunities for

the groups to attend conferences, win grant monies, and take advantage of a wealth of resources available on the website www.foml.org.

Refreshments were served, giving the participants a time of sharing with each other and encouraging the groups.

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Spreading the joy of spring

Judy Gottschalk, manager of Dearth Union Township Library, visited students in Community Unlimited's Great Start Readiness Program class last week. Gottschalk read a book to students then showed them how to make May Baskets. After making the craft, students hung the baskets on doorknobs in Gen Butler Apartments. (Photos by Alona Hayden)



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COLDWATER BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY Kids travel to Japan

By Christy Hart-Harris
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COLDWATER — On Saturday, the Kid’s Place at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library hosted the Traveling Tales program, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Coldwater.

Kids traveled to Japan by way of an “airplane” and were given passports and Japanese headbands.

Cheryl Graham greeted the kids speaking the Japanese language.

Kids participated in various activities including listening to a story in Japanese and English, learning basic greetings, counting and Japanese culture and customs.

Afterward, the kids created traditional Japanese

carp windsocks. The next trip will be to Arabia in the fall.

Upcoming Kid’s Place events include:

- Awaken the Force with games, crafts and snack from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday. This event is open to children ages five to 15.
- Girls Day Out is open to girls ages two to 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 14. Local stylists Bekah and Terah of Studio 17 will braid hair and create nail art. The girls can also create a unique clay hair clip with Deb of D. Leigh Arts. To preregister for this event, contact the library at (517) 278-2341. The cost is \$5 per participant, additional costs apply if making more hair clips. Special take home gifts provided by Honor



Kids do arts and crafts during the Traveling Tales events last Saturday. COURTESY PHOTOS

Credit union.

- Armed Forces Day will be open to anyone interested in honoring those who have served the United States of America. Children will have self-directed projects available, which will be given to past and present service

personnel. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 21.



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BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Public forum to be held

COLDWATER – The Branch District Library Board of Trustees is nearing the end of its search for a new Library Director. The Board's search committee has narrowed 21 candidates down to three highly qualified individuals who will interview for the position on Friday, May 13 at the Coldwater Township Hall, 319 Sprague Road, Coldwater. The final interviews will be open to the public.

Prior to the final interviews, a public forum will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 12 at the Coldwater Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend and meet the candidates. Each will give a 12 minute presentation on a topic selected by the Board. There will also be a question and answer session where the public will be allowed to submit questions to the potential directors. A short meet-and-greet will take place after the presentations with light refreshments.

Meet the Candidates

Lyshol, Linda, Director, Ketchikan Public Library, Ketchikan, AK:

Linda Lyshol is currently the Library Director, Ketchikan, AK – a rainforest island community, accessible only by boat or plane. Lyshol has her Master's degree in Library Science and is nearing completion of her Master's in Public Administration. Currently, she is one of the administrators of the First City Libraries Consortium, comprising the collections in the public schools, the local University of Alaska Southeast campus library, and the Ketchikan Public Library. Lyshol started at Ketchikan Public Library in 2011 and oversaw the construction and move of the City's new Library from a combined library/museum

If you go

Prior to the final interviews of three highly-qualified individuals for the position of Library Director of Branch District Library, a public forum is being held.

Day: Thursday, May 12th

Time: 5:30 PM

Where: Coldwater Township Hall

Each candidate will give a 12 minute presentation on a topic chosen by the Board of Trustees.

building (40+ years old). Previously, she directed the Guthrie (OK) Public Library after working as a library consultant for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and as a librarian for the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, OK. The Ketchikan Public Library serves 13,387 residents with a \$1.4 million annual budget from a single location.

Marr, Jenny, Director, Morrill Public Library, Hiawatha, KS:

Jenny Marr is currently the Director, Morrill Public Library, Hiawatha, KS. Jenny earned her MLIS and began her career at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, Midland, MI. After working at Grace A. Dow, she relocated to Kansas and began working as Director, Morrill Public Library. In this role, Jenny has completed fundraising efforts, improved and implemented new library technologies, and served as President, Kansas Library Association-Public Libraries Association (2014). She also completed digitizing the Hiawatha World dating back to 1887. Jenny led the Morrill trustees in creating both a strategic plan and a technology plan and she served on the Northeast KS Library System's strategic planning committee. Prior to her career in libraries, Jenny served as the Village Clerk, Village of Sanford, MI. The Morrill

Public Library serves 3,100 residents with a \$253,000 annual budget and \$1.2 million in total assets from a single location.

Vose, Thomas, Director, Palmdale City Library, Palmdale, CA:

Thomas Vose is currently the Director of the Palmdale City Library, located in the high desert north of Los Angeles, a position he has held since 2013. He holds an M.A. in history from UC Riverside, as well as an MLIS from UCLA (2006), and was a Eureka! Leadership Institute 2009 fellow. As the Director of the Palmdale Library, Vose has significantly restructured the collection and internal arrangement of the Library. Other projects include the Library Techmobile, a converted commuter vehicle, modified to provide Library services at outreach opportunities. Vose is also interested in microlibraries, embedded librarianship and other innovative outreach models. In addition, he is an active member of the SCLC (Southern California Library Cooperative) Executive Committee and a proponent of increased overall unification of library systems. The Palmdale City Library serves 155,000 residents with a \$1 million annual budget from a single location.