



- Thank you for the vote of confidence in hiring me. I am looking forward to a productive time here in Branch County. My door is always open, figuratively if not literally.
- We have had Building and Personnel Committee meetings since I started on June 29th. Reports and recommendations are in the discussion section.
- On July 15th, we hosted a very well-attended Open House. Thank you especially to Gina Horn for her planning efforts. Thank you, also, to all Branch Managers and staff who helped on that evening. It was good to meet so many members of the public and family members of staff.
- I also met with the Coldwater Public Library Advisory Board. We discussed moving ahead with the repair/restoration of the front entrance.
- I also met with John Rucker many times (I think every day) to do a mind-meld with all the information I need to have. This will be an ongoing project, I am quite sure—and some things will be repeated.
- I submitted an application for Kimberly Feltner and me to attend the Michigan Harwood Institute training in October. If our application is accepted, the Library of Michigan will issue a stipend for the two of us to attend. This project is supported by the Library of Michigan with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. From <http://www.theharwoodinstitute.org/mission/>: “The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation is a nonpartisan, independent nonprofit that teaches, coaches and inspires people and organizations to solve pressing problems and change how communities work together: The people we teach and coach, called public innovators, are the leaders that move our communities forward.” As someone who is studying public administration, this is very exciting and attending this training with Kimberly will give us access to some exciting possibilities for our libraries.
- On Thursday, July 14th, I met with Don Rogers, Supervisor of Coldwater Township. We talked about the definition of townships and he told me about some great developments happening in the area. I told him that my mission was for the library to help the township in any way possible; I will be attending the next township meeting in August to meet the rest of the members.
- On Friday, July 15th, I met with Jeff Budd, Coldwater City Manager. We discussed many things but in particular, the Coldwater Library. He said that the foundation repair work would be done this fall. I told him that my mission was for the library to help the city, especially in the future with the many positive changes coming our way; I will be attending the next City Council meeting in August to introduce myself to the Council.

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