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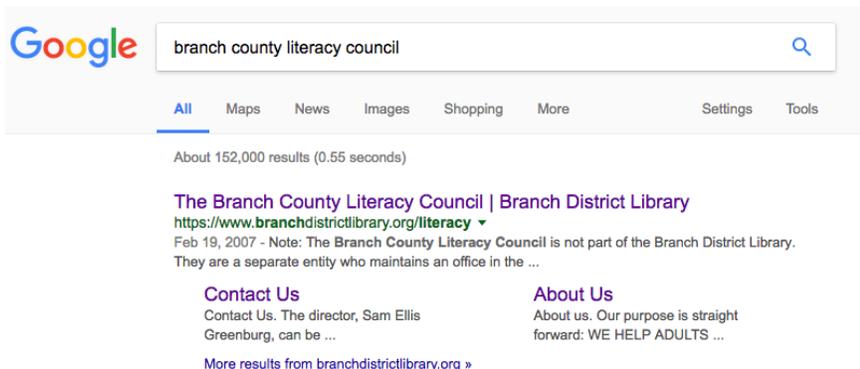
Subject (Optional): literacy information on library website

Message Body: why is there no literacy information on library web site?

Response:

There was no contact information with this comment to deliver a reply, however for the record the Branch County Literacy Council (BCLC) is a completely separate non-profit entity, which has office space in the library. They are not part of the library in any way, though our respective missions do overlap. As a separate entity, it would be expected that they would handle their own publicity and information dissemination, including a web presence.

That said, at the BCLC's request the library has for years hosted a small informational web page for them. The direct link is www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/literacy, there is a menu entry for them under "Services" on the library's main web site, and their page on our site is the first result in a web search:



Publicity

Union City Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, December 7, 2016, page 2:

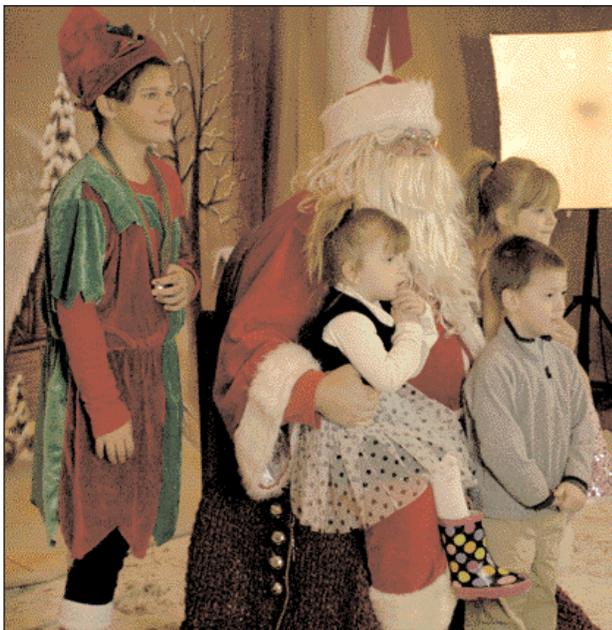
Christmas wishes

Dearth Union Township Branch Library hosted the annual Breakfast with Santa event Saturday at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Union City. Children and families who attended the event had their photo taken with Santa and enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage. Each child had the chance to share their Christmas wishes with Santa, received a gift bag full of goodies and was entered into a drawing to win a stuffed animal. (Photos by Alona Hayden)



The men of the UC First Congregational United Church of Christ provided a breakfast of pancakes and sausage for visitors.

The Union City Interact Club attended tables, called out numbers and leant a helping hand during the breakfast. (Photo by Andrea Tennyson)




Humbug High
to be performed in Athens

"Humbug High: A Contemporary Christmas Carol," will be presented by the Athens Community Theater Friday, Saturday and Sunday at The Quonset Hut Theater in Athens, located at 132 North Capital Ave. The show will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and a matinee performance will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. General admission is \$10; \$8 for students and seniors (with ID); and \$5 for Military (with ID). Presented by special arrangement with theatrefolk.

Union City *Hometown Gazette*, Wednesday, December 14, 2016, page 3:

Library hosts art instructor

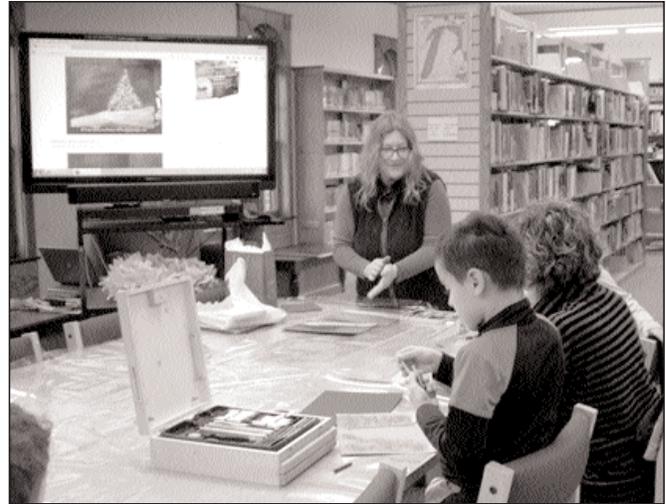
Deerth Union Township Branch Library hosted a free art class by instructor Kathy Barnes last Wednesday. Barnes led patrons in creating a Christmas tree landscape in pastels.

Barnes, who previously held classes at Sherwood Branch Library, will instruct classes twice each month in Union City. Classes will typically be held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 4 p.m.

"We started with pencil drawing, then moved to watercolors, and now we're learning pastels," commented Barnes, who integrates techniques from previous lessons for newcomers.

The library provides materials for the classes and lessons are free to all.

Additional information about Barnes' lessons and fine art can be found on Facebook at Kathy's Art Class and at www.kathrynarnes.com.



Union City *Hometown Gazette*, Wednesday, December 14, 2016, page 5:



In the spirit

Judy Gottschalk of Dearth Union Township Branch Library visited Community Unlimited's after school BLAST program last Thursday to share the story "The Perfect Christmas" and lead students in creating a holiday craft. (Submitted photo)

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Saturday, December 17, 2016, page A8:

BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Families make keepsake ornaments



Parents and children worked together to make ornaments for Christmas during a recent event at Kid's Place in the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library. COURTESY PHOTO

For The Daily Reporter

COLDWATER — Kid's Place in the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library looked like Santa's workshop recently, as children and families made a variety of keepsake Christmas ornaments.

All ages were able to make porcelain ornaments under the tutelage of local potter Deb Thenen, of Union City. Youth ages 8 years and older made Moravian Stars under the direction of Jeanne Berg.

Kid's Place hosts a number of events throughout the year. To find out more, visit www.branch-districtlibrary.org/coldwater_kids_place or call the library at (517) 278-2341.

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Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Saturday, December 24, 2016, page A1:

BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

A Holiday Open House



New library director Linda Lyshol with husband, Mike, and granddaughter, Zela, 11 months, at the Branch Library Open House. KARRI GRUNER PHOTOS

By Karri Gruner
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COLDWATER — Branch District Library Director, Linda Lyshol, hosted a holiday open house at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library on Tuesday. Festive live music was played on the second floor and coffee, cookies and popcorn were offered to the public.

A book sale was also going on where patrons could fill a bag with books, no longer in circulation,

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Library patrons enjoy the live music during the holiday open house at the Branch District Library in Coldwater.

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for \$1 and there were volunteers on hand to wrap them for a donation.

Lyshol has been the new director since June and has many things planned for

the library.

“We have been looking for a facilitator to help construct a more strategic plan to go through the collection and do some updating,” Lyshol said. “1995 was the last time the books were gone though, so it’s about time.”

She added, “I have also been working on going through the personnel handbook and revising parts of that as well.”

The new director hails from Ketchikan, Alaska where she built up the library there for just

over four years. She has 17 years of experience in the field and is looking forward to working on a governing board as opposed to an advisory board, like Alaska has, and is very happy to be closer to family in Branch County.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Tuesday, December 27, 2016, page A3:

KIDS PLACE

Home School Adventure students learn square dancing

For The Daily Reporter

COLDWATER – The Kids Place of the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library recently held a square dance instruction for members of the Thursday Home School Adventure of Kids Place at the Library.

This program, for 2nd-6th graders, was part of the USA Road Trip unit study. Local home schooled children have been working their way across the United States

each week, learning about our country through student presentations, map work, and the best part, the state related food and art or activity.

For the great state of Arkansas, the students and parents were able to participate in square dancing.

The instructors, George and Sandy, came from Detroit.

A fun afternoon was had by all in the basement of the Fulmer State Farm Insurance Building.



Parents and kids dance during the library event. COURTESY PHOTO

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Thursday, December 29, 2016, page A1:

SANTA VISITS

Branch District Library hosts Santa

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COLDWATER – Santa Claus visited the Branch District Library and shared cookies and story time.

Santa read “Dream Snow” by Eric Carle and each family went home with their own copy of the hard-covered book, purchased through the generosity of the Coldwater Rotary Club and Kids’ Place of the Branch District Library System.

Julie Buckling was on

hand to do family photos, with the frames provided by Kids’ Place.

The Swallow’s Nest of Quincy provided free used book coupons for all the children, and cookies were provided by the Coldwater Bob Evans Restaurant.

The letters to Santa, along with some of the photos, were on display in the stairway of the library until Christmas.

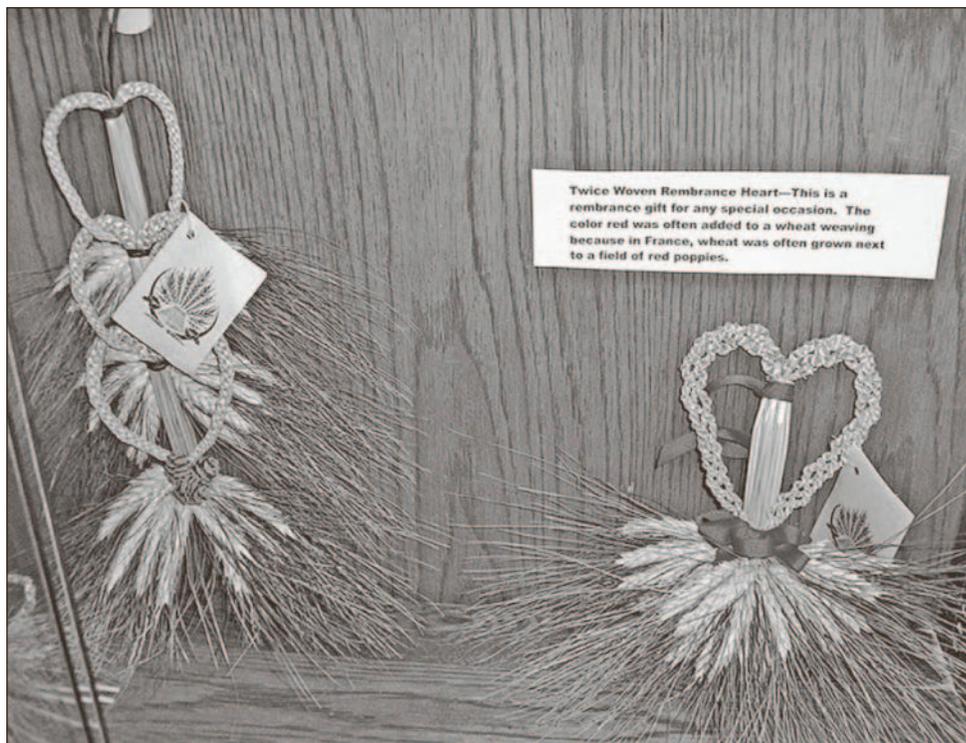
RIGHT: Sierra Pifer, 10, writes a letter to Santa Claus at the Branch District Library.



Santa Claus reads to children at the Branch District Library. KARRI GRUNER PHOTOS

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Monday, January 4, 2017, page A3:
COLDWATER BRANCH OF THE BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Bolton's projects on display



Twice Woven Remembrance Heart—This is a remembrance gift for any special occasion. The color red was often added to a wheat weaving because in France, wheat was often grown next to a field of red poppies.

Carole Bolton's collection of her wheat weaving projects will be on display at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library for the month. COURTESY PHOTO

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Friday, January 13, 2017, page A1:

BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Story time at Kids Place



Miss Lu, from the Branch District Library Kids Place, reads the book called, "The Snowy Day," by Ezra Keats, to local children. (Seated left to right) Everett Bain, 3, with mom Holly, Adeline Bain, 5, and Becky Simonds with son Lincoln, age 4. KARRI GRUNER PHOTOS

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COLDWATER – Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library’s Kids Place recently hosted story time in the children’s department with Miss Lu.

“The Snowy Day,” by Ezra Keats, was the chosen book and it was illustrated with beautiful watercolor colors.

After the story the youngster’s participated in arts and crafts with watercolor paints.



After story time with Miss Lu in the Kids Place, the children participate in arts and crafts. Pictured left to right: Lincoln, 4, with mom Becky Simonds, Brookly Conner, 5, Adeline Bain, 5, Miss Lu and Holly Bain.