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Comments and/or Suggestions:

Let us know what you think?

There are times when patrons & desk people are talking loudly. It is a big distraction. It is a library so shouldn't it be quieter? Sometimes they talk across the room. Patrons may not know better, but desk people should.

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TIBBITS

02/01/2017

Linda Lyshol
Branch District Library
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Coldwater, MI 49036

Dear Linda,

Tibbits Opera Foundation & Arts Council and the 2016 Auction committee were overwhelmed with the tremendous support we received from our ever-caring and encouraging community during the 37th Annual Auction, "On the High Seas." With your help, we had a very successful night! I am pleased to announce that the auction raised nearly \$67,000 for theatre operations and 2017 programming. Thank you.

These funds enable Tibbits to carry out its mission- to provide quality entertainment for all ages in our community, provide a venue for community events and activities, attract more tourism to the region, and bolster our community's appreciation for arts and culture. With deep gratitude, we thank you for your continued part in this mission.

The following is a list of your auction donations and the total donation values as noted when items were delivered.

Items Donated:	Value
Gift Basket	\$100.00

After our adventure "On the High Seas," we are working on another exciting theme for next year. You know it will be fun, so mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 4, 2017**. Until then we hope we see you at one of our exciting and entertaining shows including **our 4th Annual Comedy Festival on March 11**; Emmy – award winning actor **Ed Asner in "A Man and his Prostate" on Friday, April 28**, and our always anticipated **Tibbits Summer Theatre!**

Sincerely,



Amy Crabtree
Special Events Coordinator
Tibbits Opera House

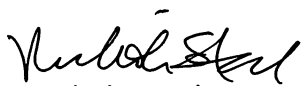
Tibbits Opera Foundation & Arts Council is a qualified non-profit organization under the IRS Section 501 (c)(3). All or part of your contribution may be deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Please consult your tax advisor.

From Coldwater Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce, date unknown:

Branch District Library,

Thank you for your Iceblock
Sponsorship and hosting Kids
activities for Icefest! We couldn't
have had a successful event
without your help!

Thank
you!


Nichole Steel
Executive Director

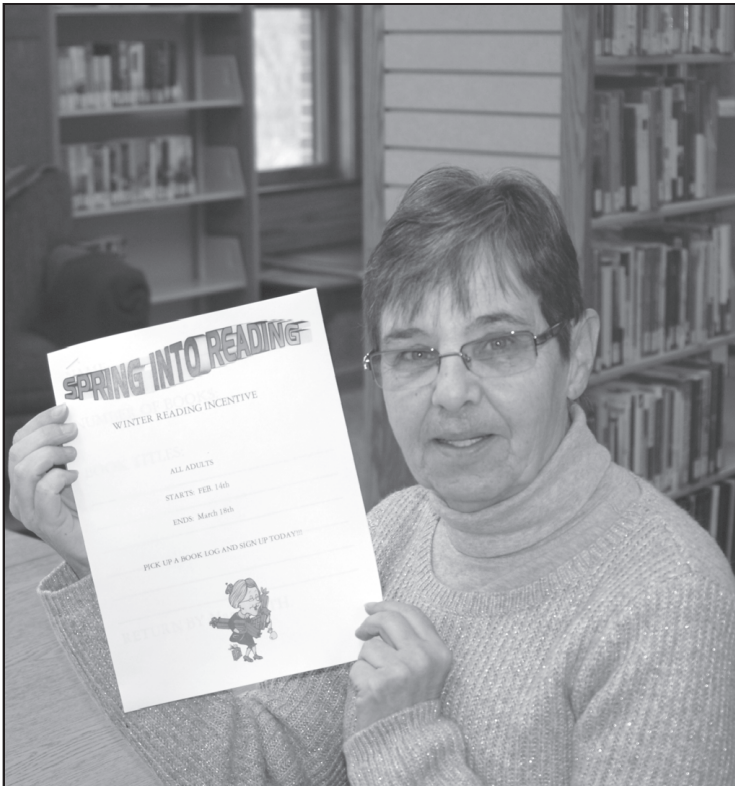

Erin Veysey
Event Coordinator

Publicity

The Union City *Hometown Gazette*, Wednesday, February 22, 2017, page 5:

Spring Into Reading Adult reading program

The Dearth Union Township Library is currently hosting an adult reading program, 'Spring Into Reading.' The program is currently in progress and will end March 18. Those who wish to participate may sign up at the library and must turn in their logs by March 18 to be entered into a drawing for fun prizes. Please contact the library for more information.



Judy Gottschalk holding the sign up packet for the Spring Into Reading program (Photo by Andrea Tennyson)

The Union City *Hometown Gazette*, Wednesday, February 22, 2017, page 5:

Library hosts “Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast”

The Dearth Union Township Library hosted an “Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast” event on Saturday to support the

“Remember Party On!” cancer support group.

The event was held to eat ice cream for breakfast and to sup-

port the fighting, remember the resting and to party on with the survivors of childhood cancer. (Photos by Andrea Tennyson)



Children and adults who attended the “Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast” enjoyed ice cream sandwiches and card making during the event.

Britni Hughes and son, Ivan, from Burlington. Ivan is currently fighting Neuroblastoma. All participants at the “Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast” enjoyed meeting Ivan at the event.

The Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Monday, March 6, 2016, page A1:

CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF



Janey Alford, 3, gets in a good laugh with the Cat in the Hat at the Branch District Library Saturday. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

‘Cat in the Hat’ visits children

By Karri Gruner
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COLDWATER — The Branch District Library in Coldwater played host to the “Cat in the Hat,” who came to read and do crafts with local children on Saturday.

Online
To learn more about the United We Read Campaign, as well as local efforts, visit www.branch-county-united-way.org.

This event kicked off the “United We Read” campaign across the nation. According to the Michigan Association of United Ways,



The Cat in the Hat visited the Branch District Library to read and do crafts with the children. His visit was a kick off to the “United We Read” initiative by the United Way. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

United We Read is a joint effort to increase “literacy and early grade learning by providing direct access to reading resources while building awareness of literacy issues.”

“This initiative grew from an effort begun in 2011 by multiple United Ways, with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation through United Way

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Worldwide, to collaborate on broad strategies that address the root causes of education, income and health issues,” the MAUW website states. “Through United We Read, we specifically target communities statewide where there are vulnerable children to give them the best chance to read and learn.”

Wednesday marks the fifth annual United We Read event, with volunteers becoming guests in the classrooms of schools across the county to read to students.

The event encourages students in their reading and highlights that the success of students relies on the community surrounding them.

This event works toward the United Way’s third-grade reading level goals.

Locally, the United We Read campaign has seen great success, with guest readers filling area classrooms to read to the students.

The Coldwater *Daily* Reporter, Saturday March 11, 2017, page A2:

**COLDWATER BRANCH OF THE
BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY**

Artists on display



Pictures are from the adult coloring class recently held at the Coldwater library and will be on display during the month of April. COURTESY PHOTO

The Coldwater *Daily* Reporter, Tuesday March 14, 2017, page A1:

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'TRAVELING TALES'



Kids craft shamrock art during the Kids Place "Traveling Tales" event Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO

Kids Place travels to Ireland

By Christy Hart-Harris
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COLDWATER — On Saturday, local youth at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library's Kids Place were transported to Ireland as part of the "Traveling Tales" event, sponsored by the Coldwater Kiwanis Club.

Special guest Stephen Flavin of Jackson shared legends, facts and basic Gaelic language with those in attendance.

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A young girl creates a shamrock during the Kids Place "Traveling Tales" event Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO

The Coldwater *Daily* Reporter, Tuesday March 14, 2017, page A5:



A young boy attending the "Traveling Tales" event Saturday at the Kids Place serves himself a helping of traditional Irish food. COURTESY PHOTO

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Following Flavin's presentation, the kids crafted shamrock art and were offered traditional Irish food, including Dubliner cheese, soda bread with Irish butter, potato soup, Irish sweets (candy) and Irish tea.

"A good time was had by all," said Linda Dull of Kids Place. "Our next trip will be Saturday, May 6,



Children listen as Stephen Flavin shares Irish legend during the "Traveling Tales" event Saturday at the library. COURTESY PHOTO

when we travel to Mexico in celebration of Cinco De Mayo Day

with the Coldwater High School Spanish Class."

The Coldwater *Daily* Reporter, Wednesday, March 15, 2017, page A1:

LOCAL

'One Book One Community' event now underway

COLDWATER – The Branch District Library's annual "One Book One Community" event is underway, with this year's selection being "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger.

"Peace Like a River," published in 2001, follows the story of a young asthmatic, Reuben Land, who narrates and recounts a tale of family, loyalty, adventure, faith and redemption.

Engage with Reuben and his father, Jeremiah, who is the center of his moral compass.

The other members of the Land family include older brother, Davy, on trial for murder, and younger sister, Swede, a lively, imaginative storyteller.

Books are available for checkout at all six locations of the Branch District Library and on the digital library service Hoopla.

Book discussions are being held at all branches. Visit the Alganssee Branch at 9:30 a.m. Thursday; Bronson Branch at 6:30 p.m. Friday; Coldwater Branch at 1 p.m. Saturday; Quincy Branch at 10 a.m. Saturday; Sherwood Branch at 4:30 p.m. March 28 and the Lucille E. Dearth Union Township Branch at 4:30 p.m. March 29.