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==Your Message==

Subject (Optional): Loud kids in the library

Message Body: I am bewildered as to why the continued problem of young school boys loudly playing games on the computers in the main floor of the Coldwater library is tolerated. My daughter, a ninth grade honor student, struggles to concentrate while attempting to complete SCHOOL work due to the noise. I have repeatedly and consistently asked the boys to be quiet, a request they completely ignore while continue to loudly and excitedly discuss their games. The rules of courtesy within the library should be respected by ALL patrons. WHY is such allowed???

Response:

I talked to the patron by phone and was able to offer a quiet study space with a laptop for her daughter to study undisturbed. They have taken BDL up on the offer and we have addressed the Library Code of Conduct with staff and patrons to try and balance the needs of those who are gaming and those who are studying.
Kimberly Feltner, Branch Manager

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==Your Message==

Subject (Optional): Calendar for tweens at Coldwater Branch
Message Body:

I don't see any interesting after school activities for tweens at the main branch. Why are the tween activities from Bronson not offered at the main branch? The majority of your programming focuses on homeschoolers.

From: Kimberly Feltner
Subject: Re: Patron Feedback from the Web Site Form
Date: October 10, 2018 at 8:52:00 AM EDT
To: grifesd@cbpu.com

Good morning!

First of all thank you for reaching out to BDL regarding programming. Currently at the Coldwater Branch there is a regularly scheduled program on Wednesdays at 5:30pm that is for the 7-12 crowd. The series is called Wacky Wednesdays and consists of a different activity each week. For the month of October, some of the activities include building kits/ghost jars, Legos, Halloween craft, and then of course Trick or Treating on the 31st. Some weeks the activity is geared towards the younger side of that group but then others towards the 10-12 crowd. Also, the third Saturday of every month is our dedicated Tween Club Saturday and activities vary every month. This month's Saturday activity is "Ghostbusted" at 11:00am. Events can be found by visiting our Events Calendar, Facebook, or even our monthly newsletter.

Programming is constantly being evaluated and changing across our 6 Library Branches to meet the needs of our library users. Your feedback is a valuable part of the process. If you have any other questions or comment, please don't hesitate to reach out again.

Have a great Wednesday,
Kimberly Feltner

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Coldwater Daily Reporter, September 15, 2018, page A1:

HISTORICAL DISTRICT



The original Coldwater Library steps and porch were recently remove and replaced with modern concrete. Dynamic Hardscapes and Construction moulded its own concrete balusters in the black and white tubes to replace the ones that were crumbling. DON REID PHOTO

Repairs under way at Branch Library

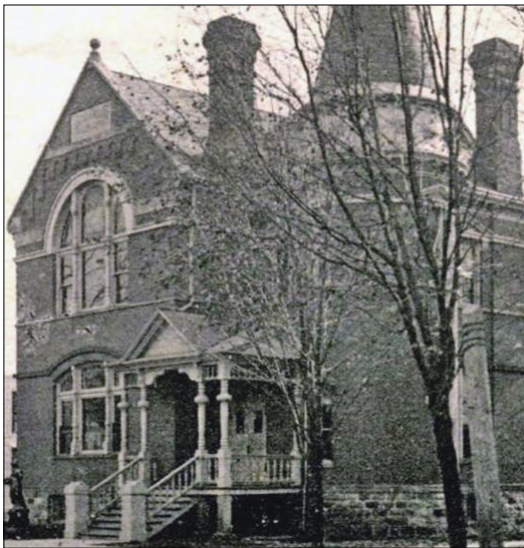
By Don Reid
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COLDWATER—Work continues to repair and preserve the steps by the city of Coldwater to the downtown historic library.

Coldwater City Manager Keith Baker said, "The steps were deteriorating and needed repair."

The bid for the work and to "retuck the foundation to stop the water infiltration into the basement" was \$36,000. That work was done earlier to seal the basements

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The original wood porch on the library. COURTESY PHOTO

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joints.

The Branch District Library put up \$11,000 with another \$4,800 coming to the Community Foundation Library Fund. As owners of the historic building, the city is funding the rest.

Coldwater was known for having the first library in Michigan. The building at four corner was known as the Clarke building, dedicated, Dec. 29 1886 and had a wooden porch and steps.

With the county being the home of the cement business, with marl deposits in both Marble and Messenger Lakes, local concrete was used to replace the wood. That was the problem according to a superintendent for Dynamic Hardscapes and Construction which won the bid for the library work.

"The old concrete used local rock (for aggregate) which expended too much over the years. It's not like lime rock" used now in most concrete. That expansion crumbled the concrete.

The steps were crumbling and coming away

from the building so they are being replaced.

Forms were used to pour the walls with the same designs.

Baker said the city considered using plastic to replace the balusters on the rails. The contractor said instead it could construct forms and pour new ones to match the old.

Library Director Linda Lyshol said the entrance will not be used again since the door, which is part of the Heritage Room, has been closed off. It can be used as a place to view parades and other events as well as for ceremonies.

The library is a Registered State Historic Site for the part that one of the early librarians, Mary A. Eddy, helped play in the founding of the Michigan Library Association. She became its first vice president in 1892.

In 1974 the building was named a National Historic Site and became the cornerstone of the East Chicago Street Historic District. The city leases the building to the county library board.

Because of this, and past grants, the city must preserve the historical character of the building.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, September 28, 2018, page A4:



LINDA DULL PHOTO

COLDWATER

Tweens get lessons in archery

By Linda Dull
For The Daily Reporter

COLDWATER – Earlier this month, the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library Kids’ Place Tween Club partnered with the Branch County Conservation

and Sportsman Club, along with Team USA and representatives from local 4-H archery clubs on location at the Sportsman Club to “Discover Archery.”

Seventeen tweens – ages 10-12 – participated in this hands-on learning experience. They re-

ceived instruction regarding archery safety, how to shoot correctly and opportunities to join various archery clubs for youth.

The next Tween Club is Oct. 20 at the Coldwater Kids’ Place with “Ghostbusted” as the theme.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, October 4, 2018, page A2:

October events plenty at Branch District Library

By Christy Hart-Harris
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COLDWATER— The Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library is busy this month with something fun for the whole family.

Activities

On Saturday, Mike Ureche, Refugee Recruitment Specialist from Bethany Christian Services of Michigan, will present a description of the refugee crisis, how they arrived in the US, the challenges they face and what the community can do to help. The presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Residents can make

their own "Curious Cat" painting on canvas, all materials provided, from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 10.

From 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17 Registered Patent Attorney Jake Ward will provide an overview of intellectual property and explain the differences between patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets.

Lou Ann Homan will present the story of Mary Shelley, author of "Frankenstein," in the first person Mary and Her Monster showing at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. The story will explain what led Shelley to writing the story. Jacob McNeal will act as nar-

rator.

Members of the group of Southern Michigan Paranormals of Coldwater will present their results from a recent after hours ghost hunt at the library at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. They will also share evidence collected at other haunted locations.

Residents can submit a pumpkin or gourd—no carvings—decorated with their favorite book character. Submissions

can be entered in either the adult or family category between Oct. 15-30 along with a completed entry form. Winners will be announced on Oct. 31. Prizes include a Barnes and Noble gift card for first and second place. Pumpkins must be picked up by Nov. 8.

To register for any of the events, contact the library at (517) 278-2341 or visit branchdistrictlibrary.org/registration.

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Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, October 12, 2018, page A2:

By Julia Baratta
For The Daily Reporter

QUINCY — One of the first American women to be allowed into the combat zone with soldiers during war came to Quincy to share her story. Joann Puffer Kotcher was an American Red Cross ‘Donut Dolly’ during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1967. She served for the Red Cross in Korea before stepping into the new role as a recreation director with this expanded program. Kotcher talked about ‘her’ Vietnam War as a woman during a difficult time in American history.

“My book is a historic fragment of what it is to be a warrior,” she said, referring to her memoir, *Donut Dolly: An American Red Cross Girl’s War in Vietnam* (University of North Texas Press; 2011, Denton, TX). “It is not politically correct, it is historically correct.”

Her book is composed of journal entries during her time in Vietnam along with stories confirming her remembrances. Kotcher spoke to many veterans who would talk to her because, as one man put it, she was “one of them.”

“One soldier, who learned that we had both been at Landing Zone Betty at Phan Thiet, told me, ‘We both trod the same dirt,’” she said.

As one of 600 Donut Dollies during the 10 years in Vietnam, she was proud to be serving beside the men. The women were responsible for providing recreation for the soldiers when they were not in combat. But their role was far more important as they were a reminder of the girls back home; the mothers, girlfriends, wives, sisters, grandmothers, aunts and the cute neighbor

girls may not have been there but the Donut Dollies were and they encouraged positive morale for the men during lonely and insecure times.

“One veteran told me ‘Everybody was in love with a Donut Dolly,’” Kotcher said. “The Red Cross warned us in training the soldiers wouldn’t love us; they loved the recollections of their home, family and country.”

Donut Dollies began as a couple of Salvation Army ladies giving out donuts to the men in France during the first World War. In World War II, young American Red Cross women passed out donuts and coffee to the troops in rest areas located in England. The men nicknamed them ‘Donut Dollies’ and the name stuck through 1972 when the program ceased.

The inspiration of her story came from the realization that one general’s invitation for the Donut Dollies to serve next to his men was an important stepping stone in the advancement of women’s rights. In 1966, the only other women serving in Vietnam were the Army nurses and they were kept to the rear of the action; WACs (Women’s Army Corps) and WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) didn’t receive the opportunity to assist in Vietnam until late in the war.

After 50 years, Kotcher is still sharing her stories, along with those who served beside her, giving us all another reason to be proud of our American troops and the sacrifices they gave for the freedoms we all appreciate on a daily basis.

The program was sponsored by the Quincy branch of the Branch District Library.

Donut Dolly visits Quincy Library



Joann Puffer Kotcher autographed copies of her book for participants at her presentation in Quincy. She was a Donut Dolly during the Vietnam War. JULIA BARATTA PHOTO