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**COMMENTS AND PUBLICITY
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February 7, 2019:

Comments and/or Suggestions:

Let us know what you think? More, Coldwater Branch, Branch District Library.

I used to use your computers several times a week to work on my writing. Now I am not comfortable using them at all because you now require users to sign an Internet Acceptance Policy to use your computers. I do not use the Internet and have NEVER had it in my home for religious reasons. I only ask that you allow me to opt out, or dedicate one computer for those of us who believe as I do. I will gladly schedule ahead. (over)

If you care to know what I see in the Bible that makes me avoid anything W.W.W. I'd be glad to explain.

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Matthew 5:34

Matthew 5:34 is the thirty-fourth verse of the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament and is part of the Sermon on the Mount. This verse is part of either the third or fourth antithesis, the discussion of oaths.

In the King James Version of the Bible the text reads:

*But I say unto you, Swear not at all;
neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:*

— Matthew 5:34

The World English Bible translates the passage as:

*but I tell you, don't swear at all: neither
by heaven, for it is the throne of God;*

This verse departs somewhat from the structure of the previous Antitheses. The standard pattern was after presenting the former rule to present the new one, then explain it, then present examples. Here Jesus presents the new rule "swear not at all" and then moves directly to examples. The explanation for the new rule waits until Matthew 5:37.^[1]

Very few Christians interpret this verse literally to mean that all oaths are prohibited as in other parts of the Bible oaths are looked upon more favourably. In 2 Corinthians 1:23 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=2+Corinthians+1:23-1:23&version=nrsv>) and Galatians 1:20 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Galatians+1:20-1:20&version=nrsv>) Paul of Tarsus swears oaths, and in Hebrews 6:17 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Hebrews+6:17-6:17&version=nrsv>) God himself swears an oath. Most Christian thinkers have thus concluded that this verse is either Jesus using hyperbole to emphasize his point, or failing to mention exceptions to this rule that would have been implicit to his audience. Others interpret the original Greek as being less absolute than its English translations. Thus most Christian churches believe that only false and vain oaths are prohibited. John Calvin argued that only oaths counter to God are wrong. Several important Christian groups do not accept these compromises. Most notably the Quakers and Mennonites firmly reject all oaths, a stance that has led to their persecution by governments that insist on oath taking.^[2] Tolstoy also understood this verse as banning all oaths, and it led him to support the abolition of all courts as a result.^[3]

The reference to Heaven as the Throne of God comes from Isaiah 66:1 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Isaiah+66:1-66:1&version=nrsv>). Hill notes that while *heaven* in Matthew is often used as a periphrasis for God's name it is quite clearly not so used in this verse.^[4] At the time of Christ oaths were a much debated issue in the Jewish community. One view, expressed in M. Shebuoth, was that while oaths to God were binding, oaths to other subjects, such as heaven, were not. Schweizer feels that Jesus is here indicating that swearing by heaven is swearing by God as heaven is God's throne.^[5]

See also

- Affirmation in law
- Oath § Christian tradition

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February 11, 2019:

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Let us know what you think?

I was wondering
if there was a way to
shorten the log in number
to the last 4 numbers of
the library card or
the 1st letter of your last
name and the last 4 numbers
of your library card.

Just think it would be easier
on your patrons.

OK!! Thank you! 😊

BDL Response: Unfortunately, the only way to speed this up would be to get a barcode scanner for each public computer. But since these are hundreds of dollars each, this isn't something we can easily do at this time. I think we will be unable to truncate the numbers used for logging in due to several different types of barcodes used by BDL patrons, but I will check with the MyPC support team to be sure.

2019-02-13 10:15am - Via Facebook:

How documented is it that a library owned by the people can't be open.....cops.... snow plowers.....court houses.....and other public government services are open.....taking enjoyment capabilitieswhat's the problem.....I not only pretty much live in this but am out in this every day to work at the library because it's hard to even get someone to open there door for me let alone a overnight stay to get my life back from people using seivces government and other to conspire against my life for personal and public gains and profitsand yes ...plenty of evidence supporting this.....iv been scanning for like 3months to deal with these domented problems that have destroyed pretty much 31 years of my life.....it would be appreciated for the services not to be took because of ignorance..... Get more people available if needed,.....these services are for everyone.....thanks.....Jordan crall.....

Publicity

Coldwater Daily Reporter, Saturday, January 19, 2019, page A1: 'GRACIOUSART'



Youth that attended the Saturday event show off their artwork (above and below). LINDA DULL PHOTOS

Young artists create unique sketches

By Christy Hart-Harris
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COLDWATER—Kids' Place of the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library was filled with creative youth Saturday.

Under the instruction of Grace Cornett, a young artist, those in attendance learned how to sketch and paint a snowman.

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Youth that attended the Saturday event show off their artwork. LINDA DULL PHOTO

Just like snowflakes, each young artist made their snowman with unique characteristics.

Grace will return Feb. 9 with more Gracious Art with a Valentine theme.

Christy Fraley will also be instructing participants in the art of paper quilling as they make a unique Valentine card. Check the Branch District Library's event calendar for more details at www.branchdistrictlibrary.org.

WHAT: Tween Club
WHEN: 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. today

WHERE: Kids' Place of the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library, 10 E. Chicago St.

DETAILS: Join Miss Angie and Miss Linda for some Tween fun with Makey Makeys. This program is for ages 10-12-years-old. Caregivers are welcomed but not required.

WHAT: Michigan's WWII POW Camps
WHEN: 2 - 3:30 p.m. today

WHERE: Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library, 10 E.

Chicago St.

DETAILS: During World War II, Michigan hosted about 6,000 POW's in 32 base and sub-camps. Author and Professor and Chair of the Department of History at the University of Detroit Mercy, Dr. Gregory Sumner will discuss his book Michigan's POW Camps in World War II. He will also have copies of his books to autograph and sell. This is an adult event.

Reserve a spot by calling (517) 278-2341 or visit branchdistrictlibrary.org/register.

Upcoming events