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February 23, 2019:

Submitted on Saturday, February 23, 2019 - 11:40
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==Your Name and Contact Information==

First and Last Name (Optional):

Telephone Number (Optional):

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==Your Message==

Subject (Optional): hours

Message Body: I REALLY miss the Sunday hrs.

Via Facebook, February 25, 2019:

Nadine P Deeren

February 25 at 4:08 PM

Thank you to the inter library loan desk for putting up with my many, many requests and the best Branch Manager Traci Wadley Counterman for delivering all my requests to me. You both have helped in my genealogy search more than you know.

February 27, 2019:

Comments and/or Suggestions:

Let us know what you think? A couple of things 02.27.19

1. Almost without exception participating libraries (public) in the Mel Cat system identify their mysteries (perhaps other popular genres as well) with a sticker/label. BDL is the exception. How come? Additionally, not only is an M no longer used, but since the repositioning of the entire fiction section, earlier Ms have been covered up. Again, how come?
2. How does BDL treat donations of books, DVDs, etc. Is such material automatically consigned to the 'for sale' shelves? Or is it first looked at to determine its usefulness/suitability for the collection?

Zon Shumway

BDL Response:

Libraries across the United States use a similar method of shelving their Fiction (filled by Authors last name). BDL is not unique in this method of organization. Also, donations are always evaluated to be placed in the collection or to replace an existing copy of an item if the donation is in better shape. In some cases donations are even offered to other branches before being placed in the book sale. Kimberly Feltner

March 5, 2019:

Submitted on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - 17:04

Submitted values are:

==Your Name and Contact Information==

First and Last Name (Optional): Harron Grady

Telephone Number (Optional):

Email (Optional): 04gradyH@ccscards.org

==Your Message==

Subject (Optional): fortnite is only working for some computers

Message Body:

the game fortnite is not working for me or my brother. in fact its not working for any of my fellow Arabic friends. so i asked the Liberians keele and Lindsey and they said that they have to update it, but when my fellow American friend tried it worked very smoothly. i asked the librarians keele and Lindsey and they

both told me they have no control over the the computers. they say that a man named john has control over it. i don't want to accuse anyone but it has to be acknowledged

BDL Response:

Hi Harron,

Thanks for contacting us about this, I'm happy to shed some light on the situation. Unfortunately, after the Fortnite season 7 update, 2 of our computers started crashing (BSOD) whenever the game was launched. With the most recent update, all 4 started doing this.

This is a documented problem that is affecting many many people running Windows 10, as you can see from this thread on Epic Games's own support forums:

<https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/forums/technical-support/hardware-support/902107-battleye-causing-bsod-after-season-7-update/page4>

The problem appears to be with a third-party anti-cheating program that Fortnite relies on, BattlEye. To attempt to remedy this, we have totally removed all files for Fortnite and the anti-cheat software, including registry keys, and re-installed from scratch two times. Since the game is over 20GB in size, I'm sure you can appreciate how long this took to do twice each on 4 computers.

But in the end, it still isn't working, just like for all those people on the Epic support forum. We'll monitor the progress on Epic getting this issue fixed and if so we'll certainly consider reinstalling the game again. Until then, however, it doesn't make any sense to keep a broken game on the computers.

Take care,

John

John Rucker
Asst. Director/Director of Technology
Branch District Library

March 9, 2019:

Comments and/or Suggestions:

Let us know what you think?

I searched the database for books on Robotics and for how to build robots and I could not find one. Would it be possible to have some books on hand that could be used instead of having to order through the Mel-Cat system? Automation and Robotics are important sciences for the future. The residents of Branch County should not be left out.

Thank You for your time

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 10 East Chicago Street
 Coldwater, Michigan 49036

VLF
 3/9/19

BDL Response:

This book suggestion will be passed along to staff who order titles for BDL to purchase. Since there are multiple schools that offer Robotics in the county, I am more than happy to get some materials for BDL.

Kimberly Feltner

March 14, 2019:

Comments and/or Suggestions:
Let us know what you think? 3/2019

Bring your own
hook or have library
provide some (hang over
door) for coats, jackets.

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BDL Response:

There is a coat rack is available on the 2nd floor or the 4th floor. These are both areas that are high traffic that would benefit from having an additional spot to put a coat.

Kimberly Feltner

From: Deborah Tomlinson <dlt2_2@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Lip..Dip..Paint
Date: March 14, 2019 at 4:24:51 PM EDT
To: Branch District Library <notices@BranchDistrictLibrary.org>

Dear Branch District Library,

Thank you so much for giving the children of our community something else to do besides play on a computer/phone! The varied activities you have for both teens and children are amazing. It is so important to introduce books and hands on projects to children and encourage them to communicate with people and not just their technology.

I appreciate all you do to facilitate fun and learning for the children of our community.

Deborah Tomlinson
Kiwanis Club of Coldwater

Publicity

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, February 22, 2019, page A2:

Michigan author to visit Bronson branch of the Branch District Library

On Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m., author Shelby Wagner will visit the Bronson Branch of the Branch District Library to speak about her book, "Learning To Dance in the Rain: Dealing with Grief, Moving on and Online Dating."

According to the publisher, the book is Wagner's own struggle to deal with the loss of her husband of fifty years, her journey through the grief-process into acceptance, and the building of a completely new life as an independent single adult woman of seventy-five. She will take readers on a journey through grief, survival, and into the modern world of online dating.

The author was born in Northeast Arkansas and moved to Michigan when she was eight years old. She has been an elementary classroom teacher, a music teacher, a church organist and choir director, an entrepreneur and now has achieved her dream of being a published author.

This program will be held in the lower level of the Bronson Branch and is free to the public. Copies of the books will be available for purchase and signing. For further information please contact the Bronson Branch at (517) 369-3785, visit BranchDistrictLibrary.org, or follow Branch District Library on Facebook.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, February 27, 2019, page A1:

‘Tween’ stackers



Kids' Place of the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library System recently held the monthly meeting of Tween Club (youth ages 10-12 years). The group explored a variety of Valentine-related Stem activities. Tweens made electrical circuits using batteries, copper wire and LED bulbs, along with "Squishy Circuits" exploration using play dough. They held a cup stacking competition and determined which of many common drinks dissolved candy hearts the fastest.

Coldwater Daily Reporter, March 1, 2019, page A12:

VOLUNTEER TRIBUTE

Groholske finds library work lifts her spirits

Editor's Note: The Volunteer Tribute series recognizes the contributions of volunteers in our community.

By Cindy Johnson
Special to the Reporter

For Judy Scheidler Groholske, a desire for personal family research morphed into an opportunity to volunteer at the Branch District Library.

Finding time after retirement from the U.S. Postal Service, a friend suggested she look into volunteering at the library. It was good fit.

"If I am depressed for any reason, coming here lifts my spirits," she said.

This kingdom of lost ancestors would be impossible to navigate without a guide such as Bonnie Sherman and her team of volunteers.

This area of the library began with Coldwater resident Phillis Holbrook, whose dream of creating local historical archives led her to begin indexing old newspapers by name and subject dating from 1841 through 1912. Today's Holbrook Heritage Room was named in her honor.

Inside this corner room, precious, one-of-a-kind donations of family histories, the Branch County Historical Books, and other records, documents and books overcrowd the Heritage Room.

This is where true history buffs wade through the constantly-expanding heritage of Branch County.

Groholske first became interested in her family tree when her mother, Thelma Scheidler, wet her appetite with her discoveries. In 1978, the duo began seriously re-searching and recording the Scheidler family tree.

Currently, Groholske is one of seven other volunteers, (Nancy Manley, Natha Olds, Michael Church, Dariuf Baringer, Rosemary Hagemeyer, and Bill Carlson), who keep the room staffed six days a week (all but Sunday) under the supervision of library employee Bonnie Sherman. Expressing her gratitude for her team, Bonnie said, "This room wouldn't run without them."

For the past six years, Groholske has helped



Judy Scheidler Groholske volunteers at the Branch District Library.

read, review and catalog information for the Surname Files, a filing system based on last names.

"A name such as Lawton and any other name beginning with Law," she said. "Any document with that surname is placed into the Law file."

As the file expands, groupings may be broken into smaller sections based on the amount of material collected.

"Having a last name of Woods, Smith or Jones means the files are so much bigger, as they are common names," she said.

The Coldwater Daily Reporter helps with information from its publication, which is then transferred into microfilm every three months and donated to the Heritage Room.

Microfilm readers are available for patrons to use to research and print relevant information about their family history. Volunteer Michael Church is currently working on digitizing some of the Heritage Room material to help eliminate paper storage.

As space is a huge concern, any newspaper clippings that include

births, deaths, public interest stories and other relevant articles are clipped from the Reporter and put into the Surname files, after the microfilm arrives.

The Heritage Room often receives donations from appreciative individuals and families who have benefited from the use of the room and the expertise of Sherman and the volunteers. These contributions are used to purchase materials and update the existing equipment.

As the interest in personal genealogical study continues to grow, Groholske said, "We have people from all over the country and even some international patrons who have come to Branch County to seek information on their family trees."

One of her most unusual requests came from Utah.

"I had a call from a group looking for ancestors of the Tobalski line," she said. "My husband's mother was a Tobalski. Since that initial contact, we've shared a lot of information back and forth."

Group census books are often used as a starting

point for research. This room houses original census books dated from 1790.

"In these records, only the head of each family is listed. Offspring are listed as a count of boys and girls with no names or birthdates," Groholske said.

However, these family surnames provide a pathway for more advanced searches.

Besides volunteering, Groholske has had an active part in preparing material found in the room. At the suggestion of a St. Charles member, Carolyn Morrison, Groholske and a friend organized the St. Charles church records which are housed in two binders.

Wandering around the tiny room, the floor to ceiling books would take more than a lifetime to read.

"It's a daily learning process," she said.

"Some old books might never have anyone open them." These are books like The New English Historical Register, a row of gold embossed books on the very top shelves, no one ever seems to use.

"There is even a section highlighting Branch County's participation in

the Civil War. One of the stories is about a soldier from Branch County who served as 'runner' carrying messages directly to President Lincoln," Groholske said. "We also have reference books highlighting people who served in World War II."

Another interesting component of the Heritage Room is the Cemetery Registries which show that many of Branch County's early settlers originated from New York and Pennsylvania. There are also Old City Directories, Immigrate Ship Listings and Branch County Marriage Certificates. The list is boundless.

The Death Registry Index holds records of Branch County deaths from 1967 to 1987.

"We also have cemetery books which contain burial records in Branch County," she said. "Patrons can find their relatives in these indexes, right down to the lot number in individual cemeteries."

Michigan History books take up considerable room and contain direct references to Branch County citizens. One section is titled "Michigan Pioneers." Grouped in all sections are donations of individual books and documents related to Michigan.

Some famous authors had connections to Branch County and their books are kept in a special section.

"Edgar Rice Burroughs, the author of Tarzan, vacationed at Morrison Lake in Coldwater," Groholske said. "His book includes photos of him boating with friends."

"There is also a section of books written by local authors. Two living authors have books in this section. The Hillbilly

Dictionary by Thomas Legg is a new addition. Randall Hazelbaker is a local modern day historian whom people like to reference. However, the only problem is that these are one of a kind and have to be read in this room."

There are paintings and photos lining the walls. The prominent figure of Edwin R. Clark, the original patron of the library, hangs over the unused fireplace, whose front is bolstered with stacks of books and documents.

"The original cost to build the library was \$10,000 donated by Clark," she said.

Another photo displays former volunteer Dave Renshaw who became a local expert on the Underground Railroad.

Any number of hidden gems can be found by closer observation. Francis Alice Kellor, author of Founder of American Arbitration Association, is featured in a small photo tucked away in the alcove. A hand-written letter is taped to the back of the photo addressed to the library.

"We network with other libraries for more information," Groholske said. "We also suggest patrons check out the Ft. Wayne Library which has the second biggest genealogical library in the country. I go there myself a couple of times a year to continue my family research. If anyone really wants more opportunity for research, Salt Lake City, Utah, is the number one genealogical research library in the country."

As she continues to help others, Groholske works on her family tree and dreams of seeing her family history book on the Heritage Room shelves one day.

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Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, March 1, 2019, page A12:

Exercising 'Happy Hearts'



Happy hearts were found recently on the fourth floor of the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library System, as Kids' Place hosted "Happy Hearts" in partnership with ProMedica Coldwater Regional Hospital. Margaret Weigle of the dietary department and Bridget Barle from the physical therapy department shared about the foods and exercise that make our hearts happy. All those in attendance also received goodie bags of fresh fruit and a jump rope so they could continue to practice making "Happy Hearts" at home.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, March 15, 2019, page A1:

One Book, One County

Libraries select book for countywide program

By Julia Baratta
Reporter correspondent

In 2006, the Branch District Library system began its own version of a county-wide book discussion program with a book called "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini.

Thirteen years later, the book discussion program is still popular with the next selection announced for 2019 as "The Radium Girls" by Kate Moore.

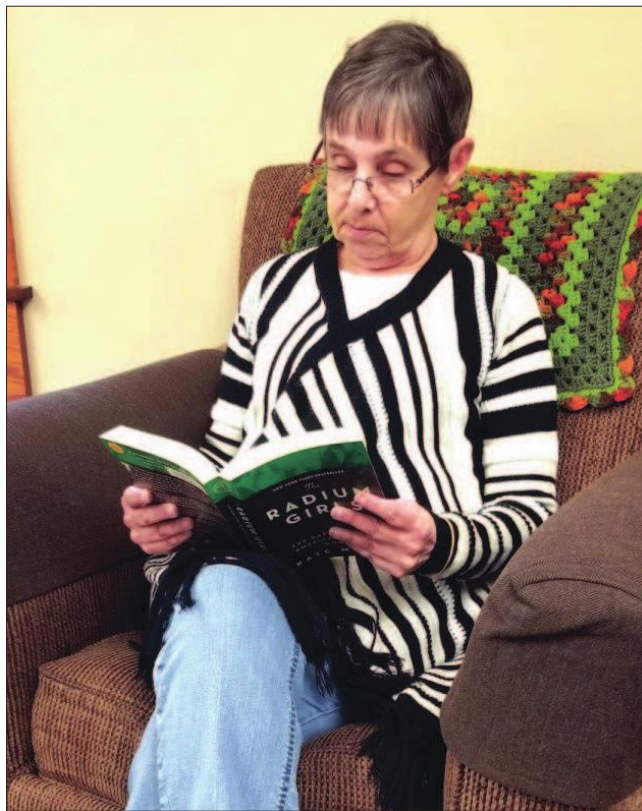
Each of the branches will host activities relating to the book, including individual discussions.

"The Radium Girls" is set during World War I and revolves around the women who worked in the factories with continual exposure to radium.

The newly-discovered element is considered to be miraculous in its various uses, whether a beauty aid or a medicine. Hundreds of girls gain the highly-esteemed jobs, but pay a heavier price when the radium begins to affect their health. They are referred to as 'shining girls' when they are daily covered with radium dust which will shine.

The girls' health begins to suffer, but the companies do not

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JULIA BARATTA PHOTO

Judy Gottschalk, branch manager of the Dearth Union Township Library, prepares for the upcoming book discussion at her library for the One Book, One County program. They will be talking about "The Radium Girls" by Kate Moore.

One Book, One County meetings

Scheduled discussion groups about "The Radium Girls" planned at Branch District Library branches:

- March 16** - 10 a.m., the Union Township Branch
- March 22** - 4 p.m., Sherwood Branch
- March 23** - 10 a.m., Quincy Branch
- March 27** - 5:30 p.m., Bronson Branch
- March 30** - 1 p.m., Coldwater Branch
- April 3** - 7 p.m., Coldwater Branch
- April 5** - noon, Alganssee Branch



BOOK

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take any responsibility, forcing the women to bring the uncomfortable side effects to the public's attention. It was one of the biggest scandals in American history and helped develop workers' rights.

"A basket of adjectives can be applied to

this book," Coldwater Branch Manager Kim Feltner said. "It really is a good read."

The book is available in various forms throughout the library system including large and regular print, as well as audio. Versions of the book can be downloaded through the library's Hoopla and OverDrive programs.