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@ Coldwater Branch

Let us know what you think?

Jordan Crall 9/13/19

I had a mug design I was working on had like 100 seconds left on computer I left 4 minutes until 10 to 5pm and didn't get to save it I needed this done and all work gone

the computers need a master exact reset to 10 to closing. Thanks

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9-18-2019

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Medicare workshop could the meeting be around noon during the week? Anytime on weekends? I work Monday-Friday 2nd shift in Sturgis Michigan

09.10.19

Dear Sir/Madam —

After nearly six months it appears a long way from likely that I'll ever receive a response to the comments/suggestions card I submitted on 27 February. Nonetheless, I'll restate my earlier concerns.

Almost without exception, participating libraries in the MelCat system identify their mystery fiction (perhaps other popular genres as well) with a spine label/sticker. BDL is the exception. How come? Is there a reason BDL chooses to distinguish itself from these other libraries? Additionally, not only is the 'M' no longer used to identify mystery fiction, but with the repositioning of the entire fiction section, unexpectedly and inexplicably, existing Ms were covered over with white dots, an insanely wrong-headed priority in my opinion. The person who dreamed up this unimaginably stupid policy - whether a professional librarian or someone impersonately a librarian - ought to have his/her brain confiscated! Libraries exist to be helpful, to serve the public. Agreed? Please, lighten the burden of my ignorance and explain how those on the receiving end of this craziness - the patrons - are either being served or helped. Clearly, they're not; to maintain otherwise is simply too absurd to be ridiculous. I'm curious, though. Was this new policy in response to consumer demand? To some great public outcry for change? I very much doubt it. Can you reference a

single article of research in support of BDL's policy? I doubt that, too.

It seems a shame for BDL NOT to share this wonderful achievement, this gem of insight, with the wider library world. Surely, librarians in, say, Kalamazoo or Indianapolis or Milwaukee or Winnipeg should be set straight right away. The upsetting realization that they've been professionally indifferent all these years has to be an awful embarrassment, enough to knock their confidence. Just kidding. No, I rather suspect they'll find it hard to disguise an intense hilarity.

Moving on to the second of my concerns - donations of materials to BDL. Naturally, everyone likes to think his personal library is covetable. But some of what is donated - boxes of Reader's Digest condensed books, old encyclopedia sets, films in the VCR format, ratty-looking Harlequin romances or similar brainless trash in all their ugly abundance - and everything with that distinctive, unmistakable basement smell - should go straight to the landfill, no questions asked.

Aside from the "undesirables" just mentioned, from time to time there must be donated items which would be suitable additions to the collection. Or is everything not dumpster-bound automatically consigned to the "for sale" shelves?

I ask because sometime in January I dropped off at the circulation desk five DVDs with a note suggesting they be

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and, by the way, all would have been new titles, added to the collection. A short while later, to my amazement there they were - all five - on the 'for sale' shelf. I was pissed off beyond reasonable endurance and without a second thought "liberated" them, as I'd done earlier at last year's Apple Fest book sale when I spotted amidst the detritus on the tables Charles K. Hyde's HISTORIC HIGHWAY BRIDGES of MICHIGAN, brand new, which I'd given the Library a few weeks earlier. I'd thought - well, silly me - it would be a nice addition to the Michigan collection. And, earlier still (January 2017) as part of a major down-sizing, I hauled to the Library several boxes of books - history, politics, biography for the general reader, some fiction - 167 hard and soft cover in all. So, if only a half dozen or so children's poetry titles were deemed suitable, what happened to the rest? I prowled the stacks with some regularity and I've yet to locate a single one. Were they considered an affront to the Library clientele's sophisticated and discerning tastes? Were they parceled out to the branches for their book sales ???

I struggle to see the point of these policies / policy changes; I'm left wondering if common sense has gone out of style, replaced by some unaccountable whim.

For now...

Sincerely
Zon Shumway

Thank you so much for sponsoring
 the program on the Sauk Trail.
 Dr. Geisler was such a joy to listen
 to and what knowledge he had on
 the subject. And my friend and I
 enjoyed the splendid buffet of treats
 afterwards.

Linda Seer

Quincy Branch Program held on October 10, 2019.

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QUINCY BRANCH LIBRARY
 11 N. MAIN STREET
 QUINCY, MI 49082

I would like for you to
 have more James Patterson books,

Staff Response: If this is a youth, our J FIC area has the Robots series, Dog Diaries series, Middle School series and the Treasure Hunters series.

Our YA section has the Daniel X, Maximum Ride and Jimmy series

Of course the adult area has many.

-Lisa Wood

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Johnny Appleseed visits library

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**BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY
FIRST NOTICE OF 2020 BUDGET HEARING**

October 21, 2019

5:30 P.M.

**Coldwater Branch Library
10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater MI 49036**

TAKE NOTICE: On October 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Coldwater Branch Library, 10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater MI, the Branch District Library Board of Trustees shall conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2020 budget of estimated revenues and expenditures.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the budget are available for public inspection in the entrance of the Coldwater Branch Library, 10 East Chicago Street, Coldwater, and at each branch location – Algansee, Bronson, Quincy, Sherwood, and Union City, or on our website: <https://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/budgets>

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Donations of vegetable, flower seeds discussed

Do you have a surplus of seeds you saved from your vegetable and flower gardens, but don't know what to do with them?

Kim Feltner from the Branch County District Library would welcome your donations.

Feltner recently spoke to members and guests at the Coldwater Area Garden Club about the Coldwater Branch's seed distribution program, which is currently the only branch location offering this unique program. This past April had a 40 percent increase in the need for more seeds. Pumpkins were a favorite.

However, only non-GMO seeds are accepted, which would include organic and heirloom. They also do not take seed packages from big box stores or dollar stores.

The library has flyers with seed saving tips for common seeds, including: green beans, sunflowers, peas, pumpkins, and tomatoes.

Donation forms are available when you drop off seeds, and each variety needs to be in separate, labeled containers. Donations are accepted all year.

Members shared their tips for saving seeds, along with stories of what happens when you don't collect and store them correctly. One member said her pumpkin seeds molded after not being thoroughly dried before putting them into zip lock baggies. Another said her squash seeds were dry and in paper envelopes. However, they were not in a properly sealed container in the garage, a critter ate most of them.