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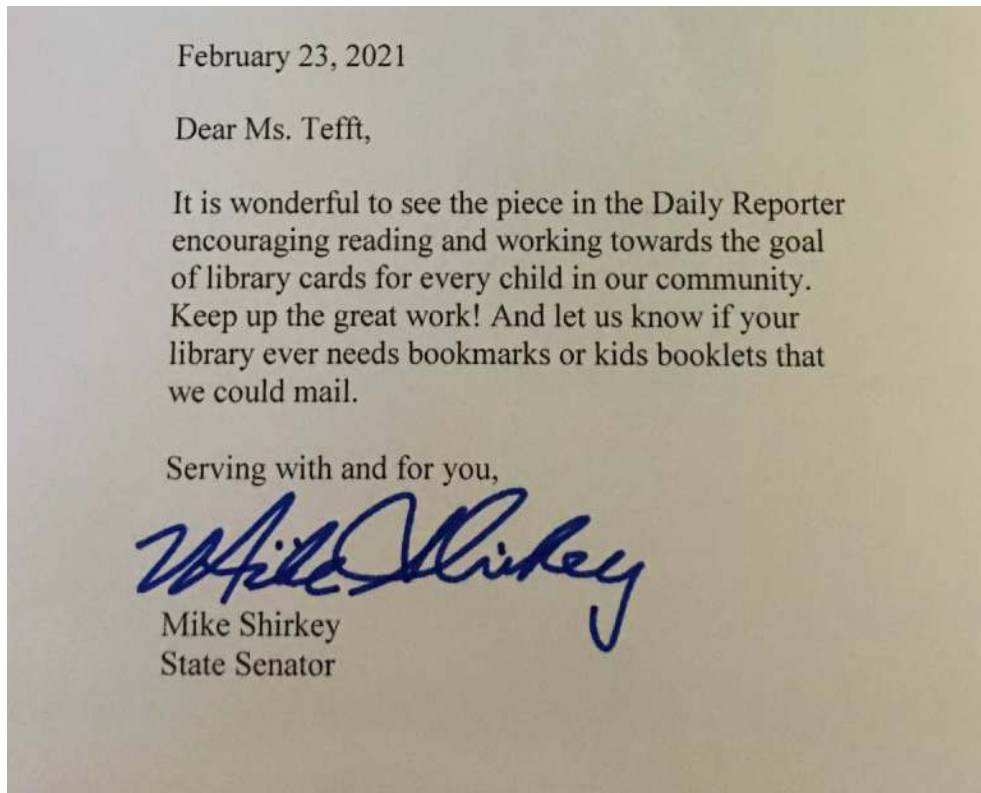
Library Branch or Department: SHERWOOD

The ladies at this library are very helpful. They have good knowledge of their job, and are very nice + friendly to deal with. I have become friends with them, and enjoy going in there sometimes just to visit with them.

Check here if you wish to have the library respond to your comment.

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Letter received by mail on Saturday, March 6, 2021



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Branch District Library launches WiFi2Go Program

With your Branch District Library card, you can now borrow a Verizon WiFi hotspot from any BDL location! The portable hotspots connect WiFi enabled devices such as laptops, tablets, or smartphones to the Internet. The hotspots can connect up to 10 devices at one time and work anywhere there is Verizon cell phone coverage. Hotspots can be checked out for two weeks. Borrowers must be 18 years or older and have a valid Branch District Library card. For more information or to reserve a hotspot visit BranchDistrictLibrary.org/hotspots or contact library staff at any of the six locations.

This program's funding is provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan.

Facebook, Michigan Townships Association, March 10, 2021:

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During our meetings with federal lawmakers last week and yesterday, we shared the ways in which townships and libraries are helping their community members who need access to broadband, like [Branch District Library's "Borrow the Internet."](#) 🙌🙌🙌 Broadband access is critical for all, and especially important for students and small business owners. Thank you to our townships and other organizations that have gotten creative in helping their residents with access. [#nowisthetime](#)

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We have several of the WiFi2Go Hotspot kits available for checkout.

The Daily Reporter, Friday, March 12, 2021, page A1



Jeanne Berg, president of the Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library, will lead two virtual discussions, 6 p.m. March 22; and 10 a.m. March 27, of the One Book One County selection, "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek." (ROSALIE CURRIER)

‘The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek’

By Rosalie Currier
Coldwater Daily Reporter
USA TODAY NETWORK

“The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek,” by Kim Michele Richardson, is the One Book One County selection for this year by the Branch District Library.

“We thought the story was a great nod to the enduring nature of librarians,” said Jessica Tefft, director of public services at BLD. “Cussy is an unforgettable character who repeatedly shows a bravery we could all learn from.”

Branch District Library offers two opportunity to participate in virtual discussions — 6 p.m. on March 22; and 10 a.m. on March 27. Discussions will be led by Jeanne Berg, president of the Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library.

The fictional story of multiple layers is based on facts about Kentucky around the time of the Great Depression.

Cussy Mary Carter, a 19-year-old from Troublesome Creek, is accepted as a traveling librarian, in spite of being born with a rare genetic condition

which causes her skin to be tinged deep blue.

The traveling librarians — the Pack Horse Library Project — was a governmental program created to bring reading material to isolated residents of rural Kentucky.

Cussy Mary rides a faithful mule over treacherous terrain, delivering books and periodicals. Her patrons refer to her as “Bluet” or “Book Woman.”

Her father, a coal miner and a widow, wants his only child safely married. The prejudice she faces for being “a blue” makes that a near

impossibility.

The plot twists and turns are similar to paths Cussy Mary followed to reach her patrons.

Some themes of the novel include prejudice, the importance of community and distrust of authority, Berg said.

Copies of “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” are available for check out at the library branches and on Hoopla which also offers an audio option.

Berg said she read the book and is now listening to the audio production.