

It's been a short, quick month since my last report, punctuated by holidays and time off, so not too much to report at this time.

BDL Board

I am happy to report that Bob Hostetler has been appointed to a full term by Coldwater City Council. Thanks for being willing to serve, Bob!

Finances

While donations continue to come in from our annual drive, I am happy to share that we received about \$400 from the Branch County Community Foundation's Giving Tuesday drive this year. I would also like to give a shout out to Ashley, our bookkeeper for her tenacity in getting us the best rates possible with some CD renewals lately.

Staffing

We have conducted interviews for 2 of the 3 open positions at the Coldwater Branch.

Staff Scheduling and Timekeeping

After several weeks of evaluating software for staff timekeeping and scheduling to replace SwipeClock, we signed up for UKG Ready, formerly known as Kronos. Our goal is to have the implementation done in time for a January 9 roll out. This package is cheaper than our current software, though it lacks some of the HR functionality. If we add in the HR stuff later it would be the same price as SwipeClock. Either way, this switch will be budget neutral or better.

IT Department

Curtis and I got trained on, and then installed, the new mConsole computer management system at all BDL locations. We are very happy so far with the results, as it both operates quicker and has new features to make things easier for guests and staff, while reducing paper waste.

Meetings Attended

Coldwater DDA, Woodlands Library Cooperative.

Submitted by John Rucker

Programming

I facilitated the last session of the Books & Brew book club at Biggby Coffee. Two attendees and I had a great discussion about the book *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill. I have to give a huge thank you to Biggby Coffee. They allowed the library to advance book their meeting space for book club over the last seven months. We will kick off a new club in January called the Morning Book Club which will meet at the Coldwater Branch. It meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 10 am. The January book is *What the Fireflies Knew* by Kai Harris.



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Library Services

Exam proctoring is one of our lesser-known services here at BDL. We are able to provide free test-taking testing oversight for the public. Towards the end of semesters, demand can increase for this service. I most recently acted as a proctor for a student from Central Michigan University. Also for someone working on their real estate appraiser's license.

Personnel

Applications are slowly rolling in for the various open positions. Several more interviews were held for our open positions. Hopefully we can have an announcement for new staff at the library soon!

Winter Event Guide

The 2022/2023 Winter Event Guide has arrived. Packed full of events for all ages the library is offering something for everyone. Copies are available at all library locations and several community spots across the county. Digital access can be located on our library website.

Submitted by Kimberly Feltner

