

# Quincy Library

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Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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## Branch Manager's Message

Spring has officially arrived!

It is our hope that you are enjoying your spare time with a good book or two. Be sure to check out our adult fiction and non-fiction areas, featuring new titles, magazines, and newly purchased DVDs. Books still have a 28 day check out, and movies can be borrowed for seven days. For greater convenience at home, patrons are able to access our library website, catalog, library calendar and their own account at: [www.branchdistrictlibrary.org](http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org). Your complete library card barcode number / characters are needed, with the last four digits / characters being your PIN number. Feel free to browse the catalog with the ability to search new items, make your own hold requests for a title, or renew an item once from home. If you don't find the title you are looking for within our six library branches, you can search our new MelCat (Michigan Electronic

Catalog) system for what you need and make your own requests. We have the same feature at the circulation desk. You can search at: [www.elibrary.mel.org](http://www.elibrary.mel.org). Finding what you need couldn't be any simpler!

We keep our Children's area stocked with bright shiny new books, precious old favorites, children's magazines and only G rated DVDs and videos.

Our five public computers offer free internet and can be used during most of our open hours. Don't forget we also offer wireless capability within our library.

We recently had a visit from Mrs. Longardner's fourth grade Jennings class. This group of students was researching Quincy for a project they called "Zip Along US-12". Their goal was to research the history of Quincy Schools, focusing on the actual buildings. They also had a section of history regarding the buildings of downtown Quincy, and the changes that have taken place over the years. Once completed, the report will be

published on the US-12 Heritage Trail website. Please visit the website: [www.us12heritagetrail.org](http://www.us12heritagetrail.org).

We are gearing up for the summer already, with the Summer Reading theme being "Catch the Reading Bug!". We will offer this free program to children preschool through 12th grade. It is always exciting to see children anxious to read, earn prizes and feel good about the progress they make over a summer. Check out our Upcoming Events Calendar listings in this newsletter. Keep the children you love reading this summer!

National Library Week is upon us April 13-19, 2008! Librarians want the world to know and appreciate what is offered to them, free! Free books, free magazines, free videos and DVDs, free internet and it only takes one free card to get yourself started!

So, enjoy a good book and stop in to visit our historical library!

- Lisa L. Wood, Branch Manager

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15 4 PM**

Storyteller Karen Czarnik

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22 4 PM**

Friends of the Library Meeting

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29 6 PM**

Annual Friends meeting @ Sherwood

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**

WWII Exhibit bus - Coldwater Library

**TUESDAY, MAY 27 4 PM**

Friends of the Library meeting

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 6-7**

Book sale during library hours

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

Begin Summer Reading sign up

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24 2 PM**

"Mr. Pete" from the Kalamazoo Nature Center

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 3 PM**

Doug Scheer program

**THURSDAY, JULY 4**

Pie sale @ the Union Church

**TUESDAY, JULY 8 10 AM**

Pet Parade

**FRIDAY, JULY 11 10 AM**

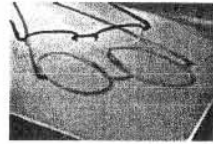
Rain date for Pet Parade



## What is National Library Week?

It is time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special libraries participate.

In the mid 1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions, and musical instruments.



Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life." In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library week was observed in 1958 with the theme, "Wake Up and Read!"



National Library Week was observed again in 1959, and the ALA Council voted to continue the annual celebration. When the National Book Committee disbanded in 1974, ALA assumed full sponsorship.

## Friends of the Library Message

Our next Friends of the Library meeting will take place, Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 4 p.m. in the library's lower level. We will also have a meeting May 27th. Feel free to attend these meetings as we will discuss the summer events and children's programs. We can always use helpers to pass out cookies or balloons.

The Annual Friends of the Library meeting will be held at the Sherwood Library on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 6 p.m.. This has always been a good time to gather the Friends groups together, enjoy each other's company, hear some good speakers, and brainstorm ideas to improve our groups.

We are anticipating a great Book Sale, June 6th and 7th and annual 4th of July Pie Sale. We so appreciate all our Friends members and their dedication to our library.

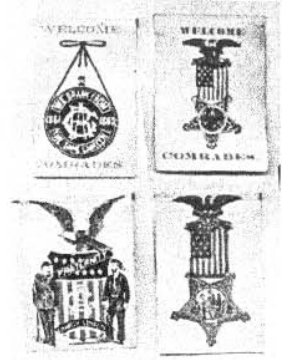
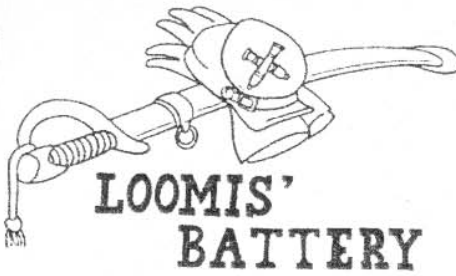
-Lisa L. Wood, Secretary

## Winter Blahs Contest Winner Announced



Our adult winner was Doris Burke who read 7183 pages during the month of February! She received a goodie basket containing a winter coffee mug, cozy scarf and hat, soup, puzzle book, "Cooking with Paula Deen" magazine, chocolates, teas and cocoas.





## Looking Back... Cyrus Loomis

The Quincy Public Library is very proud of the items in our entry display case on the south wall. Take notice of them the next time you visit. Plans are in the beginning stages to preserve these notable flags. The federal flag has stars and is made of cotton. It was used for parades, but was not used in battle as these stars would be gold. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) flag of the Loomis Battery is silk. The GAR roster is kept at the library and can be viewed upon request.

Did you know?... Cyrus Loomis was the Commander of the Loomis Battery. The cannon in Battery Park in Coldwater is the only surviving cannon of the original six cannons that belonged to the Loomis Battery. It was the only one never captured and used against our forces. The story goes that a Loomis Battery soldier hitched the cannon to "Sam", the only surviving horse of the battery who had pulled the cannon to safety. All six of the cannons used to be on display at Battery Park, which included the area where the United Methodist Church is located. Five of the cannons were sold for scrap metal but the sixth one is on display at the four corners in Coldwater.

## Battery A, First Light Artillery

"Battery A, First Light Artillery, famed throughout Branch county as the "Loomis Battery", whose annual reunions are occasions attracting more than casual interest, the Loomis Battery Park with its memorial tablets and cannon being a conspicuous feature of the Coldwater public square was organized soon after the commencement of the war in 1861. Its nucleus was an artillery company that had existed in the village of Coldwater for some time before the war. The enlistment at first was for three months, but it was soon announced that the battery would not be received except for a period of three years. Some returned to their homes, but the battery was soon recruited to full strength. Cyrus O. Loomis was elected captain, hence the popular name of the organization. The record of this battery is given on the large memorial tablet in the public square of Coldwater. Suffice it here to state that the battery saw its first action in West Virginia at Rich Mountain; was then transferred to the campaigns in Kentucky and Tennessee, its experience culminating in fierce struggle at Chickamauga. The battery remained about Chattanooga until the close of the war, being mustered out July 28, 1865."

- From the "History of Branch County"

## Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Post of Quincy

"The C.O. Loomis Post, No. 2 of G.A.R. was formed in Quincy in 1876 and still had 14 members in 1926. Later the post was disbanded and some of the items from the post were given to the Quincy Library.

History does not follow the life of a soldier after he is discharged from service. However, tracing the life of C.O. Loomis reveals that he was placed in a sanitarium in Washington D.C., where he died. His body was placed on a train for Detroit, where it was missed and sent on to Chicago. When it was found, the body was placed on a train for Quincy. At South Bend, Indiana, the train was involved in a train wreck and the car containing Loomis' body was burned. Thus ended any further history of this outstanding Civil War officer.

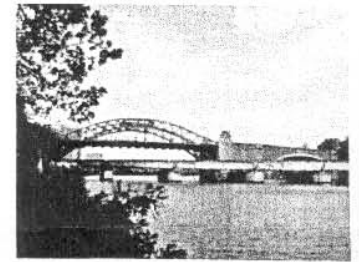
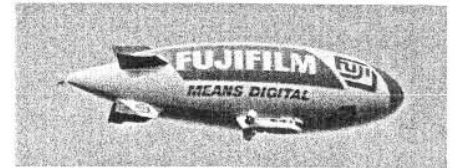
In 1921, Quincy still had the oldest G.A.R. Post in Michigan and it had been the second post to be formed in the state. The first post established was no longer active."

- William Keith, Historian; Sherman, Rice, Demarest Post. From the "History of Branch County 1979 Volume 1"



## Did you know...

- *Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.*
- *The statue of Liberty's tablet is two feet thick.*
- *There are two credit cards for every person in the United States.*
- *The slogan on New Hampshire's license plates is "Live Free or Die". These license plates are manufactured by prisoners in the state of prison in Concord.*
- *The United States government keeps its supply of silver at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.*
- *There are only thirteen blimps in the world. Nine of the thirteen are in the United States. The existing biggest blimp is the Fuji Film blimp.*
- *Naugahyde, plastic "leather" was created in Naugatuck, Connecticut.*
- *The Swiss flag is square.*
- *The white part of your fingernail is called the lunula.*
- *The Boston University Bridge (on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA) is the only place in the world where a boat can sail under a train, car, and plane at the same time.*
- *It is believed that Shakespeare was 46 around the time that the King James version of the Bible was written. In Psalms 46, the 46th word from the first word is shake and the 46th word from the last word is spear.*



## Top 10 New York Times Hardcover Fiction

1. UNACCUSTOMED EARTH by Jhumpa Lahiri
2. SMALL FAVOR by Jim Butcher
3. COMPULSION by Jonathan Kellerman
4. THE APPEAL by John Grisham
5. BELONG TO ME by Marisa de los Santos
6. CHANGE OF HEART by Jodi Picoult
7. REMEMBER ME by Sophie Kinsella
8. A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS by Khaled Hosseini
9. 7TH HEAVEN by James Patterson
10. WINTER STUDY by Nevada Barr

## Top 10 New York Times Childrens's Books

1. GALLOP by Rufus Butler Seder
2. DIRT ON MY SHIRT by Jeff Foxworthy
3. DON'T BUMP THE GLUMP! by Shel Silverstein
4. LADYBUG GIRL by Jacky Davis and David Soman
5. ZEN TIES by Jon J. Muth
6. THE JELLYBEANS AND THE BIG DANCE by Laura Numeroff and Nate Evans
7. KNUFFLE BUNNY TOO by Mo Willems
8. SMASH! CRASH! by Jon Scieska
9. FIRST THE EGG by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
10. RETURN TO FAIRYOPOLIS by Cicely Mary Barker

# In Appreciation...

## In Memory of...

### Hugh Abrey

Jack and Lori Faulkner

### Bruce Bassage

Peg Suever family

### David Belvitch

Mike and Ann Nowicki  
Robert and Linda Stewart

### Robert Hampton

Basil and Margaret Potter  
Dr. and Mrs. Pete Baldwin

### Brian Hargreave

Dr. and Mrs. Pete Baldwin

### Lucie Hayward

Quincy Chapter OES #12

### Danevieve M. Howard

Quincy American Legion  
Pool Team  
Rick and Ann Lown  
Mikki Bowerman  
Jerry and Carol Slayer  
Ken Howard  
Steve and Jannet  
Clements

### Wanda Karney

Brian and Karen  
Hargreave Don,  
Karen, Conner, & Meri  
Michael

### Sam Lambright

Ron and Kathy Will

### Donna Lothamer

American Legion Auxiliary,  
Quincy Unit

### Teri Losinski

Donna Strang

### Vivian Leatherman

Don and Teddy Sinclair  
Junior and Glenna Gary  
Dan and Judy Dobson  
Donna Strang

### Dorothy Middel

American Legion Auxiliary  
Quincy Unit

### Harvey Morris

Carolyn VanRiper

### Jeannie M. Osborne

Ray and Mary Jo Kranz  
Cal and Sharon Marsh  
Arlene Bowerman

Lowell and Joyce Falk

Bob and Deloris Hayes  
Quincy Chapter OES#12  
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**Paul Porter** (*honoring his  
100th birthday  
(1908-2002)*)

Gordon and Joy Porter

### Winston Reynolds

Mike and Ann Nowicki  
Robert and Linda Stewart  
Leon and Evelyn Parrish  
Frank and Gladys  
Parkinson  
Roland and Joanne Finley  
John and Debbie Richer  
Roy and Georgia  
Provencal  
Dan and Carol Ludlow

### George Seeley

Junior and Glenna Gary

### Anne Sluyter

Leon and Evelyn Parrish  
Gordon and Joy Porter

### Luther Spalding

Quincy Middle School

staff

Mike and Ann Nowicki  
Frank and Gladys  
Parkinson  
Roland and Joanne Finley  
Leon and Evelyn Parrish  
John and Debbie Richer  
Roy and Georgia  
Provencal  
Dan and Carol Ludlow  
Robert and Linda Stewart

### Richard Tappenden

Roy and Shirley  
Tappenden  
Betty Warkoczeski

### Allen Waller

Donna Strang

**Tristan Williamson** (*in  
rememberance of his 3rd  
birthday, January 15,  
2008; Tristan passed away  
November 2007*)  
Leon and Evelyn Parrish

### Connie Young

Tom and Vicki Brockway

## In Honor...

### David Sluyter's -

Retirement  
Gordon and Joy Porter

## Donations:

Robert Shedd  
Junior and Glenna Gary  
Beulah Coplin  
Rebekah Lodge District  
#15 (Quincy, Parma,  
Jackson, Litchfield)

## Thank You...

To Karen MacCheyene  
for her great ebay find!  
She graciously donated  
a 1927 Quincy  
yearbook to our  
Genealogy collection!

## Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invites you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2008. Please complete the below information, enclose a check payable to the Friends of the Library and either send it to the library or to Teddy Sinclair at 490 Clarendon Rd., Quincy, MI 49082. The Friends of the Library are responsible for the continuance of the newsletter and assisting with many of the library's programs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$5.00

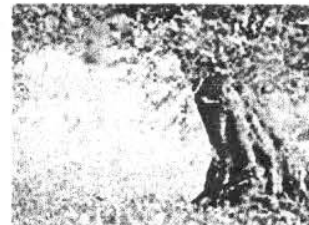
I am interested in contributing an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
continuance of this newsletter.

## Quincy Library Board

**Teddy Sinclair — President**  
**Mary Jo Kranz — Vice President**  
**Connie Karney — Treasurer**  
**Judy Dobson — Secretary**  
**Barb Rockhold - Trustee**  
**Carol Ludlow - Trustee**

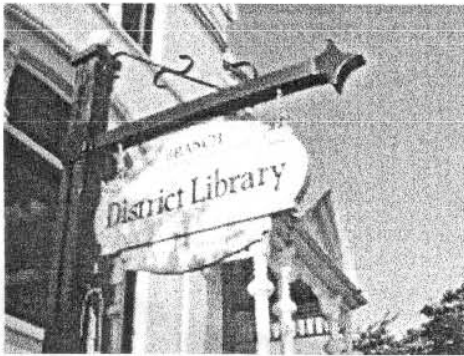
## Friends of the Library Board

**Carol Brown — President**  
**Karen MacCheyene — Vice President**  
**Teddy Sinclair — Treasurer**  
**Lisa Wood — Secretary**



# Quincy Public Library

- 5 public Internet computers
- Microfilm collection of the Quincy Herald newspaper from 1897-1967
- Videos and DVDs with a 7-day checkout
- Large audio cassette and CD collection with a 14-day checkout
- 15¢ black and white photocopies and computer prints; 25¢ color computer prints
- Fax Service: 50¢ per page to receive, \$1.00 per page to send
- Lamination



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