

# Quincy Library

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Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

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## Branch Manager's Message

The crispness in the air has returned and the library has taken a breath after the children's Summer Reading Program. Over 160 children signed up this summer, filled their reading record sheets with stickers, received incentive prizes, gained much pride in their reading abilities, and enjoyed some wonderful programs.

Congratulations to:

Pre-K - 5th Graders:

**Joseph Cutler** - winner of a \$25 Dairy Queen gift certificate

**Kiara Fitch** - winner of the Little River Railroad train tickets

**Skylar Callahan** - winner of a \$25 Sunset Cove gift certificate

*(These prizes were compliments of the Friends of the Library)*

Middle School:

**Demetria Meyer** - MP3 player winner  
*(Compliments of the Branch District Library)*

High School:

**Kathryn Snapp** - winner of iPod Shuffle

*(Compliments of McDonald's)*

Each winner read at least 12 hours, with entries for each additional two hours of reading.

**Candy Jar winners:**  
Pre-K - 5th Grade - **Emily Odisher**, with a guess of 82 when the actual count was 82.

6th - 8th Grade - **Natalie Nohr**, with a guess of 72 when the actual count was 73.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library volunteers. The wonderful programs would not have run so smoothly without their help and support.

"Fall" into a good book... Isn't fall a great season? It officially began September 22nd, with folks looking forward to cooler temperatures. Brought to mind are woolen sweaters, vibrantly colored leaves, all those other great images

that signal the arrival of the new season.

Fall is also the time for family "rituals" that help transition our minds and bodies from hot, busy days to cool, lazy nights. Maybe it's decorating the front porch or the front yard with scarecrows and pumpkins. Maybe it's a pot of soup simmering on the back burner or a bowl of chili. Perhaps it's a trip to a pumpkin patch or to a pick-your-own apple orchard. Or, how about a trip to the Quincy Public Library to stock up on all those great books that you meant to read during the summer but just never quite had the time.

September was National Library Card Sign-Up Month, but any time is a good time to get a library card. Take advantage of a free library card and all the things your library has to offer.

- Lisa Wood, Branch Manager

## Quincy Library Board

The library held an open house on May 22nd to coincide with the Lincoln train festivities for the Civil War Days. Fifty people viewed the preserved GAR flag, saw a slide show of various aspects of getting the GAR flag into the hands of the Detroit Institute of Arts curator, Howard Sutcliffe, were able to look at the GAR Roster and also view postcards of Quincy past that can be purchased at the library. Refreshments were served and small hand-held flags were passed out. Howard Sutcliffe, along with his parents from England, were in Quincy on May 22nd and he was able to take the Federal flag back to Detroit. This was made possible by the Quincy Township Board voting to donate the difference between what had been donated toward the preservation of the federal flag and the final cost. The Library Board is delighted to be able to have the same curator complete the second flag. The total cost of the GAR flag preservation was \$10,221.

At the Quincy Township annual meeting, Teddy Sinclair and Barb Rockhold were elected to a three year term on the Library Board.

Even with the low E glass in the new windows installed in October 2005, the spines of our books are fading. Putting any kind of coating on the windows would void the warranty. Therefore, the board has purchased window shades for the south and part of the east windows to help block the harmful rays but still allow light to come through. The shades are really very attractive and we hope this will eliminate the fading.

The NIKA Club of Quincy held an auction to benefit the library. The \$1,540 was given to the library with

no strings attached. Part of the money was used to fund summer help and the balance was put toward the \$900 cost of the safety regulated space guards needed to be installed on our lift to meet new requirements by the state.

The board is having Martin Schmucker custom build a display cabinet, complete with glass, lining and lock, to house our GAR Roster and, also, a base unit with one shelf to hold the display case by the lift. Capital fund monies will be used for these pieces.

Capital fund money will also be used to purchase a microfilm ScanPro 1000 and a computer station for the genealogy area. These items will definitely make using that area a more pleasant experience.

The Quincy Library will be open for the Home Tour to be held on December 5th, 2009.  
*Judy Dobson, Board Secretary*

## Friends of the Library

The Friends had an eventful summer beginning with a spring book sale, Fourth of July pie sale, Pet Parade festivities and many cookies and donations to help with the library programs. The Friends also gave one free book to each Summer Reading child who accomplished their goal of reading 12 hours during the six week program. Our next endeavor will be the November 6th and 7th book sale. donations of good condition books are welcome.

August 22nd was a great day in the park for "Quincy Daze". Many of the Friends helped by offering book bags, cookbooks, notecards of Quincy past photos, made awareness of our 100th birthday coming up in 2010 and had great

discussions with patrons and visitors.

Our next meeting will be October 27th at 4:00 p.m. in the library lower level. Handicap accessibility is available on the north side of the building. Anyone is welcome to attend, we appreciate suggestions and support. The Friends group does not meet in the winter, but will meet again in April.

If you have any questions, please call the library.

*Lisa L. Wood, Friends of the Library Secretary*

## Be Thankful for Libraries...

We are thankful for libraries, especially the Quincy Public Library, our hometown library. With tough economic times, many library systems have had to cut hours or close branches. When the economy is tight, people look for ways to save money and still maintain a high quality of life. The library is the place to start saving.

- Parents can sign kids up for programs or take books, tapes and movies home to keep the children reading and entertained.
- Travelers check out audio books so they can listen on the road.
- A large print book can be reserved for in-laws coming from out of town.
- The job seeker is thankful the library computers are available with free resume copies.
- New computer users are thankful for the classes offered at the library.
- Toddlers can enjoy Story Hour.

## Be Thankful for Libraries.... (continued)

- Genealogist are thankful for the Ancestry database that helps them track down family members.
- Do-It-Yourselfers find book and video guides.
- Movie goers find the library collection of movies and DVDs allow them to enjoy movies at no cost.
- Romance readers appreciate reading books they don't have to purchase.
- The convenience of the web HYPERLINK "<http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org>" for online databases and catalog goes without saying.
- Patrons can reserve items from home at their convenience.
- Students spend afternoons with friends and help with homework.
- Laptop users are thankful for free wireless.

## Remember...

The Quincy Library is a drop off location for used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.

## Who's Robert Browne?

Have you ever wondered why the Coldwater Municipal Building has the name Henry L. Browne on it? The book "Who Can Ask for Anything More" by Robert Browne can answer that question.

After graduation from Coldwater High School in 1942, he began college

and then joined the Air Force becoming a pilot in World War II.

After the war, he returned to the University of Michigan, married and had a family and began a career in dentistry. He eventually became an orthodontist, and became a part of the business world, an entrepreneur. Investments in nursing homes and other ventures became a part of his successful life.

Bob was from a broken home and lived with his grandparents in Coldwater. His grandfather served on the City Council from 1938 - 1942 so in honor of him asked that his grandfather's name be on the building as Bob supplied 75% of the cost.

On a visit to Coldwater, he volunteered to assist with the cost of remodeling of the Coldwater United Methodist Church in memory of his grandmother Muriel Browne who was especially fond of the church she attended.

I think this book is an important part of Branch County history and hope you'll enjoy reading it as much as I did. Thanks to his generosity, it is now in the Quincy Library.

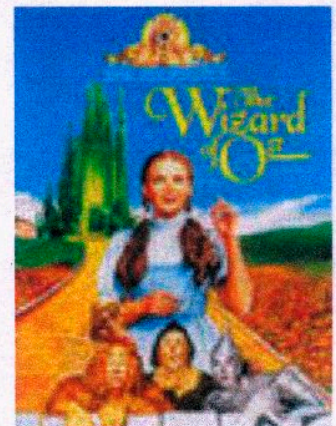
*Shirley Tappenden*

## Some "Wizard of Oz" Trivia from 70 Years Ago (1939)

- The coat that Frank Morgan wears as Professor Marvel was bought second-hand for the film. It was only discovered later that it once belonged to L. Frank Baum, the creator of the Oz stories. The name sewn into the garment was shown to his widow, who confirmed that

the coat did indeed once belong to the author.

- In the original book by L. Frank Baum, Dorothy's slippers were not ruby but silver. The color was changed in the movie for Technicolor purposes.
- "Over the Rainbow", which the American Film Institute named the greatest movie song of all time, was nearly cut from the film.
- Liza Minelli, the daughter of Judy Garland, was once married to TV producer Jack Haley Jr., the son of the Tin Man.
- According to the lead Munchkin Jerry Maren, the "little people" on the set were paid \$50 per week for a six day work week, while Toto received \$125 per week.
- The "oil" that was used to lubricate the Tin Man was not really oil. It was discovered that oil would not photograph well, so they used chocolate syrup instead.
- Margaret Hamilton, who plays the Wicked Witch of the West, was a kindergarten teacher before becoming an actress.
- When the Witch tries to get off the ruby slippers, fire strikes her hands. This "fire" was actually dark apple juice spewing out of the shoes. The film was sped up to make it look like fire.



## Did you know...

- The geographical center of North America is near Rugby, North Dakota.
- Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village".
- The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119.
- Did you know there are coffee flavored PEZ candies?
- Isaac Asimov is the only author to have a book in every Dewey-decimal category.
- Cat's urine glows under a black light.
- The average ear of corn has eight hundred kernels arranged in sixteen rows.
- An iguana can stay under water for 28 minutes.
- Jelly Belly jelly beans were the first jelly beans in outer space when they went up with astronauts in the June 21, 1983 voyage of the space shuttle Challenger (the same voyage as the first American woman in space, Sally Ride).
- If you were standing in the northernmost point in the contiguous (48) states, you'd be standing in Minnesota.
- The letter W is the only letter in the alphabet that doesn't have 1 syllable...it has three.
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2nd, but the last signature wasn't added until five years later.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- If you add up the number 1-100 consecutively (1+2+3+, etc) the total is 5050.
- The symbol on the "pound" key (#) is called an octothorp.
- While the Chinese invented gunpowder, they were not the first to develop firearms. Sam Colt invented the "revolving pistol".
- More than 6000 people with pillow related injuries check into U.S. emergency rooms every year!



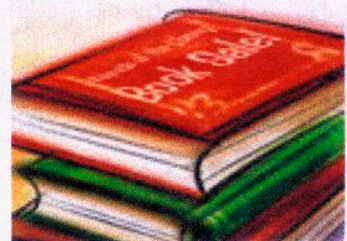
## Free Resume Copies

At this time, resume copies are free at the library and its' branches. As a public service to job seekers, the Branch District Library announced that it will be offering free printing of resumes, cover letters, and job applications, effective Monday, March 23, 2009. Up to ten black and white copies of each of these materials may be printed at any of our six locations: Algansee, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Sherwood, and Union Township. For directions and hours see HYPERLINK "<http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org>" or call the main branch in Coldwater at 517-278-2341.



## Last Book Sale of the Year

This is your last chance of the year to pick up reading and viewing materials for the winter months ahead. Purchase used and hardly used materials at bargain prices. 25 cent paperbacks and 50 cent hardcovers will again be offered this November 6th and 7th. Remember that our library is barrier free, with a ramp on the north side of the building.



# In Appreciation...

## In Memory of...

### Charlie Batman

Mike and Ann Nowicki  
Dick and Stonna Spalding

### Margaret DeWolfe

Marcelyn Labelle-Knight  
Roy and Shirley  
Tappenden  
Cindy Sebald  
Andy VanDoren

Dana Sebald-VanDoren  
Betty Warkoczeski  
James Doll  
Dolores Rawson

### Bernal Gillette

Kim and Terry Macklin and family

### Roger Hall

Roy and Shirley

Tappenden  
Connie Harmon

### Ralph Hanson

Ron and Kathy Will

### Bill Harmon

Women's Society of Union Church

### Jeanne Loree Kipfer

Roy and Kathy Will

### Evelyn Teegardin

Leona Farrell

### Jim Watts

Kirk, Tracey and  
Samantha Sinclair  
Dean Sullivan

## Thank You...

**Friends of the Quincy Library** - For their cookie donations throughout the summer activities.

**Branch County Sheriff's Department**- for our traffic safety during the Pet Parade.

## What's New at the Quincy Library:

### NON FICTION

- *Barbie All Dolled Up: Celebrating 50 years of Barbie* by Jennie D'Amato
- *The Complete Peanuts, 1973-1974* by Charles M. Schulz
- *Dark Slayer* by Christine Freehan
- *Guinness World Records 2010*
- *If God is Good* by Randy Alcorn
- *The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History* by Robert Edsel
- *My Journey with Farrah: A story of Life, Love and Friendship* by Alana Steward
- *Robert Frost: Speaking on Campus: Excerpts from His Talks 1949 - 1962* by Robert Frost
- *True Compass: A Memoir* by Edward M. Kennedy
- *You Were Born for This: Five Keys to a Life of Predictable Miracles* by Bruce Wilkinson

### FICTION

- *There Goes the Bride* by M.C. Beaton
- *The Lost Symbol* by Dan Brown
- *The Spire* by Richard North Patterson
- *A Change in Altitude* by Anita Shreve
- *The Lost Art of Gratitude* by Alexander McCall Smith
- *Ladies of the Lake* by Haywood Smith

- *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks

- *Hothouse Orchid* by Stuart Woods

### DUE TO BE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER

- *13 1/2* by Nevada Barr

- *True Blue* by David Baldacci

- *Breaking the Rules* by Barbara Taylor Bradford

- *The Chocolate Cupid Killings* by Joanna Carl

- *Tragic Magic* by Laura Childs

- *Nine Dragons* by Michael Connelly

- *The Scarpetta Factor* by Patricia Daniels Cornwell

- *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans

- *Blackwork* by Monica Ferris

- *Plum Pudding Murder* by Joanne Fluke

- *Pursuit of Honor: A Thriller* by Vince Flynn

- *Hope in a Jar* by Beth Harbison

- *Time after Time* by Kay Hooper

- *Blood Game* by Iris Johansen

- *Black Friday* by Alex Kava

- *Evidence: An Alex Delaware Novel* by Jonathan Kellerman

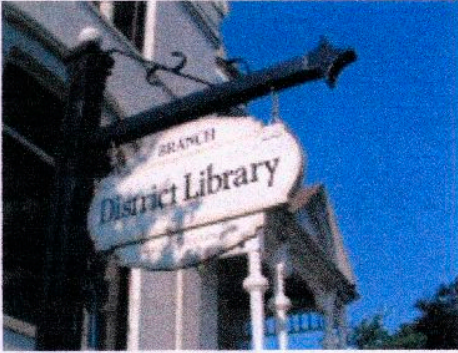
- *The Body in the Sleigh* by Katherine Hall Page

- *A Christmas Promise* by Anne Perry

- *Southern Lights* by Danielle Steel

# 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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