

# Quincy Library

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## Branch Manager's Message

New year, new snow, new books! Happy 2011!

Stop in frequently to see what's new in all the areas of our library. We are looking forward to updating our Genealogy area this year to help with your family searches. We try to display many of the new fiction and non-fiction on the end caps of those bookshelves, but you can always scan the shelves and notice a green dot sticker at the base of the book spine. These green dots signify a new book. This "New" category lasts for six months, and allows you a 14-day checkout. Once the book is six months old, it will then have a 28-day checkout, as do all of our books. Of course, the children's area is always full of good treasures and new stories.

Troubling the library and township boards has been the two trees in front

of the library. These trees have been dropping fruit the last couple years that has caused staining to the carpets on both levels and caused messy wheels on strollers and wheelchairs. So unfortunately the patrons were taking the mess back home with them. The township took care of the tree removal and will contemplate what to put in the front yard. We commend Max Stephenson, Custodian, who painstakingly tried to clear the sidewalks, multiple times per day, especially during our book sale in November.

*-Lisa L Wood, Branch Manager*

## 100th Monthly Giveaway Winners!

**November – Kathleen Clark**, winner of a \$25 Felpaush Gift Card

**December – Lynn Marshall**, winner of the last giveaway; a "Mystery Box" generously filled with items donated by the NIKA ladies group.

## It is Time for the Winter Blahs Contest!

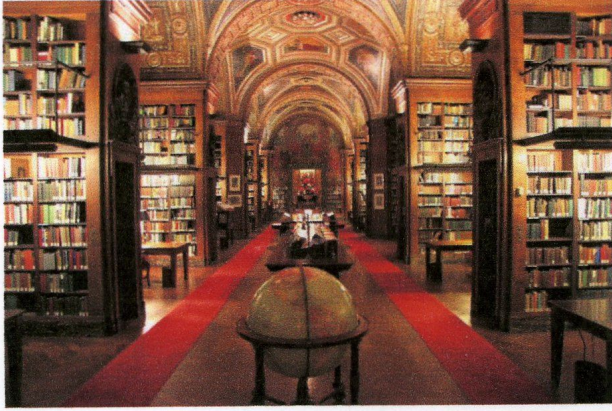
Adults 18 and over are eligible to enter by recording the number of pages read between February 1 and February 26. Be the reader with the most pages and you'll receive a goodie basket sure to brighten up your winter days! Stop in the library anytime in January to get the official record sheet.



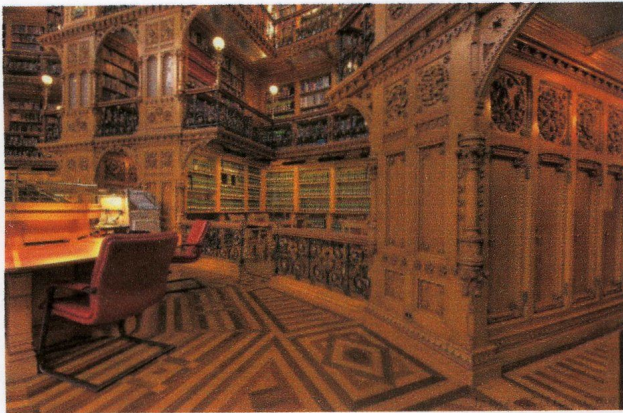
# Thirteen Beautiful Libraries from Around the World

Below are fifteen stunning libraries from around the world. Which one is your favorite?

- 1. University Club Library – New York City, United States



- 2. Canadian Library of Parliament – Ottawa, Canada



- 3. Admont Abbey Library – Austria



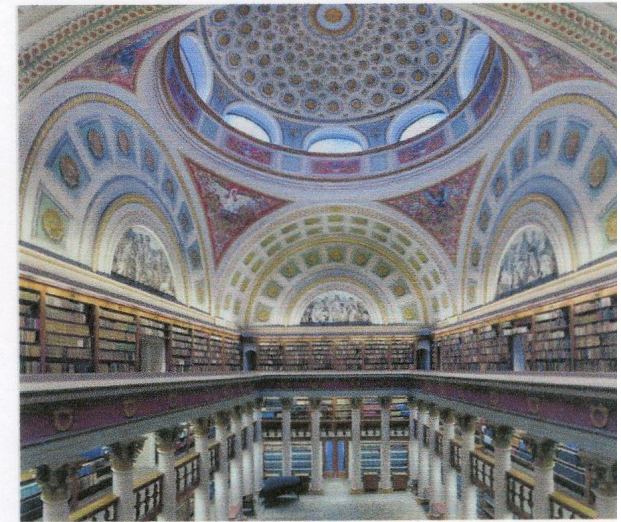
- 4. Library at El Real Monasterio de El Escorial – Madrid, Spain



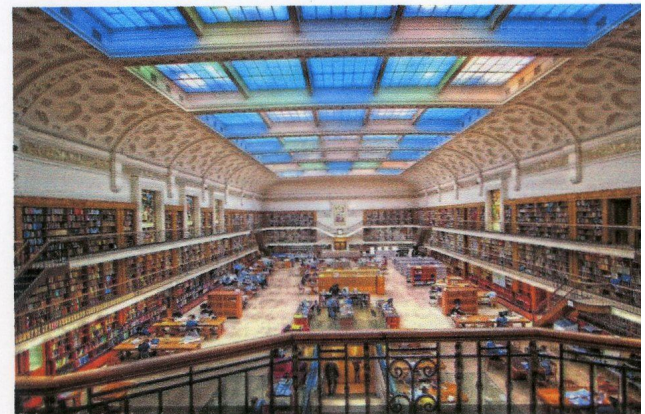
- 5. Real Gabinete Português de Leitura – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



- 6. National Library of Finland – Helsinki, Finland



- 7. Mitchell Library – Sydney, Australia



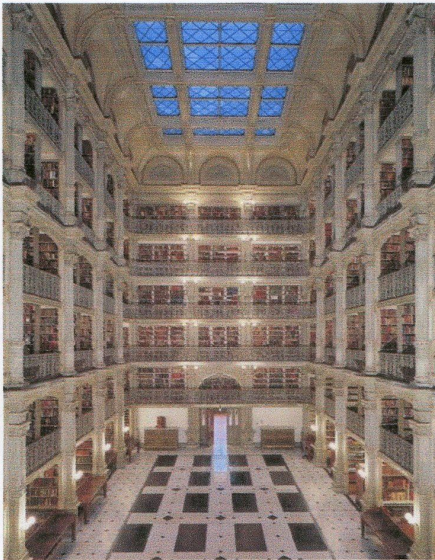
8. Strahov Theological Hall – Prague, Czech Republic



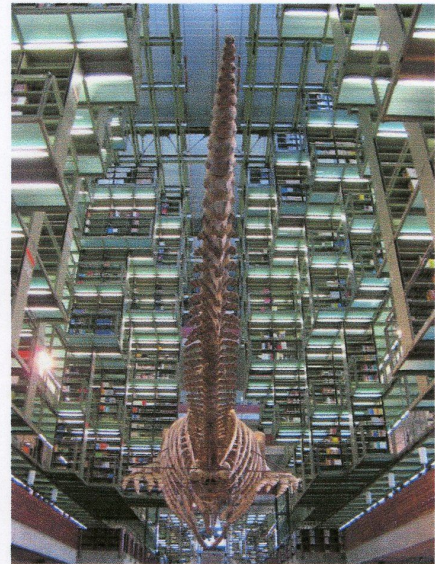
11. State Library – Victoria, Australia



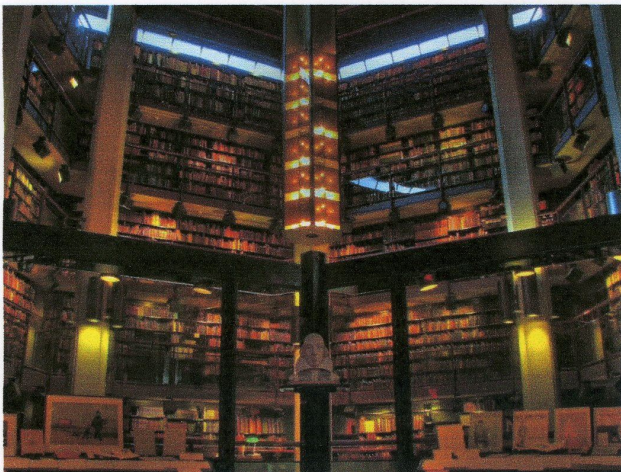
9. George Peabody Library – Baltimore, Maryland



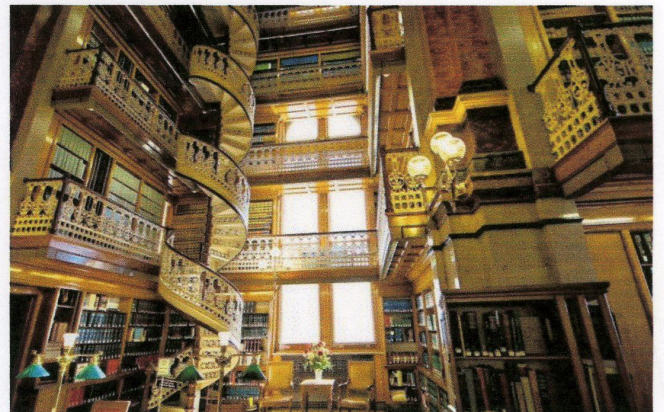
12. José Vasconcelos Library – Mexico City, Mexico



10. Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at University of Toronto – Toronto, Canada



13. Iowa State Capital Law Library – United States



Plan on visiting one of these architectural buildings during your next visit to these US states or countries.

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# Did you know...

- The word "set" has more definitions than any other word in the English language.
- The most eastern part of the western world is located in Ilomantsi, Finland.
- The Saturn V moon rocket consumed 15 tons of fuel per second.
- The state with the longest coastline in the US is Michigan.
- Lincoln Logs were invented by Frank Lloyd Wright's son.
- Olympic Badminton rules say that the bird has to have exactly fourteen feathers.
- At McDonalds in New Zealand, they serve apricot pies instead of cherry ones.
- Bank robber John Dillinger played professional baseball.
- If you toss a penny 10,000 times, it will not be heads 5000 times, but more like 4950. The heads picture weighs more, so it ends up on the bottom.
- The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.
- The housefly hums in the middle octave, key of F.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its' brain.
- The oldest word in the English language is "town".
- There is a word in the English language with only one vowel, which occurs six times: Indivisibility.
- The dome on Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, conceals a billiards room. In Jefferson's day, billiards were illegal in Virginia.
- The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan".
- Hummingbirds are the only animals able to fly backwards.
- Several buildings in Manhattan have their own zip code! The World Trade Center had several.



## Don't Miss Out on a Storytelling Opportunity at the Library...

National Library Week is April 10-16 and we will be hosting Storyteller Barbara Schutzgruber!

Be sure to bring your children and tell the children you love.

This FREE program will take place Tuesday, April 12 at 3:30 p.m.

"Grab Your Backpack And Away We Go!!"

Pack your imagination and travel the

globe with award-winning storyteller Barbara Schutzgruber as your guide. Adventure and laughter are on the ticket as we traverse the world through folktales.

This program will be funded by the Jane Baldwin Endowment.

Watch for the April newsletter announcing some great summer children's programs!

### New York Times Best Seller List

#### Hardcover Fiction

1. **DEAD OR ALIVE**, by Tom Clancy with Grant Blackwood
2. **THE CONFESSION**, by John Grisham

3. **THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST** by Stieg Larsson
4. **CROSS FIRE**, by James Patterson
5. **FREEDOM**, by Jonathan Franzen

#### Hardcover Non Fiction

1. **DECISION POINTS**, by George W. Bush
2. **UNBROKEN**, by Laura Hillenbrand
3. **AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARK TWAIN, VOL. 1**, by Mark Twain
4. **LIFE**, by Keith Richards with James Fox
5. **EARTH (THE BOOK)**, by Jon Stewart and others

# In Appreciation...

## **In Memory of...**

**Eleanor Brockway**  
Sally Iford

**Jean Fenno**  
Sally Iford

**Tom Jones**  
John & Delores Alexander

**Homer Kriser**  
John & Delores Alexander

**Norma Riddle**  
John & Delores Alexander

**Fred Riley**  
American Legion Aux.

**Shari Sharpley-  
Brown**  
Quincy Community  
Schools

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Board  
Gene & Joan Cutler

**Robert Smith**  
Arthur Rodecker

**Susan Smith  
Rodecker**  
Arthur Rodecker

**Geneva Waller**  
Judy & Dan Dobson  
American Legion Aux.

## **In Honor...**

**Shirley Tappenden**  
For her years of good  
service to the Quincy  
Library  
Louise Wadsworth

**Harold Schultz**  
NIKA Club

**Dan & Judy Dobson**  
Leon & Evlyn Parrish

**Dick & Stonna Spalding**  
Leon & Evlyn Parrish

**Pete Baldwin**  
Leon & Evlyn Parrish

**Joe Lopez**  
For his excellent service  
to the Quincy  
Community  
Mary Jo Kranz

**Connie Karney**  
Judy Dobson

## **Baldwin Endowment Fund Donations:**

**In Memory of Nancy  
Jane Baldwin's Birthday**  
Mariam Shannon  
Judy & Dan Dobson

**Merry Christmas in  
Memory of Jane to Mr. &  
Mrs. Scott Baldwin, Dr. &  
Mrs. Tim Baldwin and  
Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Baldwin**  
Pete & Marie Baldwin

## **Thank You...**

**Teddy Sinclair** for her  
donation of fabric to our  
Story Hour children's gift  
for their parents

**Ty & Jana Baldwin  
family** for their generous  
gift of a CD player for  
Story Hour and a mini vac.  
What a help these items  
will be at the library.

**Dennis Smith, Clair  
Omo, Roy Tappenden**  
for their set up work at the  
last Friends of the Library  
book sale

**Bonnie Frick, Barb  
Rockhold, Glenna Gary,  
Peg Suever, Karen  
MacCheyne and Freda  
Pomranka** for helping  
with the Friends of the  
Library booksale.

## Community Opportunity Worth Mentioning

An opportunity will soon be available for the public to help support the Quincy Courtyard Beautification project and to own a piece of the artist Joel Sanderson.

A tree sculpture will be put in our courtyard this year that will represent Quincy's past, present and future. This piece will be an amazing sculpture and the committee is anxious for the public to enjoy it. Future ideas for the courtyard have been discussed, but the beautification can only be funded one step at a time. The Downtown Development Association had a portion of the needed funds to donate, along with the local organizations and other donators.

Courtyard history -- The walls of the old Quincy Hotel came down in April 1973 by a demolition crew of the L.A. Wood Contractors of Quincy. It was believed that the three-story, red brick structure may have been built in the mid 1850s. It was known for many years as the "Quincy House". One of its best known proprietors in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, according to a "History of Branch County" published in 1906, was G.J. Fillmore.

The hotel enjoyed a brisk business in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as a stagecoach stop for travelers journeying between Detroit and Chicago on the old Chicago Road (US 12). The building changed hands several times during the past 80 years and its most recent proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Blatter, operated a restaurant and tavern in a building next to the hotel's former site at 24 East Chicago Street.

The hotel had been unoccupied since November 15, 1971, when it suffered severe smoke and fire damage from a blaze that originated on the third floor.

So it is on this site that our Quincy courtyard has emerged, with a committee working hard to put up the "Spirit of Quincy" arch in recent years. There is difficulty to spur live growth there, but many lovely ideas are in the planning to beautify this area that many can enjoy in our downtown area.

Check the library and area businesses that will have the available art piece and that will also be able to collect your donation toward the project. This will be an exciting time to support our Village.

## Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invites you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2011. 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

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