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A Quarterly Newsletter

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Branch Manager's Message

In light of Presidents' Day next month (February 17), the following is a May 4th, 1888 handwritten entry from our Grand Army of the Republic record book of the "War History" of a local soldier, Comrade James Cleveland. (Corrected spelling and punctuation has been added for readability). This soldier guarded President Abraham Lincoln while he lay in state:

"I was taken down with the camp diarrhea and remittent fever. The fourth day after I went into camp, when I was taken to the camp or post hospital, where I remained confined to my bed for six weeks. I got so thin and reduced in flesh that I was a mere skeleton, which gave me the nick name of "Bones". I was transferred to General Hospital at (illegible) ward H, when I was detailed as nurse. While performing that duty I caught severe head colds and in each instance it settled on my lungs, which confined me to my bed for a number of days each time. I,

consequence, I have lost the use of my left lung. At the time of presidential election in 1863, I was the only one left in ward H to take care of 18 wounded men and 10 sick ones; all recovered. The surgeon wished me to remain as nurse, but I got myself discharged and sent to my Regiment. I was on detached service guarding the recruits and drafted men to the front. I was one of the three detailed from Camp Cook, Springfield Ill. to guard the remains of President Lincoln while he lay in state and the vault till discharged.

Comrade Cleveland was born June 3rd, 1864 at Homellsville, Steuben County, N Y. Enlisted September 9, 1864 Company E, 146 Ill. Infantry for one year. Discharged July 8th, 1865, final order, war department. Was confined in the following hospitals: Ward H, Post Hospital, Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill; was transferred to General Hospital, same place. Was soon after, set at nursing & detained until the last of March, when at my request, was discharged & sent to*

my regiment which was guarding & running troops to Nashville, Tenn, and Chattanooga.

After President Lincoln's death, we were ordered to Camp Cook, Springfield, Ill. and guarded his remains while he lay in state & also part of my Company guarded his vault until we were discharged. The names of my most intimate comrades were A.C. Carter, Walter J. Hansen, Francis Williams. I was put in [as] head nurse, ward H, Gen. Hospital one month while the boys went home to vote for Honest Old Abe; had 18 patients to look after at first & 25 later. Had never dressed a wound but got along nicely and the boys were all doing well when the nurses came back. Had a wounded soldier from the Battle of Nashville, shot through the calf of his leg, bandage over his drawers. It took me some time to soak clotted blood before could dress the wound. Poor fellow - he was in great misery but was soon laid down and asleep, after his leg was dressed. By the way, he was an Old Country Dutchman who could talk with his head and hands

Branch Manager's Message

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*as well as mouth; and we had a crazy man in the hospital who didn't like Dutchey and he waited his opportunity to a diff [dish?] at Dutchey. One night at supper, Dutchey was talking to another Dutchman; Crazy was 4 or 6 beds away, taking soup out of a heavy china mug. He threw the mug, hitting Dutchey on the jaw. Dutchey went at him with his crutches, but we prevented any accident. About a week after, Dutchey got on another spell talking. Crazy made signs he wanted the bard **[bedpan]; I got it; he sat down to use it, but as soon as my back was turned, Crazy planted the vessel in Dutchey's ribs, glancing off, breaking it all to pieces against the stove. There would have been a dead Crazy, but we took away Dutchey's crutches while Crazy looked on as innocent as a lamb. He never spoke but once, while in the hospital, and then said "it was the first time he was ever in a whore house." He died in Jacksonville Insane Asylum. E. T. Hoyt, Historian"*

*Camp Butler: the second largest recruiting camp in Illinois during the Civil War; named after William Butler, Illinois State Treasurer; one of the major mustering sites during the Civil War.

**Bard: trademarked 1915 at U.S. Patent Office; refers to a bedpan of rubber having a hard rigid bottom and flexible sides; later made of ceramic (which would be why it broke when Crazy threw it).

Many thanks to Mary Dawn Dobson for her efforts and notations in reading over this entry.

Lisa Wood
Quincy Branch Manager

Interesting dates:

Freedom of Information Day - March 16, 2014

Freedom of Information (FOI) Day is an annual event on or near March 16, the birthday of James Madison, who is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and as the foremost advocate for openness in government. Each year, the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award are presented by the American Library Association Washington (DC) Office on Freedom of Information Day to recognize those individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know.

Money Smart Week – April 5-12, 2014

Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This is achieved through the collaboration and coordinated effort of hundreds of organizations across the country including businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, government agencies and the media. These groups come together once a year to stress the importance of financial literacy, inform consumers about where they can get help and provide free educational seminars and activities throughout the week. Check out your local library for some good books on this topic.

National Drop Everything and Read Day – April 12, 2014

D.E.A.R. stands for Drop Everything And Read. National D.E.A.R. Day is a special reading celebration to remind and encourage families to make reading together on a daily basis a family priority. The official event date, April 12th, is the birthday of author Beverly Cleary. D.E.A.R. is sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA); Parent Teacher Association (PTA); the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC, a division of the American Library Association); Reading Rockets; The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC); the Newspaper Association of America Foundation (NAA); First Book; HarperCollins Children's Books; Read Kiddo Read; Walden Media and Ramona Quimby. Stop in the library to find some new books to read with a child in your life.

Did You Know??

- 11% of people are left handed
- Unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it
- 8% of the population have an extra rib
- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters
- The most commonly used letter in the alphabet is "E"
- The least used letter in the alphabet is "Q"
- The 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English
- Dreamt is the only word that ends in "mt"
- The names of all continents both start and end with the same letter
- If you try to say the alphabet without moving your lips or tongue every letter will sound the same
- Sponges hold more cold water than hot
- Birds need gravity to swallow
- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain

Upcoming Events

February 1-28

Winter Blah's Contest

Adults (age 18 and over): Read and log at least two books between February 1st through the 28th to be entered. The winning name will be drawn March 1st and contacted by phone. Reading logs are available at the library.

February 25

Happy 95th Birthday
Happy Birthday to Mary Cronmiller! She is our wonderful Tuesday volunteer

April 15

Annual Friends Meeting
Sherwood Branch - 5:30 p.m.

April 22

Quincy Friends Meeting
Lower Level - 4 p.m.; all are welcome

February 7

Story Hour - resumes

Friday's at 10 a.m. for ages 2-5; no advance sign up is needed



In Appreciation...

In Memory of...

Ambrose Diamond
Betty Blair

Ray Kranz
Mary Jo Kranz

Joan Harmon
Union Church Women's Society

Rhoda S. Harmon
Rob & Dawn Felts

Marian Smith
Betty Blair

Patty Stafford
Union Church Women's Society

Ernest Yuhl
Union Church Women's Society

Max Zimmerman
Union Church Woman's Society

In Honor of...

Connie Karney's Birthday
Judy Dobson

Donations to the Jane Baldwin Endowment Fund...

In Memory of...
Jane Baldwin
Dan & Judy Dobson

Loyal McCellan
Pete & Marie Baldwin

Thank You:

Ruth King - for the donation of past QHS Alumni newsletters containing class photos, these are appreciated.

Mary Dawn Dobson and Teddy Sinclair - for their continued volunteer hours in preserving our local Civil War monument soldiers' names and their history.

Louise Wadsworth - for the donation of nice books

Teddy Sinclair - for keeping up the library urns

Sherry Lutterbeck and Rita Carpenter - for helping children write letters to Santa in the library lower level during the Quincy Lights event December 6!

Shirley Haver, Mary Jo Kranz, Jolayne Taylor, Paula Preston and Renee Hardy, Wava Gano- The Quincy Lights evening was a success due to the delicious cookies that were made for the event.

Carol Kahaian and Candace Newkirk - They were instrumental in greeting the public with our cookies at the Swallow's Nest.

Karen MacCheyne, Candace and Bonnie Frick - Luminaries lined our library sidewalk

*Dear Lisa and Renee,
Thank you for the opportunity to hold a book signing at our wonderful library.*

You were great hosts. I hope to see you again when my second novel is released (2014).

*Regards,
Victoria Burlew*

From the Quincy Herald newspaper – May 24, 1928

“NEW FLASHING LIGHTS

The new flashing lights system at the Main street crossing of the N.Y.C.R.R. was completed last Friday, when the new system went into effect. The work was done under the supervision of Wm. Hause, of Hillsdale. The old drop gates, which were inaugurated here about 1903, were removed Saturday.

Fred Wiltse, who has been gatekeeper here since 1912, has been transferred to Sturgis as crossing watchman at that place, but will maintain his Quincy residence, for a time at least. Mr. Wiltse has been in the employ of the railroad 27 years, first at Allen as section hand, and has five years to serve before age of retirement. Byron Daniels, the second gatekeeper, is also retired by inauguration of the new system.

H. W. Johnson of Coldwater, grandson of the late Levi Johnson, has charge of the flashing light system on this section, after its inauguration.

The flash lights are operated by electricity, supplied by the city plant, with relay boxes arranged just west of the old gatekeeper house, where a powerful emergency electric battery is maintained for use in case of interruption by accident to the city plant.

The concrete pavement will be widened at each side of the track, opposite the flash light towers to make room for vehicles.”

“McKENZIE MILLING COMPANY

Talking with Mr. C.D. McKenzie recently, the Herald reporter was very much surprised to learn to what extent the business of the McKenzie Milling Co. has increased in the last few years. This company is now shipping flour west to the Mississippi river, east into Pennsylvania and south covering West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana, as well as all of Southern Michigan.

During the year just past they have ground over 50,000 bushels of buckwheat and 150,000 bushels of wheat into flour. They have given employment to about 30 people for 5 months and have 15 employees for the entire year, paying out for labor about \$39,000 and locally for grain, nearly \$50,000, which fact is certainly a factor in the prosperity of this community.

Wherever you go in the territory covered, “McK’s Best” and “Pride of Quincy,” “McKenzie’s Self-Rising Biscuit Flour,” “Buckwheat and Whole Wheat Pancake Flour,” and lastly, “Mrs. McKenzie’s Fancy Cake Flour,” are found in all the better grocery stores and on the housewife’s kitchen shelves. We are very proud of the success of the McKenzie Milling Co. in carrying on a growing business, which is slowly

but surely expanding and is putting the name of Quincy, Mich., on the map.

The history of the Quincy mill is an interesting one, dating back to Civil War days, the main building having been erected in 1863. Felix A. McKenzie purchased the mill in 1887, when it had a capacity of 20 barrels of flour a day. For a number of years Mr. McKenzie was associated with Robert Hyslop, now living at Lansing.

The McKenzie Milling Co. was organized in 1903, with Mr. McKenzie as secretary-treasurer and general manager, and under his supervision the business increased rapidly, the present capacity being 300 barrels of flour per day and 800 barrels of buckwheat flour.

The death of Mr. McKenzie in 1919, after a brief illness, was a hard blow for the company, but the business of the company was entrusted to his son, Carlton D. McKenzie, who graduated from the University of Michigan as mechanical engineer just in time to enter the World War, from which he was discharged a short time before his father’s death, serving as Ensign in the navy. The subsequent success of the business has proved that no mistake was made in placing Carlton in charge of the business after his father’s removal by death.

Much credit for the success of the business is due Mr. Lee A. Barron, cousin of the present manager, who has been with the company as bookkeeper since 1905, and secretary of the company since Mr. McKenzie’s death in 1919.”

What’s Coming in January:

Adult Fiction:

<i>Mrs. Lincoln’s Rival</i>	by Chiaverini, Jennifer
<i>Eggs in a Casket</i>	by Childs, Laura
<i>That Old Black Magic</i>	by Clark, Mary Jane
<i>Cell</i>	by Cook, Robin
<i>Dark Wolf</i>	by Feehan, Christine
<i>Fear Nothing</i>	by Gardner, Lisa
<i>The Way of All Fish</i>	by Grimes, Martha
<i>The Invention of Wings</i>	by Kidd, Sue Monk
<i>River Road</i>	by Krentz, Jayne Ann
<i>Killing Cupid</i>	by Levine, Laura
<i>Forget Me Not</i>	by Michaels, Fern
<i>Carthage</i>	by Oates, Joyce Carol
<i>First Love</i>	by Patterson, James/
Raymond, Emily/Illingworth, Sasha	
<i>Still Life with Bread Crumbs</i>	by Quindlen, Anna
<i>In the Blood</i>	by Unger, Lisa
<i>Standup Guy</i>	by Woods, Stuart

Non-Fiction:

<i>Your Life Calling</i>	by Pauley, Jane
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This is now the location of Ace Hardware on the southeast corner.



Current site of the Citgo gas station.



Days Gone by...

Quincy Library Board

The Quincy Library Board meets every month on the second Wednesday and monitors the activities, programs and budgets of the library. Things have been moving along smoothly so the board has been pretty quiet this year.

The usual observance of March is Reading Month found Lisa at the elementary school reading to the classes. Steven's Puppets funded by the Baldwin Endowment Fund entertained at the library for National Library Week in April. Children's Book Week was celebrated by handing out treats to children checking out books. The Summer Reading Program "Dig into Reading" was highlighted by an Amphibian/Reptile program by the Kalamazoo Nature Center. The Great Timbini Magic Show, by Marnie Szafranski once again led Imaginative Arts at the library

and the Quincy Library hosted the District Board meeting in July.

In October, the Foundation Board elected the following officers: President, Teddy Sinclair; Vice President, Mary Jo Kranz; Secretary, Judy Dobson; Treasurer, Connie Karney and Trustees, Carol Ludlow, Barb Rockhold and Lisa Wood. In November, the Library Board re-elected the current officers for our 2013-2014 year.

Also at the October meeting, Scott Baldwin of Baldwin Capital Management, who oversees the Jane Baldwin Endowment Fund met with the Board to answer any questions we might have had concerning the Fund or investing in general.

The Board is excited as we look ahead to the 2014 year and all the challenges and rewards ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Dobson, Secretary

New York Times Bestseller List

Combined Print & E-Book Fiction

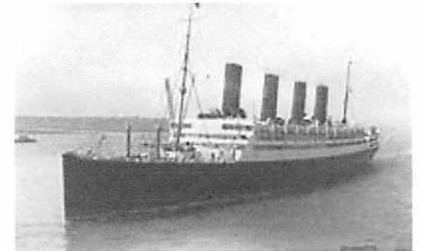
1. **SYCAMORE ROW**, by John Grisham
2. **DOCTOR SLEEP**, by Stephen King
3. **COMMAND AUTHORITY**, by Tom Clancy with Mark Greaney
4. **THE GOLDFINCH**, by Donna Tartt
5. **INFERNO**, by Dan Brown

Combined Print & E-Book Non Fiction

1. **THINGS THAT MATTER**, by Charles Krauthammer
2. **KILLING JESUS**, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
3. **LONE SURVIVOR**, by Marcus Luttrell and Patrick Robinson
4. **DAVID AND GOLIATH**, by Malcolm Gladwell
5. **GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SECRET SIX**, by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

INTERESTING TIDBITS....

- If you commute to work every day, taking an hour to get to work and an hour to return home, between the ages of 22 and 65, you will have spent two and a half years in transit.
- A bride stands to the groom's left at a wedding so that his sword hand would be free. Apparently, Anglo-Saxon brides were often kidnapped before a wedding and brawls were common. That's also why the best man stands with the groom; the tribe's best warrior was there to help the groom defend the bride.
- The *Titanic* was the first ship to use the S.O.S. signal. It was adopted as the international signal for distress in 1912 and the *Titanic* struck the iceberg in April of that year.
- Influenza got its name from the fact that people believed the disease was caused by the evil "influence" of stars. The worldwide "Spanish flu" epidemic which broke out in 1918 killed more than 30 million people in less than a year.
- The phrase "raining cats and dogs" originated in 17th century England. During heavy downpours of rain, many of these poor animals unfortunately drowned and their bodies would be seen floating in the rain torrents that raced through the streets. The situation gave the appearance that it had literally rained "cats and dogs" and led to the current expression.
- The U.S. interstate highway system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These sections can be used as airstrips in a time of war or other emergencies.



QUINCY LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon., Tues., Fri. 2 - 6 PM
 Wednesday 2 - 9 PM
 Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM
 Closed Thursday

STORY HOUR

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:00 PM
 PHONE: 639-4001

Volume 1

January, 1982

Number 1

GREETINGS FOR 1982: The Friends of the Quincy Public Library send you good wishes for the new year. This is the first issue of a newsletter which we hope to publish at least quarterly. When our organization really gets going, maybe it can be a monthly undertaking.

We hope to acquaint you with our new group and our aims and goals for helping the library become of greater service to the people of Quincy and Quincy Township. So read on to find out what is going on....

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WE ORGANIZED - A group of women who had shown interest in our library met over a year ago at the home of Jane Schultz to see if there was enough interest to form a group dedicated to assisting our library. An informal core group has been working since that time, donating time at the library (filing, typing, clipping, assisting at the desk, etc.) We have also met and made plans for assisting in a story hour for pre-school children, a summer reading program and publishing a newsletter.

We decided that to be a member of the Friends of the Library would include \$3 yearly dues and participation in whatever activities of the library appealed to you. To be an Associate Member would cost \$5 yearly and would be in a financial support mode only, for those who support the library but do not have any extra time. Contributions from groups or individuals are also welcomed and will be put toward current projects. Contributions of service only are appreciated too.

The library offers many services and is now trying to continue these services and add even more while at the same time having to do with less help due to the new economic decisions of the government. We are trying to help fill the gap. If you are interested in learning more, contact Dorothy Marshall or any of our officers who are: Co-Presidents, Connie Karney and Leonna Hard; Treas., Catherine Red; Secretary, Ruth Smith. Monthly meetings are held at 10:00 AM on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

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SOME PROJECTS: Our first undertaking of the year was to help with the summer reading program at the library. We had 100 children participating and that was the largest group that the library has ever had. The summer included the usual pet parade through downtown Quincy. Dorothy started this program three years ago and it grows each year.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR is now being held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:00 PM. This started on December 2. Some of the people who have helped with this so far are: Karen Karney, Connie Karney, Joanne Gilchrest and Leonna Hard. We need some more younger mothers with children in this age group to help with this. (Could you come in and read a few stories one day a month? Or help keep order in the group while someone else reads? We need you.)

OUR FIRST money-making project was a baked goods sale at the Community Lazaar held at the Legion Home. With the proceeds, we will purchase a postal permit for mailing this newsletter. The permit costs \$70 for the first year and it will also cost about 4¢ to mail each copy. We thank the Legion Auxiliary for letting us join the bazaar.

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 * IF YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA FOR OUR LIBRARY, LET US KNOW! *
 * LET'S KEEP OUR LIBRARY GROWING! *
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Flashback...

Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invites you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2014. 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.

2014 Quincy Library Board

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Judy Dobson – Secretary
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