

Quincy Branch Library

A service of the Branch District Library

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Library Hours:

Sunday / Monday - Closed

Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - Closed

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

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Branch Manager's Message

The summer is a fun-filled time at the Quincy Branch Library. The theme for the Summer Reading Program is "Fizz, Boom, Read" ! Up to this point, over 120 children have signed up and are reading for fun. We have had and still have great programs coming up for children of all ages. Funding was provided for Western Michigan University to come and present "Volcanoes!" and it was a great time. Local Storyteller Larry Todak came to entertain a great bunch of children and the Friends provided cookies afterward. Tim Baldwin, "The Great Timbini" wowed his crowd with his amazing magic last week. We always enjoy local artist Marni Szafranski and her willingness to share her talent with the area children each Friday morning. Her last "Imaginative Arts" session is July 11.

We look forward to:

Quincy Middle School teacher Shawn Knaack who will be bringing "Science Fun" on July 16 at 2 pm; Dynamic West programs will present on July 29 at 1 pm and we will close out our summer fun with the Kalamazoo Nature Center on July 30 at 1:30 pm. Be sure to bring the

children in your lives to these fun and free programs!

During this wonderful summertime, enjoy, but don't be fearful to go in the water after reading the Quincy Herald August 7, 1896 installment of the "Item of Interest from Days of Old " section of this newsletter!

- Lisa L. Wood, Branch Manager

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

September is a time for many of our children's "first" experiences, including the first day of school and the first time playing a sport. Why not add another first, a child's first library card?! With a Branch District Library Card, your child can discover many wonderful books and programs offered at our Quincy Branch, or the other branches in our library system: Alganssee, Bronson, Coldwater, Sherwood or Union Township.

Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help strengthen their language skills and build a strong vocabulary. Can

you imagine reading 1000 books to your child before they enter kindergarten? If you read only one bedtime story every night for three years you will have read 1095! If you read 10 books each week for two years, you will have read 1040. Double that rate to read 1000 books in one year!

Parents or guardians can sign-up their child for a (no-cost) library card and begin the reading adventure! Let us know when you reach 1000 books and we will put your name on the Reading Wall of Fame! This program does not have a definitive end date. It is designed for you to read with your child at your child.

Library Card Sign-Up Month is September 2014:

<http://www.ala.org/librarycardsignup>

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month - a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is @ your library® - it's your library card. September was first so designated in 1988, as a continuation of a national campaign launched the previous year.

Library Board Message

As those of you know who experienced winter in Michigan, the weather was not kind. Two board meetings were canceled due to the weather so our activity has been limited.

The Quincy Branch Library building had to have a fire escape route installed on the upper floor. That has been put in place. Makes one wonder how in the world we've survived all this time without one!

The mulch was replenished and the urns filled in time for the arrival of President and Mrs. Lincoln and entourage by train on May 23rd. If you have never been present at the short program, it is your loss. Very few places in the United States can Civil War re-enactors arrive by train, conduct a short program on the library steps and then return by train to Coldwater to continue their Civil War program there. The weekend is a great opportunity to learn and enjoy. It is dedicated to the re-enactment - we only need to avail ourselves of all those programs provided. I understand the cemetery tour was a great success, also.

The NIKA Club of Quincy has an annual auction of purchased and/or handmade articles and the proceeds are donated to the Quincy Branch Library. This year the group donated \$1835 for use by the library. We are so very thankful for support such as this from the community.

An interesting note: At the annual Quincy Historical Society meeting, Warren Lun received the 2014 Preservation Award for the restoration of the 1860 Button Hose Cart Fire Apparatus used by the 19th century Quincy Fire Department (on display at the Quincy Museum). Since the library houses an antique fireman's helmet, trumpet and belt, Lisa was asked to bring those items to the annual meeting. As she was looking the helmet over, she saw the name C.V.R. Pond and immediately recognized it as a Quincy man who had fought in the Civil War and who is listed in the GAR records. Due to items found by Mary Dawn Dobson and Teddy Sinclair, who have spent hours (days - months- years!) researching records to complete their project, the name was familiar. Colonel Cornelius VanRennselear Pond was editor and proprietor of the Quincy Herald, postmaster and Chief Engineer of the Quincy Village Fire Department (1876). Just goes to show, we are all connected somehow, someway. It is always a bright spot when research all comes together.

The library has great programs scheduled for this summer for the youth of the community. We hope you have/will take advantage of those planned events. Lisa always has sheets to pick up in the library listing everything available.

- Judy Dobson, Secretary of Library Board

Upcoming Library Events

The Great Timbini Magician	July 2	1 pm
Quincy Advisory Board meeting	July 9	9 am
Imaginative Arts session	July 11	10 am
Science Fun	July 16	2 pm
Summer Reading program ends	July 19	
Goodie bags can still be picked up for another week		
Friends of the Library meeting	July 22	4 pm
Dynamic West program	July 29	1 pm
Kalamazoo Nature Center	July 30	1:30 pm
BDLS meeting at Quincy Branch	Aug 18	5:30 pm
Quincy Daze	Aug 23	10-2 pm
Friends of the Library will be in the Quincy Park		
Quincy Advisory Board meeting	Sept 10	9 am
Quincy Advisory Board meeting	Oct 8	9 am
Friends of the Library meeting	Oct 28	4 pm
Friends Book Sale	Nov 7 & 8	
During library hours		



Around Town...

May 3 - September 27	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Quincy Farmer's Market every Saturday in the Downtown Courtyard	
Every Thursday from June 12 to August 28 (except Aug 7)	7:00 pm
Entertainment in the Park	
August 15	
Q-Town Run, 5K & 10K	
September 26	5:30 pm
Quincy Homecoming Parade	
October 31	6:00 pm
Quincy Halloween Parade	
December 5	6:00 pm
Quincy Lights Event	

Did you know...

- George Washington died the last hour of the last day of the last week of the last month of the last year of the 18th century
- If two flies were left to reproduce without predators or other limitations for one year, the resulting mass would be the size of the earth.
- The reason firehouses have circular stairways comes from when the horses were stabled on the ground floor. The horse figured out how to walk up straight staircases.
- You can cut up a starfish into pieces and each piece will grow into a completely new starfish.
- In Northern parts of China it was once a common practice to shave pigs. When the evenings got cold, the Chinese would take a pig to bed with them for warmth and found it more comfortable if the pig shaven.
- It is possible to lead a cow upstairs... but not downstairs.
- The smallest book in the Library of Congress is *Old King Cole*. It is 1/25 of an inch by 1/25 of an inch. The pages can only be turned with the use of a needle.
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain, was the first novel ever to be written on a typewriter.
- There is one mile of railroad track in Belgium for every one and a half square miles of land.
- A "hairsbreadth away" is 1/48 of an inch.



Test Your Knowledge of Library Facts

See how much you know about library history....

Giacomo Casanova was a prolific author and in some circles, he is referred to as "the world's greatest lover." Is it true that he was also a librarian?

YES. Even though it was many years after his heyday, Casanova spent the latter part of his life as a librarian for Count Waldstein of Bohemia

Founded on April 24th, 1800, this library is listed by "The Guinness Book of World Records," as the "World's Largest Library." In which country is this library?

UNITED STATES. The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, in terms of space and volume. It is the primary source of research requests by the US Congress. The Library of Congress hosts a website as well as online catalog of its holdings.

It was one year prior to the 1896 Olympic Games. In which US city was one of the largest metropolitan public library founded?

BOSTON. The Boston Public Library became one of the first, if not the first library, of significant size to open its doors to the public. Any resident of the state of Massachusetts may borrow materials or conduct research at this library. This is inscribed on the wall of the main branch of the library, "The Commonwealth requires the education of the people as the safeguard of order and liberty."

In Appreciation...

IN MEMORY OF...

Janice Laney
Mel & Vicki Budd
Sally Ball
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Quincy Village Staff & Council

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Mary Dawn Dobson
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In Honor of...

Judy Dobson
Gary & Connie Karney

Charles "Rock" Rockhold
Connie Harmon

THANK YOU TO...

Jeannette Barry - for the donation of nice audio CDs

Mary Dawn Dobson - for the hours of continuing research on our Civil War monument/soldier names

Item of Interest from Days of Old...

Quincy Herald – August 7, 1896

"At various times during the past few years a strange looking object has been seen by various persons in Marble lake, south of this village, but for fear of being laughed at and accused of having snakes in their boots have said but little about the matter. While out fishing a short distance from shore between Cedar Pont and Lukesport one day last week, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Barnes got a good view of a strange looking object, which Mr. Barnes describes as looking like a monstrous sea serpent. They got within about 50 feet of it and could plainly see six or seven feet of its length, and think it might be ten or twelve feet long, and had an ugly looking head, as large as a common sized dog's head, which was plainly seen above water. Mr. Barnes proposed to go close enough to the object to hit it with the paddle, but his wife being a little timid objected, and they kept at a safe distance. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are considered cool and level headed, and are not apt to become unduly excited, and what they say is worthy of credence. M.L. Segur and others, who were riding in the same waters Sunday in Mr. Segur's pleasure boat, saw something that looked like the fins of a very large fish sticking out of the water, and may have been the same object seen by Mr. and Mrs. Barnes. A few years ago a monstrous sturgeon was caught in this lake and it is not improbable that there are others there.

Coldwater Republican – February 1, 1873

Yesterday morning was much the coldest of the season, several thermometers marking 30° and 32° below zero, and one gentleman in the country reports that his went down to 38°. A pleasure party went sleigh riding the night before, and several of the young men had their ears and hands badly frosted.

Coldwater Republican – February 8, 1873

Some of our people are agitating the question of changing the name of our village post office, etc. The reason given is that our mails, express matter, etc., are often miscarried, especially to Quincy, Ill. It is said that there are fifteen post offices named Quincy, besides several others with similar names, causing many mistakes.

Coldwater Republican – February 15, 1873

The meeting called to consider the change of name for our town is to convene today. We opine from expressions already made that no change will be made. It is rather amusing to hear the objections made, so ridiculous are many of them; but really we are attached to the name, and think we have a reputation not to be ashamed of.

Did You Know This About Quincy?

In 1830 the first land entries were made in Quincy by Norris Wilson. As this was the route taken by travelers from Detroit to Chicago, the first establishment was a tavern. With lumber, purchased from the Hodunk saw mill, the first log dwellings were converted to frame houses. At first the people petitioned the legislature to call the town Springville. But another area had chosen the name therefore, the citizens selected the name Quincy, in honor of Dr. Hiram Alden's hometown of Quincy, Mass.

In the 1870s, Quincy was a growing metropolis of 1,800 people; five churches; three newspapers; six factories; three mills; one foundry; two banks; 40 stores; five agencies; one marble cutter; one news depot; two livery stables; five blacksmith shops; two tailor shops; one dentist; four physicians; one undertaker and three lawyers.

Summer Reading Fun !!

Imaginative Arts sessions have been great fun!



Storyteller Larry Todak was a hoot! The Great Timbini returned again this summer!



WMU helped us create volcanoes !!!



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