

# 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 - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

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## Branch Manager's Message

The library has been a busy place over the winter, with much Internet usage, Story Hour busyness, a Valentine Card-making workshop and more.

Congratulations to Marni Szafranski on being selected from a random drawing in the "Winter Blahs" February adult contest. She received the Goodie Basket, compliments of the Friends of the Library. Adults will have another chance to win during the Summer Reading Program. Watch for details!

Many thanks to Jeanne Berg for leading our "One Community, One Book" book discussion. All six library branches held book discussions during the month of March on the book, "One Second After" by William Forstchen. Jeanne will be greatly missed as she has retired as Bookkeeper from the Branch District Library System. We wish her all the best.

Stop by the library during the week of April 14 to help celebrate National Library Week and see all that we

have to offer. Enjoy "Rumplestiltskin", presented by Stevens Puppets on Wednesday, April 15 at 3:30 pm, at no cost to the public. Bring that special child in your life for cookies before the show. Another free program adults and older children will greatly enjoy is Diana Lutz' presentation on Migrating Birds on Saturday, April 18 at 11 am.

All are welcome to attend the Annual Friends of the Library meeting, hosted by the Quincy Branch this year. Socializing, snacks and good conversation will begin at 6:30 pm with light refreshments served.

Be sure to put May 16 on your calendar to meet local author Isaac Veysey-White who writes under the pen name I.C. Atwell. This will be a great time to hear about his writing process and new book, "True Dusk"!

Check out this line: "no acts of lawlessness are reported" , further in this newsletter, from the Quincy Herald 1903 article on a large Quincy fire. What a great act of community!

Lisa Wood  
Branch Manager

## Upcoming Events

**April 21 6:30 pm**  
Annual Friends of the Library meeting - Quincy Branch

**April 28 4:00 pm**  
Quincy Friends of the Library meeting - Lower Level

**May 16 11:00 am**  
Visit with the Author - Main Level

**June 9 - July 25**  
Summer Reading Program

**June 18 2:00 pm**  
Kalamazoo Nature Center Animal Heroes - Lower Level

**July 8 TBA**  
The Great TIMBINI!

**Friday art sessions:**  
**June 19 & 26 10:00 am**  
**July 10 & 17 10:00 am**  
Front Lawn

Dates will be announced for visits from a Michigan State Trooper and his dog, as well as our Quincy Police and Firefighters!

## “I didn’t know the library had that...”

- 255 Books on Audio CD
- 6428 Children’s books, 58 Children’s Audio CDs
- Melcat service – Michigan Electronic Catalog; we borrow books throughout the state – often!
- 4,314 Adult Fiction books
- 3,184 Adult Non-Fiction books
- 58 Music CDs
- 450 Large Print books
- Quincy Schools yearbooks and surrounding areas
- Coupons
- 25¢ late fine per item, per day (Maximum: \$5.00 per item)
- Non-resident Library Card: \$20.00/annually
- Plat maps and over 200 other Genealogy items
- Quincy Herald newspapers on microfilm from 1891-1967
- Old city directories
- Lakeview Cemetery index
- Fax service, \$1.00 per page to send, 50¢ per page to receive
- Lamination is available for \$1.00 for an 8 ½ x 11 size or smaller, and \$2.00 for any sheet 8 ½ x 11 and larger - up to a posterboard.

Through this newsletter and word of mouth, we try to inform our patrons of the variety of information available or information we can get from other libraries via Interlibrary Loan.

Libraries contribute to the quality of life; they are one of those institutions that make a strong community. The Quincy Branch Library and the Branch District Library System, friends and children who use the library, appreciate continued support.

## Did You Know?

- Remember! We are now open 32 hours a week!
- 21,120 books and materials were checked out in 2014
- Current registered borrowers from Quincy Township, Village, more from Butler, Coldwater, Algansee, California, Allen, Reading, Kinderhook, Ovid, Union, Litchfield and Girard total: 2815 library card holders
- Total reference questions answered in 2014: 1,240
- Overdue fines for 2014: \$1,784.79
- Overdue fines collected in 2014: \$1,385.69

- Photocopying in 2014 brought in: \$ 622.55
- Total books/materials in Quincy’s collection: 18,725
- Periodical/magazine subscriptions with a 14-day checkout: 39
- We are pleased to receive good quality donations that are often used in our collection or Friends book sales (the first Friday & Saturday in June and November)

## Lost and Found

*Found inside the cover of an old library book regarding book checkouts in 1931:*

1. Residents of the Township of Quincy 12 years of age may draw books, signing his or her name, with satisfactory surety to the agreement found in the rules.
2. Any person living outside of the Township of Quincy may draw books from the Library under these rules by paying an annual fee of 75 cents.
3. Any person of good deportment and habits may consult the Library during Library hours.
4. Only one book may be taken at a time to be retained not exceeding fourteen days and redrawn for a like period.
5. No person shall lend a book to one not a member of the same household.
6. Ten cents per week shall be paid as a fine for retaining books beyond the time permitted.
7. Writing in books and turning down leaves are unconditionally prohibited.
8. Any person may be suspended from the privileges of the Library and Reading Room for violation of any of the rules.

## “Quincyites”! share memories of Quincy at Quincy Daze!

Quincy Daze will be held August 22-23; the Friends of the Quincy Library will have a shaded table, giveaways and photos displayed on Saturday, August 23 from 9-2

We would love to have individuals sit at our booth for any length of time to chat with the public about Quincy history or our display of old photos! Let us know if you are interested.

# In Appreciation...

## In Memory of...

**Burton Easler**  
Ann Lown

**Donald Far**  
Dorothy Far

**Robert Patrick Gardner**  
David & Renee Hardy

**Albert Geiger**  
Mike & Ann Nowicki

**Wayne Laney**  
Don & Sally Ball  
Ann Lown

**Margaret Lovell**  
Jim & Virginia Taylor  
Carol Brown  
Mary Jo Kranz  
Roy & Shirley Tappenden  
Don & Sally Ball

**Tia Macklin**  
Don & Sally Ball

**Donna Omo**  
Roy & Shirley Tappenden  
Helen Reichart  
John & Delores Alexander  
Ron & Kathy Will  
Marian Condra

**Kenneth Pask**  
Carolyn VanRiper

**Myrta Scott**  
Dave & Renee Hardy

**Doug Thompson**  
Keith Hayward

**Marie Tripp**  
Ann Lown

**Joan K. Wirtz**  
Dave and Renee Hardy

## In Honor of...

**Leon & Evlyn Parrish**  
Joe & Barb Strittmatter

## Donations:

Mike & Ann Nowicki  
Dan & Judy Dobson  
Joan Synder

## Thank You:

**Linda Finley** – for the frequent donations of Love Inspired books. They always come to us looking brand new.

**Alice Bowerman** for the 1879 Illustrated *History of Branch County* and the “1892 *Glimpses of the World*”.

**Chuck Cook** for the beautiful refinishing of the library front doors.

## Money Matters

**April** certainly makes us think about our money and taxes. When looking for good resources, look no further than your local library. The first thing most people think about regarding the Library is books. A quick search in our catalog for just the Quincy Branch on "[Personal Finance](#)" returns over 30 results. Many of these titles are available in ebook and audio formats. Check out some of the following:

*The Money Class: learn to create your American Dream* by Suze Orman

*The Total Money Makeover* by Dave Ramsey -- also available as an electronic resource

*Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money*  
*Your Money After the Big 5-0: wealth for the second half of life* by Larry Burkett and Ron Blue

*Scam-Proof Your Life: 377 Smart Ways to Protect You & Your Family From Ripoffs, Bogus Deals & Other*

*Consumer Headaches* by Sid Kirchheimer  
*Your Money Map: a Proven 7-Step Guide to True Financial Freedom* by Howard Dayton

*Dollars & Sense: a Mom's Guide to Money Matters* by Cynthia Sumner

*Start Over, Finish Rich: 10 Steps to Get You Back on Track* by David Bach

*Cheaper, Better, Faster: Over 2,000 Tips and Tricks to Save You Time and Money Every Day* by Mary Hunt

*Quicken Willmaker Plus 101 Law Forms for Personal Use* by Ralph Warner & Robin Leonard  
*Debt Free for Life: the Finish Rich Plan for Financial Freedom* by David Bach



# From the Quincy Herald newspaper – October 1, 1903

## 1903 Old Wooden Row Fire

### DISASTROUS FIRE

*Quincy is Visited by the Most Destructive Fire in its History  
Five Business Houses Burned Out*

*The clanking of the fire bell about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon sent our people to the street in a hurry and dense smoke issuing from the front and rear of L.A. Lytle's bakery and restaurant told them that a fire had been started which would require hard and persistent fighting to overcome, as the row of wooden buildings in which the fire started were of a highly combustible nature.*

*The fire started from a gasoline stove in the rear part of the Lytle restaurant. It seems some of the gasoline had dripped down to the bottom part of the stove, and when Mrs. Charles Farwell, who was doing the cooking there, lit the stove to get supper the fluid below took fire and very soon the whole room was in flames. After lighting the stove Mrs. Farwell stepped across the room for some purpose, but soon discovering that the gasoline was on fire she attempted to put out the blaze with her apron, but that caught fire immediately and she quickly tore it off, and in attempting to subdue the flames, which had caught in her clothing, her right hand and wrist were quick badly burned and have been very painful since. The wonder is that she escaped without more serious injury.*

*The firemen responded promptly and in a very few minutes hose were laid and a stream of water was turned onto the fire both in front and rear. The heavy pressure proved too much for the old hose and they burst almost immediately, which necessitated a change and a few minutes precious time was lost, which enabled the fire to gain much headway. The buildings were old, very inflammable, and burned like tinder, and in ten minutes after the fire started the entire rear part of the building where it originated was a seething mass of flames which quickly spread to the adjoining building on the west, occupied by A.L. Lytle with hardware stock, and despite the heroic efforts of the firemen to stay the progress of the flames, water seemed to have little effect, and the flames gradually and quickly eat its way to the third and fourth stores, occupied by Clinton Joseph with drugs, groceries, wall paper, etc., and by C.R. Wilcox with stock of boots and shoes. When it became evident that these buildings were going, the crowd turned in and hustled the goods to the streets, nearly all of Lytle's hardware stock and Wilcox's shoe stock being removed, also part of Joseph's stock of drugs and groceries. Sherwood & Clark, who conducted a meat market in the corner store, owned by J.C. Rogers, removed their fixtures and canned goods to the street, their stock of meats being left in the large refrigerator and was uninjured. The fire was overcome before much damage was done to the Rogers' building, except to the roof and upper rooms, which Mr. Rogers expects to repair at once. Sherwood & Clark moved the things back yesterday and opened up for business again in the afternoon. They were insured for \$300.*

*The entire second story and rear part of the four stores was entirely burned away before the firemen got the flames under*

*control after an hour's hard work, and though the front, which is brick veneered, still stands, the buildings are practically ruined and beyond repair. It is probable they will be replaced soon by substantial brick structures. The loss on buildings and contents will probably not exceed \$12,000.*

*The building where the fire originated was owned by N. Crouch and wife, who paid \$1,800 for lot and building. No insurance. L.A. Lytle and family occupied the first floor as bakery and restaurant and the upper story for living apartment. They lost practically everything except the clothes they wore. They carried no insurance and their loss is a hard blow. They moved here from Fremont, Ind., about a year ago and bought the Hallack restaurant, moving to the Crouch building some two months ago, which was fixed up nicely for them and they were doing a good business. The family is stopping temporarily with Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Gripman, the latter being Mrs. Lytle's niece.*

*The store occupied by A.L. Lytle with hardware stock was owned by C.B. Wilcox, of Toledo. No insurance on either building or contents. Mr. Lytle's goods were moved to Burch & Ryan's warehouse in a more or less damaged condition. His loss is a severe blow. As yet he has made no plans for the future, Mrs. Farwell, mentioned above, occupied the living rooms above and lost all her household goods and clothing.*

*Clinton Joseph carried \$2000 insurance on his stock of drugs, etc., but the building, owned by M.S. Segur, was not insured. The goods removed from the store were placed in the marsh store temporarily.*

*C.R. Wilcox carried \$1500 insurance on his shoe stock, and the building, owned by Mrs. A.J. Wright, of Toledo and partially destroyed, was insured for \$500. Mr. Wilcox's shoe stock was placed in E.K. Pearce's west store, where he will resume business as soon as his loss is adjusted.*

*As yet nothing has been done by the insurance companies to adjust the losses and the owners of the burned buildings have not yet decided what they will do in regard to rebuilding, but something will probably be done within a few days.*

*The firemen are deserving of much praise for their heroic and faithful work. Men women and children all aided in saving goods and no acts of lawlessness are reported.*

*The upper story of the Bennett store, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, was smoked some and part of their household goods removed, but no particular damage was done. The brick wall of this building prevented the fire spreading east of the building where it started.*

*Mayor Campbell, of Coldwater, came down Tuesday afternoon to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Mich. Reunion, and being present while the fire was in progress, kindly tendered the aid of Coldwater department, which was accepted, and about 5:30 a steamer arrived, accompanied by a force of 16 firemen, and though their services were not required, the kindly offer of assistance was no less appreciated. The firemen were given supper at the Commercial [Hotel].*

*Frank Evans, who occupied rooms over the market, had his effects badly damaged by smoke and water.*

## From the Quincy Herald newspaper – October 8, 1903

### *Echoes from the Big Fire*

*No definite plans have yet matured in regard to rebuilding the burned stores, but negotiations are under way with that end in view.*

*The buildings destroyed by fire last week were about the oldest business houses in town, having been built upwards of fifty years ago.*

*...Burley Shoemaker had rather hard luck at the fire. He was hit on the leg by the brass attachment on the end of one of the hose early in the fire and has been limping around ever since. Later while working at the fire he lost his pocketbook containing \$23, besides ruining a good suit of clothes.*

*...A subscription paper was circulated among the business men after the fire and \$62.25 raised for Mrs. L.A. Lytle and family, who conducted the restaurant where the fire originated, and who lost nearly all their household goods, clothing and restaurant fixtures in the fire. The family has since been stopping with Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Gripman.*

*Mrs. Charles Farwell, who lost all her household goods and clothing in the fire, has taken rooms in the wing of the brick building next to the railroad. She is in destitute circumstances and as yet unable to work on account of injuries received at the fire, having had her hand and wrist badly burned. She had eight dollars in her pocketbook in her room at time of fire, which was recovered partially burned and the bank redeemed four dollars of it. Any assistance in the way of clothing, household goods, etc., will be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Farwell in getting started again.*

## From the Quincy Herald newspaper – June 9, 1927

### *The Code of the Flag*

*Things you should know about the National colors, and how they should be used on each and every occasion for display.*

*June 14 is Flag Day, the day of the year when the nation honors and respects the American flag, the emblem of America. It is particularly fitting that one study the code of the flag. It should in no manner be used improperly or desecrated.*

*The flag code was adopted at a conference of 68 patriotic and veterans organizations which met at the call of the American Legion on June 14, 1923, in the city of Washington.*

*The late president Harding, in opening that conference, which met a scant six weeks before his death, told of the thrill it had always given him to raise his hand in salute to the flag of his country.*

*"And I would like to say to you that every salutation make my consecration to the country and to the flag a little more secure," he said.*

*The code, as put into force and effect at that time, and which is today the national code of flag etiquette, is as follows:*

*The flag should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset, or between such hours as may be designated by proper authority. It should be displayed on national and state holidays and on historic and special occasions. The flag should always be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously.*

*When carried in a procession with another flag or flags, the flag of the United States should be either on the marching right, i.e., the flag's own*

*right, or when there is a line of other flags the flag of the United States may be in front of the center of that line.*

*When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the flag of the United States should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.*

*When a number of flags are grouped and displayed from staffs, the flag of the United States should be in the center at the highest point of the group. When flags of states or cities or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the national flag should be always at the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs the flag of the United States should be hoisted first. No flag or pennant should be placed above or to the right of the flag of the United States.*

*When the flags of two or more nations are displayed they should be flown from separate staffs of the same height and the flags should be of approximately equal size. (International sage forbids display of the flag of one nation above that of another in time of peace.)*

*When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony or front of building, the union of the flag should go clear to the head of the staff unless the flag is half mast.*

*When the flag of the United States is displayed in a manner other than being flown from a staff it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right; i.e., to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed the same way; that is, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or drapings of blue, white and red are desired, bunting should be used, but never the flag.*

*When displayed over the middle of the street, as between buildings, the flag of the United States should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east-and-west street, or to the east in a north-and-south street.*

*When used on a speaker's platform, the flag should be displayed above and behind the speaker. It should never be used to cover the speaker's desk not to drape over the front of the platform. If flown from a staff it should be on the speaker's right.*

*When used in unveiling a statue or monument, the flag should not be allowed to fall to the ground, but should be carried aloft to wave out, forming a distinctive feature during the remainder of the ceremony.*

*When flown from half staff, the flag is first hoisted to the peak and then lowered to the half staff position, but before lowering the flag for the day it is again raised to the peak. On Memorial day, May 30, the flag is displayed at half staff from sunrise until noon and at full staff from noon until sunset, for the nation lives and the flag is the symbol of the living nation.*

*When used to cover a casket the flag should be placed so that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave nor allowed to touch the ground. The casket should be carried foot first.*

*When the flag is displayed in church it should be from a staff placed at the congregation's right as they face the clergyman. The service flag, the state flag, or other flag, should be at the left of the congregation. If in the chancel, the flag of the United States should be placed on the clergyman's right as he faces the congregation and other flags on his left.*

*When the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should not be cast aside or used in any way that might be viewed as disrespectful to the national colors, but should be destroyed as a whole, preferably by burning or by some other method in harmony with the reverence and respect we owe the emblem representing our country.*

## Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invites you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2015. 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.

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