

— Quincy Branch Library —

Branch Manager's Message

April 2021

Spring has sprung and things are blooming at the library! According to the MDHHS guidelines at the time of this printing, we can have a 50% occupancy in our building, so that allows for plenty of room for patrons to visit.

The Winter Blahs Goodie Basket, compliments of the Friends of the Library, went to Wava Gano and a gas card to Phil Mainstone. Entries were collected for every two books read and over 60 books were read during the month of February!

The Friends group also provided ten copies of "The Book Woman of

Troublesome Creek" to the first ten patrons that asked for a copy! The book came with some treats also and was a great selection for the One County, One Book virtual discussions, led by Jeannie Berg. Jeannie has led several discussions at our branch and offered a great time for all that participated virtually during the month of March.

We are pleased to see patrons inside our building, though we will continue to offer curbside if needed. Just give us a call at 639.4001 and we will be glad to assist you. Be sure to take note of our new hours on page 2, now opening at 8am.

We are looking forward to the Summer Reading Program with the theme: Tails and Tales! Adults and children will be reading for fun and giveaways so stop in for details beginning June 7. We also anticipate some fun programs on the library back lawn. Here's to the coming summer!

Lisa L. Wood, Branch Manager

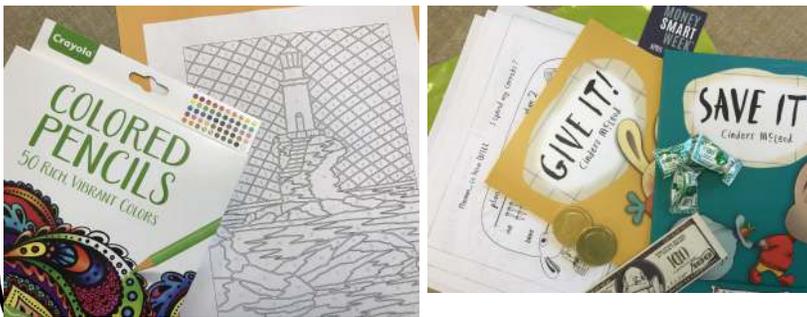


Great Grab 'n Go kits are available weekly for all ages at all our branches, just call and choose a pickup branch.

Check out our Facebook page on Friday's to see what is offered.

This month:

- **Smart Money Children's goodie bags**
- **Color by Number for adults**
- **Pet Rocks for Teens**



Thursday, April 22

Be kind to our earth,
Reduce, reuse, recycle!



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NEW HOURS!

Quincy Library Hours

Mon 10-6	Thu Closed
Tue 8-5	Fri 8-5
Wed 8-5	Sat 8-12
Sun-Closed	

The **Branch District Library System** has six library branches to serve your needs:

Alganssee,
Bronson,
Coldwater,
Quincy,
Sherwood and
Union Twp.



In Appreciation for Donations

In Memory of...

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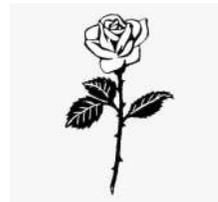
In Memory of Jane Baldwin
From: Judy Dobson

*"Really enjoy
the newsletter,
thanks so
much!"*

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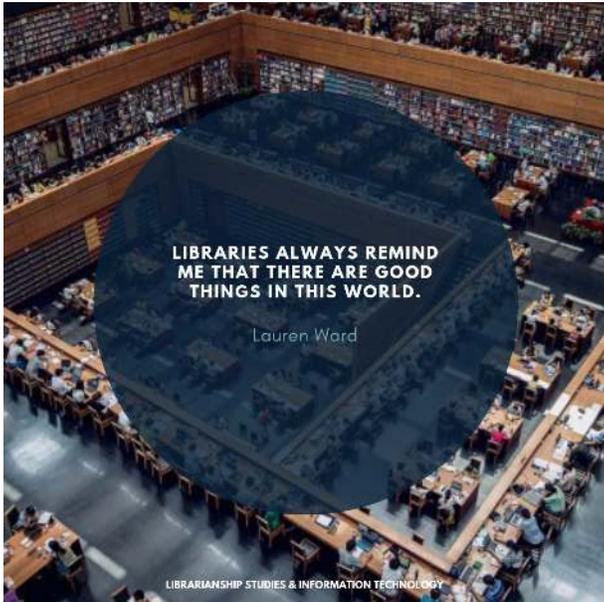
The Quincy Branch Library memorial program

has been in place for a number of years which offers individuals the opportunity to give toward book purchases *In Memory of* someone special or *In Honor of* someone special or a special occasion.

Checks to the **Quincy Library Foundation** can be mailed to 11 N. Main Street, Quincy, MI 49082 with information containing the individual's name and who the gift is from. Please provide a name and address of a family member and the library will send a notification card to the family indicating that a gift has been given in their loved one's name.

New books are purchased for the library collection according to need, but we gladly welcome subject matters or titles also that reflect the person in whose name the gift is being given. Book plaques are added inside the book front cover before being displayed on library shelves.

Gifts can also be designated to our Project Fund, which is used for library building needs. Previous projects have supported new lighting, a book drop and shelving.



Libraries are FREE, in so many ways...

Remember, if you have an E reader, check out our e-book collection on OverDrive at woodlands.lib.overdrive.com or enjoy Hoopladigital.com

Our Woodlands Library on OverDrive materials can also be accessed through the library's online catalog . Just call the library for more information, 639.4001.

Also remember that our library system is FINE FREE! There is no need to worry whether there will be fines on your returned materials. They can be returned in any Branch District Library book drop box. The Coldwater branch drop box is in a drive through location and our Quincy drop box is by our handicap parking spots and you are able to drive up to it and just roll down your window to use the drop slot.

Ancestry.com can be used for FREE from home at the present time and has always been free while using it from within the library.

Tutor.com - Connect with a real live tutor right now, no appointment required. Just tell them what you're working on, and Tutor.com will find someone to help you, usually in about 60 seconds.

Creativebug -offers online video arts and crafts workshops and techniques. Learn how to paint, knit, crochet, sew, screen print, and more.

Cool Facts about History

The Wright Brothers only flew together once (though both piloted the planes individually): on May 25, 1910 they took a six-minute flight piloted by Orville with Wilbur as his passenger.

Regardless of their size, naval tradition declares submarines be called "boats" rather than "ships."

Hedy Lamar was a famous Hollywood film actress who also invented what became modern day Wi-Fi.

Walt Disney started sketching regularly when he was just four years old.

Abraham Lincoln lost five separate elections before he became president of the U.S. (Never, ever, ever give up!)

Pablo Picasso entered art school around the age of 10. The Picasso Museum in Barcelona, Spain includes many "early works" from his childhood.

Frederick Douglass taught himself to read and write. His birth name was Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey. When he married he chose the last name Douglass after the hero clan in Sir Walter Scott's famous poem, *Lady of the Lake*.

Before European contact (which caused populations to diminish rapidly) California indigenous tribal groups spoke more than 200 unique dialects.

Amelia Earhart first saw a plane at the age of 10, but didn't take an airplane ride until 1920 when she was 23 years old.

Abe Lincoln was a professional wrestler long before he became the 16th President of the United States.

After landing in Ireland after her first solo Atlantic flight, a farmer asked Amelia Earhart where she was from. When she said America, he almost didn't believe her!

Frida Kahlo created 143 paintings. Of these, 55 were self-portraits.

Put June 4 & 5 on your calendar for the next Friends Book Sale!



Remember! Friends Book Sales are the first Friday & Saturday in June & November

Friends of the Quincy Library Update:

Join us Tuesday, April 27 in the library lower level for our first in-person meeting of the year. We look forward to planning our June 4 & 5 book sale, July 4 Pie Sale

The Friends group meets Tuesdays at 4pm in the lower level of the library. Anyone is welcome to attend. We would love to have you pop in to visit our friendly group.

Jody Willard, Friends President

You are currently receiving this newsletter from the Friends of the Library. If you would like your name removed from the mailing list, please email us at: quincy@branchdistrictlibrary.org

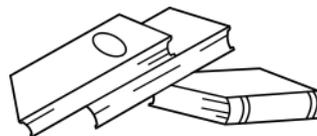


**New York Times
Best Sellers Fiction**

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| 1. <i>Win</i> by Harlan Coben | 6. <i>The Invisible Life of Addie Larue</i> by V.E. Schwab |
| 2. <i>The four Winds</i> by Kristin Hannah | 7. <i>Dark Sky</i> by C.J. Box |
| 3. <i>Life After Death</i> by Sister Souljah | 8. <i>We Begin at the End</i> by Chris Whitaker |
| 4. <i>The Midnight Library</i> by Matt Haig | 9. <i>Wild Sign</i> by Patricia Briggs |
| 5. <i>Klara and the Sun</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro | 10. <i>The vanishing Half</i> by Brit Bennett |

Best Sellers Nonfiction

- This is the Fire* by Don Lemon
- The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson
- Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey
- Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson
- How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* by Bill Gates
- Untamed* by Glennon Doyle
- A Promised Land* by Barack Obama
- The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee
- Just as I Am* by Cicely Tyson
- Think Again* by Adam Grant



Did You Know these Delicious Food Facts??

- ◆ The strawberry is the only fruit that bears seeds on the outside.
- ◆ Coffee became a popular drink in America after the Boston Tea Party of 1773: making the switch from tea to coffee was considered patriotic duty.
- ◆ Ice cream was once called "cream ice".
- ◆ Pound cake is so called because the recipes once called for a pound of butter, a pound of sugar, a pound of eggs and a pound of flour.
- ◆ Peanuts aren't nuts! (They're legumes.)
- ◆ Carrots weren't always orange: they were once exclusively purple.
- ◆ Cherries are a member of the rose family (*Rosaceae*) as are quince, pears, plums, apples, peaches and raspberries!
- ◆ Lima beans have an amazing ability to command wasps as a defense. If insects are eating the lima bean's leaves, the plant gives off a substance that acts as a signal to parasitic wasps to swoop in and destroy their enemy (i.e. the leaf-eating insects).
- ◆ Apples float because they are one quarter air!
- ◆ Ripe cranberries will bounce like a ball. (Go on, try it!). They also float.
- ◆ German Chocolate Cake is not from Germany. German is actually the last name of the man who invented a kind of baking chocolate (Sam German).



History of Quincy Part 2 By Hazel Forte (from 1910 QHS yearbook)

During the summer of '33 Mr. John Cornish put up a log cabin in which he might live until he could build a frame house. This cabin stood near where Mr. C.W. Jones now lives, which was formerly the Havens Wilbur property. Into this he moved his family, consisting of his wife and seven children. Here in this cabin Mr. John Barns, a brother of Mrs. Cornish, died. Relatives from Allen came to the funeral. There, with the first dead in Quincy, sat the relatives of the deceased. They sang a hymn and read a verse of scripture, after which Mr. Ichabod Burdick offered prayer. Then the rude coffin was placed in a wagon, and seventy-seven years ago the first funeral procession in Quincy moved slowly down the Chicago road to Allen for burial. In the autumn of the same year, in this cabin, was born a baby boy. He was named Allen Cornish.

In the spring of 1834, Mr. Cornish erected a frame house on the site where the Quincy House now stands. As soon as it was completed he moved in and opened a tavern. On account of its central location, the first township meeting was held in this tavern. This building, with all its contents, was burned in 1843, the first fire in Quincy.

If time and space would permit it would be interesting to trace the early history in detail, but such would require a volume in itself. Therefore I will mention only the most important events in Quincy's history.

By the year 1846 the population had increased so that it was thought necessary to form another township. An act by the Legislature (for in the previous October we had elected a Legislature and a governor, though we were not admitted into the Union as a State until '37), approved March 23, 1836, erected Quincy from Coldwater township. Quincy, by that act, included Algansee and California, which were not made separate townships until 1838.

In the petition to the Legislature asking for the formation of a new township, the people suggested the name Springfield or Springville, but as another had already adopted that name, Mr. Hiram Alden, who was then a prominent citizen, suggested the name Quincy, which was adopted. Some had disputed as to whether Mr. Alden named the place after Quincy, Mass., his former home, or in honor of John Quincy Adams. In 1853 the old tavern on the site of the Quincy House, one or two stores, a postoffice and a few dwelling houses were all Quincy could claim in the direction of village growth, but in the next few years a number of business and dwelling houses were erected. In 1953 the village was platted, the plat being signed by the owners of the site, whose names, Enos G. Berry, John Broughton, Wm. Arnold, Wm. Cold, Cyrus Lusk, Christopher Canly, and Martin Hawley, will doubtless be remembered by some of our present citizens.

Two years later, when it was estimated there were four hundred people on the village plot, the village was incorporated by the county board of supervisors, and from that time there has been a steady growth.

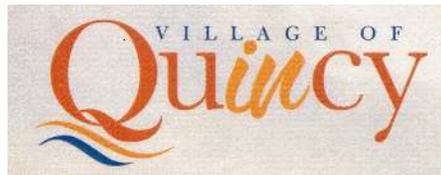
The building of the depot at this point on the railroad was a most important factor in the growth and progress of Quincy. It was through the efforts of Lucas Joseph and a few other prominent citizens that it was accomplished, as the railroad company wished to locate the situation a few miles east on the county line.

(Look for the conclusion in our July newsletter)



A typo occurred in the January newsletter in the Quincy Post Office history. This is the correct spelling of Cornelius Van Ranst Pond.

We thank his Great Grandson, Robert Pond of Texas, for this recent donation to our library.



Old Talent Building

This building was built about 1870. Mr. Allen Talant and Ted Etheridge in 1920 put in farm implements of all kinds and coal.

Mr. Talant bought out Mr. Etheridge's interest in 1828, and it was known as the A.J. Talant Coal Yard.

The building was destroyed in May of 1974 by a wrecking crew. The picture above shows it being torn down. The gas pumps were at the previous Mobil Station on E. Chicago Street.

Some unidentified by-standers watch the once stately building of Quincy's earlier days slowly bow out like a majestic lady.

Editor's note: the above facts were taken from Cora Newberry's history of Quincy.



In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

Ever wondered how to correctly fold an American flag? First, enlist a partner and stand facing each other, each holding both corners of one of the rectangle's shorter sides. Working together, lift the half of the flag that usually hangs on the bottom over the half that contains the blue field of stars. Next, fold the flag lengthwise a second time so that the stars are visible on the outside. Make a triangular fold at the striped end, bringing one corner up to meet the top edge. Continue to fold the flag in this manner until only a rectangle of star-studded blue can be seen.

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