

Timekeeping Software

We have had two successful payroll cycles now with UKG and have given notice to SwipeClock that we are exiting. Getting scheduling operational took longer than we were hoping, but we have that in place now, too.

Facilities Maintenance

There has been a lot of action in the past month. The Quincy Branch has a new water fountain for the first time ever! At the Coldwater Branch, there were issues with the boiler and the telephone lines, which affected the fire alarm and the elevator.

IT Department

Some web server updates required changing software libraries that power some of the behind the scenes functionality on the web site. You probably won't notice much of it, but you might notice the new look to the charts and graphs in the statistical report.

Woodlands Cooperative

Kimberly, Jessica, and I have all volunteered for committees with our library cooperative.

Meetings Attended

Bronson Friends of the Library, Library of Michigan Directors, Michigan Hi-Speed Internet Office Listening Tour, Coldwater DDA.

Submitted by John Rucker

Hoopla Bonus Borrows

The Hoopla Bonus Borrows are back for February! You can choose from more than a hundred titles in the Bonus Borrows collection. These Hoopla Instant titles take no borrows away from your monthly limit of six items. Bonus Borrows do not cost the library so we encourage everyone to stock up on these freebies.

Ingram

Last fall our primary materials vendor, Baker & Taylor, was a victim of a ransomware attack. We decided to expand our options for ordering books, movies, and other items. Ingram is the nation's largest vendor of these items and even provides for Amazon. A lot of different libraries decided this at the same time BDL did so it has taken some extra time. Any staff that contributes or places orders will receive training from Ingram. Early reviews seem positive as we learn about all the cool features!

Event Guide

The next edition of the Event Guide has arrived! This huge project includes a variety of staff. The branch managers, coordinators, and marketing team spend copious amounts of time prepping. It covers programs for all ages from March-May. Several staff has found new places in their communities where we can place extra copies.

Submitted by Kimberly Feltner



- February 4 was National Bring Your Child to the Library Day and all branches had patrons show up and celebrate! Branches celebrated with crafts and sweet treats.
- One Book One County is almost here! Jeanne Berg and I will be leading the discussions starting on March 21 at the Quincy branch for *The FireKeeper's Daughter*. Discussions will be held at all branches (and twice in Coldwater) during the last two weeks in March.
- Our first Summer Reading Program planning meeting was held on February 6. We are exploring different options for tracking this year and depending on Beanstack (our online reading tracker), we may do Bingo sheets!
- Free Trees for Earth Day! Neighborhood Forest is an organization that donates hundreds of thousands of trees to children across the world for Earth Day. We began this in 2021 and were given White Pines to plant, and last year we were sent Tamarack trees and I'm so excited to see what we get this year. Patrons must be signed up by February 28th to receive a tree in April.
- Staff Training is April 3 and I have been brainstorming! I've contacted two presenters and am waiting to hear back from them. The first half of the day will be training and the second half will consist of True Colors training for the 13 staff that need it while the rest of the staff will go do some Spring cleaning and their branches.
- I attended the Coldwater Community Center Program Committee meeting on February 10th. We discussed what outdoor programs can be planned in conjunction with the actual landscape going in around the Beech house.
- I attended the BCCN meeting at the Health Department on February 15.
- I attended the Great Start Collaborative Board Meeting on January 25.
- I joined the Woodlands Committee: Continuing Education.