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Riker Strong cut the ribbon to open Quincy's StoryWalk at the village park dedication Wednesday morning.

Library adds projects to encourage reading

Don Reid Coldwater Daily Reporter LUSA TODAY NETWORK

The Branch County Library dedicated a The Branch County Library dedicated a second StoryWalk for young readers and families at Quincy Village Park across from the library on Wednesday. And Coldwater approved a project to add several Little Free Libraries around the city on Monday.

Both community projects will encourage reading, especially among the young.

The district library constructed its first StoryWalk last summer in Heritage Park with donations from Coldwater Kiwanis. On Wednesday morning, the library ded-

icated the second, made possible by finan-cial support from local service clubs, businesses, and private individuals in Ouincy.

StoryWalk is a children's storybook along a walking route, each page displayed in large frames with special activity prompts en-couraging children to move while reading.

Quincy library branch manager Sarah Strong said, "We are thrilled to introduce StoryWalk® to Quincy, thanks to the incred-ible support from our community. This ini-tiative not only encourages children to

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Coldwater Kiwanis and Branch District Library will install eight book boxes like these in eight location around Coldwater and Coldwater Township. PROVIDIED BY COLDWATER KIWANIS

Library

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explore the joys of reading but also pro-motes active living in a fun and educa-

tional way." The first book displayed at the Quin-cy StoryWalk, "Wordy Birdy Meets Mis-ter Cougarpants," by Tammi Sauer, with lilustrations by Dave Mottrall, tells of a bird and her pals on a big camping trip. All are ready for a big night under the

stars, but the friends soon find them-selves in hot water when the dastardly serves in not water when the dastardiy Mr. Cougarpants stalks their campsite. The conclusion to the story is on the panels in Quincy Park. The Kiwanis Club of Coldwater will purchase and install Little Free Library

boxes throughout the area.

Coldwater includes four city parks: Heritage Park near the Story Walk, Wa-terworks Park near Lincoln School, Parkhurst Park near the Kids Kingdom play-ground, and the park located at the intersection of Grand and Hanchett Streets.

Others will go up at Coldwater Town-ship parks and the two apartment projects east of I-69

Ray Sebastian from Kiwanis saw the project in North Carolina developed by an international not-for-profit program and brought the idea back to Coldwater.

The little boxes would contain books for adults and children, free to pick up, take home, and read. The library in-tends to swap books between parks and

add new ones. Sebastian worked with Kimberly Feltner from the district library. He said

Kiwanis would help keep those book in-ventories circulating and that the clut would "Make sure the boxes are main-

Would "Make sure the boxes are mam-tained in good shape." Sebastian said, "we're going to be looking for donations. Once they're ur and going, hopefully they are self-sus taining."

Kiwanis will register the Coldwate oxes with the international Little Free Library boxes so people can use a phone app to locate them. — Contact Don Reid: dReid@Gan

nett.com

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Courtesy Branch District Library Facebook page

Second Branch District Library StoryWalk® opens in Quincy Park

By Jim Measel Jun 26, 2024 | 1:42 PM QUINCY, MI (WTVB) – A permanent StoryWalk® in the Quincy Park officially opened on Wednesday.

It's the second Branch District Library StoryWalk®. The other is in Coldwater's Heritage Park near Borden Field.

Sara Strong from the Quincy Library told the Quincy Village Council last October it would be targeted towards youngsters up to the age of 12 and the story would change quarterly.

The Library was able to fund the project thanks to donations from local businesses.

Under a contract approved by the Village Council last October, the library would have to maintain the walking path and its equipment.

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News coverage from Fox 17 Grand Rapids.