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Tell us how the library is doing.  
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Date: July 28, 2024 Time of Event: Library of Things

Library Branch or Department: Union Twp.

We have absolutely LOVED the Library of Things. Our family enjoyed the LED Frisbee and the vehicle Code Reader. We even renewed them to enjoy them longer. Thank you for the use of these items.

P.S. The frisbee could use a companion item of a hockey goalie mask... my mom got hit in the head and the mouth. She still had fun though!

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Name: [REDACTED]



Branch District Library Bronson Branch  
207 N. Mottson  
Bronson, MI 49028

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Library Branch or Department: Bronson Branch:

I am extremely disappointed to find out adults who complete the summer reading program will not be getting Branch County fair passes. I look forward every summer to participate in the summer program but this has made me change my mind. I will finish what I started but I won't do it again next year.

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# Work to begin on Algansee Township Hall

**Don Reid**

Coldwater Daily Reporter | USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

ALGANSEE TWP. – Work will begin in the next weeks on a new hall for Algansee Township after two years of debate and planning.

The board approved a construction contract with JKG Construction of Coldwater on Aug. 5 to build an 80-foot-by-40-foot new stand-alone hall to replace the current historic hall just to the south.



**Jennings**

Trustee Rod Bassage said the hall will be similar to the new Bethel Township hall on Snow Prairie Road. "Same construction, same contractor. The interior will be different (with more office space)," he said.

Retiring township supervisor Russ Jennings said the cost is \$326,000, with \$210,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act. "The rest will come from our general funds," he said.

Bassage said the bid accepted was just over \$100 a square foot, lower than recent and architect estimates. "We got a really good deal."

With the new septic system, the township board

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## Hall

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will build the new township hall in the current parking lot on 378 S. Ray-Quincy Road.

The township agreed to buy a half-acre to the north, but Paul Schilling donated the property and sold it for \$1.

Rather than tear down the historic 1877 town hall, the current building will become the Branch District Library – Algansee Branch, which has been housed since 1938 in the 1880 Safford's Store two miles south.

Jennings said the library, one of the most used in the county, outgrew that space years ago.

Although the township renovated the township building in 2008 to add offices, bathrooms, and storage, more renovations are needed.

The floors need to be stronger to hold books. Jennings said the District Library will contribute funds to help with renovations.

The township board first discussed building a new hall at the location but decided to look at other options. The cur-



The new Algansee Township Hall will go up on the parking lot after the trees are removed. The township will convert the current hall into the Branch District Library – Algansee Branch. DON REID/COLDWATER REPORTER

rent space is not adequate for elections. Former trustee John Schilling offered land at

the northeast corner of Central and Ray-Quincy roads, but the board could not agree.

Algansee looked at using the former Branch County Animal Shelter off Ray-Quincy Road

north of Fisher Road, which was damaged by fire in May 2015.

The cost of renovating exceeded the cost of building new at that time. Some township officials felt the location, a quarter mile off the road and on the north boundary of the township, was not satis-

factory.

A plan to add to the current building was impractical and cost more than a new structure.

Algansee officials expect to be in the new township hall after the first of the year.

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## Fair

This process is designed to teach those about raising livestock and marketing livestock.