

Comments

Comments received from patrons at all branch as part of the "Do You Love Your Library" campaign for National Library Week.

Algansee

Love our little Country Library.
The girls are very help-ful.
I Love all of our Monday
get togethers

Love the Girls
Love our little Country Library

~~THE~~ FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, ~~THE~~ PATRONS
ARE NICE, AS WELL, AS THE STAFF. I LIKE
THE PROGRAMS & CRAFTS, THE PEACEFUL AREA
WHERE ~~IT~~ IS ~~IS~~ LOCATED.

Everyone is so helpful, and my kids love the
programs that are offered.

Bronson

THE BEST PART OF THE BRONSON^{BRANCH} IS THE PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE.

THEY DO A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING^{ME} SUPPLIED WITH THE BOOKS
I'M INTERESTED IN.

THEY ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND HELPFUL. THEY MAKE COMING
INTO THE LIBRARY AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE.

What keeps me coming back is Lynnell, Steve and
Jessie. They are all just great to be around.
They are very helpful and provide me with lots
of BOOKS! If I didn't have this branch I
don't know what I'd do. They have a great
selection of books.
Librarians are great and the Bronson branch
is the greatest.

I have been going to our Library since
I was old enough to ride my bike. I loved
the feeling of the ~~the~~ old building & all the
books. It was a comforting feeling being there
still is. & Our librarians are so very helpful
& kind.

Bronson continued:

We would be "nowhere" without our Library!
It is so good to see "People" using the
Library. Coming & going all day long.
Our Librarian is a vital part of this
Community. I Think we all agree!

I absolutely love our local library.
We take advantage of numerous resources
and programs offered here. Such
as - Story time
- Fax services
- Printing services
- etc.

Coldwater

I love to read. The library is my favorite place in Coldwater. I come once a week to check out new books and my favorite authors. I am in a book club and I make my recommendations based on my library picks. My 5 year old granddaughter enjoys coming to the "castle library." My son likes to check out the DVD movie selection. I have enjoyed the library's special programs for adults and children. I would also share that I'm glad some unhoused members of our community have the library as a resource and a safe place.

Coldwater continued:

"I love the crafts and the stories."

I appreciate the programs for all ages. Our library keeps us busy and we love it!

□ Like the collections & new features

□ Love the new releases

□ Follow the seasonal events & fun activities, etc.

Thank you!!

I love that the staff is so helpful in so many areas, i.e. searching for materials, Computer tech/questions, offering connecting resources. I also appreciate the updates on new and developing services the library and the BDL continue to include to meet the changing populations' needs! ☺

Quincy

I Love my library because, Megan and Sarah ~~are very nice~~
~~are very nice~~ are very nice and ~~they~~ are great!

Sarah does an amazing Job with story time! My son Loves
 Story time, She provides a snack and a craft! It's always a Fun
 time! The library is a very fun place to go!

If you need help finding a Book or movie they will Find it
 for you! Thank you for everything you do!

Sherwood

The Sherwood Library is a safe place for people of all
 ages. Traci & co. (Casey) are funny, kind, and some of the
 most willing to help people I've met. They are extremely
 active within the community, and try their hardest
 to make the library one of the if not the best
 Part of Sherwood. It would not be the same without
 them. ♥

This is a small, but mighty library! There are
 lots of activities for all age levels! And lots of books!!!
 Any book that's not available in house can be ordered. They
 come from all over the state of Michigan. We have people
 of low income in our village and they are able to ~~utilize~~
 utilize a 'station' to charge phones, and a place to keep
 warm.

Sherwood continued:

- programs
- Traci is awesome
- Casey is awesome
- Helpful

I Love Sherwood Library!



I like the people here there nice and friendly and they always say hi to me when I walk by.

Traci - Pretty (dah!) always helping, kind, sweet, smart, and strong.

Casey - always funny pretty (I'm not lying) fun, smart, strong! (she's like a friend you can always have fun with)

Your Consent

They are the best!

Sherwood continued:

It ~~is~~ is a good and kind.

library they have good Books
the librarians are nice ~~and~~ they have
they are helpful and ~~friendly~~ they are funny.

Troci- She's funny, nice, annoying (SOMETIMES, BUT NOT THAT MUCH!!) pretty!

Casey- She's funny, nice, annoying (LIKE I SAID NOT THAT MUCH!!) and pretty!

They're also helpful.

Union Twp.

I am desiring to find more natural approaches to reduce my blood pressure. I shared my situation with Maria & Megan and they have been very astute in providing me with a variety of natural aids via MEH including CD's & Numerous books. This has been a very positive & helpful experience.

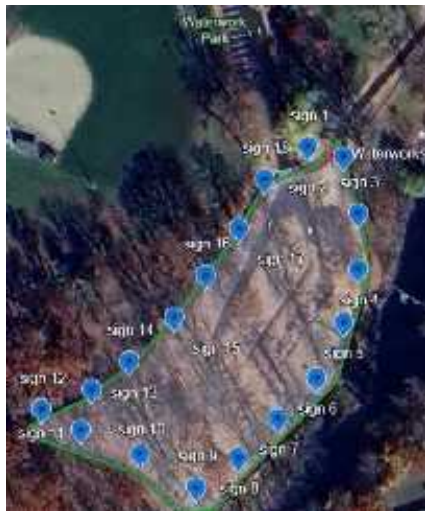
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CBPU Board approves BDL StoryWalk in Waterworks Park

By Jim Measel
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COLDWATER, MI (WTVB) – The Coldwater Board of Public Utilities Board of Directors gave their approval Wednesday night to a request from the Branch District Library to install a permanent StoryWalk at Waterworks Park.



Courtesy Branch District Library

It would be similar to other StoryWalks which have been installed at Heritage Park and in the Quincy Park.

The Story Walk includes picture book display signs along a walking path.

Erica Donihue from the District Library said there would be 18 signs at Waterworks Park.

Kimberly Feltner from the Library said they hope to change the story lines four times a year.

The Branch District Library has been working with Altrusa International of Branch County to fund the project. The library and Altrusa would also maintain the StoryWalk.

The CBPU would assist in the installation process of the signs. It's hoped the signs will be ready for public viewing by the middle of May.

April 14, 2025 WTVB



Courtesy Branch District Library

Coldwater City Council approves BDL Waterworks Park StoryWalk

By Jim Measel

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COLDWATER, MI (WTVB) – The Coldwater City Council approved the installation of a Branch District Library StoryWalk in Waterworks Park Monday night.

It was earlier approved by the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities Board of Directors.

It would be similar to the StoryWalks at Heritage Park and in the Quincy Park.

The Story Walk in Waterworks Park will include 18 picture book display signs along a walking path.

The library hope to change the story lines four times a year.

The library has been working with Altrursa International of Branch County to fund and maintain the StoryWalk project.

It's hoped the signs will be ready for public viewing by the middle of May.

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Micro-sealing will take place on this section of Michigan Avenue and seven other streets this summer to extend the life of the road for an additional seven to ten years. DON REID/COLDWATER REPORTER

Coldwater

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Monroe Street/Tibbits parking lot sound system

The council approved spending \$30,427 with Mercury Audio/Video/Lighting, the high bidder, to install a sound system for downtown events along S. Monroe Street and part of the Tibbits Parking lots.

Economic Development Coordinator Erin Veysey said the low bidder, Sweetwater, provided inferior equipment. She said that by working with the city manager to find the small amount of extra funding, Mercury could complete the work by the middle of May.

Bands for street events will still provide their sound system, but the system can also provide music for all events and festivals.

"An initial set of speakers in Tibbits Plaza will immediately allow festival goers to enjoy music and receive announcements," Veysey said.

The city can expand the system later.

Parkhurst Park Garden

Branch County Conservation District Manager Karen Newman received a grant from the Wildflower Association of Michigan that covers the costs of creating a native plant garden on the site of a removed building at Parkhurst Park off Union City Road.

Newman will plant the 30-by-30 foot plot with na-

tive plants. The garden will require some maintenance to begin with.

"It will come to a point that it does not need regular watering because it's going to be well established," Newman said.

Story Walk

Branch District Library, with council approval, will install a story walk around the perimeter of Waterworks Park with 18 signs on posts, each a page of a children's book.

Library Assistant Director Kim Feltner said the stories will be multilingual for the city's diverse population.

The library installed successful Story Walks in Heritage Park and Quincy Village Park.

Coldwater Master Plan

The council approved a \$70,000 contract with Progressive Companies from Grand Rapids to complete the required five-year update of the city's Master Plan.

Three companies presented to the Planning Commission.

"One of the things about this particular firm that stood out is their work within other communities that had large ethnic populations," Baker said.

Baker thanked Veysey for obtaining a \$50,000 grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to pay for most of the work.

The update will take at least a year.

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