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Purple Martins. COURTESY PHOTO

Briscoe to discuss purple martins

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COLDWATER — Join the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library as Penny Briscoe discusses the purple martins on Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Briscoe, a martin landlord for 27 years in the Vicksburg area, will present the knowledge she has gained throughout

the years, including how she and her husband have assisted with nesting and raising the young.

Purple martins, the largest of the swallow family, are the most in need of human assistance for their survival. The purple martins breed in human-provided, colony-type housing. The species' numbers are dropping, especially in Michigan, due to habitat

loss and changing weather patterns.

“It is both entertaining and rewarding to provide housing for such a beautiful, friendly and vulnerable native-bird — one that has a large repertoire of cheerful song and chatter and flying skills worth watching for hours,” said Briscoe.

For more information contact the library at 278-2341.