



- I am working on an editorial about the future of the library
- In February and March, I did many branch visits to go over millage information and tornado shelter locations and emergency evacuation procedures
- There is a copy of the completed draft of the Emergency Manual linked under informational items.
- I received a call from Bud Norman, Branch County Administrator. He stated to me that the library was not permitted to put a millage on the ballot without approval from the county board. I conferred with Dorothy Cherry and Ben Jewell and they came up with the same conclusion that I had when we began the millage process, which is that a district library does not require approval from the county board. Mr. Norman called me back on Tuesday, informing me that we did NOT need to seek approval from the county to move forward.
- I have completed the informational pamphlet on the millage. It is linked under informational items.
- On Saturday, March 15, we are having a booth at the Bronson Trade Show. We will be using this opportunity to discuss the upcoming millage with those residents that have questions or concerns.
- Next Monday I will be teach a class on book repair to our branch managers and coldwater book repair staff. This is so that our branch managers can do their own book repair at their branches, and to update Coldwater staff with some new book repair techniques.
- On Thursday, March 6, I met with Diane Pridgeon. Each year she organizes a musical event. All proceeds from this even are donated to a local organization. For this year's concert, she has chosen the library! Proceeds from these evens can be up to \$4000.
- We have received official notice from Lyrasis, our Evergreen host and support provider that they will not renew our contract that expires on June 30. Lyrasis has contracted Equinox Software Inc. (ESI) to provide us with support through the end of our contract. We have contacted ESI and received an informal quote from them for hosting and support. Next Wednesday, March 19 the Michigan Evergreen libraries are meeting in Lansing and are discussing with Lyrasis what level of compensation they will provide to cover our migration.
- I attended the Sherwood Village meeting on Monday, March 3. The proposed contract is on the agenda.
- We have received many applications for the Branch Manager position in Union Township. We are currently scheduling interviews.

Respectfully Submitted,

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