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'ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY'

Branch District Library holds discussions

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BRANCH COUNTY — The Branch District Library is currently engaged in a county-wide project to promote reading.

As it has been for the past nine years, March is the month of the Branch District Library's "One Book, One Community" program.

This year's book is "Hannah Coulter" by Wendell Berry.

The goal of the program is "to get people to read and discuss books," said program coordinator Denise Yennie.

According to Yennie, she chose this book after a member of the regular

book club members suggested the club read a book by Berry. Roland Stoy, who met the author at his Kentucky home in September, suggested several of Berry's books and Yennie chose "Hannah Coulter."

"It's a very good book," said Stoy.

Published in 2004, "Hannah Coulter" follows the life of a woman by the same name and her experiences during the Great Depression, World War II and the events thereafter.

"It's about people in a community caring about each other," Stoy said. "It's about grace; it's about love."

For the program coordinators, the program is



Wendell Berry and his wife Tanya stand on the porch of their home in Henry County, Kentucky. ROLAND STOY PHOTO.

about connecting people to each other through shared reading experiences.

"We want to bring

everybody together to read one book," said Branch

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District Library-Bronson Branch manager Lynnell Eash.

Eash said the types of books chosen for the program change from year to year. Two years ago, participants read "The Hunger Games," which Eash said was very popular.

Yennie said a majority of people involved in the program are older, but people of all age groups are encouraged to participate.

Engaging with the community is what Stoy says "Hannah Coulter" is all about.

"There is something that we have lost in our culture, in our society — the harmony of neighborhood," Stoy said. "I am hoping people take away from this a sense of what I think really were the good old days and what has — is — being lost in our society."

Discussions in Quincy and Union City have already happened, but the other branches are still to hold theirs. A discussion will take place at the Sherwood Branch on Tuesday; at the Algansee Branch on Wednesday; at the Bronson Branch on March 22; and a final event will take place at the Coldwater Branch on March 27.

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BRONSON LIBRARY



‘Beat the Winter Blahs’ winner announced

The Daily Reporter

BRONSON — The Bronson Library recently announced the winner of its “Beat the Winter Blahs” contest, which was held from Jan. 15 to Feb. 26 for

adults.

Contestants had a special bookmark on which they wrote down the titles of five books they read. Once they turned in the bookmark they received a mug with a hot chocolate packet,

a bookmark and chocolate kisses. Their names were then entered into a drawing for a grand prize goodie bag.

52 people participated this year, and Betty Zabonick won the goodie bag.

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SHARING CREATIVITY

Hawkins presents cartooning 101

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COLDWATER — Professional cartoonist Jonny Hawkins will be sharing his creativity to children ages 4 and up at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library's Kids' Place on Saturday at noon.

Hawkins first read about cartooning at his local library, where he researched the different aspects of the topic.

"I enjoy the creativity and humor of it —I love humor," said Hawkins.

He began his career in 1990 and since then his work has been included in over 600 publications, including "Chicken Soup For The Soul" books,

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—Jonny Hawkins

page-a-day calendars and his own books.

He pulls his inspiration from real-life events and credits his grandfather with passing on the humor.

"My grandfather was a very funny man. My parents always encouraged me to follow my dreams. Going to the library helped



Hawkins. COURTESY PHOTO.

me decide my career path," said Hawkins. "I Love to inspire kids to follow their dreams, I enjoy interacting with them."

Hawkins' books can be purchased through Amazon.

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Hands- only CPR class to be held

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BRONSON — Traditional CPR involves the use of chest compressions to pump blood throughout the body and “rescue breaths” that force air into the lungs.

There is, however, another form of CPR which, in a pinch, can help save a life.



According to Katy Lagoni of the American Red Cross, approximately one in four people will find themselves in a situation that requires CPR at some point in their lives. While most people have no problem performing chest compressions, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is another story.

“A lot of people don’t feel comfortable doing that,” said Lagoni. This fear can derive from a variety of sources, including a fear of being infected by a disease. Lagoni said that this hesitation can keep people from performing CPR, and this could lead to a loss of a life.

Hands-only CPR uses only the chest-compression aspect of the technique and skips the rescue breaths. While not as effective as the full version of CPR, it can be effective and is better than nothing, Lagoni said.

The American Red Cross is offering a course

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in hands-only CPR at the Branch District Library-Bronson Branch on April 23. According to branch manager Lynnell Eash, a class on the same subject was held on March 19 but no one showed up.

Eash hopes to have a turnout for the next event. The class is “a public service,” Eash said. The course will take approximately 30 minutes, which is far shorter than full CPR courses that can last six or eight hours.

“A lot of what this is making it accessible,” Lagoni said. Helping someone in time is essential; every minute a person is in cardiac arrest, they are 10 percent more likely to experience lasting damage, Lagoni said.

“Personally, I feel (this class) is fantastic,” said Jess Coffman, a worker with the Red Cross who will help teach the class. “You never know when an emergency is going to happen.”

“We want (people) to be performing CPR accurately,” said Skylar Larsen, a Red Cross worker who

will also help teach the class. She said the class gives “a good taste” of what CPR is and can be helpful. “The more people who know about it, the better chance a person has of surviving,” she added.

The Bronson class is geared towards seniors. For more information, contact Lynnell Eash at 369-3785. Red Cross volunteers can get free, full CPR training; for more information on this or learn about other ways to help, contact Jess Coffman at jessica.coffman@redcross.org, or visit www.redcross.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mary supports the library

To the Editor:

Mary Smith, at 98, continues to be a bright and positive woman as well as a pleasure to visit at Masonville.

She has had many blessings in her long life, including a wonderful marriage with Woody, successful motherhood and the loving adoption of a community in Coldwater and Branch County.

She is a woman who counts, gives thanks for and takes pleasure in her blessings.

A relatively recent blessing was the successful Tibbits Opera House restoration campaign that some told her at the beginning would never be successful. A believer in the dream, she was at the forefront of those who saw the \$1.2 million project for the historic landmark become a reality.

Mary has memories that are golden. She recently, in a discussion regarding the campaign to restore services to libraries in the Branch District Library (BDL) system with a small millage, talked of her belief in the importance of education, love for books and the love of books that her children learned.

She recalled with a smile her son Jim at a young age, perched in a tree in the back yard reading a book and how he learned to sometimes delegate responsibility for chores to his younger brother Tom so as to not have time taken away from his reading.

Of course, there is much more than books now throughout the six branch libraries and as for education, there is something in them for everyone in every area of interest. This was demonstrated in the recent "Geek" campaign funded by the philanthropy of Bill and Melinda Gates.

Mary was one of the more than 240 people, young and old, who participated as a "Geek" — and she now supports the millage for the BDL on the Aug. 5 primary ballot.

As is the Tibbits, the library system is a key

ingredient in the quality of life of this area.

Roland Stoy, Coldwater

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Saturday, 12 April 2014, page A1:

Library patrons make elegant eggs



Visitors to the Branch District Library-Bronson Branch made elegant Easter eggs on Thursday. Branch manager Lynnell Eash was on hand to guide them through the process.

RIGHT: Lynnell Eash, right, shows Isaac and Mary Ann Grate how to craft the eggs.

JABOVE: ulie Baratta (left) and Sue Hart (right) make fancy eggs.

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Photo Finish!



Branch manager Lynnell Eash (right) shows visitors how to make the eggs.

EGG-CITING CREATIONS

The Bronson Library hosted an elegant Easter Egg making event Thursday, giving local residents something to do during spring break

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Mary Ann Grate shows 10-year-old Isaac Grate how to make an elegant egg.



Benjamin Thomas Dean Grate, 11, makes an egg.



Visitors gather at the Branch District Library-Bronson Branch to make elegant Easter eggs.

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READING INCENTIVE



Maimuna Lewis, 12, and Isabel Esquivel-Munoz, 8. Not pictured: Justus Bills, Alexis Scott, Mikayla Nichelson, Carley Hart and Reyna Munoz and family. CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTO

Library challenge winners announced

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COLDWATER — With March is Reading month now over, the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library's reading incentive came to a close last week with winners

announced Thursday. Children up to 18 who read the most books in their age group were awarded a gift certificate from Culvers restaurant.

Justus Bills placed first in A group, reading 87 books; Alexis Scott in B group with 93 books;

Isabel Esquivel-Munoz in C group with 2,384 pages; Maimuna Lewis in D group with 5,405 pages; Mikayla Nichelson in E group with 4,516 pages; Carley Hart in F group with 7,778 pages and Reyna Munoz and family in the family group with 5,496 pages.

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OWLS ON DISPLAY



Judy Groholske's owl collection is showcased now at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library through the month of April. Groholske volunteers in the Holbrook Heritage room. COURTESY PHOTO