



# BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

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Alganssee Branch



Bronson Branch



Coldwater Branch



Quincy Branch



Sherwood Branch



Union Twp. Branch

Dear Library Supporter,

This year has been a fabulous one for the library! In addition to passing our much-needed new millage, we have continued to expand programming with our limited 2014 budget to meet the needs of the community. So far in 2014 members of our community visited the Branch District Library 151,827 times. We've had 8,012 people attend nearly 700 programs, and nearly 3,000 children participated in our summer reading program.

We continue to be in awe at the generosity and support of our community.

All of us at the library would like to offer you our sincere thanks for helping to pass the new millage in August. Without this funding, the library would be in dire straits, but instead we will be reinstating hours, replenishing our materials budget, and offering more programs and activities to patrons of all ages at every branch.

We debated sending out our annual appeal for donations, but we decided to go ahead with it because all revenue from the new millage must be dedicated to hours, materials, and programming. With this in mind, we decided to offer you several choices for areas that could use your donations this year:

- *Historic Coldwater Branch Building Repair*

One area not covered by the new Branch District Library Millage is repair of our historic Coldwater building. After years of neglect due to lack of funds, everything from plaster to mortar to the gutters are in need of repair and replacement.

- *Coldwater Branch Original Entrance Fund (Branch County Community Foundation)*

The original entrance of our beautiful and historic Edwin R. Clarke building has fallen into disrepair. Though no longer used by the public, the restoration of this Coldwater landmark, facing US 12, would further beautify our main street. We are partnering with the Branch County Community Foundation to raise funds specifically for this project, so to donate for this purpose please make checks payable to the Branch County Community Foundation.



Fancy Nancy/Pirate Party  
@ Lucille E. Dearth Union Twp. Branch

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- *Branch District Library Holbrook Heritage Research Center*

Funded solely through a generous donation by Charles L. Woodward and community support, the Holbrook Heritage Research Center is a treasure trove of information providing resources on local genealogy and history, both in Branch County and throughout the state. The original donation for the Research Center was restricted in such a way that it could not be invested; as a result, the funds are nearing depletion.

- *Branch United Children's Chorus.*

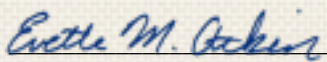
New this year, the Branch United Children's Chorus is a wonderful opportunity for Branch County youth to express their musical passion. Sponsored by the 14th annual Smith Memorial Benefit Concert and Branch District Library, the Branch United Children's Chorus is a welcome addition to Branch County.

- *Donations to Any of Our 6 Library Branches*

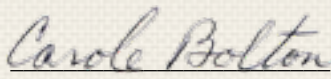
*Our branch libraries provide important services for their local communities, especially in the areas outside of Coldwater. We welcome donations specifically targeting any of our branches. If you're interested in finding out more about local needs, please call a branch manager.*

All donations may be sent in the enclosed donation envelope. Checks should be made payable to the Branch District Library with the exception of donations for the Coldwater Branch Original Entrance Fund; checks for that project should be payable to the Branch County Community Foundation.

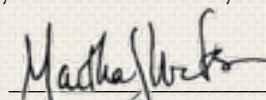
Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support. Thanks to you we will not only survive, but thrive!



Evette M. Atkin, Director  
Branch District Library



Carole Bolton, President  
Coldwater Public Library Board



Martha Watson, President  
Branch District Library Board

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Full House for Orphan Train Talk  
@ Coldwater Branch



Learning about Raw Honey  
@ Sherwood Branch



Making Christmas Cards  
@ Algansee Branch



Thanksgiving Story Time  
@ Quincy Branch



Making Volcanoes  
@ Bronson Branch