



Saturday, October 3, 2015 *Coldwater Daily Reporter*, page A7:

COLDWATER LIBRARY

# Roof leaks fixed again

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COLDWATER — Replacement of the original gutters on the Coldwater Library are complete, with the city and Branch District Library splitting the \$48,000 contract.

The improvements had left patrons trying to avoid lifts around the building and in the parking lot for weeks.

As part of the work, the contractor is fixing problems caused during the 2009 roof repair, which was not done properly, Coldwater City Manager Jeff Budd said.

“That contractor did not do what was suppose to be done,” he explained. “He has since moved out of state.”

The Coldwater City Council agreed to pay the amount over the \$25,000 that the library board appropriated for the fix when it awarded a contract to Hoekstra Roofing to install new gutters.

“These are the original gutters and (they) have reached the end of their life,” Budd said.



**New copper gutters installed into the roof of the Coldwater Library, along with repairs to the shingles and flashing, should prevent further roof leaks.** DON REID

PHOTO

The ones removed were galvanized steel. The copper replacements should last another 100 years.

The library has fixed its roof three times and reworked its HVAC system to try to stem the water damage to the interior of the building. It was finally

determined that the gutters, which are interior on the roof, had to be replaced when other fixes did not work.

The city owns the building and leases it to the library on a long-term contract, which is up for renewal next year in October.

The 25-year lease requires the county library district to pay all interior and exterior repairs, but Budd suggested the city pay for the gutter roof repair work on a one-time basis “to maintain the structural integrity of the building.”

Saturday, October 10, 2015 Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, page A2:

### LEARNING HISTORY



**Ric Mixer brings his presentation to Quincy.** COURTESY PHOTO

## Friends bring ‘Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations’ to Quincy

QUINCY — Friends of the Quincy branch of the Branch District Library recently hosted Ric Mixer.

Mixer presented “The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations” lecture to a crowd of over 100 at the Quincy United Methodist Church.

This presentation used video to showcase not only the building of the ship, but also theories involved in the sinking. Also shared were rare interviews with Coast Guard officials, Jean Michel Cousteau and others who have braved Lake

Superior’s icy depths to look for answers.

It has been said that more people learn about Great Lakes history from Ric Mixer than from any other source. He has written and produced over 30 programs on shipwrecks for PBS, The Outdoor Channel and the Vision Network.

Mixer has been featured as a shipwreck expert on the Discovery Channel and History Channel, diving over 100 shipwrecks, including the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Those attending

thoroughly enjoyed his knowledge and underwater video.

Refreshments were enjoyed afterward and much discussion with Mixer continued.

Mixers’ book and DVDs were given to the Quincy Library for public checkout.



Wednesday, October 14, 2015 Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, page A3:

**BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
**FIRST NOTICE OF 2016 BUDGET HEARING**

**October 19, 2015**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Quincy Branch Library**  
**11 N. Main St., Quincy, MI 49082**

TAKE NOTICE: On October 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Quincy Branch Library, 11 N. Main St., Quincy, MI, the Branch District Library Board shall conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2016 budget of estimated revenues and expenditures.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

Copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the entrance to the Library Headquarters, 10 East Chicago Street, Coldwater, and at each branch location – Algansee, Bronson, Quincy, Sherwood, and Union City, or on our website: <https://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/budgets>

Thursday, October 15, 2015 Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, page A1:

SUPER FOODS

# Information table and activities at Jennings



Jennings student Cheyenne Case tosses the bean bag to get her super hero name. JENNIFER COE-HARRIS PHOTOS

## BDL teaches students of hero foods and gives samples

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QUINCY — Kim Feltner and Lisa Wood from the Branch District Library (BDL) made a trip to Jennings Elementary School Tuesday to offer

promotional materials for the library and display an informational table for the students.

Since the Quincy School District has “Tasty Tuesday” once a month, the lunch team also provided kale chip samples for the students.

The students had the opportunity to play an activity — tossing a bean bag into the Joker face prop, which read, “Don’t be a joker, read at the Branch District Library.”

After tossing their bean bags into the Joker’s mouth, the students were

then able to get their “super hero” names, which were based on foods.

Quincy Schools Food Director Nicole Gray first discovered the ladies and their information display when she saw it at the local farmers market.



The Super Food information table.



Jennings Elementary students play a game to get their super hero names.



Lisa Wood and Kim Feltner from the BDL let the students pick out their super hero name.