

Dear Library Supporter,

2016 has been a great year for Branch District Library and your amazing support! We have increased our hours 83.5%, as well as increasing our materials and programming budgets. We've added new digital services to use in the library or at home on computers and mobile devices. And we lowered our fine amounts. So far, in 2016, members of our community visited the Branch District Library over 166,000 times. We've had over 15,000 people attend over 900 programs, and over 1,100 people participated in our summer reading program!

A few statistics	2016	2015
Total circulation	186,726	171,318
Hours open	9,136	7,629
Reference questions	15,040	10,286
Wifi sessions	309,382	291,568
Free resume prints for job seekers	2,536	2,057

However, as you know, the revenue from the new millage must be dedicated to hours, materials, and programming. So, with this in mind, we decided to offer you a few choices for areas that could use your donations this year:



• ***Quincy Branch Gutter Repair***

The Quincy Township has owned and maintained the beautiful library since it was built in 1910. There is now a need for major repair to the gutters, while keeping the criteria of the historic building. Your donation would be appreciated as the Township considers Grand River Builders Incorporated, Historic Building Restoration to take on the needed repairs. Grand River has proposed to remove the existing gutters and install new copper gutter liner with copper leaf

baskets. The project is estimated to cost \$47,000-\$50,000. Checks may be made payable to the **Quincy Library Foundation***, 11 N. Main Street, Quincy, MI 49082.

• ***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. Specifically, leaks in the roof, exterior painting and brickwork, interior painting, tables for the computer lab, new study chairs, bathroom remodeling.

• ***Donations to Any of Our 6 Library Branches***

Our branch libraries provide important services for their local communities. 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.

Your Library continually relies on strong community input and support. As you reflect on what you value and plan your gifts, we hope you will remember and support the services provided by your Library. You may direct your gift to any particular branch or service. The Library will use each gift as you direct to benefit the people of Branch County.

We appreciate your assistance and thank you! Thank you so much for your continued generosity and care. Next year we want you to stay in love with your library so we will continue to be here for you in person and online, and throughout the community, more than ever.

Best wishes for a happy 2017!

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Branch District Library

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Coldwater Public Library Board

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Branch District Library Board

* Your donation to the Branch District Library, the Quincy Library Foundation, and the Branch County Community Foundation remains an itemized deduction on your federal income tax return.