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Comments and/or Suggestions:

Let us know what you think? _____

NEED TO CHANGE SIGNS
 Downstairs to "Fire Exit Only"
 it says "Exit - NO Reentry" BUT
 IN Reality it is not an exit
 unless you want to set the
 FIRE Alarm OFF. I was
 trapped in stairwell for
 15 minutes with NO way to
 Re-Enter without setting
 FIRE Alarm OFF. Luckily my
 wife answered her phone & came
 to save me!

clw 4/10/19 - Kimberly

BDL Response: This only applies to the north east stairwell and an additional sign has been added stating "Fire Exit Only" – Kimberly Feltner, Director of Public Services

2019-3-25 at 1:33pm via Facebook

i wonder why my post was deleted of kim hemker a public employee of branch county coalition against domestic violence saying im acting weird at the library where she had me stalked suposobley where I don't act weird and filed a illegal patition for a illegal mental evaluation order handled illegally by the cops by there being no hearing of entitlement of due process and no evidence in any way exept domented lies being forced against my life for enslavement and threats by public services and other people.....jordon crall

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Coldwater Daily Reporter, Thursday, March 21, 2019, page A1

BRANCH COUNTY

Library Director resigns

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The Branch County District Library Board is looking for a new director after the resignation, Monday, of director Linda Lyshol. in which the board accepted.

Lyshol, 62, wrote, in a letter of resignation to the board, she was resigning under protest.



LYSHOL

The letter continued, "As you might know, we have had several differences of opinion regarding my duties to my staff and my duties to the Board. This conflict has affected (for some) your trust in

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DIRECTOR

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me as a Library Director. It was made clear to me during the Personnel Committee meeting, held on March 12, 2019, that the majority of the Board Trustees and I would not be able to resolve our differences. It is my professional opinion that this resignation is not the best option for staff."

Lyshol was hired in July 2016, following a nationwide search, from Ketchikan, Alaska, where she worked for five years. Before that she was director of the Guthrie, Oklahoma Public Library and a consultant for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

The board again named John Rucker acting Director. He held that position before Lyshol was hired.

Board members will interview Rucker, 42, on April 15 for the permanent position before deciding whether to conduct a search for Lyshol's replacement.

In 20-18 Lyshol headed a strategic plan survey for the county wide system which called for construction of a larger more user friendly facility for Coldwater along with preservation of the current historic library.

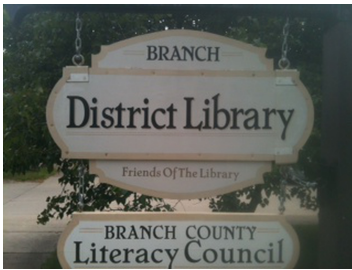
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Lyshol steps down after dispute with library board

Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:06 a.m. EDT by Ken Delaney



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Trustees would not be able to resolve their differences, and that the conflicts have affected some board members trust in her.

In a news release issued by the library, Library Board President Benjamin Jewell said they wanted to thank Lyshol “for her positive contributions to the Branch District Library, including the development of our strategic plan and the significant increase in, and popularity of, new programs for teens. We wish her the best in her future endeavors”.

The board will begin interviewing candidates for the director position at the April board meeting.

The Library Board hired Lyshol in June of 2016 after she had served as a library director Ketchikan, Alaska for five years. She was hired after a exhaustive search, a public forum and interviews. She has also worked as a library director in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

COLDWATER, MI (WTVB) - The Branch District Library Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Library Director Linda Lyshol during their meeting Monday.

The board then appointed Assistant Director John Rucker as interim acting director until a permanent replacement for Lyshol is found.

Lyshol was apparently not happy with some board members as she stated in her letter she was resigning in protest following a Personnel Committee meeting last week.

Lyshol felt she and the majority of the Board Trustees would not be able to resolve their

<https://wtvb.com/news/articles/2019/mar/21/lyshol-steps-down-after-dispute-with-library-board/>

Coldwater Daily Reporter, Thursday, March 21, 2019, page A11:

COLDWATER

Hand-painted rock collection on display



Shelley Avra's hand-painted rock collection will be on display at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library through the month of April.



Library Staff show off some of the Seeds from the Seed Library.

Coldwater

Seed Library now open in Coldwater

It's time to think Spring. Back for its third year, the Branch District Library's Seed Saver Exchange is open for the season.

The Seed Library is located at the Coldwater Branch on the first floor.

The goal of the seed library is to encourage households in Branch County to grow fresh produce. Seeds available through the library include vegetables, fruits, herbs, and a few select flowers.

There is a limited supply

of some varieties and we cannot guarantee availability of any specific type.

Households are encouraged to "check out" up to ten packets of seeds (no more than 2 like varieties) each season from the library.

Families are able to grow the produce and save and return seeds to the library at the end of the season for future needs.

This year, the Branch County Literacy Council has donated a small quantity of Wildflower seeds for the

public to take in combination with the produce seeds.

Also, Biz Aid LLC Recycling of Coldwater has donated 40 Seed Starting Kits that will be available to get a jump start on the 2019 gardening season.

These will be handed out first come, first serve.

For further information please contact the Coldwater Branch at (517) 278-2341, visit BranchDistrictLibrary.org/s seeds, or follow Branch District Library on Facebook.

Coldwater Daily Reporter, Thursday, March 27, 2019, page A11:

A visit from the Cat in the Hat



March came in like a lion at the Coldwater Kids' Place of the Branch District Library as the Cat in the Hat came to play March 2. He led a group of children astray with stories, games and crafts.

Coldwater Daily Reporter, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 page A1:

BRIEFS

UNION TOWNSHIP

Library friends meeting planned

The Lucille E. Dearth Union Twp. Friends of the Library will host the 2019 district-wide friends meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 16.

The meeting will be held at the Union Township library branch.

This annual event brings together library friends groups from across Branch County to interact and learn from one another.

There will be light refreshments and prize drawings throughout the event. New "friends" are welcome.

Coldwater Daily Reporter, Friday, April 12, 2019 page A12:

BRANCH COUNTY

Branch District Library celebrates National Library Week

This week, Branch District Library joins libraries of all types in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs, and expertise.

April 7-13, is National Library Week, an annual celebration high-

lighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Libraries are at the heart of their cities and towns.

They have public spaces where people of all backgrounds can come together and con-

nect. The Branch District Library continues to transform, offering digital library services with Hoopla, Libby, language learning with Mango, and genealogy research with Ancestry Library Edition at our library branches.

Creative program-

ming includes highlighting early literacy with robust storytimes, homeschool groups, author talks, after school activities, and events specifically designed for Teens and Adults.

There is always something going on and for full event listings, visit the library website.

For more information, visit one of the six library branches serving Branch County.

Library branches are located in Algansee, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Sherwood, and Union City.

You can also follow Branch District Library on Facebook or visit the

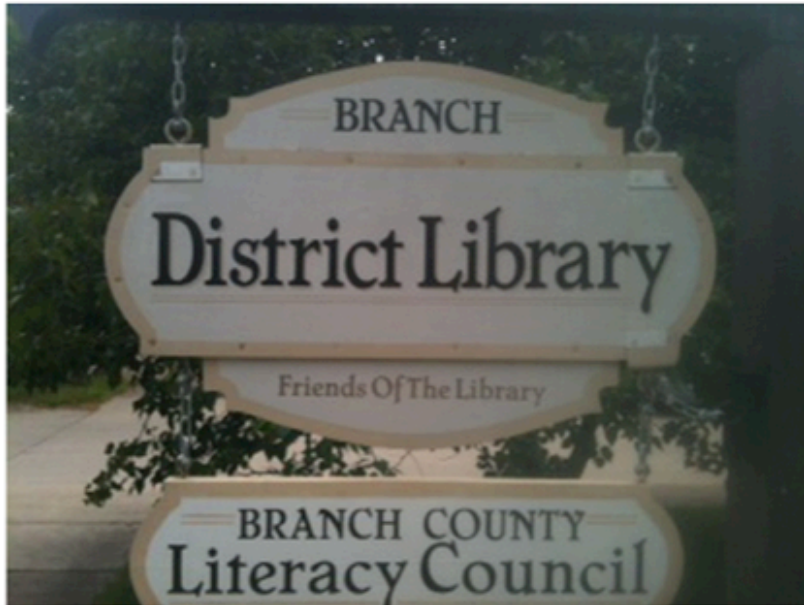
library's website at www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a nationally observed event, recognized by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

WTVB, Friday, April 12, 2019

Rucker could be in line as permanent director

Friday, April 12, 2019 10:48 a.m. EDT by Ken Delaney



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COLDWATER, MI (WTVB) - The Branch District Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to interview interim acting Library Director John Rucker about possibly becoming the next director during their monthly meeting Monday afternoon.

Rucker had been serving as the library's Assistant Director until Linda Lyshol resigned in protest last month.

Lyshol indicated in her resignation letter that there was a conflict with some board members in regards to her duties to the staff and the board, and that this affected for some board members their trust in her.

Her decision to resign as Library Director came after a March 12, 2019 Personnel Committee meeting.

Lyshol had been with the Branch District Library since June 2016 after she had served as a library director Ketchikan, Alaska for five years. She was hired after an exhaustive search, a public forum, and interviews.