

## Comments

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Submitted: Tue, May 17, 2022 at 11:46 AM

From: Carol Mercer

QUINCY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lisa L. Wood, Branch Manager

11 North Main Street

Quincy, MI 49082

RE: Your sponsoring "MY FAVORITE BOOK"

Dear Management and Staff:

My great grandson, Easton Reed, is four years old and will be five soon. I just moved to Coldwater, MI from Florida and was at a friend's home who had one of your books, "My Favorite Book" along with another one. While looking through the book, I couldn't help but think, now here is a group of people who really care about what children are reading.

While in Florida a group of us "Senior Citizens" went to Tallahassee to the Capitol and spoke with our Congressman about the terrible COMMON CORE programs they were trying to instill in our children. One of the things was, "if you add two and two and get five, it's OK as long as you can show how you got it". We also had an aeronautical engineer who worked at NASA tell us his 12 year old daughter had a mathematical question that was totally baffling her, so she asked her Father if he could help her with it. The Father spent some time trying to figure out "common core way" and he told us there was absolutely no way for a logical answer especially for a 12 year old child.

I am writing this letter because I just want to commend you "ALL" for sharing and sponsoring such a wonderful book for children. One they can understand and also learn from.

God bless each of you and I pray that you get involved in the Educational System in anyway you can to help our "helpless" children learn how to read and be an asset to society.

Respectfully and Thankfully,

Mrs. Carol J. Mercer

**BDL Response:**

From: Sarah Strong

Subject Re: Your Sponsoring "My Favorite Book"

Date: May 17, 2022, 2:01 PM

To: Carol Mercer

Good Afternoon Carol,

We are very pleased to hear that you are satisfied with the book choices the Branch District Library has available to all of our patrons. Thank you for letting us know, we appreciate it very much.

Have a wonderful rest of your day!

Sarah Strong

Quincy Branch Manager

## Publicity

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# Books clubs return at Branch District Library

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Books clubs are back at the Branch District Library and there are several options, depending on preference and age.

**Books and Brew** meets 10:30 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at Biggby Coffee in Coldwater. Books will vary from thrillers and historical fiction to literary fiction. The June title is "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman.

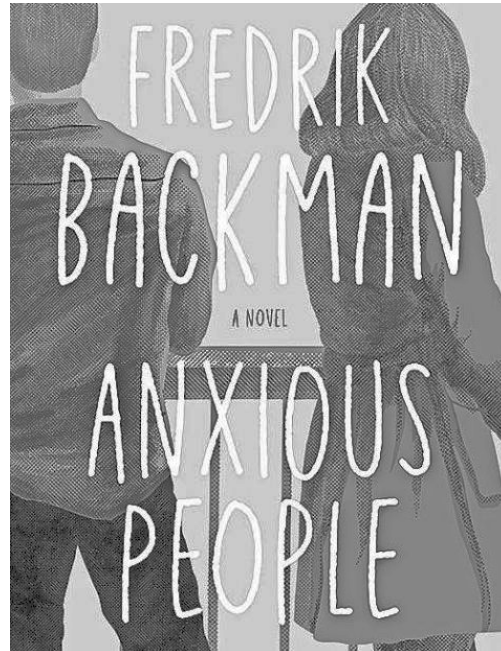
**Walks & Talks Book Club** will be a "moving" discussion of great reads while getting some exercise. Once a week, beginning 12:30 p.m. June 1, the group will meet at the Coldwater Branch for a quick one-mile walk as they discuss a section of a current book. It's an opportunity to get fresh air, meet new people, and get in those steps! For ages 18 and up. The book for June 1-22 will be "The Good Sister" by Sally Hepworth.

**Graphic Novel Book Club** meets on the first and fourth Friday at 1 p.m. in June at the Coldwater Branch Teen Space, starting June 3. The featured book is "YA buzz." Club member suggestions will be considered for future meetings. Open to students ages 13-18, registration is required in order to attend.

**Teen & Tween Book Club** will meet on the first and fourth Friday in July at 1 p.m. at the Coldwater Branch Teen Space. It is the opportunity to hang out with friends and discuss the month's book. Open to students ages 11-18.

**Percy Jackson Book Club** is a new option meeting 2 p.m. beginning June 6 at the Bronson Branch. For ages 11-17 this club will explore books from author Rick Riordan. On July 18 at 2 p.m. participants will have a party with refreshments.

Detailed information and registration can be found at [www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/calendar](http://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/calendar) or by



**Books and Brew book club title for the month.**

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contacting a library branch.

Copies of the books are available online from digital library providers Hoopla or Libby and at the Branch District Library.

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## Biographer of Bob Seger to visit Coldwater library

**Rosalie Currier**  
Coldwater Daily Reporter  
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Bob Seger has sold more than 75 million records. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004 and Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2012.

Edward Sarkis Balian, author of a biography of Seger, will make an appearance at 6 p.m. June 13 at Branch District Library's Coldwater branch.

The book's title, "Turn the Page,"

comes from a Seger hit song by that name, a lonely song about life on the road as a performer. Seger's other hits include "Old Time Rock 'n Roll," "Like a Rock" and "Heartache Tonight."

Balian grew up in Detroit and was in a local band at the same time as Seger.

"Turn the Page" summarizes the brilliant and astonishing career of a true Hall of Fame composer and enter-



**Balian**

tainer," Balian said. "Seger's body of over 50 years of work, coupled to his love of music and an almost unbelievable tenacity, led him to well-deserved fame and fortune. This was no fluke. The Seger career was full of major challenges — a rock 'n roll roller-coaster, to be sure."

Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Registration is requested by calling any library location or online at [bit.ly/3aA4882](http://bit.ly/3aA4882).

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## Five organizations receive grants from Coldwater Solar

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Apex Clean Energy announced grants to five local non-profit organizations for spring 2022 from its Coldwater Solar community grant program.

Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce will receive a \$1,500 grant for its "Chamber Champions" program.

Branch Area Rescue Coalition will receive a \$500 grant for "trap, neuter, recovery and release of feral cats in our community to help reduce animal overpopulation," said Cathy Schaupp.

Branch District Library will received a \$1,000 grant to create a bookmobile.

Children's Museum of Branch County is creating an interactive construction exhibit, where youth can learn about balance, weight and mass. Coldwater Solar's \$1,000 community grant will further its efforts to provide STEAM education in Branch County.

Branch County Habitat for Humanity received \$1,000 to expand its work to help low-income families with home repair and to build wheelchair ramps to make homes accessible for those with disabilities.

Jim McDaniels, Habitat president, said, "Through the financial assistance provided, we will be able to touch and enrich the lives of veterans, senior citizens, and handicapped homeowners living in Branch County."

The money to the chamber of commerce supports local businesses that have been affected disproportionately by the pandemic and provide extra resources and support, said Lori Hunt of Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce.

Several recipients expressed gratitude for the grants.

Jessica Tefft, director of public services for Branch District Library, the grant allows the library to purchase programming materials for the bookmobile.

"We are very grateful to Coldwater Solar for their continued support in our STEAM exhibits at the Children's Museum of Branch County. They are a tremendous partner in education through play at the CMBC," said board member Shana Grife.

"We are excited to continue our partnership with all of these great organizations in Branch County," said Connor Podkul, development manager for Coldwater Solar. "Local solar projects are long-term sources of revenue and support for the communities that host them. We are proud to do our part to support the missions of these important community organizations."

Since its launch, the community grant program has awarded 19 grants to local organizations focused on improving the community in the following areas: building healthy communities; economic development; environmental sustainability; and promoting education.

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## AUG. 2 ELECTION

# Branch District Library millage renewal on ballot



The six branches of Branch District Library hold about 1,000 events each year, for a wide range of ages. PROVIDED

### Rosalie Currier

Coldwater Daily Reporter  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Eight years ago, Branch District Library asked taxpayers for 0.4983 mills for library services across the county with branches in Algansee, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Sherwood and Union Township.

It was approved by voters. Funding provided for extended hours at many of the branches and an increase in services.

On Aug. 2, the 8-year millage is on the ballot for renewal.

### What does it cost and provide?

For property with a taxable value of \$100,000, the millage renewal would be about \$49 per year. Added to the 0.6029 perpetual millage, it is about 1.1 mill total, equaling \$69 per year for the average household.

The millage covers almost 90 percent of the district library funding. The remainder comes from fines levied by the



The Coldwater branch of Branch District Library is one of six in the county. DAILY REPORTER FILE PHOTO

court system; 2 percent from the state of Michigan; and some from individual donations and grants.

### By the numbers

Statistics from the past eight years at Branch District Library's six

branches:

- 160,000 in-person visits per year.
- 180,000 items used per year.
- 22,000 cardholders.
- 240 hours open each week.
- 100,000 items on the shelves.
- 900,000 items available for digital download.
- 1,000 events hosted for all ages each year.

To keep these services available to the public, voter approval of the millage is necessary, officials said.

Jeanne Berg of the Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library said, "I've watched our local library grow to serve the entire Branch County citizenship."

Branch District Library helped bring the internet to the communities and continues to add additional services and programs, to keep pace with technological change.

"This millage renewal will allow me and others to keep up with life's changes, keep me informed and provide so with many formats to do so," Berg said.