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Branch Manager's Message

Lisa Wood, Branch Manager

Well, the summer was a great success. Over 186 children, preschool through high school, signed up for the Summer Reading Program. 75 kids finished the program and received a goodie bag filled with McDonald coupons, 4-H Fair coupons for free parking, an amphitheater pass and a free ride coupon. Each child also received a free book from the Friends of the Library group, along with some trinket toys from McDonalds.

Kiara Fitch was the winner of the McDonald's bicycle and Tana Hagaman was the winner of the MP3 player, which was also donated by McDonalds. Katie Gary and Travis Hemker were the two top high school readers and they each received a gift certificate to Books and More, compliments of the Quincy Friends of the Library. Our winners really read this summer! It certainly is fun for us to reward the children with incentives during the summer!

Megan Karney was the winner of the candy guessing jar for the 6th through 8th graders with the correct guess of 156 candy pieces (161 actual number), and Elizabeth Talbot won the jar for the Preschool through 5th grade group, guessing 123 (123 actual number). We had the Middle School age group judge name entries for our "Name the Bears" contest. Two loveable Bearington Collection Bears were given in honor of Rick and Jan Poindexter from Leon and Evelyn Parrish a few months ago, and we thought the Summer Reading program was the perfect time to have a naming contest, so they will now be called Chocolate and Fudge thanks to Emily Talbot.

She received a book for her winning entry.

Joel Tacey was a favorite performer this summer, as he brought us his "Secret Code Comedy Show". He dazzled the crowd of twenty with juggling and laughs. Our Pet Parade was also a great success with over 65 in attendance. Though it was humid, the morning time slot seemed to be preferred by the animals, so as to beat the afternoon heat. We had a variety of critters show up from fish to turtles, snails to lightning bugs, nervous cats and anxious dogs, a goat and a fifteen year old pony.

So here's to a fun filled summer, and to the cool, crisp autumn on the way.

Be sure to visit us if you haven't been in a while. We have some great new titles in.

Upcoming Events

- October 23 **Friends of the Library meeting**
4:00 p.m. lower level
- Nov. 2-3 **Fall Booksale**
Library hours lower level
- ???? **Winter Blahs Contest** - Over age of 18, check for details!

Book Drop Info

We empty our book drop each day before opening, so you may deposit your books and movies anytime. If you're returning a book the day it is due, please bring it inside the library so it will get checked in that day.

11 North Main St.
Quincy, MI 49082

Phone: 639-4001

Email: branchdistrictlibrary.org

Library Hours

- Mon: Closed
- Tue: 9am - 5 pm
- Wed: 12 pm - 5 pm
- Thu: 12 pm - 5 pm
- Fri: 9 am - 5 pm
- Sat: 9 am - 12 pm
- Sun: Closed

Summer Reading Program Winners...

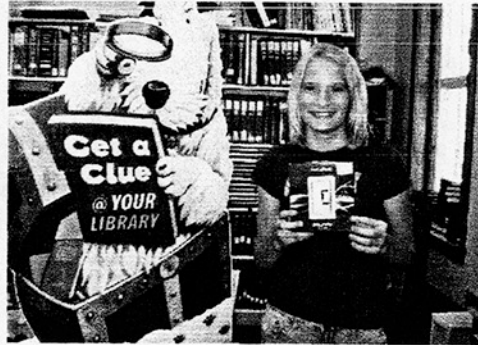
Kiara Fitch



Megan Karney



Emily and Elizabeth Talbot



Tana Hagaman

Pet Parade



From the Quincy Library Board

Judy Dobson, Secretary

In May, Renee celebrated her 20th year working at the Quincy Library. She has lasted through five librarians and a smooth transition from one to another was made possible because of Renee and her knowledge of the library. Congratulations, again Renee.

The outside flag spotlight was out of commission for a while. Something fried the wiring so a new one was installed in July by Kaiser Electric.

Donations to the library in memory of Gerry Smith will be used for purchasing two bronze children's statues that will be placed on display in the Children's Room. The rest of the money will be used for books or for other items also mentioned by the family. The donations made "in memory of" really benefit the library and we gratefully acknowledged all of them.

Mr. Howard Streeter was contacted by the Board to help us determine what we have and what we should do with the items in the wall display case hanging over the stairway in the entry. Mr. Streeter has a passion for the Civil War and is very knowledgeable in artifacts of that time.

He told the Board that we should be very proud as he thought no other town in Michigan has what we have in our library (i.e. a federal flag of Civil War era used for parades and a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) flag of the Loomis battery). We also have the GAR roster, in good shape, at the library that can be viewed if requested. He showed us where the flags are self-destructing from hanging and from light. He suggested we get someone to put several hinges or a piano hinge on the case so it could be opened without dropping the glass front. The items could then be removed.

Each flag needs to be stored flat in a specially made acid-free, sealed container. Where the Board will go from here, we are not sure. Is anyone out there who has the time and/or willingness to help us decide where to keep these flags in the library and help construct their acid-free, sealed containers? We feel we are in over our heads, but now know we have some very valuable items that must be preserved.

Mr. Streeter feels the muskets in the case were of the Civil War era but the swords probably were issued after the war. The Board is truly indebted to Howard Streeter for helping us out and for the history he was able to tell us concerning the Loomis Battery and the cannons once on display at Battery Park.

That's all for now, folks!

Friends of the Library News

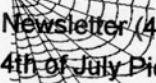
Lisa Wood, Secretary

Our Friends of the Library 4th of July Pie Sale went well, bringing in over \$620. It was a good sale, with only a few pieces left over. A big THANK YOU to every worker who helped make the day a success.

We are pleased to finally announce that the Friend Cookbook is now for sale! We have these at the library for \$10. The cookbook committee consisted of: Freda Pomranka, Karen MacCheyne, Lisa Wood and an additional proofreader: Barb Rockhold.

This cookbook purchase will also be available at the November 2nd and 3rd booksale. If you live away, don't hesitate to call the library and we can get one to you. We feel this is a wonderful tribute to our dedicated Friends and also to the Jane Baldwin Endowment Fund, to which the proceeds will go.

The Friends of the Library sure handle a lot in a year's time! Take a look at the activities that take place:


Newsletter (4 editions per year)
4th of July Pie Sale
Summer Reading Programs
Pet Parade
Spring and Fall Book Sales

Looking Back...

In the Quincy Library minutes of the September 1913, these expenses were noted: paid Maude Barnes, Librarian \$10.00; Florence Campbell, Assistant, \$4.00; Books, \$37.62; and lawn mowed \$2.00. Overdue fines \$4.05 with an average of 30 books checked out per day. Interesting to note that Maude Barnes was the first Librarian at the Quincy Library and served from 1912 through 1920.

Advertisements in the 1913 Quincy Herald, featured Ruffled Curtains for 25 cents per pair; coffee at 28 cents per pound; bread at 5 -10 cents and graham crackers at 7 cents.

Policy as to library patrons:

"Upon signing with satisfaction surety an agreement to observe all the rules and regulations made for the government and safety of the Library, whether now in force or hereafter...persons unable to provide sureties may have the same privilege by making a deposit of 50% in excess to value of book desired as security, which money to be refunded when the book is returned in as good a shape as when taken out."

Did You Know?

...that the library has a framed panoramic view of Quincy from 1833? Points of interest are the Donovan & Conley's Opera Hall, churches, Commercial Hotel, Dr. F.E. Marsh's Sanitarium for Opium Habit, G.W. Dean's Carriage Wagon and Sleigh Manufacturing and other businesses from this era.

..Roy Tappenden is still handling delivery boxes between the six library branches on Tuesday's and Friday's. He has been delivering for twenty years.

...the additional hours for the library employees are funded through the Allen Penal fines. Penal fines are assessments paid by individuals for violation of state law. A traffic fine is the most common violation. Since 1837, it has been constitutionally mandated in Michigan that penal fines be allocated toward the support of public libraries.

...we have over 195 registered borrowers (library card holders) from the Allen community.

...libraries contribute to the quality of life. They are one of those institutions that make a strong community. The Quincy Public Library and Branch District Library System, friends and children who use the library, appreciate the continued interest and support of the Allen community.

Thank You.....

Marian Smith and family... for the opportunity to purchase a children's statue, which is housed in the children's room. This purchase was made possible through the many donations made to our library and is plated in memory of Gerald Smith.

Pie donators... for the donation of your pies to the Friends Pie Sale. You are appreciated.

Branch County Sheriff Department... for keeping our children safe while parading around town.

Beth Ann's Embroidery... for the donation of your services to the library. The two adorable bears that live in the Children's room, now have bandannas that are stitched, "Chocolate" and "Fudge".

Unknown Individual... for donating the two lovely books in memory of Lisa Campbell. The titles are "Along the Trail" and "Wild & Beautiful Glacier" (these arrived safely in our drop box with the notation to be plated in memory, but with no designation of the giver).

Pet Parade Workers...to all the ladies that made cookies, poured the punch, handed out badges and balloons, and kept the children happy. It was a wonderful morning!

Nancy Smith and family... for always leading our parade at a good pace and for providing the marching parade music.

Pet Parade Judges...Dr. Pete Baldwin, Dennis Smith, and Jana Baldwin.



Contributions

In Memory of...

Randy Avra.....Mike and Neilayne Bean
Jane Baldwin..... Scott & Sue Baldwin
James Blair..... Rick & Anne Lown,
Janet Herman,
Ernest & Marilyn DiMicco,
Joseph, LouCinda & Dan Hasting,
Dale & Jackie Smith,
Jerry & Dorothy Hawkins,
Gene & Shirley Brand,
David Donald Diamond
Debbie Brentner.....Dave Hardy family
Amy Fritz.....Peg Suever
Mary Ellen Gilchrest..... Dave & Janice Sharrard
Walter (Red) Grasser....Jack & Barb Faulkner,
Jack & Lori, Ally & Ashley
Jill & Brian, Austin, Caleb &
Juliette
Bertha Grimski.....Raymond & Mary Jo Kranz
Leona Happy.....Junior & Glenna Gary
Francis Kiersey.....Women's Society of Union Church
Eleen King.....Women's Society of Union Church
Richard King.....Donna Strang,
Opal King and family,
Harold & Jane Schultz
Franklin Kratzer.....Harold & Jane Schultz
Georgia Kugler.....Dan & Carol Ludlow
Grace Kukuk.....Joe & Lisa Lopez
Rachel McConnell.....Ruth McConnell
Myrle Miller..... Donna Strang
Tery Myers.....100F Lodge
Gladys Pask.....Larry & Linda Bailey,
John & Delores Alexander
Ron & Kathy Will
Susan Smith Rodecker..Harold & Jane Schultz
Charles S. Rzepka.....The Hardy family
Ruth Ann Sager..... Mr. & Mrs. George Baldauf
Luann Sours.....Thursday Night Bingo
Elizabeth Stull.....Duane, Rita and Derek Carpenter
The Suever family
Jerry Warner.....Duane & Rita Carpenter
Lincoln Benjamin Wilbur . Gary & Connie Karney

Give me books, fruit, French wine and fine weather and a
little music out of doors, played by someone I do not know.

-John Keats-

In Honor of...

Bobbie Brickey..... Ann Fair, Janet Herman,
Ron & Kathy Will,
Winifred Newberry,
Harold & Jane Schultz
The Hardy family..... The Hardy family
(reunion)
Gladys Parkinson..... Harold & Jane Schultz
(Birthday)
Donna Strang..... Don & Teddy Sinclair
(Birthday)

Donations...

Pleasant Street Daycare



Thank you for the Summer Reading program. From
all us kids at the Pleasant Street Daycare.

New York Times Best Seller Hardcover Fiction

Top 5 at a Glance

1. YOU'VE BEEN WARNED, by James Patterson and Howard Roughan
2. A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS, by Khaled Hosseini
3. PONTOON, by Garrison Keillor
4. THE WHEEL OF DARKNESS, by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
5. BONES TO ASHES, by Kathy Reichs

Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invite you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2007. Please complete the below information, enclose your check payable to the Friends of the Library and either send it to the library or to Teddy Sinclair at 490 Clarendon Rd., Quincy, MI 49082. The Friends of the Library are responsible for the continuance of the newsletter and assisting with many of the library's programs.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership: \$5.00 per year

I am interested in contributing an additional \$ _____ for the continuance of this newsletter.

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