

Quincy Library

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Library hours: email: branchdistrictlibrary.org

Sunday / Monday - Closed

Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Branch Manager's Message

Well, 2009 here we come! A fresh new year, fresh fallen snow and new goals. Sounds like a new year doesn't it? Look for information regarding the **Winter Blahs** contest in this newsletter and as always, future newsletters for upcoming events. We look forward to serving you this year and we hope your 2009 is filled with good things and good books! Be sure to stop in and browse our new purchases. Here are just a few:

New Adult Fiction:

Sandra Brown	"Texas! Lucky"
Janet Evanovich	"Plum Spooky"
Julie Garwood	"Fire and Ice"
John Grisham	"The Associate"
Iris Johansen	"The Treasure"
Emilie Richards	"Beautiful Lies"
Stuart Woods	"Mounting Fears"

New Adult Non Fiction:

- "Game Over: How You Can Prosper in a Shattered Economy" by Leeb Stephen

- "Return to Slender: The 8 Week No-Diet, No-Gym Plan to Get You off Your Seat" by James Levine
- "The Duggars: 20 and Counting!: Raising One of America's Largest Families- How They do It" by Jim, Bob & Michelle Duggar
- "The Native American Experience" by Jay Wertz

Did you know... on a typical day,

Michigan public libraries:

- Welcome 133,207 people
- Circulate 190,043 items
- Conduct 22,860 reference transactions
- Assist 5,556 Internet users

Locally, at the Quincy Public Library: , we helped 19,039 people during the 2008 year, handled 51,673 items, answered 221 reference questions, and assisted 6275 internet users.

It is our privilege to serve the public and we appreciate each of you that frequent our library.

-Lisa L Wood, Branch Manager

Quincy Magazine List

The following is a list of our current magazines. Remember, magazines can be checked out for 14 days.

- Better Homes & Gardens
- Birds & Blooms
- Civil War Times
- Consumer Reports
- Cooking Light
- Country Extra
- Every Day with Rachael Ray
- Family Circle
- Family Handyman
- Family Fun
- Glamour
- Good Housekeeping
- Ladies Home Journal
- Money
- Mother Earth News
- Newsweek
- Oprah
- People
- Redbook
- Seventeen
- Shape
- Time

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Friends of the Quincy Library Cookbook

Below is one of the delicious recipes included in the Friends of the Quincy Library Cookbook. The cookbook highlights the favorite recipes of Jane Baldwin. This cookbook can be purchased from the Quincy Library for \$10.00.

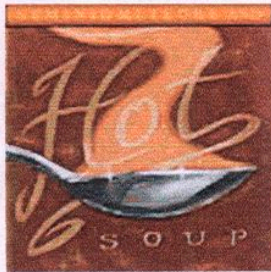
This edition of the newsletter will highlight Taco Soup to keep you warm during the cold winter months. The recipe can be found in the Soups and Salad section of the cookbook.

Taco Soup

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 pkg Ranch style dressing mix
- 1 pkg taco seasoning mix
- 1 cup water
- 2 (14 oz) cans diced tomatoes
- 2 (15 oz) cans pinto beans
- 1 (15 oz) can black beans
- 1 (15 oz) can cream style corn

Brown beef with onion in a medium size pot. Drain excess grease. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 20 minutes before serving.

Teddy Sinclair



Quincy Magazine List (Continued)

Children's:

- Sports Illustrated for Kids
- Zoo Books
- American Girl
- KidsDiscover

We also have the **USA Today** (three days displayed), **The Daily Reporter** (five days displayed) and the **Independent** (weekly edition is displayed) for the public to read.

Friends of the Library Message

The Friends group last met on October 28th. The members were pleased with the sales of our book bags, cookbooks, pies that were provided by our local NIKA Club ladies and note cards at the 150th Celebration of Quincy. It was a good day, thanks to the help of our volunteers! Our November book sale was also a success. We are thankful the Quincy Township gives us two wall spaces for bookshelves in the library basement for an on-going book sale. We know the public appreciates it.

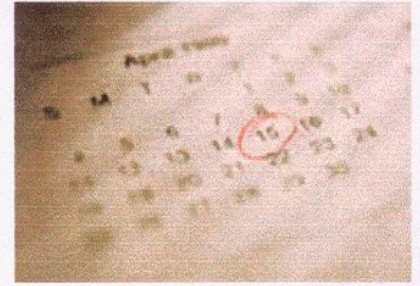
The slate of officers were elected for the 2009 year will remain the same: President - Carol Brown; Vice President- Karen MacCheyne; Treasurer - Teddy Sinclair; and Secretary- Lisa Wood.

We look forward to hosting the 7th Annual Friends Meeting April 21, 2009 at our Quincy Library location. This is always a good time of gathering, sharing of ideas and delicious snacks! The NIKA Club will be enhancing the meeting this year in regards to the decor and refreshments. We are thankful for their support of our library.

We anticipate the 100th birthday of the Quincy Library in 2010 and will be discussing plans for it all year long! Feel free to join us at any of our meetings this year: April 28, May 26, July 28 or October 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the library lower level. Our

building is barrier free via the ramp on the north side of the building.

- Lisa Wood, Secretary



Upcoming 2009 Events

Computer Class (free - scanning/retouching photos) - January 17th @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m

Winter Blahs contest (adults over 18) - February 1st - 28th

7th Annual Friends Meeting - April 21st @ 6:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Meeting - April 28th @ 4:00 p.m.

Children's Book Week - May 11th - 16th

Friends of the Library Meeting - May 26th @ 4:00 p.m.

Book Sale - June 5th - 6th during library hours

Summer Reading Program begins - June 16th

Kalamazoo Nature Center presentation - June 23rd @ 2:00 p.m.

Friends Pie Sale - July 4th

Storyteller Jenifer Strauss - July 8th

Pet Parade - July 14th @ 10:00 a.m.

Summer Reading Program ends - July 25th

Friends of the Library Meeting - July 28th @ 4:00 p.m.

Book Sale - November 6th - 7th during library hours

Quincy Library Board Message

In the last newsletter, we mentioned the beautiful new mission-style computer desks. To protect our new desks, glass has been placed on each desk top. The desks are working out just great.

In October, the present Library Board officers were elected to serve another year. They are: President - Teddy Sinclair; Vice President - Mary Jo Kranz; Secretary - Judy Dobson; Treasurer - Connie Karney and Trustees - Carol Ludlow and Barb Rockhold.

The Board is finding out that there are very few grants available for preservation projects. We were turned down by the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation and by Optimum, a framing company. Most foundations want new programs to help and/or enrich people's lives. So we are especially grateful for those of you who have donated toward our flag project BUT WE STILL NEED FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE WHOLE PROJECT.

The G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) flag is in the final stages of preservation and we anticipate its arrival in January to be framed and hung. At this time, we would really like to send the federal flag back with Howard Sutcliffe, curator, to begin the preservation of this flag. Please see the write up by Bonnie Frick concerning the special significance of our federal flag.

Dr. Peter Baldwin is completing three display cases he designed for the muskets and swords found in the old display case that used to hang on the south wall. These cases will be displayed in the entry of the library. Dr. Baldwin volunteered to do the cases when he found out about our

preservation project. He lost no time in constructing them and felt we should also have a display case for the leather straps and old buckles. Dr. Baldwin has done much research concerning the muskets and swords. We will try to cover what he found out at a later date. Thank you, Dr. Baldwin, for your generosity and faithful support.

If a group you belong to would like to hear a program on the flag preservation project, please call the library and it will be arranged.

- Judy Dobson, Secretary

Our Civil War Era Federal Flag

The second flag that was left with the library in 1927 is a large, one hundred inches long, Federal Flag. It is hand sewn of British wool bunting (the colonies weren't allowed to make fabric then) and hand spun thread was used. Twenty-two stars were applied on both sides in double concentric circles around the central star. Over the ninety some years in the library the display case had pulled away from the wall slightly allowing a large amount of coal dust to saturate the flag to a dingy, dark grey and carpet beetles ate areas of the wool. We have been assured by Howard Sutcliffe, the textile conservator at the Detroit Institute of Art and the Philadelphia Museum of Art that the contrast of seeing the flag cleaned and preserved will be remarkable.

Not so readily seen is the history of such an old flag. If our flag was made in 1820, it would be 189 years old! It is intriguing to imagine how it came to be in Quincy. In former days it was common and legal to keep flying a flag even after more states were admitted to the Union adding more stars to new flags. Alabama was the

22nd state in December 1819, but only three months later Maine, a strongly abolitionist state, separated from Massachusetts and became a state provoking a major debate in our country's history. The Missouri Compromise resulted. Maine came into the Union as a free state and Missouri as a slave state, keeping the balance in Congress. But the Compromise stated the remaining portions of the Louisiana Purchase would be "forever" off limits to slavery.

One can imagine the strong feelings of whoever, most likely from Massachusetts or Maine, came to Branch County in the 1830's or soon after, bringing with them this flag which must have been made in the early 1820's. Hazel Forte's "History of Quincy" mentions Mr. Hiram Alden, who came from Quincy, Massachusetts, suggested the name Quincy for our township when it was formed out of Coldwater Township in 1836. The huge flag was likely used in parades by Civil War veterans as was the Grand Army of the Republic Loomis Post silk flag already preserved and due to be hung in the library this January. When the Quincy Library acquired them, the July 1927 minutes by Nellie McDonald states that the request came from the Supervisor Archie Sweet and Clinton Joseph and C.T. Fillmore representing the Spanish American boys and the American Legion. No further history of the flags was written.

If anyone has come across mention of these flags in their own family history, please let us know. And if you want to read more about flags, some of the information in this articles came from the book in our library, "A Grand Old Flag; a History of the United States Through It's Flags, by Kevin & Peter Keim. It's a great read.

-Bonnie Frick

Did you know...

- There were no squirrels on Nantucket until 1989.
- It takes a lobster approximately seven years to grow to be one pound.
- Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.
- The last NASCAR driver to serve jail time for running moonshine was Buddy Arrington.
- Montpelier, Vermont, is the only U.S. state capital without a McDonalds.
- Pinocchio is Italian for "pine head".
- All porcupines float in water.
- The correct response to the Irish greeting, "Top of the morning to you" is "an the rest of the day to yourself".
- When ocean tides are at their highest, they are called "spring tides." When they are at their lowest, they are called "neep tides".
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- Great Britain was the first country to issue postage stamps. Hence, the postage stamps of Britain are the only stamps in the world not to bear the name of the country of origin. However, every stamp carries a relief image or a silhouette of the monarch's head instead.
- Mice, whales, elephants, giraffes and man all have seven neck vertebra.
- Giraffes have no vocal cords.
- The two longest one-syllable words in the English language are "screched" and "strengths".



Flag Preservation Fund Drive

The Quincy Library Advisory Board invites you to join us in our endeavor to restore and preserve our precious collection. Please complete the below information, enclose a check payable to the Quincy Library Foundation and either send it to the library or to Teddy Sinclair at 490 Clarendon Rd., Quincy, MI 49082. Your consideration and generosity is greatly appreciated. You may choose to give your gift "in honor", "in memory of" or other, just circle below.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Please circle if given in honor or in memory of.. IN HONOR IN MEMORY OF OTHER

Made in the name of : _____

Please send card to:

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ MI: _____
 ZIP: _____



In Appreciation...

In Memory of...

Mary Lou Belvitch
Mike & Ann Nowicki

Gwen Blue
Dolores Rawson

Beulah Coplin
Dan & Linda Wood
Betty Green

Jean Iford
Dolores Rawson

Riley Luce
Duane, Rita, Daren &
Derek Carpenter
The Brian Harmon family

Louise (VanRiper) Myers
Carolyn VanRiper

Jacquelyn H. Peck
Dwight & Irene Olney

Carol Scheid
Kim & Terry Macklin
Marion & Joyce Seigler
Junior & Glenna Gary

Geneva Sprout
Ron & Darlene Tuckey
Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Chaney
Don & Carol Anderson
Dolores Rawson
Ruth McConnell
Isabelle Kochendorfer

Mary Supianoski
Terry & Kim Macklin

Ann Swaney
Junior & Glenna Gary

In Honor...

Leon & LouAnn Kahle
George & Gert Baldauf

Flag Preservation Fund:

Sue Webb - Pleasant
Street Daycare
Marcelyn Labelle
Frank & Bonnie Frick
Dan & Judy Dobson
Star of the West Milling,
Co.
Robert Shedd

In Memory of...

Myrtle Eileen Burk
Don & Teddy Sinclair
Dan & Judy Dobson
Johanna Ferguson-
Hippensteel

Marquis Lafayette Bryan
(Co. F 28th Tenn.
Infantry)
Bob & Linda Stewart

Elmer M. & Dorothy J. Dobson
Mary Dawn Dobson

Wier J. Ewers
Don & Teddy Sinclair &
family

Lucius Theodore Gillispie (Co. A Sixth Reg. N.C. Cavalry)
Bob & Linda Stewart

Robert Rockhold
James & Donna Ford

In Honor...

Connie Karney - Birthday
Judy Dobson

Henry & Joanne Longhini (for years of
friendship and dedicated

service for Quincy
children)
Ray & Mary Jo Kranz

Harold Schultz
NIKA Club

Those who serve now...
Mary Gale

Baldwin Endowment Fund Donations:

Dan & Judy Dobson
Pete & Marie Baldwin

Interesting Coincidence

Thank You... to Betty Blair for the following... WOW! On a recent trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, I started to read a Quincy Library book, "Wishbones" by Carolyn Haines. In the front acknowledgments was this: "A special thanks goes to Suzy Dutton, who won the Bones naming contest. An for all of her hard work, she ends up a glamorous movie star who... well, you have to read the book to find out."

Well, I know a Suzy Dutton from Nashville and she was also in Winnipeg! So when I saw her I said, "Suzy, does "Wishbones mean anything to you?" She thought for a few seconds and started to smile and then laugh. "YES" She was the Suzy Dutton. Her sister is a neighbor of Carolyn Haines and her name was used in a previous book. But she won the contest fair and square. Imagine, me from Quincy, Suzy from Nashville and Carolyn from Alabama all coming together in Canada. It sure is a small world.

Winter Blahs Contest

It's time again for our Winter Blahs contest. Adults over 18, record how many pages you read during the month of February and the individual who reads the most will receive the goodie basket! Read all you want from February 1st until February 28th, then bring in your total during the first week of March. We will call the winner on Friday, March 6th. Good Luck!

HARDCOVER FICTION

Top 5 at a Glance

1. THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER, by Glenn Beck with Kevin Balfe and Jason Wright
2. SCARPETTA, by Patricia Cornwell
3. CROSS COUNTRY, by James Patterson
4. THE STORY OF EDGAR SAWTELLE, by David Wroblewski
5. THE HOST, by Stephenie Meyer

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

Top 5 at a Glance

1. OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell
2. DEWEY, by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter
3. AMERICAN LION, by Jon Meacham
4. A BOLD FRESH PIECE OF HUMANITY, by Bill O'Reilly
5. TOO FAT TO FISH, by Artie Lange with Anthony Bozza

Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invites you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2009. Please complete the below information, enclose a 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

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

Quincy Library Board

Teddy Sinclair — President
Mary Jo Kranz — Vice President
Connie Karney — Treasurer
Judy Dobson — Secretary
Barb Rockhold - Trustee
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