

# Quincy Library

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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

The summer certainly seems to fly by at the library. Over 140 children signed up for the Summer Reading Program this year. Children were reading, bringing reading record sheets full of stickers to show us and stamping on the sign up charts to earn some fun incentive prizes. The children got stickers for every 15 minutes they read, allowing anyone to just read for pleasure and not be concerned with the size of the book!

The annual Pet Parade went off without a hitch. Over 60 people paraded around the library and around town, watched and protected by the Sheriff Department. We rested safely in the library backyard for cookies, punch and awards. The dogs appreciated the buckets of water placed around the yard and the many bunnies seemed relieved to have a cage between themselves and the dogs! A good time was had by all.

The library celebrated its' 100th year with an Open House on a Sunday afternoon, September 19th. We had nearly 100 visitors that day to enjoy penny candy, freshly popped corn, donut holes and delicious apple cider, donated by Sugarbush Farms.

Many thanks to our demonstrators: Milton Smith and his beautiful wood carving display; Sheree Dirschell who demonstrated chair caning and graciously let many visitors try their hand at it; Jeff Sallie worked at his loom all afternoon creating a beautiful rug; and 95 year old Louise Wadsworth spent all afternoon working on a quilt creation.

A special tribute was given by State Representative Ken Kurtz, along with congratulations on a century of service from the Quincy Historical Society. Visitors mingled and enjoyed the sunny afternoon, taking in unique antique displays. Slideshows ran of old Quincy photos and postcards, with a recent addition of 70 images from Bill Carlson. We appreciate his

generosity and time with us to acquire those treasures.

Knowing that Andrew Carnegie offered to build a library here in Quincy, and that the offer was declined, we can be extremely proud of our sturdy, preeminently Quincy production, with the architect and slater being the only outside labor employed. The land and means were given by Charles Wilkes Bennett. Carnegie would have wanted his name to grace the building, but Bennett was adamant that it only say "Public Library".

516 township voters cast their votes for the appropriation of one mill on the dollar for a free public library in Quincy. 355 voted for the proposition. A library board was appointed by the township board, and is still appointed to this day. Mr. Bennett deeded to this board, the lot on the west side of North Main Street absolutely and his store building in Quincy village, along with a house and lot in (continued page 2)

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Coldwater, reserving himself a life lease. This library board met in session forty-four times, without compensation in any way.

To quote the Quincy Herald from November 2, 1911, "If the establishment of the free public library in Quincy township will tend toward a better citizenship and be a benefit, an uplift and a pride to the community generally, your library board will ever feel that they have been well and justly compensated."

Another interesting note worth mentioning as we think of the history behind this grand, historical building; the first librarian, Mrs. Maud Barnes, was selected by the board as "a most excellent choice" and was paid \$1.25 per day for days the library was kept open, but was given no extra compensation for janitorial work. Progress is a good thing.

Our library is a busy place, with materials and services for the public. September was Library Card Sign-Up Month, do you have your free library card?

*Lisa L. Wood, Branch Manager*

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Quincy Library were busy this summer helping with children's activities and providing goodies for a few of the events. The Friends were also at a booth during the August Quincy Daze Arts & Crafts in the park. Cookbooks, notecards and book bags were available for sale, as well as free library pencils and magnets for the public. The Friends were also helpful during our most recent 100<sup>th</sup>

library celebration. Thanks to this group, the monthly drawing will continue through December, in celebration of the library's 100<sup>th</sup>. The November drawing will offer a \$25 Felpausch gift card, while the December giveaway will be a Mystery Box!

October 26 will be the next Friends meeting and there will not be a meeting again until April 26, 2011. With only four meetings each year, we hope the Friends group appeals to any who are interested. Tell YOUR friends to join OUR Friends!

*Lisa L. Wood, Friends of the Library Secretary*

## Quincy Library Board

It's been a while since I have reported on the Board's activities. Some of the items may be "old" but worth mentioning again.

In the last Board news, I mentioned Martin Schmucker was building a custom display cabinet to house our GAR Roster. It was picked up and brought to the library by President Teddy and is a fitting piece of furniture to house our priceless GAR Roster. Mr. Schmucker also completed a bookcase with one shelf that has been placed under the display case by the lift. If you have walked right by them without noticing, make a mental note to look for them the next time you visit the library.

In April, the second flag to be preserved, the Federal Flag, was delivered to the library and hung on the west wall of the entry. What a marvelous job Howard Sutcliffe, curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts, has done for us to preserve these flags left in our care. Howard

also presented the library with a book showing the before and after of both flags and the process in between. You need to take a look to remember what the before looked like.

Bonnie Frick and Lisa Wood put together a 3-page pamphlet on the history of our swords, flags and muskets and had it ready in time for our Memorial Day open house. President and Mrs. Lincoln and entourage toured the library and were especially interested in the preserved flags, swords and muskets. Those riding the Lincoln Train also enjoyed the library and the Memorial Day program held on the library steps.

At the Quincy Township Board's annual meeting, the names of Mary Jo Kranz and Carol Ludlow were presented and elected to another 3-year term on the Quincy Library Board.

Mr. Robert W. Browne donated \$4000 to the Quincy Library in appreciation of a book report Shirley Tappenden, a former librarian at Quincy, wrote in the Newsletter regarding his autobiography, "Who Could Ask For Anything More". What a wonderful surprise! Thank you.

Since the Quincy Masons have merged with the Coldwater Masons, they donated some keepsakes to the library. During National Library Week, Quincy Library hosted Stevens Puppets funded by the Baldwin Endowment Fund, a fund created mainly for the benefit of children. NIKA Club donated over \$1000 from their annual auction to the library and the board used that money for summer help. What a



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generous community we have.

Other programs hosted by the library were the Kalamazoo Nature Center with 30 in attendance, the Impression Five program from Lansing with 52 attending and the annual Pet Parade with over 60 entrants.

Another volunteer program enjoyed by both children and adults was the Imaginative Arts project by Marnie Szafranski. Thanks for another year of sharing your talents.

The Quincy High School Alumni Directory compiled by Carol Gates and Teddy Sinclair is on the library shelf and copies are available for purchase as well as a CD. Check it out!

Quincy Library hosted the District Library Board meeting in July. The District Board takes turns meeting at the different libraries in the district.

By the generosity of Bill Swallow, the library was able to set up a display at the 4-H fair to highlight our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> celebration and to display the old post cards we have.

Thanks to another community supporter.

September 19<sup>th</sup> was a great celebration of our library's 100<sup>th</sup> year. Lisa the Librarian also put together a pamphlet for this 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Friends members comprising the celebration committee were: Carol Kahaian, Barb Rockhold, Teddy Sinclair and Lisa Wood. Thanks for a great day to celebrate history.

*Judy Dobson, Quincy Library Board Secretary*

## National Friends of Libraries' Week

October 17-23, 2010

Friends of Libraries groups now have their very own national week of celebration! This 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Friends of Libraries Week is the perfect time to celebrate Friends, promote the group to the community, raise awareness and promote membership. Our members are dedicated individuals and extremely helpful with our fundraisers (June and November Book Sales and July 4 Pie Sale). The library is fortunate to have their support.

Our many thanks to the current Friends board.

## New to the Library!!

"A Country Girl Grows Up in Branch County, Michigan" by Mary Lapham Carpenter

Discover the years 1932-1950 through Mary Lapham Carpenter's revealing narrative of her early life. This charming memoir expands on the joys and not so happy times of the Great Depression and World War II at home, as she attends elementary, high school and church, learning, working and playing.

## 100th Celebration Monthly Giveaways!

**August** - \$25 Meijer Gift card - preschool child of Brandie McDonald  
**September** - Library Book bag & \$15 Swallow's Nest Gift Certificate - Alex Frank

**October** - Autumn Basket of Goodies (including a \$15 NCG Cinema gift card) - Karen Fabek

## 100th Celebration Pictures!



Previous Librarian,  
Shirley Tappenden

14 years of service to the Quincy Community



Previous Librarian,  
Kathy (Veysey) Will

1997-2000



Congratulations on a century of service by the Quincy Historical Society

## How Libraries Stack Up: 2010

In America, we go to libraries to find jobs, create new careers and help grow our small businesses. We borrow books, journals, music and movies. We learn to use the latest technology. We get the tools and information needed to reenter the workforce. We get our questions answered, engage in civic activities, meet with friends and co-workers and improve our skills at one of the 16,600 U.S. public libraries.

- Every day, our public libraries deliver millions of dollars in resources and support that meet the critical needs of our communities.
- Every day 300,000 Americans get job-seeking help at their public library.
- Most public libraries provide free wireless Internet access for their users. Nearly 12,000 now offer free Wi-Fi. That's more than Starbucks (11,000), Barnes & Noble or Borders (1,300).
- 2.8 million times every month, business owners and employees use resources at public libraries to support their small businesses.
- Library cards are about as prevalent as credit cards. Two-thirds of Americans have a library card. For many young people, the first card in their wallet is a library card.
  - 181 million credit card holders
  - 151 million public library card holders
- U.S. public libraries circulate as many materials every day as FedEx ships packages worldwide. We

enjoy \$82. million of value every day from the materials we check out at libraries.

- FedEx shipments worldwide: 8 million
- U.S. public library circulation: 7.9 million
- Every day, Americans borrow 2.1 million DVDs from libraries, and we spend over \$22 million for DVD rentals at outlets like Netflix and RedBox vending machines.
- Every year, Americans visit the library more often than we go to the movies and six times more often than we attend live sporting events (including professional and NCAA football, baseball, basketball and hockey).
  - U.S. public library visits 1.4 billion
  - U.S. movie attendance 1.3 billion
  - U.S. sporting event attendance 218 million
- More public libraries offer free meeting rooms than there are conference centers, convention facilities and auditoriums combined. Every day 225,000 people use library meeting rooms at a retail value of \$11 million. That's \$3.2 billion annually (based on 286 business day per year).
  - Conference and other meeting centers 6,600
  - U.S. public libraries with free meeting rooms 10,800

HYPERLINK "<http://www.oclc.org/reports/stackup/>" [www.oclc.org/reports/stackup/](http://www.oclc.org/reports/stackup/)

Numbers from OCLC's primary research are estimates. OCLC conducted primary research in January 2010 by inviting librarians via a post on various e-mail lists to answer a questionnaire gauging the use of their public libraries for job-seeking, small business support, meeting room usage and other activities. 719

## More 100th Celebration Pictures!



Jeff Sallie and his rug looming demonstration



Special Tribute  
by  
State Rep. Ken Kurtz



# In Appreciation...

## In Memory of...

### Esther Cook

Marion & Joyce Seigler

### Alan Cranmer

Marion & Joyce Seigler

### Vivian Esterline

Marion & Joyce Seigler

### M Jean Fenno

Roaming Rascal Red Hats

### Junior Gary

Marion & Joyce Seigler

### Vera Lawler

Marion & Joyce Seigler

### Olive McDonald

Carolyn Van Ripper

### Jeanie Neuendorf

Roy & Shirley Tappenden

Frank & Bonnie Frick

### Mable Otis

Glenna Gary

### Fred Riley

Peg Suever & family

### Robert Scarfo

Ron & Kathy Will

### Shari Sharpley-Brown

Duane, Rita, Daren, Derek

Carpenter

Pete & Marie Baldwin

Suever family

Mike & Ann Nowicki

Charlotte DuBay

### Bill Swallow Sr.

Leon & Evelyn Parrish

Ralph & Jackie DeLine

### Agnes VanDoren

Portia Duff

### Lyle Wilcox

Marion & Joyce Seigler

### Bonnie Worth

Ron & Kathy Will

Steve & Mary Ann Dobson

## In Memory of...

**to The Friends of the Library**

### Vivian Esterline

Eloise Aemisegger

Larry & Dorothy

Aemisegger

Joan Waterbury

Leona Ehl

Dave & Barb Ray

Nancy Bennett

Dolores Rawson

Wava Jean Gano

Don & Celeste Vrablic

Lucille Carless

Diana Taylor

CJ & Nellie Cronk

Helen Brown & family

Virgel Thather

Frank & Candy Thather

Greg & Linda

Kochendorfer

Gordon & Marietta Davis

Coldwater Eagle Riders

#1907

Ron & Kathy Will

Unkown donation

## In Honor of...

### Leon Parrish

Mary Jo Kranz

Dan & Judy Dobson

### James & Diane Kahle

Peg Suever & family

George & Gert Baldauf

### Donna Strang (birthday)

Glenna Gary

### Teddy Sinclair (birthday)

Glenna Gary

### Joy Porter (birthday)

Judy Dobson

### Quincy Library (100th Celebration)

Quincy Lions Club

## Donations...

Quincy Lions Club

## Baldwin

## Endowment ...

Pete & Marie Baldwin

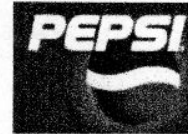
## Thank You...

### Linda Findley and Louise Wadsworth - for their

donation of nice books for our collection. We appreciate the useful quality items.

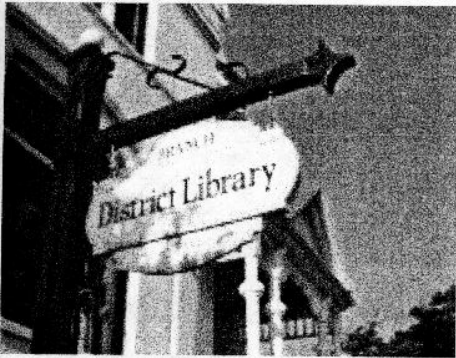
## Did you know...

- Table tennis balls have been known to travel off the paddle at speeds up to 105.6 miles per hour.
- Spiral staircases in medieval castles are running clockwise. This is because all knights used to be right-handed. When the intruding army would climb the stairs, they would not be able to use their right hand which was holding the sword because of the difficulties in climbing the stairs. Left-handed knights would have no troubles except left-handed people could never become knights because it was assumed that they were descendants of the devil.
- Louis IV of France had a stomach the size of two regular stomachs.
- Pepsi originally contained pepsin, thus the name.
- The first hard drive available for the Apple, had a capacity of 5 megabytes.
- It is a misdemeanor to kill or threaten a butterfly - so says City Ordinance No. 352 in Pacific Grove, California.
- Other than fruit, honey is the only natural food that is made without destroying any kind of life! What about milk, you say? A cow has to eat grass to produce milk and grass is living!
- When Saigon fell, the signal for all Americans to evacuate was Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" being played on the radio.
- Gary Burgough who played Walter Radar O'Reilly on M\*A\*S\*H has a deformed left thumb. If you watch closely you will see that he never shows his left hand.
- The real name of Astro (the dog from The Jetsons) is "Tralfaz" - his real owner appeared one day to claim him, but wound up giving him back to the Jetsons.
- In the cartoon show 'The Jetsons', Jane is 33 years old and her daughter Judy is 15.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Only two states' names begin with double consonants: Florida and Rhode Island.
- The volume of the Earth's moon is the same as the volume of the Pacific Ocean
- The expression "What in tarnation" comes from the original meaning: "What in eternal damnation"



# Quincy Public Library

- 5 public Internet computers
- Microfilm collection of the Quincy Herald newspaper from 1897-1967
- Videos and DVDs with a 7-day checkout
- Large audio cassette and CD collection with a 14-day checkout
- 15¢ black and white photocopies and computer prints; 25¢ color computer prints
- Fax Service: 50¢ per page to receive, \$1.00 per page to send
- Lamination



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