



# Quincy Branch Library

## Friends of the Library

### Newsletter

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#### Library Hours:

Sunday/Monday	— Closed	Thursday	10 — 6
Tuesday	8:30 — 5	Friday	8:30 — 5
Wednesday	10 — 5	Saturday	9 — 12

## Branch Manager's Message

Spring is in the air and around here, we celebrate National Library Week !!

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. We always have treats to share during this special week, so be sure to visit us.

Our beautiful building is still undergoing repairs. The most noticeable will be the reconstruction of our front steps for several weeks. We will be open,

through the mess, so feel free to use the north or south doors to use the library! Our north entrance ramp has a door bell to ring and gain entrance. This entrance is especially helpful to many who are in chairs or bring little ones in strollers. We're so thankful for our elevator and barrier free entrance. Our south door enters into the Quincy Township Treasurer's office, so Connie Karney will be welcoming all our patrons for a while.

Remember that you can feel free to pull your car up to our book drop box near our handicap parking spots. It is a handy way to use your driver's side window to return your items

without having to leave your car!

This is the 35th year of the Friends newsletter. They mail over 300 newsletters around the country. So many are thankful to receive a little piece of local news about their library and the community. The Friends want to thank Tracey Sinclair for her many years as typist of this Friends newsletter.

Look for upcoming events at our library further in this newsletter. Our summer reading program begins in June when the children are out of school. The Friends of the Library always offer a gas card for the adult reading contest during the summer, so be sure to stop in for details!

## Michigan Barns program coming in April

We are pleased to bring to the community, Jan Corey Arnett—The Barn Lady. She has never met a barn she didn't like. Having grown up on a Michigan farm, she is

keenly aware that barns are a threatened treasure. Many people do not realize the treasure that a heritage, timber-frame barn is and that they are worth saving.

Join us to hear her share Thursday evening, April 27 at 6:30 pm at the library. Refreshments will be served.

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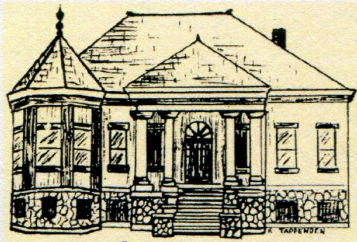
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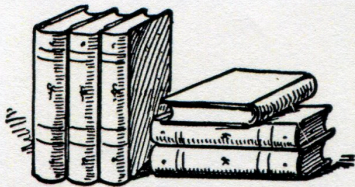
- Benjamin Franklin formed the first public lending library in America
- The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, in terms of space and volume. It is the primary source of research requests by the United States Congress
- Two out of three Americans own library cards and use them



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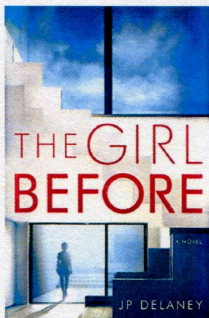


Quincy Public Library 1910



**Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.**

—Ray Bradbury



### Upcoming Events

**April 27 @ 6:30 pm**  
Michigan Barns Program  
presented by Jan Corey Arnett

**May 25 @ 6:30 pm**  
Quilt Trails presented by author Suzi Parron

**May 26 @ 5:30 pm**  
President Lincoln visits the Quincy Library

**June 2 & 3 BOOK SALE**

**June—July**  
Adult and children's summer reading contest

**June 22 @ 1 pm**

Shake, Rattle & Roll children's music program

**June 27 @ 2 pm**  
Michigan State Trooper Jereme Miller and canine dog visit

**July 6 @ 1 pm**  
THE GREAT TIMBINI Magic Show

**July 20 @ 10:30 am**  
Book Builder Magical Comedy Show

**June—July**  
Imaginative Art Friday ses-

sions with local artist Marni Szafranski

**August 25 & 26**  
Quincy Daze!

**September 28 @ 6:00 pm**  
The World on a String program presented by "Apron Aficionado" Julie Baratta

**October 19 @ 6:30 pm**  
Orphan Train in Michigan

**Nov. 3 & 4 BOOK SALE**

### Author Suzi Parron visits!

Author Suzi Parron will be coming to the Quincy Library on Thursday, May 25 to share over one hundred stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. You will hear stories of some of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor

loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes. The presentation is both informative and entertaining, as we explore the way in which our quilting heritage takes on new meaning as this movement continues.

Refreshments will be served.

Parron's books are in our library. If the books are checked out when you visit, be sure to ask for a HOLD request. When the book is returned, the library calls the next person on the list.

You can also make requests from home using your library card number at:

[www.branchdistrictlibrary.org](http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org)

### The New York Times Best Sellers

#### Hardcover Fiction

1. *Never Never* by James Patterson
2. *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
3. *The Whistler* by John Grisham
4. *Two By Two* by Nicholas Sparks
5. *The Girl Before* by J P Delaney
6. *The Mistress* by Danielle Steel
7. *The Chemist* by Stephanie Meyer
8. *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult
9. *Power Game* by Christine Feehan Berkley
10. *Death's Mistress* by Terry Goodkind

The New York Times Best Seller list was first published over 85 years ago on October 12, 1931. It consisted of five fiction and four non fiction titles for the New York region only. By the early 40s, fourteen cities were included. A national list was created April 9, 1942.

## Did You Know??

Henry Ford drove one of his vehicles 91 miles per hour on frozen Lake St. Clair for a publicity stunt in the winter of 1904

### Quincy Newspapers and Publications

The **Quincy Herald** had the longest continuous history of publication. It was owned and published in 1872 by C.V.R. Pond. The Herald was published continuously until Mr. Zimmerman was taken ill and sold the paper to a Coldwater printer, who suspended publication. The last issue was printed about December 27, 1967.

Another Quincy paper was the **Quincy Times** published by Mr. A.C. Culver in 1868 to 1878. It was Mr. Culver who gave the name Lakeview Cemetery to the place formerly called "The New Burying Ground." The **Times**, under another owner discontinued about 1900.

The **Literary Reporter** was started by C.W. Bennett, the donor of the Quincy Library. This publication continued for about ten years and had a wide circulation in the United States and some foreign countries.

The **Quincy News** was started by C.H. Young in 1899 and continued publication for a short time. It was more like a magazine in form, style, and contents than a newspaper.

The names of some of the printers and other workers in the **Herald** office during the years 1918 to 1924 were J. Guy Gilchrist, Miss Grace Alvarado, Linus W. Heydon, Lillian Cole, and a printer by the name of LeFever.

After the **Quincy Herald** was discontinued, a paper was started by the Business and Professional Women, Chapter of Quincy, named **Contact**. It was usually an 8 1/2 x 11 inch eight-page paper containing news of the area, and pictures both historical and up-to-date. This newspaper served the Quincy area for four years and it too was discontinued.

The first **Contact** edition was December 4, 1970 and was well received by locals. Copies were sent to the "boys" in Vietnam and taken out to Quincy patients at Carriage Inn and Maple Lawn. December 1974 saw the final edition of the **Contact**, due to someone taking the canister collections. Since then, Quincy has had no local news media.

## Michigan State Police Turns 100

...The Michigan State Police was intended to only be temporary when it was established in 1917 as a wartime emergency force to provide domestic security during World War I. The Michigan State Troops permanent Force – also known as the Michigan State Constabulary – was created by Governor Albert Sleeper on April 19, 1917. Five troops made up the new force, which had motorized, mounted, and foot units,

Colonel Roy C. Vandercook served as the first commanding officer. After Public Act 26 reorganized the Michigan State Constabulary on March 26, 1919, to make it permanent, the rest, as they say, was history. The force started with 300 troopers. Today, that number is up to 1,065 statewide, which includes 41 new troopers who graduated in December 2016. ...

It may have started small, but today, the Michigan State police is a leading police agency. Its men and women are committed to keeping Michigan residents safe through the most up-to-date technology and training.

(Full article in Michigan History magazine, March/April 2017 issue, available at the Quincy Branch Library for a 14 day checkout).

### THANK YOU to..

- **Freda Pomranka & Don Cortright for the donation of books and copy paper.**
- **Thank you to Harold Schultz for the new flag for the library.**
- **To the Quincy Branch Library Advisory Board for all the time they give to the library.**

*"A special thank you to the person; or people responsible for the newsletter. I thoroughly enjoy all of it! Blessings, Marian Condra "*

*When you absolutely positively have to know, ask a librarian.*

*—American Library Association*



In Appreciation...  
 Donations given *In Memory of*...



*In Memory of*

Virginia Ball	<b>From:</b> Quincy American Legion—SAL Wava Gano Carol Kahaian Dolores Rawson Jim & Virginia Taylor Gerhard & Patricia Pickelmann Charles & Barbara Rockhold Kenneth & Terri Ball Shirley Tappenden
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Our library Memorial program has enabled the library to purchase many extra books and materials over the years. With the Branch District Library System book budget always tight, individual's generous donations have greatly enhanced the library collection. Our library houses over 18,900 items!

Lisa Wood, Branch Manager, recently shared this number with all of the Jennings Elementary students—to some shocked faces! Many students ventured guesses up to 1000, when asked what amount they thought was in our public library.

It is no wonder that our Quincy branch loans out a couple hundred items within Branch County and several hundred within the State of Michigan each month.



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*In Honor of*...

Sharon Dollan's Birthday Linda Dull

**Donations:**

Mary Dawn Dobson

**Donations to Jane Baldwin Endowment Fund:**

Pete Baldwin

*"I love the solitude of reading. I love the deep dive into someone else's story, the delicious ache of a last page."*

~ ~ ~ Naomi Shihabnye

## Donations to Restoration Fund for our library building since our last newsletter:

### From:

Bernard & Eunice Pohl

Jeanne Berg

Ruth King

Leon & Evelyn Parrish – In Honor of Dan & Judy for all the work they do for the library

Connie Harmon – In Memory of Joe Normandin

Jim & Jan Johnson – In Memory of Fran Johnson

Bob & Linda Albright—In Memory of Colin Albright

### Look what our library offered in 2016:

Quincy Township, Quincy Village and area library card holders: 2773

The library is open 35 hours each week

Library attendance for the 2016 year was 11,010

Internet usage for 2016 was 1,977

Wireless usage available 24/7 : 16,750 uses

1,459 reference questions were answered



### Remember that our library provides:

Free internet availability

Scanner use at no charge

10 free resumes to patrons – 285 free resumes were given out in 2016

Lamination—\$1.00 for 8x10 or smaller, \$2.00 up to posterboard size

Fax service – 440 faxes were sent/received in 2016, \$1.00 per page to send

Over 18,939 items with a value of \$302,145

37 Periodicals – on average 61 magazines are checked out each month with a 14 day checkout period

Many of the public sit outside our building after hours using the 24/7 available wireless Internet. Our library system is glad to provide this service.

## Restoration Update:

Grand River Builders Incorporated Historic Building Restoration worked diligently on our building all fall and finished up the roof work at the end of December. Other work is needed on the building, including the three entrance ways, painting, cement work and the front steps.

\$88,628.13 has been donated thus far, with a \$60,401 bill being paid out. The estimate for the roof work was originally \$47,000, so we were grateful the billed amount could be covered at that time. The front step work scheduled for this spring has an estimate of \$26,000.

We appreciate the continued support of our community and their efforts to preserve our beautiful 1910 library building. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming fundraiser —

**Sunday, April 30**

**8—11 am**

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Stables Restaurant**

**Donations appreciated!**



~ Thank you from the Quincy Library Restoration Committee

**2017 Quincy Branch  
Library Board**

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**Quincy Library**  
**Branch Manager - Lisa Wood**  
**Clerk - Renee Hardy**

The Branch District Library System has  
six library branches to serve your needs:

Algansee, Bronson, Coldwater,  
Quincy, Sherwood and Union Twp.



**Annual Friends of the  
Library Membership Drive**

The Friends of the Library invite you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2017. Please complete the information below, enclose a check payable to: Friends of the Library. Mail to the library or to: Teddy Sinclair, 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.

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