



# 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

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## Branch Manager's Message

Summer is in full swing at the Quincy Branch Library!

Over 280 children and adults are signed up for the Summer Reading Program. The theme this summer is "Build a Better World". Children Preschool age through High School are setting their own reading goals and receiving incentive prizes. Those that

meet their reading goal by July 29 are entered for some family prizes, provided by the Friends of the Library. Adults can also read this summer and be entered to receive a gas card.

Be sure to check out upcoming events for all ages on page 2 of this newsletter.

Jennings Elementary

students made the librarian VERY happy on April 13 when they presented a "big check" for \$1310.05 to help with the library restoration! These students collected during their March is Reading Month, with a theme of "Read—Save the Library!". How wonderful that the teachers showed them the importance of community.

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## The *Apron Aficionado* is coming!

The *World on a String* program will be presented by *Apron Aficionado* Julia Baratta on Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 pm.

Julia presents a variety of interesting programs in the area and we are pleased to have her come to our

library.

Be sure to enter for a special door prize when you arrive. This program is offered at no charge to the public. Refreshments will be served and we look forward to the evening.



## Quincy Mill History— Quincy Herald May 24, 1928

The history of the Quincy mill is an interesting one, dating back to Civil War days, the main building having been erected in 1863. Felix A. McKenzie purchased the mill in 1887, when it had a capacity of 20 barrels of flour a day. For a number of years Mr. McKenzie was associated with Robert Hyslop, now living in Lansing.

The McKenzie Milling Co. was organized in 1903, with Mr. McKenzie as secretary-treasurer and general manager, and under his supervision the business increased rapidly, the present capacity being 300 barrels of flour per day and 800 barrels of buckwheat flour.

The death of Mr. McKenzie in 1919, after a brief illness, was a hard blow for the company, but the business of the company was entrusted to his son, Carlton D. McKenzie, who graduated from the University of Michigan as mechanical engineer just in time to enter the World War, from which he was discharged a short time before his father's death, serving as Ensign in the navy. The subsequent success of the business has proved that no mistake was made in placing Carlton in charge of the business after his father's removal by death.

Much credit for the success of the business is due Mr. Lee A. Barron, cousin of the present manager, who has been with the company as bookkeeper since 1905, and secretary of the company since Mr. McKenzie's death in 1919.

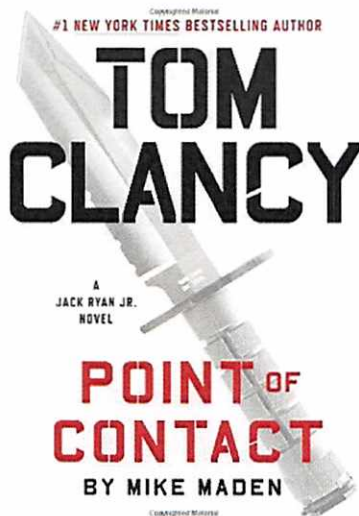
### Of Interest

- *Charles Wilkes Bennett* who mourned as a poor boy because he could not get enough books to read, gave financially and provided the land to establish our beautiful Free Public Library in Quincy. The Quincy Branch Library, known today as part of the Branch District Library System, contains over 18,000 items, provides Internet and Wi-fi 24/7 to the public at no charge.



What is more important in a library than anything else - is the fact that it exists.

—Archibald MacLeish



## Upcoming Events

July 6 @ 1 pm

THE GREAT TIMBINI Magic Show

July 20 @ 10:30 am

Book Builder Magical Comedy Show

July 7 & 14

**Imaginative Art** Friday sessions with local artist Marni Szafranski

August 25 & 26

Quincy Daze!

Visit the Friends of the Library in the park!

Teen Crafternoon

July 13 @ 1 pm

Teen Trivia

July 19 @ 1 pm

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 Location TBD

Nov. 3 & 4

BOOK SALE

December 1

Quincy Lights



Story Hour runs September through May each Friday morning at 10am

For 2-5 year olds ; no need for advance sign-up. Stories, craft and snack (provided by the Friends of the Library)



## Author Suzi Parron visits!

Author Suzi Parron presented her Quilt Trails program May 25 at the library. Her presentation featured over one hundred stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rivaled cloth quilts. Suzi also shared stories of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to

honor loved ones or their culture, along with humorous anecdotes.

The program was both informative and entertaining. A former teacher, she and her husband travel the nation presenting her program. Two of her books are in our library and a Hold

request can be made in your name if they are unavailable when you look for them.

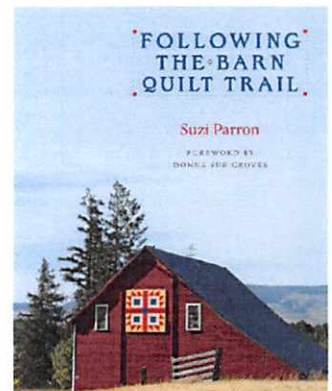
Suzi spent time with those who attended the program and books were purchased and signed. We made sure that the library copies also got signed that evening.

Refreshments were also enjoyed by all.

## The New York Times Best Sellers

### Hardcover Fiction

1. *Camino Island* by John Grisham
2. *The Identicals* by Erin Hilderbrand
3. *Point of Contact* by Tom Clancy
4. *Into the Water* by Paula Hawkins
5. *Dragon Teeth* by Michael Crichton
6. *Come Sundown* by Nora Roberts
7. *No Middle Name* by Lee Child
8. *Nighthawk* by Clive Cussler
9. *The Fix* by David Baldacci
10. *16th Sduction* by James Patterson



## Did You Know??

- May 24, 1928 Quincy Herald — A new flashing light system at the Main street crossing of the N.Y.C.R.R. was completed in May 1928. The work was done under the supervision of Wm. Hause of Hillsdale. The old drop gates, which were inaugurated here about 1903, were removed. Fred Wiltse, who had been gatekeeper here since 1912, had been transferred to Sturgis as crossing watchman at that place, but maintained his Quincy residence. Mr. Wiltse had been in the employ of the railroad 27 years, first at Allen as section hand, and had five years more to serve before age of retirement. Byron Daniels, the second gatekeeper, also retired by inauguration of the new system. The flashing lights were operated by electricity, supplied by the city plant, with relay boxes arranged just west of the old gatekeeper house, where a powerful emergency electric battery was maintained for use in case of interruption by accident to the city plant. The concrete pavement was widened at each side of the track, opposite the flash light towers, to make room for vehicles.
- Quincy Herald May 12, 1927 issue — “The new Wallace Restaurant on the north side of East Chicago street opened its doors to the public last Wednesday. The new place is spic and span, well furnished, and with courtesy as the watchword, bids fair to build up a nice business in Quincy. One would almost think he was in a large city when he steps into this new place, for all the appointments are first class. The Wallaces are people of experience in catering to the public, and we bespeak for them a good patronage. The Wallace Restaurant is certainly a splendid addition to Quincy’s business houses.” Today the Swallow’s Nest Used Bookstore is located in this northeast storefront.
- June 2, 1949 Quincy Herald — WTVB 1000 Watts Radio Station came on the air in June 1949 stating “Tops in News, Music, Sports, with Up-to-the minute local news, weather, markets” Station Director was E.H. Munn, Jr.
- May 18, 1950 Quincy Herald — Children who lived in Allen or Quincy were required to attend kindergarten before they were eligible to enter the first grade as of 1950. To attend one of the rural schools, a child had to be six years of age by November 1 unless he had finished kindergarten somewhere else.

## New Fire Trucks

### Quincy Herald May 19, 1927

“The village and township of Quincy have purchased a new Chevrolet-Jaeger equipped four-tank chemical fire-fighting apparatus, mounted on a one-ton truck chassis, for use in both village and township. The new machine is complete with all equipment, including, besides the four tanks of chemicals, 2 hose reels with 200 feet of hose each; two 3-gallon extinguishers; ladders, axes, crowbars, door opener, searchlight, siren and large brass bell. The machine weight 5,000 pounds, and will be housed and operated from the Quincy garage, owned by H.K. Conrad, who sold the machine. With this new equipment Quincy is now equipped to extinguish an ordinary fire quickly and effectively. The committee who made the purchase are to be congratulated for the exercise

of good judgment in making the selection. We venture to assert that few towns the size of Quincy can boast of such efficient apparatus for fighting fires as we now possess.”

### Quincy Herald June 13, 1940

“At a special meeting of the village council ...it was unanimously voted to purchase a new truck chassis and complete fire truck equipment, the latter to be supplied by the American Fire Apparatus Co. of Battle Creek. The Battle Creek concern won the contract with a bid of \$2,807.75, which was next to the lowest bid received and the lowest on a centrifugal pumping system which was recommended by the purchasing committee. The truck chassis will be a new Ford V-8 with 95 H.P. Mercury motor, dual wheels and special mud-grip tires and

will cost \$732.50 delivered. This makes a total of \$3,570.25 which is a little less than had been expected. The fully equipped outfit as purchased will carry a 500 gallon booster tank, 400 feet hose in two reels of 200 feet each, a ten-inch searchlight, two spotlights, combination flasher and siren and two electric lanterns. There will be alone 24-foot heavy duty extension ladder with rapid rope hoist and automatic locks, one 12-foot roof ladder besides pike pole, axe and crowbar. Specifications also call for a large Indian fire pump and carrier and a 1 1/2 quart carbon tetrachloride extinguisher. Truck and equipment will be painted red with gold trimming. The words ‘Quincy Fire Dept.’ will be lettered in gold on each side of the hood and the initials ‘Q.F.D.’ will be on each door.”

### THANK YOU to..

- To our Book Sale workers and setup crew—Linda Walbridge, Wally Newkirk, Rhonda Elliot, Mary Dawn Dobson, Shirley Haver, Candace Newkirk, Shirley Brand, Sue Webb, Bonnie Frick, Leslie Walp, Donna Ford, Dave & Renee Hardy
- To the Friends that provided wonderful cookies and refreshments for recent programs
- To the Stables for providing a Pancake breakfast for our library restoration!
- To Dan Dobson for installing the new baby changer in the ladies restroom
- To Sue Webb for cushioning the bases of the book sale book ends, so as not to scratch our refinished tables

“Reading can save the world. Libraries can save reading.”

~ Peg Herring,  
Author

“I wish everyone could have my childhood, lugging armfuls of books home every week from the library and devouring them. I visited strange lands and other times, and made good friends with fictional characters that stay with me today.”

~ Kaye George

*The (news) "letter" brings back many fond memories. I feel fortunate to have raised my family in Quincy!*

~ Patricia Williams

## In Appreciation...

### Donations given *In Memory of*...

|                        | <b>From:</b>              |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Virginia Ball          | Brad & Sandy Rootes       |
|                        | Dick & Stonna Spalding    |
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|                        | Mary Jo Kranz             |
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| Mildred Brawley Stoner | NIKA Club                 |
| Jan Wendorf            | Dan & Carol Ludlow        |
| Kenneth Worden         | John & Delores Alexander  |

### *In Honor of*...

Judy Dobson's Birthday     Connie Karney

### **Donations:**

Mary Dawn Dobson  
Lorene Youngs  
Barb Rockhold  
Ann Nowicki

### **Donations to Jane Baldwin Endowment Fund:**

Dr. and Mrs. Neil Wilcox

The Memorial Day weekend Civil War events kicked off at our library with a speech from President Lincoln from the library front steps. Several were waiting with the President for the train's arrival in the Quincy Park and were pleased to see train car loads of visitors. The President then boarded the train to be taken to Coldwater for the evening's festivities. Thank you to the Quincy Police Department for keeping everyone safe during the enjoyable event!

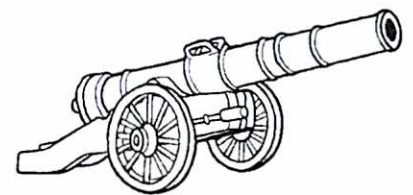


## *In Memory of*

Our library Memorial program has enabled the library to purchase many extra books and materials over the years. In addition to the Branch District Library System book budget, these generous donations have greatly enhanced the library collection. Our library houses over 18,900 items!

Our collection is varied and quite up to date with the newest of your favorite authors.

Our Quincy branch loans out a couple hundred items within Branch County and several hundred within the State of Michigan each month. We also, of course, borrow from within the state when our six library branches don't have what you are looking for, or it is checked out. Be sure to ask!



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

### From

Quincy Business Expo donation jar

Jennings Elementary

Connie Harmon—In Memory of John Worth

Richard & Stonna Spalding—In Honor of Lisa Wood

Joyce Klepack—In Memory of Mattie Parkinson, worked with her in Jennings Elementary School from 1967-77

NIKA Club Spring Auction proceeds

(The following donations may have been omitted from previous newsletters since our Restoration project began early fall 2016):

William & Bonnie Sadler

Ann Myslinski In Memory of Roy Tappenden

Marlin & Nettelle Chaney In Memory of Marian Thibedeau and In Memory of Portia Duff

Rotary Club of Quincy

### Restoration Update:

Grand River Builders Incorporated Historic Building Restoration plans to begin the library front step work this September. The work had to be re-scheduled from being originally planned for the spring. Other work is needed on the building, including the entrance ways, painting, cement work and drainage work.

\$91,933.18 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 is estimated at \$26,000. The gutter work has an estimate of \$34,000.

*I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card*

*~ Laura Bush*

## Have you had a change in your phone number?

Call the library at 639.4001  
so your number can be corrected

Thank you!



## Quincy Area Now Enjoys Dial Telephone Service



FIRST CALL—Shown above is Mayor Robert Brokaw as he makes the

### Old System Converted to New at Ceremony Held Wednesday Night at Union Church

Dial telephone service became a reality to subscribers serviced by the Quincy exchange of General Telephone Company of Michigan at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening, Dec. 28. The new service was inaugurated by Mayor Robert Brokaw making the first call following the conversion on a special telephone installed for the purpose in the basement of the Union church.

The conversion ceremony was preceded by a dinner and program arranged by the telephone company for about 45 guests representing all local civic organizations, the school, churches, governmental units, the press, professions, retail and industrial firms, also agriculture. The program included:

Invocation, Rev. William Cruth-

Quincy Herald ~ December 29, 1955

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"First Call—Shown in photo is Mayor Robert Brokaw as he makes the first call over Quincy's new automatic dial telephone system. The picture was taken at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Union church, following a conversion ceremony arranged by officials of the General Telephone Company of Michigan.

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**Branch Manager - Lisa Wood**  
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The **Branch District Library System** has  
six library branches to serve your needs:

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



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Return Service Requested

## 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.

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