Branch District Library System

Serving you in:

**Algansee**  
S. Ray Road  
Quincy, MI 49082  
517 639-9830

**Bronson**  
207 N. Matteson St.  
Bronson, MI 49028  
517-369-3785

**Coldwater**  
10 E. Chicago Street  
Coldwater, MI 49036  
517 278-2341

**Quincy**  
11 N. Main Street  
Quincy, MI 49082  
517 639-4001

**Sherwood**  
Sherwood, MI 49089  
517 741-7976

**Union Township**  
221 N. Broadway  
Union City, MI 49094  
517 741-5061

Branch District Library
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2003 Annual Report
Significant Events of 2003

2003 saw the replacement of long-time staff member Bruce Guy with John Rucker, and of director Frank Hemphill with Bruce Mills.

Total circulation for 2003 was 163,295, a 7.3% increase overall, with the Algansee and Sherwood showing 30.3% and 26% increases respectively!

Childrens Services

“Laugh It Up at Your Library” was the theme for 2003’s summer reading program. The Acting Up Theatre Company paid the children a visit as part of the program.

The Reading Zone project was begun, to identify reading levels in the lower level children’s’ materials, making it easier for parents and others to identify ability-appropriate materials for beginning readers.

5,733 patrons attended 413 children’s’ programs offered by the library system, including the popular Red Cross Babysitting workshop.

Where it Comes From (Revenues)

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TOTAL $943,629

Where it Goes (Expenditures)

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TOTAL $852,199

The library benefited from a significant addition to expected penal fines from the Branch County Court System during 2003. Given the current state budget crisis and the decline in interest rates, this increase could not have come at a better time.

Thanks to prudent management of its tax dollars, the library was able to add to its fund balance at the end of the year in 2003. In view of the challenges that face the library in terms of needed building repairs (especially the aging roof), this is a most welcomed turn of events.