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THREE THINGS TO DO

**1 Coupon Workshop**

**WHAT** Stephanie Vargo will be hosting a coupon workshop, which will be open to the public.

**WHEN** Thursday, May 23, from 6-7:30 p.m.

**WHERE** The Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library (CBBDL), 10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater

**DETAILS** Vargo will be sharing her secrets and knowledge on using coupons to lower one's weekly grocery price tag. Topics including where to find coupons, organization of coupons, how to combine sales, stack coupons, maximize savings and planning will be discussed during the workshop.

**ABOUT THE PRESENTER** Vargo has taught coupon workshops for sometime and created a shopping comparison website—www.couponingsmarter.com— for consumers to compare five stores for the best prices.

**INFO** For more information or to reserve a spot at the workshop contact the CBBDL at (517) 278-2341.

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'DIG INTO GARDENING, 2013'

# Garden Club, Kidsplace offer summer reading program

COLDWATER — This summer, Kidsplace at the Branch District Library in Coldwater will join with the Coldwater Area Garden Club for "Dig into Gardening, 2013", the summer reading program for ages 3-12. This will be held for six weeks every Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m., beginning on Wednesday, June 26.

The programs will include the following:

■ "How Does your Garden Grow?" where children will start a garden.

■ "Diary of a Worm" will include worm farming and composting.

■ The secrets of

pollination will be covered with "Poli What?"

■ All you ever wanted to know and more about insects will be presented in "The Bugs Have It!"

■ Children will develop a "green thumb" in July.

■ The summer reading program will conclude with "A Garden Party."

These weekly programs will include stories, crafts and other age-appropriate activities based on each garden-related theme.

For more information, contact Kidsplace at the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library, (517) 278-2341, ext. 14.



Above, Coldwater Area Garden Club members who will help lead children at Branch District Library's Kidsplace program, "Dig Into Gardening, 2013," including (front) Linda Dull and Carol Kahaian; and (back) Mary Ellen Newton and Jessica Broadwater. COURTESY PHOTO

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CITY WARNED

# Lead paint found on library

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COLDWATER — The main Branch County Library building needs major repairs including removal of lead paint that underlays the 1886 historic older section of the building at the Four Corners.

Dorothy Cherry, District Library Board Chair put the city of Coldwater on



Cherry

The estimated cost for immediate repairs including the lead paint removal, required by federal law on public buildings, is \$500,000.

notice with a brief presentation to the Coldwater Planning Commission Monday night.

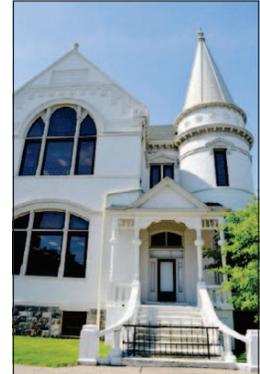
The library district has put over \$500,000 in maintenance and repairs on the building since 2004, including replacement of the HVAC system, and can't afford to invest much more.

"We believe that the paint is the responsibility of the owner," the 13-year member of the library board explained. While the district took control of

the building in 1991 "we are sure the paint preexists that agreement."

The district library leases and is responsible for the operation and all maintenance and repairs. That lease comes up for renewal in 2016, and the library could turn the problem back over to the city which owns the building.

SEE LEAD, A3



The Branch County District Library 1886 historic section on U.S. 12 will need significant repairs, the library board revealed Monday.

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Cherry also said the library board is not sure if there is lead paint under the newer 1978 addition, built around the time the dangers of lead based paint became known. That could add more to the cost.

The library board became aware of the paint after a company, hired to make repairs to leaking

brick and mortar on the older section, found the hazardous paint. That repair work still needs to be completed as well as repairs to the leaking turret tower. The iconic profile of the building makes up the right side of the city seal.

State funding for the library has fallen since 2008, dropping by \$100,000 from last year on its \$1 million budget.

Planning Commissioner Charles Bauschard

asked if there was any trust fund for the library. Cherry explained there is a separate city library board which owns the historic Heritage Collection and has a trust for that. It only acts in an advisory capacity to the county district wide board.

Cherry said she hoped the city would make an issue of the library, which serves Coldwater and the township, part of its planning process to deal with the problem.

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# Library to host Father's Day event

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COLDWATER — Father's Day—a day to thank the special man in ones life. On June 15 from 11 a.m. until noon the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library will be offering a fun and exciting hour for fathers, grandfathers, uncles and more to see vehicles on display.

The vehicles will be supplied by Mike Albright, winner of the Duster at the 2012 Swap meet and Car show, and Zone Offroad Products in Coldwater.

Children are encouraged to bring a special male to the library to receive a free ice cream cone from Tasty

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## EVENT

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Twist.

On July 1 at 6:30 p.m. the public is welcomed at the library to meet Mark Rothman, former TV writer and current author. Rothman is credited as a head writer for "Lavern and Shirley" and a Co-creator and Producer of "The Odd Couple" and "Happy Days".

He will discuss his current book with copies being available for signing and purchase.

The Michigan Search and Rescue, a non-profit organization of volunteers, will be at the Library on June 27 from 6:30 until 8 p.m. to discuss techniques and training in searching for missing persons using canine teams. Search and rescue canine, Xenia will be on site to show her skills. The MSR is a missing persons response team which fields certified canine teams in Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

For more information contact the Coldwater branch at 278-2341.

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Branch Co. District Library working to fix possible lead paint risk

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Updated: Tuesday, June 11 2013, 07:35 PM EDT

COLDWATER, Mich. (NEWSCHANNEL 3) - The City of Coldwater is working to fix a possible public health risk, after workers discovered last year lead paint is coating their historic library.

The president of the Branch County District Library says it could cost \$250,000 - \$500,000 to strip off the more than 125 year old building.

Money for the clean up may be even harder to find for what thousands have come to rely on each year.

"Children come in and out of the building and basically there's no tolerance for lead getting into the system for human beings," said Library Board President Dorothy Cherry.

The good news is the library could stay open as it is fixed. The problem is how to pay for it.

"The district library operates on a budget of less than 1 million dollars a year providing library services in 6 locations if we were to repair this building we wouldn't be providing any library services," said Cherry.

The city manager says the planning commission and library board plan to meet to figure out how to pay to get rid of the lead paint in the near future.

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RECOGNITION WEEK



# Board hosts luncheon for volunteers

COLDWATER — During Volunteer Recognition Week, the Coldwater Public Library Advisory Board hosted a thank-you luncheon for the four volunteers who work at the Holbrook Heritage Room.

The volunteers assist patrons in their search for Branch County historical information.

Old newspapers, internet searches, numerous books and personal knowledge all aid in

finding answers to most of these questions.

The Coldwater Advisory Board prepared the luncheon and then presented each volunteer with a small thank-you gift.

Those honored

included: Bonnie Sherman, volunteer; David Renshaw, Holbrook Heritage Room District Library Director; Carole Bolton, board member; and David McDonald, volunteer.