



Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Saturday July 13, 2013:

COLDWATER BRANCH LIBRARY



**Bill Mitchell gifting different Michigan rocks and minerals to attendees of the Michigan Fossils presentation at Coldwater Branch Library.**

# FUN WITH FOSSILS



**Bill Mitchell presents Michigan Fossils to kids at the Coldwater Branch Library.**



**Bill Mitchell gifts different Michigan rocks and minerals to attendees.**

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Monday July 15, 2013:

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# Fun activities on tap at library

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COLDWATER — Kid's Place in the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library, has a new window planter. CJ Apel built the planter with material donated by the

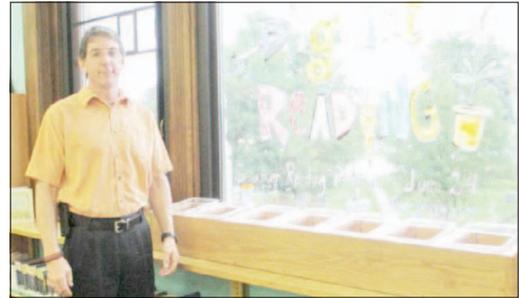
Coldwater Home Depot. The children are enjoying watching the plants grow.

The Coldwater Branch District Library will be hosting several fun filled events for children of all ages during the reading program.

The public is encouraged

to come to the Kids' Place on July 16 at 10:30 a.m. to participate in pre-historic related activities such as crafts and story time.

Adam Carpenter of Carpenter Creations will be coming on Saturday, July



**CJ Apel pictured with the window planter he constructed.** CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTO

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20 with a large amount of equipment from 11:30-12:30. All the equipment will be set up in the courthouse parking area. Hudson St. will be blocked off for the duration of this event from US12 to Pearl St., attendees should park in the overflow lot on Pearl St.

For more information visit [www.branchdistrictlibrary.org](http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org) or call 278-2341.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Tuesday July 16, 2013:

## MAGIC SHOW



Comedy magician BJ Mallen places a lighted torch in his mouth.

# Comedy magician performs at libraries

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COLDWATER — Comedy magician BJ Mallen performed at the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library on June 25.

The third-floor Kids' Place was full of amazed and astounded children of all ages as Mallen ate flaming torches, hammered

a nail into his nostril, guessed what the kids were thinking and made glass bottles disappear.

Mallen is a resident of Coldwater and also performed at the Bronson Library the same afternoon.

The show was sponsored by Century Bank & trust.

For more information on library events, visit [www.branchdistrictlibrary.org](http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org).



Payton Shaw, 10, pulls a nail out of BJ Mallen's nose with a hammer.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Tuesday July 23, 2013:

## KIDS CONSTRUCTION DAY



# Under construction

Local children got to play on and with big "toys" Saturday in the parking lot of the Branch County Courthouse and on South Hudson Street. Linda Dull, Children Services Coordinator at the Branch District Library, got Adam Carpenter of Carpenter Creations Construction to bring in his heavy equipment for a "Construction Petting Zoo." Kids climbed on the big gear, moved levers and blew horns. It fit into the theme for the library's summer reading program, "Dig into Reading."

**TOP:** Kelsey Palmer, 6, takes the wheel of a front-end loader.

**AT RIGHT:** 3-year-old Brandon Smith stands inside the bucket of a large back hoe.

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Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Tuesday July 23, 2013:

**LIBRARY VISIT**



**Classes from Branch County Head Start recently visited the Kid's Place at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library.** COURTESY PHOTO

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Wednesday July 24, 2013:

## FIELD TRIP



The library was examined top to bottom by visitors from Jennings Elementary School. Courtesy photos

# Students visit library, museum

QUINCY — The Quincy Branch of the Branch District Library was examined top to bottom by students from Jennings Elementary School before school let out for the summer.

Mrs. Gary's multi-age class (third- and fourth-graders) and Mrs. Girard's fourth-grade class visited the library, as well as the Quincy Historical Museum, as an end-of-the-year field trip. Over 60 kids were in attendance.

"The children knew fairly well how to use the card catalog, and politely asked questions about books, the

library building itself, and even what librarian Lisa Wood's favorite books were," library staff said.

The students also made a stop at the Quincy Historical Museum, where they checked out everything from the Watts Drug Store display, a village map and corresponding historic photos. The museum's centerpiece, an 1860 hose cart used by Quincy's early firemen, drew much interest from the students and teachers, as well.

Teddy Sinclair was on hand at the museum to field questions from the guests.



The Quincy Historical Museum centerpiece, an 1860 hose cart used by Quincy's early firemen, draws teacher and student interest.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Monday July 29, 2013:

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# Fun-filled events at Kids' Place

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COLDWATER — The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will have representatives from both the state level (Detroit) and regional (Kalamazoo) at the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library on Tuesday at noon. They will also be at the Bronson branch at 10:00 a.m., Union City at 2:00 p.m. and Sherwood at 4:00 p.m. They will be sharing the reality of FBI work in comparison to the television versions.

“The presentation is geared for ages 12 to 18. They are planning on being at each branch approximately an hour,” said Librarian Linda Dull.

The Coldwater branch will also be hosting a bedtime math pajama party on August 12 and 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Children—six to nine years old—are welcomed to wear their pajamas while participating in math based fun activities.

Children must be accompanied by an adult during the free event. All materials will be provided

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and guests are encouraged to reserve their spot by contacting the Coldwater Branch at 278-2341 ext 14.

In addition, children three to 12 years old are welcomed to the Coldwater Branch on August 24 at 1:00 p.m. for a cupcake demonstration.

“Watch Mary transform ordinary cupcakes into fairy works of magical art”. Participants will also be able to create their own magical works of art.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Friday August 02, 2013:

## BRONSON LIBRARY



Bricks that were purchased, in memory of, by local residents are being laid at the Bronson branch of the Branch District library. The Bronson branch of the Branch District Library recently added a new technology room and elevator to their facility to be enjoyed use by local residents. During that time, mortar bricks were available for purchase. Many local residents purchased the bricks to be inscribed "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one. The bricks were being laid on Thursday to the rear of the library. The new bricked area will also feature benches for residence to take advance of the free wifi that will be available day and night. CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTOS

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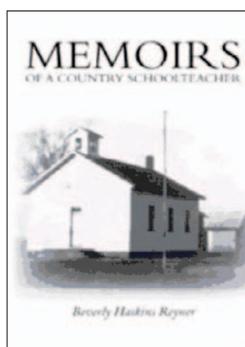
# Local author to discuss book

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COLDWATER — Local Author Beverly Haskins Reyner will be at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library on August 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to discuss and sign copies of her book titled, "Memoirs of a Country Schoolteacher".

Reyner currently lives in Michigan but has lived in other parts of the country throughout her life as a dedicated teacher to youth and adult aged students.

After studying social work for two-and-half years at Calvin College she



**Beverly Haskins Reyner's published memoirs.**

found herself teaching in a little one-room school house in Alcona County Michigan.

"I was completely unprepared for teaching. The county superintendent came to the college and said the school would close unless they found teachers. I considered it and they presented the contract and I signed it," said Reyner.

Before she new it the 20 year old city girl was living in the country, of which she knew nothing about.

"I learned a lot from the students—they taught me too," said Reyner.

Reyner experienced a great deal about life, teaching and country living during the two years she taught at the country school.

She taught school aged

students in grades kindergarten through eight grade, totaling 25 students.

Through the years she had told many people about her time as a country school teacher and she was encouraged to turn her stories into a book.

It took her two years to write the book and upon publishing it, she sold 50 copies in two weeks.

Reyner will be attending a reunion in August with the students she first taught so many years ago.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing them again," she said.

Reyner continued teaching over the next 24 years

at various locations including a drug rehabilitation center, adult education and Hurley Medical Center. She obtained her Masters Degree at the University of Michigan.

"I knew what I learned in the country school could apply to my teaching in other schools," said Reyner.

She moved to Quincy in 2007. "I very much like it here. It feels comfortable and it's a beautiful area," she said.

Her book can be purchased online or at a local bookstore. Copies will also be available for purchase at the Library during the book signing.