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The Branch District Library Board of Trustees is nearing the end of its search for a new Library Director. The Board's search committee has narrowed twenty-one candidates down to three highly qualified individuals who will interview for the position on May 13th at the Coldwater Township Hall. The final interviews will be open to the public.

ALGANSEE BRANCH
580-B S. Ray-Quincy Rd.
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Prior to the final interviews, a public forum will be held on May 12th at 5:30 at the Coldwater Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend and meet the candidates. Each will give a twelve-minute presentation on a topic selected by the Board. There will also be a question and answer session where the public will be allowed to submit questions to the potential directors. A short meet-and-greet will take place after the presentations with light refreshments.

BRONSON BRANCH
207 N. Matteson St.
Bronson MI 49028
(517) 369-3785

What: Branch District Library Director Search Forum
When: Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 5:30 pm
Where: Coldwater Township Hall, 319 Sprague Road, Coldwater, Michigan.

QUINCY BRANCH
11 N. Main St.
Quincy MI 49082
(517) 639-4001

What: Library Director Interviews and Board Meeting
When: Friday, May 13, 2016 at 9:00 am
Where: Coldwater Township Hall, 319 Sprague Road, Coldwater, Michigan.

SHERWOOD BRANCH
118 Sherman St.
Sherwood MI 49089
(517) 741-7976

LUCILLE E. DEARTH
UNION TWP. BRANCH
195 N. Broadway St.
Union City MI 49094
(517) 741-5061

Meet the Candidates

Lyshol, Linda, Director, Ketchikan Public Library, Ketchikan, AK:

Linda Lyshol is currently the Library Director, Ketchikan, AK -- a rainforest island community, accessible only by boat or plane. Lyshol has her Master's degree in Library Science and is nearing completion of her Master's in Public Administration. Currently, she is one of the administrators of the First City Libraries Consortium, comprising the collections in the public schools, the local University of Alaska Southeast campus library, and the Ketchikan Public Library. Lyshol started at Ketchikan Public Library in 2011 and oversaw the construction and move of the City's new Library from a combined library/museum building (40+ years old). Previously, she directed the Guthrie (OK) Public Library after working as a library consultant for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and as a librarian for the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, OK. The Ketchikan Public Library serves 13,387 residents with a \$1.4 million annual budget from a single location.

Marr, Jenny, Director, Morrill Public Library, Hiawatha, KS:

Jenny Marr is currently the Director, Morrill Public Library, Hiawatha, KS. Jenny earned her MLIS and began her career at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, Midland, MI. After working at Grace A. Dow, she relocated to Kansas and began working as Director, Morrill Public Library. In this role, Jenny has completed fundraising efforts, improved and implemented new library technologies, and served as President, Kansas Library Association-Public Libraries Association (2014). She also completed digitizing the Hiawatha World dating back to 1887. Jenny led the Morrill trustees in creating both a strategic plan and a technology plan and she served on the Northeast KS Library System's strategic planning committee. Prior to her career in libraries, Jenny served as the Village Clerk, Village of Sanford, MI. The Morrill Public Library serves 3,100 residents with a \$253,000 annual budget and \$1.2 million in total assets from a single location.

Vose, Thomas, Director, Palmdale City Library, Palmdale, CA:

Thomas Vose is currently the Director of the Palmdale City Library, located in the high desert north of Los Angeles, a position he has held since 2013. He holds an M.A. in history from UC Riverside, as well as an MLIS from UCLA (2006), and was a Eureka! Leadership Institute 2009 fellow. As the Director of the Palmdale Library, Vose has significantly restructured the collection and internal arrangement of the Library. Other projects include the Library Techmobile, a converted commuter vehicle, modified to provide Library services at outreach opportunities. Vose is also interested in microlibraries, embedded librarianship and other innovative outreach models. In addition, he is an active member of the SCLC (Southern California Library Cooperative) Executive Committee and a proponent of increased overall unification of library systems. The Palmdale City Library serves 155,000 residents with a \$1 million annual budget from a single location.