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Tell us how the library is doing.

Turn this card in at the library or by mail.

Date: 3-10-21 Time of Event: _____

Library Branch or Department: _____

I appreciate the craft kits!

Is there anything that I could do to volunteer my time?

I would have to pick the item(s) up & return them. Volunteer from home.

For example: cutting out items, stuffing envelopes, cleaning, etc.

Please let me know.

Check here if you wish to have the library respond to your comment.

Name: Gail Finn Contact: 227-7636

Staff Response: The Coldwater Branch Manager, Keeley Briggs, left a message for Gail thanking her and telling her that we would let her know if we need her help when things pick up for the summer.



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Love the craft bags!

Thank you - ALL 😊

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Name: _____ Contact: _____



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Date: 4/7/21

Time of Event: ALL OF 2020 AND 2021 ^{INTO}

Library Branch or Department: after the epidemics hit I

discovered that the library would deliver books
to shut-ins. I'm an avid reader and this was
GREAT news. But my "book angel" Cheryl Lawrence
kept choosing books for me knowing that I love
non-fiction, mostly history and biographies. Because
of Cheryl, and Ben's deliveries, I never lacked very
good reading material, after due to MELCAT's ability to
find sources. I'm very grateful for the wonderful employees
of the library, and the relaxation of some rules.

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Name: Angie Fione Contact: 517-617-0252

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Coldwater Solar awards community grants

Apex Clean Energy and esaSolar, developers of a proposed 150 MW solar farm in Coldwater and Ovid townships, announced six Coldwater-area programs and organizations as the recipients of the first round of Coldwater

Solar Community Grants.

Receiving grants are: Sunrise Rotary Foundation's Promise Scholarship, Coldwater High School Interact Club, Coldwater schools Lakeland Readers are Leaders program, Branch County Habitat for

Humanity, Branch County District Library and Corner Farmers Market.

While the 1,500-acre project is still in the planning stages, the companies launched the program earlier this year to support community organizations

making an impact in the following areas: Building Health Communities, Economic Development, Environment, Sustainability, and Promoting Education.

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GRANTS

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"Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these organizations continue to do impressive work on behalf of the Greater Coldwater community," the companies stated in a press release. "We are grateful to be able to support them as they look to expand their work in 2021," said Brian O'Shea, Public Engagement Manager with Apex Clean Energy.

The Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary Foundation's Promise Scholarship Program will receive a grant to help support Branch County students who are seeking education in healthcare or industrial trades programs like Kellogg Community College's Industrial Trades Renewable Energy Certificate Program. The scholarship program has already assisted more than 20 students.

"This is great news!" according to George Babcoke, Sunrise Promise Scholarship Program Chairman. "The Sunrise Promise Scholarship Program is one of the biggest and most challenging initiatives ever taken on by the Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary Club. We are pleased that Apex Clean Energy & esaSolar

recognized that the goals and objectives of the program aligned with their values. This is a great example of how good corporate social responsibility can make a big difference in our community."

A grant to the Coldwater High School Interact Club will help support their downtown mural project.

"On behalf of the Interact Club we would like to thank Coldwater Solar for their support of our downtown mural project. We are so excited to add more culture and art to our beautiful community," said Sarah Davis with the Coldwater High School Interact Club.

Grants were also issued to the Lakeland Readers are Leaders program, which will fund the purchase of high interest books for Coldwater Community Schools' 3rd through 8th graders and the Branch District Library to assist in the launch of their digital

literacy initiative.

"Lakeland Readers are Leaders truly appreciate the \$1,500 grant from Apex Clean Energy and Coldwater Solar. By providing our 3rd through 8th grade students with high interest books to read and keep for their home library, we are encouraging all students to read, read, read," said Shana Grife, Lakeland Readers are Leaders volunteer.

"We are really excited to launch this new digital literacy initiative. These Playaway Tablets contain learning apps that have a powerful impact on development and education. Circulating the tablets at the library ensures that everyone can access them," said Jessica Tefft Director of Public Services for Branch County District Library.

To support low-income households with home repairs, Coldwater Solar is also awarding a grant

to Branch County Habitat for Humanity's Brush with Kindness Program.

"The financial assistance provided by the grant from Apex Clean Energy & esaSolar helps us provide necessary improvements to families needing wheelchair accessibility and general improvements to provide a safe living environment," says Jim McDaniels, President of Branch County Habitat for humanity. "We will be able to touch and enrich the lives of veterans, senior citizens, and handicapped homeowners living in Branch County."

A grant was also awarded to the Corner Farmers Market to support the market's 6th season of providing locally-grown produce to Coldwater-area residents.

"The Corner Farmers Market is grateful for the support of the Coldwater Solar Community Grant

program as we gear up for the 2021 market season. This funding will help us to continue providing access to local grown food and build community in downtown Coldwater," said Corner Farmers Market Volunteer Manager Audrey Tappenden.

"Coldwater Solar will be a long-term fixture in the community," said Maddrennan, Project Manager with esaSolar. "That's why we wanted to do our part to start supporting the community immediately. These grants will help fund important community priorities that will benefit the entire region."

The Community Grant Program will continue to support pressing community needs and local organizations making a meaningful impact throughout 2021. To learn more or apply for a future grant, visit coldwatersolar.com/grant.



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National Library Week is April 4-10

From staff reports

National Library Week is April 4-10 highlighting the role libraries and library staff play in transforming lives and strengthening communities.

This year is "Welcome to your library" is the theme to show how libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building, welcoming everyone to use their services.

Whether a patron visits virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive fostering a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration.

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To see special events planned for National Library Week, visit www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org. [DAILY REPORTER FILE PHOTO]

to the changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons, said.

Libraries across the country are making a

difference in people's lives by providing electronic learning resources like online homework help and wi-fi access for students and workers who may lack internet access at home.

For homework help visit www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/tutor. For wi-fi access for students and workers without internet access at home visit www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/hotspots.

First sponsored in April 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country.

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Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, page B3

During National Library Week April 4-10, check out your library!

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