

COMMENTS AND PUBLICITY

June 15, 2023

Comments

From: Kristine Cook no-reply@branchdistrictlibrary.org Subject: Webform submission from: Suggestion Box Date: May 22, 2023 at 10:18 AM To: bdlmanagement@branchdistrictlibrary.org

Submitted on Mon, 05/22/2023 - 10:18

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Contact Information

Contact Information

Kristine Cook kacook314@gmail.com 5172384609

Your Message

Subject

Books by Steve Higgs

Message Body

Mysteries by Steve Higgs seem to be very popular on Melcat. They are always checked out. Would like to see our library have some. Thank you.

From: Nancy Phillips no-reply@branchdistrictlibrary.org Subject: Webform submission from: Suggestion Box Date: May 28, 2023 at 8:49 AM To: bdlmanagement@branchdistrictlibrary.org

Submitted on Sun, 05/28/2023 - 08:49

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Contact Information

Contact Information Nancy Phillips nancyphillips@yahoo.com

Your Message

Subject Book Request

Message Body Hello!

I'd like to request the library purchase the picture book "Ready... Set... Frog!" By Katharine Mitropoulos.

I'd like to read it to my grandchildren.

Thanks so much.

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WTVB, May 23, 2023



City Council approves BDL picture book display signs at Heritage Park

By Jim Measel

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COLDWATER, MI (WTVB) – The Coldwater City Council approved a resolution on Monday night which allows the Branch District Library to install 18 picture book display signs at various locations within Heritage Park.

The frames would be installed along a walking path.

Library Children's Services Coordinator Erica Donihue says the permanent Story Walk would allow the library to share children's literature that is written in many of the languages known in Coldwater.

She said initially they are looking at having four stories a year. The District Library has been working with local community groups to fund this project.

While they have requested assistance from the City for the sign installations, the B.D.L. will manage the upkeep and repairs of each sign as needed.

Coldwater Daily Reporter, May 24, 2023, p. 1A, A3

TALES ON THE TRAIL



Children can read the stories as they walk between the Story Walk pedestals. LIBRARY PROVIDED PHOTO

Residents will soon be able to enjoy a story while taking a walk in Heritage Park

Don Reid

Coldwater Daily Reporter | USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

COLDWATER – On Monday night, the Branch District Library received permission from the Coldwater city council to construct a permanent story walk in Heritage Park.

Coldwater Kiwanis pledged up to \$6,000 for construction.

Children's reading program coordinator Erica Do-

nihue explained the plaques are "an innovative and delightful way for children and adults to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time."

The council agreed to allow the walk around the Browne Recreation Center. The 18 powder-coated aluminum picture book frames come with a polycarbonate sheet.

Pages of the stories are installed underneath the plastic along the walk on a post in the ground.

"The durable design allows for a long life of the frames and easy management," Donihue said.

Kimberly Faulkner, assistant director of the Branch District Library, said the walk will be multilingual, not only in English but in Arabic, Spanish,

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and French, reflecting the community's diversity.

Donihue said, "We're looking at about four stories a year, but that we would love to increase as time goes on and as popularity grows...If this is something we hear lots of great responses about and families are actively seeking this out, we can absolutely change that to a monthly or six-week basis."

The library put up a temporary walk outside the main library at Four Corners

Park in Coldwater.

The Kiwanis wanted the new project at Heritage Park, where it constructed a hill for winter sledding.

Some council members expressed concerns about vandalism. The library staff felt that it would not be a problem with the walk around the rec center rather than in more remote areas of the park. The permanent Story Walk will be ready for public viewing by late summe or early fall. "We have hope that the public attendance and the accessibility of Heritage Park will make this a very successful and beneficial addition to the city," Donihue said.

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