

**Comments**



Tell us how the library is doing.  
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Date: 4-16-26 Time of Event: 10:30 SELF

Library Branch or Department: Union Township

Marie help me do a double sided  
picture. Words on one side  
photo on other, it turned  
out great  
Thanks Marie  
♡

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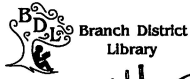
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Thanks for the book kit  
a program, the PBS  
film was helpful.  
Good job on this.

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Participating in my first book club & discussions sponsored by BDL. I loved it & will participate in more as it was a terrific "initiation." ~~the~~ "Story of a Murder - Chippin" was a great book to have for book club. I also appreciated the book kit used as I had 5 people willing to participate. Great discussion after led by Christina.

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Time of Event: 5<sup>30</sup> PM

Library Branch or Department: Coldwater

This was a wonderful presentation and I especially liked the "walking tour" of the Lewis Art Gallery.

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## Reviews



[Redacted Name]

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★★★★★ 9 hours ago

Absolutely gorgeous, clean and always set up with activities and crafts for kids. Plenty of computers and private nice reading areas plus a community nature-seed information center. Great loan service on home, party and educational items along with books for absolutely ever age birth and on.

The staff is the most caring and knowledgeable folks around. Always a place I recommend when you need fax or copies made. Such a wide source of resources and assistance that really is a huge benefit to the community.



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**Branch District Library - Bronson Branch**

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# Publicity



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## SBA offers disaster relief to Michigan businesses, nonprofits, and residents affected by March 6 tornadoes

By Brett Briscoe

Apr 30, 2026 | 4:16 AM

UNION CITY, MI (WTUVB) – Union City residents and business owners impacted by the March 6 tornadoes can now access low-interest federal disaster loans following an U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declaration requested by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

A local Disaster Loan Outreach Center is now open at the Branch District Library, Union Township Branch, at 195 N. Broadway St. to assist with applications for physical damage and economic injury until May 14.

Brian Beard with the SBA says the loans can be useful to those who are having difficulty settling with their insurance company by allowing them to begin the process of making the necessary repairs



Beard says homeowners and renters in the designated counties, including Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph, counties, may apply for loans up to \$500,000 for primary residence repairs and \$100,000 for personal property, with low interest rates



Additionally, small businesses and private nonprofits can access up to \$2 million to repair physical damage or cover working capital needs through Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs).

The SBA has established local centers, including the Union City branch, which will provide in-person assistance with applications through May 14, with hours extending to Saturdays. The filing deadline for physical damage loans is June 29, while EIDL applications are accepted until Jan. 28, 2027. More information is available at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>.

# MI tornado victims can get federal loans

**Don Reid**

Coldwater Daily Reporter USA TODAY NETWORK

Residents and businesses across Branch, Cass and St. Joseph counties can now apply for low-interest federal disaster loans following the deadly March 6 tornado outbreak that tore through Southwest Michigan.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration has approved an administrative disaster declaration for Branch County, making financial assistance available to homeowners, renters, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations hit hardest by the storms.

The tornadoes caused widespread destruction in and around Union City, damaging or destroying homes and businesses, uprooting trees, and leaving prolonged power outages.

Three people in Branch County were among the four victims statewide who lost their lives.

## What help is available

The SBA disaster assistance program offers several types of low-interest loans designed to help people recover:

- Home disaster loans help homeowners and renters repair or replace damaged homes, personal property, and vehicles.
- Business physical disaster loans help businesses of any size and private nonprofit organizations repair or replace damaged buildings, equipment, inventory, and other assets.
- Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) provide working capital to small businesses and eligible nonprofits that suffered financial losses because of the storms, even if their property was not physically damaged.

Loan terms are based on the applicant's ability to repay, with repayments tailored to each individual's financial situation.

## Where to apply

Branch County residents can receive in-person assistance at the SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center at the Branch District Library, 195 N. Broadway St. in Union City. SBA representatives are available to answer questions and help with applications.

Staff from the SBA will be at the library during open hours, Monday from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May 14.



**Jennifer Wortz - State Repre...** · [Follow](#)

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I recently attended an open house at the Algansee library. Libraries have long been at the heart of a community — places where people can gather, learn, and connect. It is wonderful to see our small libraries continue to thrive, offering a place where you can get lost in a good book, find valuable resources for projects, or utilize the internet for everyday needs. Thank you to our librarians, staff, and community supporters who help keep these important spaces welcoming and accessible for everyone.



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## Letters



Dear Quincy Librarians,

In recognition of National Library Week, I want to thank you for all your hard work. Libraries serve as beacons of knowledge, learning, and discovery and play an essential role in our communities today. They play a critical role in promoting literacy and education and provide access to a wide range of resources and services that enrich the lives of countless individuals, but too few people truly understand their contribution.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our community.

God Bless, .

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Wortz".

State Representative  
Jennifer Wortz