

BRANCHING OUT



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National Library Week

From the American Library Association

It's National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers to their schools, campuses and communities.

Here at Branch District Library, we have some special plans for National Library Week this year. Check inside and see!

National Library Week 2005 marks the fifth year of The Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education campaign sponsored by the ALA and libraries across the country



to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. More than 20,000 libraries in all 50 states are being

reached by @ your library®, The Campaign for America's Libraries.

National Library Week is not only a great time to see what's new @ your library but also a time to stand up and speak out as a library advocate. There are lots of opportunities to help the Branch District Library. Why not become a Friend of the Library? Friends groups at all our branches are always looking for new members to help in their efforts to advance the library "cause" in Branch County. Stop in at any branch and ask for more information.

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Serving Branch County in

- **Algansee**
- **Bronson**
- **Coldwater**
- **Quincy**
- **Sherwood**
- **Union City**

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It Will Be “Zoo” Nice to See You!

By Leo Lehman

Boys and Girls and Children of all ages! The Zoomobile is coming to town. **The Binder Park Zoomobile** will be visiting Branch County on **Friday, April 8th**. It will be at the Algansee Public Library at 580-B S. Ray Quincy road at **10:00 AM**. and will visit the Cen-



S-s-see you at the Zoomobile!

tral Library in Coldwater at **12:30 PM**. The Zoomobile will make its final stop at

the Bronson Public Library at **2:30 PM**. The program will last about one hour at each location. We invite everyone to join us at this wonderful display. For further information, call Algansee at **639-9830** or Coldwater at **278-2341** or Bronson at **369-3785**. *Mark your calendars and come join the fun!!*

Friends Groups Come Together

The annual meeting for all Friends of the Library groups in the Branch District Library System will be held on **Tuesday, April 19 at 5:30 PM** at the Union city Fire

Hall. This is an annual opportunity for all of the Friends of the Library groups in our county to get together and share ideas and success stories. This year, we will have a guest speaker, **Jackie Merritt**,

from Jackson District Library. Jackie will sharing her experiences with Friends groups. Make sure to attend. This would be a great time to find out about becoming a new Friend of the Library!

Red Cross Babysitting Training

Red Cross Babysitting training is coming to Branch District Library! Classes will be held on **April 8 & 9** at the Coldwater branch, **April 16** at the Union City branch

and **May 6 & 7** at the Quincy branch. For more information and starting times, call the Coldwater branch at **278-2341**, the Union City branch at **741-5061**, or the Quincy branch at **639-4001**. This training

gives children a chance to find *exactly* what is involved in taking care of babies and young children, and to learn about keeping their charges and themselves safe when adults are away. And it's *fun*, too!

From the Director's Desk

As I write this on a cold and snowy day in March, it's hard for me to imagine that the next time I get a chance to communicate with you through the newsletter, it will be summer. That sounds *very* appealing to me right now!

National Library Week seems to be about the only

time that librarians like us across the country take the time to do a little "crowding" about our life's work. We should really talk like this more than once a year!

During Library Week, we will also be celebrating the second annual **Library Worker's Day** on Tuesday, April 12. As the American Library Association notes:

"Library workers are responsible for a wide variety of services that patrons come to expect from their libraries. They are in charge of more than just checking books in and out of the library."

If you would like to thank someone at the library personally, April 12 would be the perfect day to do so.

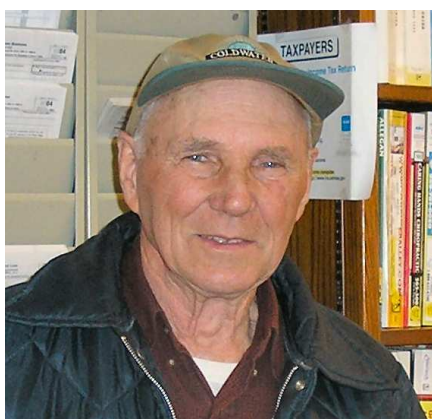
Staff Profile: Roy Tappenden

By Heidi Rawson

Roy Tappenden, our deliveryman, was a substitute for Glen Shoun and Ben Sherfield and took the job "full time" in 2000 when they retired. Roy works around 8 hours every week and drives 200 miles to deliver materials between the various branches of our system. He also goes to the Reading and Camden libraries to facilitate their connection with the Woodlands Library Cooperative.

Roy recently celebrated his 80th Birthday with many of his family and friends. He was born in the Girard area and graduated from Cold-

water High School in 1943. He went in the Army a year later and served in the occupation of Japan. He mar-



ried his wife, Shirley, in 1947 and they just celebrated 58 years together.

Roy and Shirley have 4 children: Connie, Gary,

Mike and Kathy who all still live in Branch County. Roy worked for Great Plains Gas Co. for 24 years and retired from there in 1987.

For a few years, 1974-1982, Roy and Shirley moved to Elkton, Michigan (up in the Thumb area) for Roy's job but they missed family and friends so when he had the opportunity, they returned home.

Roy is well known for his love of vegetable gardening and fishing. The employees of the library have often been grateful recipients of his generosity and success in those endeavors.

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Our Mission

The mission of the Branch District Library System is to provide the residents of Branch County with library collections and services to meet their educational, informational and recreational needs. This includes the traditional book formats well as CD-ROM, online collections and access to the Internet.

The Board is committed to serving people of all ages, with a special emphasis on children and youth.

Get Ready For Positively Medieval Summer Fun!

The theme for the 2005 summer reading program at Branch District Library is **"Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds."** This summer, all our reading clubs and activities will be based on that theme, bringing to mind knights in armor, fair damsels and fire-breathing reptiles in a fantastic mix of history and lore guaranteed to excite young and old during those hot summer days.

Plans are not yet completely finalized, but children can look forward to



our usual combination of entertainment, prizes, games and just plain fun as we read our way through

the longest days of the year.

Our sponsors so far include the Branch County Fair (for free tickets and parking passes) and all of the Friends of the Library groups. **Jim Merrill** has agreed to return to the Coldwater branch with his juggling act.

Summer reading starts just after school gets out, so watch for a flyer from the library at your school!