

# QUINCY LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## LIBRARY HOURS

Mon., Tues., Fri. 2 - 6 PM  
Wednesday 2 - 9 PM  
Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM  
Closed Thursday

## STORY HOUR

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:00 PM  
PHONE: 639-4001

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GREETINGS FOR 1982: The Friends of the Quincy Public Library send you good wishes for the new year. This is the first issue of a newsletter which we hope to publish at least quarterly. When our organization really gets going, maybe it can be a monthly undertaking.

We hope to acquaint you with our new group and our aims and goals for helping the library become of greater service to the people of Quincy and Quincy Township. So read on to find out what is going on....

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WE ORGANIZED - A group of women who had shown interest in our library met over a year ago at the home of Jane Schultz to see if there was enough interest to form a group dedicated to assisting our library. An informal core group has been working since that time, donating time at the library (filing, typing, clipping, assisting at the desk, etc.) We have also met and made plans for assisting in a story hour for pre-school children, a summer reading program and publishing a newsletter.

We decided that to be a member of the Friends of the Library would include \$3 yearly dues and participation in whatever activities of the library appealed to you. To be an Associate Member would cost \$5 yearly and would be in a financial support mode only, for those who support the library but do not have any extra time. Contributions from groups or individuals are also welcomed and will be put toward current projects. Contributions of service only are appreciated too.

The library offers many services and is now trying to continue these services and add even more while at the same time having to do with less help due to the new economic decisions of the government. We are trying to help fill the gap. If you are interested in learning more, contact Dorothy Marshall or any of our officers who are: Co-Presidents, Connie Karney and Leonna Hard; Treas., Catherine Red; Secretary, Ruth Smith. Monthly meetings are held at 10:00 AM on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

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SOME PROJECTS: Our first undertaking of the year was to help with the summer reading program at the library. We had 100 children participating and that was the largest group that the library has ever had. The summer included the usual pet parade through downtown Quincy. Dorothy started this program three years ago and it grows each year.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR is now being held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:00 PM. This started on December 2. Some of the people who have helped with this so far are: Karen Karney, Connie Karney, Joanne Gilchrest and Leonna Hard. We need some more younger mothers with children in this age group to help with this. (Could you come in and read a few stories one day a month? Or help keep order in the group while someone else reads? We need you.)

OUR FIRST money-making project was a baked goods sale at the Community Lazaar held at the Legion Home. With the proceeds, we will purchase a postal permit for mailing this newsletter. The permit costs \$70 for the first year and it will also cost about 4¢ to mail each copy. We thank the Legion Auxiliary for letting us join the bazaar.

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\* IF YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA FOR OUR LIBRARY, LET US KNOW! \*  
\* LET'S KEEP OUR LIBRARY GROWING! \*  
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## HISTORY OF OUR LIBRARY

The following remarks were condensed from articles found in the safety deposit box of the Quincy Township Library Board, the primary one written in 1911.

The growth of the library idea in Quincy started in 1870 when ladies of the village and township formed a Literary Society and put on a course of lectures. The venture was both an intellectual and a financial success and with the money obtained, a collection of books was started. These volumes were added to from time to time until about 400 books were in the Library. It was kept in private houses and books circulated until 1880 when the organization disbanded and the books were given to the public school.

A meeting was called on January 9, 1898, under the supervision of a young lady teacher, Miss Frey. The Ladies Library Association was organized and from the small beginning of fifty books, grew to include more than 1000 volumes.

In January of 1908, Mr. C. W. Lennett offered warranty deeds for his store in Quincy and his home in Coldwater to the Library Board of Quincy Twp. "for the purpose of aiding to establish a free Public Library in Quincy, Mich." The Township Board appointed a library board consisting of W. H. Lockerby, Alfred L. Bowen, Chisholm McKay, Lyman O. Peebles, Hiram Bennett and Melvin Segur. On June 30, 1908, Mr. Bennett deeded the lot on the west side of North Main Street to the Library Board. In April, 1909, at the township election, the six-person provisional board was elected to a permanent board, two members to be elected each year. (We are still using this system. We have a six-person board, each member elected for a three-year term and two members are elected each year. The current board consists of Marie Jennings, Eeryl Zuercher, Sue Vojar, Eobbie Erickey, Gladys Parkinson and Jane Faldwin.)



*Thanks!  
Mrs. Bennett!*

There was some discussion of locating the new building in the Village Park, but Mr. Lockerby was able to purchase the Reading lot adjacent to the Lennett lot on North Main, so it was decided to build the library there. Mr. Bennett subsequently gave the library \$1200 worth of Southern Michigan Telephone stock which paid for the Reading lot - making Mr. Lennett the outright donor of the library site.

Work on the lot started in 1909 and all exterior work was completed in the summer of 1910. The winter of 1910 and early 1911 was spent finishing and decorating the interior. On June 12, 1911, the Ladies Library Association turned over their books, more than 1000 in number, to the new Quincy Township Public Library. In late October, 1911, 45 of the 47 businesses located in Quincy signed an agreement to close their businesses on November 1, "between the hours of two and three-thirty in appreciation of the gift of a free Public Library, and as a mark of respect to Mr. C. W. Lennett, the donor." That day saw the formal dedication of the new building.

In February of 1936, the Quincy Library Board petitioned the Township Board for a place on the spring ballot to allow a 1½ mill levy for the support and maintenance of the library. This tax was levied for a time but was dropped from the ballot in the forties because of local bad times.

In 1947, Quincy Township Library entered into a contract with the Branch County Library, agreeing to become known as the Quincy Branch of the Branch County Library. This contract was renewed in May of 1973.

Today the Quincy Township Library is supported by a combination of township and county library monies, club and personal gifts. The recently formed Friends Organization is steadily increasing its donations of time and service in support of our library. We are one of the largest branches in both volumes and circulation.

The library property and building are owned by Quincy Township and the township is responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds. It also provides monies for the utilities for the library and subsidizes the employees' wages. The Quincy Library Board meets monthly and transacts all business pertaining to our library.



HOW LONG has it been since you visited the library? Do you know that we have started a new genealogy section? We hope to enlarge this and add newspaper clippings from years gone by on the different families of the Quincy area as well as current news items. (Does this sound like something you might like to help with?)

Do you know we have a microfilm reader to use with old census information and other items?

Do you know that we have a copier and will make copies for 15¢ each?

Do you know that we have a section of large print books?

Do you know that we have thousands of books available from our association with the Woodlands Co-op?

Do you know that all of our stacks are open stacks and you are welcome to browse through them?

Do you know that you can check out magazines as well as books and that the library has subscriptions to 62 magazines?

Do you know that new books of fiction are arranged in a rack on one side of the entrance door and new non-fiction is on the other side so that you can quickly select one of the new books you have been hearing about?

Do you know we have a memorial program for providing books in memory of a loved one?

Do you have a current library card?

Do you know we have an excellent library staff that is anxious to welcome you to the library and help you in any way they can? Come on in!

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MEMORIAL PROGRAM - Recently our librarian heard that the local flower shop is no longer offering the service of being able to call in and donate small individual amounts of money which would be grouped together to purchase a floral tribute to a deceased friend.

Dorothy immediately contacted the Friends group to see if they would like to sponsor a memorial program to aid neighbors and friends in being able to donate in memory of someone. The funds would be used to purchase a book or books in the amount of the total donated and a card would be sent immediately to the family of the departed so they would know that you had remembered their loved one with a lasting gift. The Friends thought this was an excellent service and encourage you to think of this when an occasion arises that you might like to use this service. This will be called the "Friends Memorial Plan."

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SOME OF the ladies who have been involved in the Friends group so far are: Ruth Smith, Leonna Hard, Connie Karney, Catherine Red, Donna Omo, Allene Foster, Arlene Lowerman, Alice Warner, Kathryn Hutchins, Beverly Dull, Marian Smith, Jane Schultz, Jane Baldwin, Vivian Leatherman, Ruth Loveberry, Eileen Mueller, Vivian Esterline and Danette Wyatt.

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THANKS - We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dobson for a contribution of \$25 to help us get our first newsletter out. We appreciate it!

(Remember, all contributions are tax deductible.)

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PUPPETS - A nice display of puppets (which are for sale for \$1 up) has been arranged at the library by Mrs. Ruth Smith, who made and donated them. These would make a nice gift for your child and would help the library at the same time. Stop in to see them.

OTHER MEMORIALS

Many people and groups have given books in memory of others in the past. A list is kept of these gifts in the Memorial Gift Book. We are also hoping to have a bulletin board display of current memorials in the near future. (Is this a project you might like to help organize?)

RECENT MEMORIALS	IN MEMORY OF	BY
The Rifle Book by Jack O'Connor	Preston Trenary	His children
Advanced Woodworking and Furniture Making by J. Fierer	Argyle Omo	Union Church
The Lear in the Bathtub	Derek Wood	Rick and Sandy Larrett
The Solar Greenhouse by James McCullough	Grace Milliman	Friends
How to Make Colonial Furniture	Argyle Omo	Ir. Cty. Retired Teachers Assoc.
Mr. and Mrs. Pig's Night Out	Derek Wood	His parents .
Women of Achievement	Lassie Coursey	American Legion Auxiliary
Ride the Man Down (Large Print)	Ralph Iroad	Friends
Baseball's 100	Ralph Iroad	Union Church

Our library also gratefully accepts donations of books or magazines which you no longer need.

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