

Quincy Library

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Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Branch Manager's Message

Well, spring has sprung on the calendar and so we look forward to our beautiful landscaping blooming. Many thanks to the loving hands that care for our library.

Libraries love to report and we have had and do have a lot of reading going on in this community lately! We had our adult Winter Blahs contest during the month of February. Readers recorded how many pages they read during the month and our winner was Monica Fazekas, with a total of 14,226 pages read! She received a goodie basket, compliments of the Friends of the Library.

The month of March was also very eventful. Library Advisory Board member Bonnie Frick, facilitated a book discussion Saturday, March 12 on Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. A wonderful spread of foods was offered as well as good

conversation. An authentic Afghanistan rug covered the table with a hooka/water pipe displayed. Bonnie fed the group Lentils & Rice, Afghani Biryani (chicken and Basmati dish), and also had them prepare their own chapati (bread) to dip in the Cardamom (yogurt/sugar mixture). She was able to share from experiences she and her husband Frank gleaned from living in Jerusalem for a year as well. Video of the Pakistan area was also enjoyed.

Bronson Library challenged us to a duel, so "A Duel of Two Cities" is taking place during "March is Reading Month!" Patrons of all ages are recording how many pages they read and the bragging rights will be announced soon!

With all this reading going on, we want to be sure to thank Roy Tappenden. Roy delivers books between all six libraries, twice a week. His vehicle gets loaded down each delivery day and we are grateful! Because of this delivery service, patrons are able to request

books from any branch and choose any of the libraries as their pick-up location. Remember that using the library website from home makes book selection very convenient. Check out: branchdistrictlibrary.org to log into your own account ("Access Your Account" in the upper right hand corner) using your barcode number. Look under "Services" to learn about Interloan services and audio download options also.

Anyone interested in the Annual Friends meeting, join area Friends groups as they meet at the Bronson Branch, Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm. We will be shown a great time for sure!

- Lisa L. Wood, Branch Manager



New York Times Bestseller List

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **THE JUNGLE**, by Clive Cussler with Jack Du Brul
2. **SING YOU HOME**, by Jodi Picoult
3. **THE WISE MAN'S FEAR**, by Patrick Rothfuss
4. **THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST**, by Stieg Larsson
5. **LOVE YOU MORE**, by Lisa Gardner

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **THE SOCIAL ANIMAL**, by David Brooks
2. **UNBROKEN**, by Laura Hillenbrand
3. **MOONWALKING WITH EINSTEIN**, by Joshua Foer
4. **TOWNIE**, by Andre Dubus III
5. **A SIMPLE GOVERNMENT**, by Mike Huckabee

CHILDREN'S CHAPTER BOOKS

1. **I AM NUMBER FOUR**, by Pittacus Lore
2. **THE LOST HERO**, by Rick Riordan
3. **JUSTIN BIEBER, FIRST STEP 2 FOREVER**, by Justin Bieber
4. **THE RED PYRAMID**, by Rick Riordan
5. **HOTHEAD**, by Cal Ripken Jr. and Kevin Coughlin

12 Ways Libraries are Good for the Country

Americans love their libraries, and advances in technology have multiplied the ways in which libraries enrich the quality of life in their communities. Whether they are in an elementary school or a university, a museum or a corporation, public or private, our nation's libraries offer a lifetime of learning. To library supporters everywhere – Friends, trustees, board members, patrons, and volunteers – American Libraries magazine offers this gift of 12 ideals toward which librarians strive as they provide comprehensive access to the record of human existence. It will take all of us, in a spirit of pride and freedom, to maintain libraries as a living reality in a free nation through the 21st century.

Libraries sustain democracy.

Libraries provide access to information and multiple points of view so that people can make knowledgeable decisions on a public policy throughout their lives. With their collections, programs, and professional expertise, librarians help their patrons identify accurate and authoritative data and use information resources wisely to stay informed. The public library is the only institution in American society whose purpose is to guard against the tyrannies of ignorance and conformity.

Libraries break down boundaries.

Libraries of various kinds offer services and programs for people at all literacy levels, readers with little or no English skills, preschoolers, students, homebound senior citizens,

physical or learning disabled. Libraries rid us of fences that obstruct our vision and our ability to communicate and to educate ourselves.

Libraries level the playing field.

By making access to information resources and technology available to all, regardless of income, class, background, a public library levels the playing field and helps close the gap between the rich and the poor. Libraries unite people and make their resources available to everyone in the community, regardless of social status. There are more public libraries than McDonald's restaurants in the United States.

Libraries value the individual.

Libraries offer choices between mainstream and alternative viewpoints, between traditional and visionary concepts, and between monocultural and multicultural perspectives. Library doors swing open for independent thought without prejudice. Library collections and services offer a historical, global, cultural, and political perspective that is necessary to foster a spirit of exploration and challenge orthodoxy and conformity.

Libraries nourish creativity.

By providing an atmosphere that stimulates curiosity, libraries create opportunities for unstructured learning and serendipitous discovery. As repositories not only of books but of images and a wide variety of media, libraries offer access to an accumulated record of mankind and assistance from professional staff in delivering these resources through the physical library, the web,

Libraries open young minds.

Children's and young adult librarians offer story hours, book talks, summer reading activities, career planning, art projects, gaming competitions, and other programs to spark youthful imaginations. Bringing children into a library can transport them from the commonplace to the extraordinary. From story hours for preschoolers to career planning for highschoolers, children's librarians make a difference because they care about the unique development needs of every individual who comes to them for help.

Libraries return high dividends.

Libraries offer big returns to the communities they serve – anywhere from \$1.30 to \$10 in services for every \$1 invested in them. Strong public and school libraries make a city or town more desirable as a business location. Americans check out an average of more than seven books a year from public libraries, and it costs them roughly \$34 in taxes – about the cost of a single hardcover book.

Libraries build communities.

People gather at the library to find and share information, experience and experiment with the arts and media, and engage in community discussions and games. No narrow definition will work for libraries. There is the community of scholars, the deaf community, the gay community, the gaming community, and countless others, each with its libraries and specialized collections. Libraries validate and unify; they save lives, literally and by preserving the record of those lives.

Libraries support families.

Libraries offer an alternate venue for parents and their children to enhance activities traditionally conducted at

home by providing homework centers, parenting collections, after-school programs, outreach, one-on-one reading, and early literacy programs. Like the families they serve, libraries everywhere are adapting to meet the economic and social challenges of the 21st century. In libraries, families find professionals dedicated to keeping their services family-friendly by offering a diverse selection of materials to which people of many backgrounds can relate.

Libraries build technology skills.

Library services and programs foster critical-thinking skills and information literacy. Nearly 100% of American libraries offer Internet access and assistance with problem-solving aptitude, scientific inquiry, cross-disciplinary thinking, media literacy, productivity and leadership skills, civic engagement, global awareness, and health and environmental awareness. Library patrons search for jobs online, polish resumes with word processing software, fill out applications, research new professions, sign up for career workshops, and look for financial assistance. Public libraries serve as technology hubs by offering a wide range of public access computing and internet access services at no charge to users.

Libraries offer sanctuary.

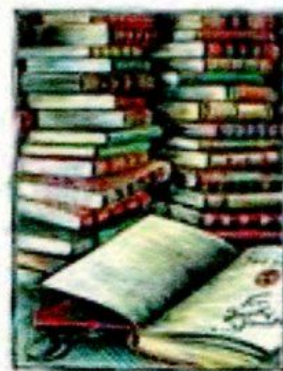
By providing an atmosphere conducive to reflection, libraries induce a feeling of serenity and transcendence that opens the mind to new ideas and interpretations. In the library we are answerable to no one. We can be alone without private thoughts, fantasies, hopes, and dreams, and we are free to nourish what is most precious to us with the silent companionship of others who share our quest. Libraries are places

where computers and d provide superior acce information and they o atmosphere of light and text beautiful architecture and foster.

Libraries preserve the past.

Libraries are repositori community history, oral na and audiovisual records of and culture, and when the resources are digitized and online as digital l communities and cultures th of miles away can share experience. Libraries information science and tec enable us to communicate distance and time with the liv the dead. A library is a mira available by the meticulous description and access that work of the librarian. I preserve the record and he patrons make sense of it Information Age.

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Did you know...

- A cat's jaws cannot move sideways.
- Telly Savalas and Louis Armstrong died on their birthdays.
- Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.
- The second longest word in the English language is "antidisestablishmentarianism".
- Big Ben was slowed five minutes one day when a passing group of starlings decided to take a rest on the minute hand of the clock.
- Native speakers of Japanese learn Spanish much more easily than they learn English. Native speakers of English learn Spanish much more easily than they learn English.
- Elephants have been found swimming miles from shore in the Indian Ocean.
- When two words are combined to form a single word (e.g., motor+ hotel = motel, breakfast + lunch = brunch) the new word is called a "portmanteau".
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.
- The muzzle of a lion is like a fingerprint – no two lions have the same pattern of whiskers.
- There is a type of parrot in New Zealand that likes to eat the rubber strips that line car windows.
- In 1969, the last Corvair was painted gold.
- Ralph Kramden made 62 dollars a week.
- Betsy Ross was born with a fully formed set of teeth.
- Only three angels are mentioned by name in the Bible: Gabriel, Michael, and Lucifer.



New Arrivals.... Travel Books – Plan Your Vacation Now.

New beautiful travel books have arrived, especially regarding our own state of Michigan:

<i>Michigan State and National Parks: A Complete Guide</i>	917.74 POW
<i>Michigan Waterfalls: A Guide to 199 Michigan Waterfalls</i>	917.74 PEN
<i>Michigan Yesterday & Today</i>	977.4 DOM
<i>Off the Beaten Path Michigan: A Guide to Unique Places</i>	917.74 DUF
<i>Picturing Hemingway's Michigan</i>	977.4 FED
<i>Pure Michigan: Abundant Natural Beauty, Authentic Destinations, Unique Experiences</i>	917.74 PUR

Enjoy some Michigan vacationing this summer!

NEEDED! Old maps and atlases

If you have any old maps or atlases, please drop them off at the library.

In Appreciation...

In Memory of...

Kenneth Bidlack

Daren & Derek Carpenter

Willow Coonce

Sally Iford

Dorothy Dobson

Dan & Judy Dobson

Elmer Dobson

Steve & Mary Ann Dobson

Betty Fidler

Carolyn VanRiper

Dolores Rawson

John & Delores Alexander

Dan & Judy Dobson

Patricia Goffinet

Ron & Kathy Will

Junior Gary

Darene Sargent

Jim & Doris Pifer

Brian Hargreave

Carl & Deb Cartwright & family

Kathryn Hutchins

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Baldwin Endowment Fund

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Tim & JoEllen Baldwin

New Items Coming in May...

New Fiction:

- *A Drop of the Hard Stuff* by Lawrence Block
- *Hiss of Death: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery* by Rita Mae Brown
- *Kiss Her Goodbye* by Max Allan Collins/Mickey Spillane
- *Devil's Food Cake Murder* by Joanne Fluke
- *Spider Web* by Earlene Fowler
- *Dead Reckoning: A Sookie Stackhouse Novel* by Charlaine Harris
- *A Turn in the Road (Blossom Street No. 7)* by Debbie Macomber
- *Southern Comfort* by Fern Michaels
- *Late Edition (Sisterhood/Godmothers #4)* by Fern Michaels
- *Sixkill* by Robert B. Parker

- *The Body in the Gazebo: A Faith Fairchild Mystery* by Katherine Hall Page
- *10th Anniversary* by James Patterson/Maxine Paetr
- *The Devil's Light* by Richard North Patterson
- *Buried Prey* by John Sandford
- *Fallen: A Novel* by Karin Slaughter

Non-Fiction

- *The Best Advice I Ever Got: Lessons from Extraordinary Lives* by Katie Couric
- *Jeannie Out of the Bottle* by Barbara Eden
- *Lady Blue Eyes: My Life with Frank* by Barbara Sinat
- *My Lucky Life in and Out of Show Business: A Memoir* by Dick Van Dyke
- *I've Never Met an Idiot on the River: Reflections on Family, Fishing, and Photography* by Henry Winkler

Bring the children you love...!

Storyteller
Barbara G. Schutzgruber
will be at the library
Tuesday,
April 12 at 3:30 pm

Don't miss this FREE
program!



Friends of the Library meeting

Tuesday,
April 26
4:00 pm

Everyone is welcome
to attend and join us
in the library lower
level

Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invites you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2009. Please complete the below information, enclose a check payable to the Friends of the Library and either send it to the library or to Teddy Sinclair at 490 Clarendon Rd., Quincy, MI 49082. The Friends of the Library are responsible for the continuance of the newsletter and assisting with many of the library's programs.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership: \$5.00

I am interested in contributing an additional \$ _____ for the continuance of this newsletter.

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