

— Quincy Branch Library —

January, 2019

Branch Manager's Message

Mel.org—Michigan eLibrary—is a great resource for so many needs and on October 1, it got a facelift.

Thousands of items can be accessed across the state and delivered right to your home library branch of choice. Check out the new site: <http://mel.org/> welcome. If we don't have it in our six library branches, we will do our best to find what you are looking for!

Did you know?? Our Quincy Library branch offers lamination, free faxing, up to 10 free resumes copies, a coupon basket, a free stack of magazines, book sales twice a year (the first Friday & Saturday in June & November), board games to enjoy any time you visit, six days of the Daily Reporter displayed at all times, over 30 magazines to check out for 14 days, a file of Quincy births, deaths and marriage newspaper cutouts in the

old card catalog cabinet, a complete set of Quincy High School yearbooks to enjoy, and an extensive Genealogy research area including some surrounding counties.

Did you know?? 98% of public libraries provide Wi-fi and access to computers? Remember that you can access the Wi-fi 24/7 outside our building whenever you need it.

Lisa Wood, Branch Manager



← Joann Puffer Kotcher, one of the first women allowed in a combat zone, shared her experiences as an American Red Cross Donut Dolly.

The *Early Days of Radio in Michigan* program was enjoyed by many. →



The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library. Albert Einstein



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Circulation Desk 400

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Quincy Library Hours

Mon 12-5 Thu 10-6

Tue 8:30-5 Fri 8:30-5

Wed 10-5 Sat 9-12

Sun-Closed

The **Branch District Library System** has six library branches to serve your needs:

Alganssee,
Bronson,
Coldwater,
Quincy,
Sherwood and
Union Twp.



Local Author

Be sure to check out "One Flag's Journey" by local Rick Van Landingham, a QHS 1969 graduate. Written in honor of his son Jeffery, a true hero. Rick's pictorial journey features a very special "lucky flag". You won't want to miss viewing this special book, available from our Quincy Branch Library and can be picked up at any of our branches.

Story Hour — For 2 to 5 year old's

Story Hour runs February through May each Friday morning at 10 am. No need for advance sign-up. Stories, craft and snack (provided by Friends of the Library).

NOTE: Special story hour on February 8—A Valentine Party! Wear something red.

Building Restoration Update

The Restoration Fund is now closed, as the two year restoration process has come to an end.

Any future donations will go into the Project Fund that has been in existence for years and will serve the same purpose for library building needs.

Our community has been very supportive of the library over the years, and especially during this recent restoration phase. \$96,531.58 was raised and the Quincy Township is very appreciative of all the donations that have come in to help restore and beautify our historic 1910 building.

Thank You To...

- A big thank you to Gerald Marsh for his work on the library north and south entrances and window work.
- Thank you to the November Book Sale workers and setup crew: Linda Satchfield-Walbridge, Mary Dawn Dobson, Candace Newkirk, Jody Willard, Shirley Brand, Bonnie Frick, Leslie Walp and Renee Hardy
- And a huge thank you to the NIKA Club for providing such a wonderful Bake Sale!
- Thanks to the December Quincy Lights *Letters to Santa* workers: Jody Willard and Teddy Sinclair.

Friends Book Sale — June 7 and 8 in the library lower level.

Friday 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday 9 am to 12 pm.



Upcoming Events



Adult Coloring Sessions!

January 19 and February 9 from 9 am to 12 pm. Stop in on those Saturday mornings to enjoy new colored pencils, new color sheets, cookies and some fun.



Teens!

All teens are welcome to attend any of our fun weekly Wednesday 3:30 pm events, facilitated by the Branch District Library Teen Services Librarians. The following programs are offered: Anime, STEAM, Crafts, "Are You Smarter than a Librarian?", and more! Don't miss out on these FREE programs! Snacks provided!



Past Event:

The great line up for Story Hour trick or treating!



New York Times Best Sellers

1. *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny
2. *Fire and Blood* by George R.R. Martin
3. *The Reckoning* by John Grisham
4. *Target: Alex Cross* by James Patterson
5. *Every Breath* by Nicholas Sparks
6. *Past Tense* by Lee Child
7. *Long Road to Mercy* by David Baldacci
8. *Look Alive Twenty-Five* by Janet Evanovich
9. *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty
10. *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom



In Appreciation for Donations

Given In Memory of...

Jim Brand

Don & Teddy Sinclair

Glenna Gary

Ken Smoker

Harold L. Collins

Mike & Vicki Hostetter

QHS Class of '52

Gale & Dorothy Kellam

Wava Jean Gano

Don & Teddy Sinclair

Carol Gates

Marion & Sue May

Mike & Kelli May

Don & Teddy Sinclair

Elizabeth (Liz) Grace

Bob & Carol McHolme

Robert W. King

Don & Teddy Sinclair

John Yost

Marilyn Leslie

Teddy Sinclair

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Bonnie Frick

Sherry Lutterbeck

Dan & Carol Ludlow

Phil Sattler

Carolyn VanRiper

Mark & Jennifer Whitney

Tom & Cayla Waltke

Cassidy Kaiser

Don & Teddy Sinclair

John Yost

Maddox Starr

Shannon Strock & family

Barbara Cox Yost

Don & Teddy Sinclair

John Yost

Dorothy Dobson

Dan & Judy Dobson

Kathryn Hutchins

Dan & Judy Dobson

Given In Honor of...

Jeffery Van Landingham

Rick & Sue Van
Landingham

Beverly Anderson

Alice Bowerman

Connie Karney's Birthday

Dan & Judy Dobson

Donations Made by...

The QHS Class of 1968

Donation to Jane Baldwin Endowment Fund:

In Memory of:

Jane Baldwin

Dan & Judy Dobson

The Quincy Branch Library has had a memorial program

for a number of years which offers individuals the opportunity to give toward book purchases *In Memory of* someone special or *In Honor of* someone special or a special occasion.

Checks to the **Quincy Library Foundation** can be mailed to 11 N. Main Street, Quincy, MI 49082 with information containing the individual's name and who the gift is from. Please provide a name and address of a family member and the library will send a notification card to the family indicating that a gift has been given in their loved one's name.

New books are purchased for the library collection according to need, but we gladly welcome subject matters or titles also that reflect the person in whose name the gift is being given. Book plaques are added inside the book front cover before being displayed on library shelves.

Gifts can also be designated to our Project Fund, which is used for library building needs. Previous projects have supported new lighting, a book drop and shelving.



Did You Know

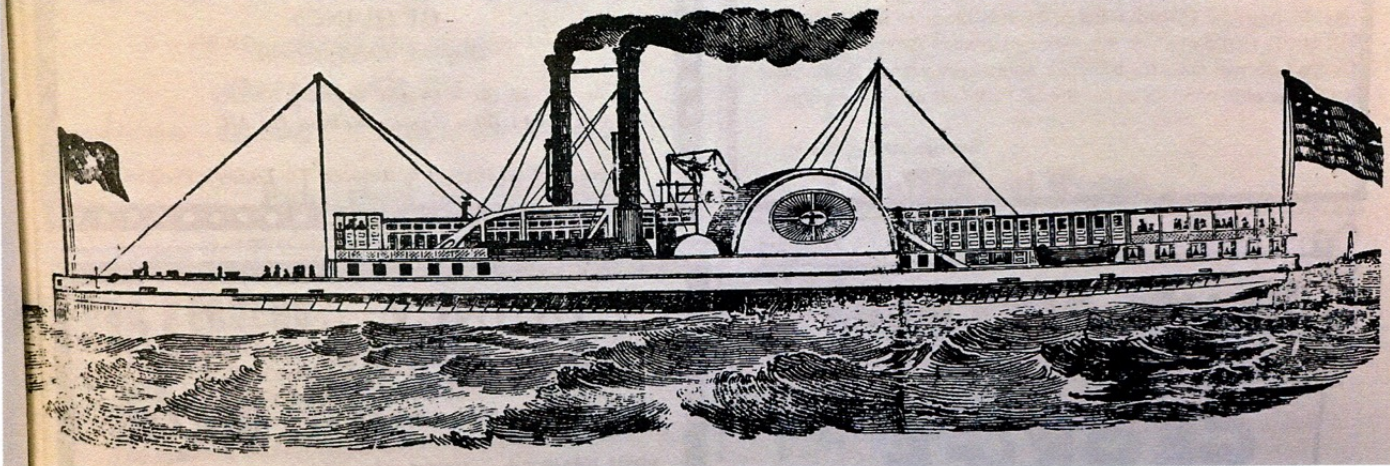
- Did you know the yo-yo was originally used as a weapon for hunting in the Philippines
- Did you know draughts (checkers) is older than chess
- Did you know the first metered taxi was introduced in 1907
- Did you know the Chinese used fingerprints as a method of identification as far back as AD 700
- Did you know the revolving door was invented in 1888
- Did you know Sir Isaac Newton was 23 when he discovered the law of gravity
- Did you know the drinking straw was invented in 1886
- Did you know paper money was first used in China
- Did you know Scissors were most likely invented in ancient Egypt
- Did you know all of the cobble stones used to line the streets in New York were originally stones found in the hulls of Belgian ships ballast

OLD PICTURE RECALLS EXCITING STORY OF QUINCY CHANNEL CO.

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QUINCY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1939

QUINCY'S 70 FOOT PLEASURE YACHT, LAUNCHED IN 1878, AND EXPECTED TO BE MADE CAPABLE OF CARRYING 300 PEOPLE



The cut reproduced above is an artist's conception of the first passenger boat scheduled to begin operations on the Marble—Coldwater chain of lakes. Capable of carrying three hundred passengers this so-called stem yacht was only the beginning and a larger boat was to be built to be put into operation in the spring of 1880.

The following excerpt is from an account which appeared in the "History of Branch County," by Evarts and Abbott, in 1879.

"In the month of March 1878, Mr James Donovan of Quincy conceived the idea of connecting these lakes [from Marble to Coldwater lake] and navigating them by dredging a channel from one end to the other. Communicating his ideas to R. W. Berry, Esq., they decided to be practical and at once called civil engineers and dredging men to the survey of the proposed route, who pronounced the scheme feasible an a good one.

"On August 16, work was commenced on the channel and steadily progressed until the frosts of winter compelled a cessation. At this time about nine miles are completed, which connects with the Lake Shore railroad.

"A steam yacht was launched on December 3 which, when finished, will accommodate three hundred people and a larger boat is to be placed upon the lakes the coming spring.

Several [of the lakes] are beautiful sheets of water; especially so are Marble and Coldwater.


"According to present contract, twenty miles will be opened to navigation on June 1, 1879, and when all contemplated waterways are opened, excursionists, sportsmen and pleasure seekers will here find a locality unsurpassed by any between Toledo and Chicago."

The project continued according to schedule until the actual dredging was about completed, when it was found that a difference of eight inches existed between the water levels of Coldwater and Marble Lakes. Marble being the higher of the two, the new channel would afford a freer escape for the waters through the chain of lakes and thence by way of the west branch of the Coldwater river. The east branch, receiving a greatly diminished supply, might eventually become entirely dry.

W. A Combs, whose mills at Coldwater were run by waterpower from the east branch of the stream became alarmed at this threat to his business and secured an injunction against the Channel company, preventing them from diverting the waters of Marble Lake from the former outlet. A great

deal of litigation and popular feelings over the matter did little in the way of changing the situation, and so ended what is perhaps Branch County's most ambitious undertaking of all time.

The End

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QUINCY

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ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Friends of the Library invite you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2019. Please complete the information below, enclose a check payable to: *Friends of the Library*. Mail to the library or to: Teddy Sinclair, 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 \$_____

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