

— Quincy Branch Library —

April, 2019

Branch Manager's Message

2019 began with a Winter Teen Reading Challenge district wide, and one of our Quincy teens read the most and he received a Kindle! Lots of teen activities have been offered each week, from a Giant Valentine card workshop to Cocoa & Constellations to an "Are You Smarter than a Librarian"? event. Be sure to send the teens in your life to the library every Wednesday at 3:30!

Story hour for little ones takes place every Friday morning at 10. These 2-5

year olds are busy little people that enjoy their library visits and we enjoy them.

In the last few months... patrons, patrons, patrons have come through our door! Over 900 patrons visit each month and borrow nearly 2000 items monthly.

A couple Saturday morning adult coloring sessions were held recently with great coffee and brand new professional color pencils.

We are pleased to announce Betty Blair

as the Winter Blahs February adult contest winner!

A big thanks to the Quincy Township Sexton Max Stephenson who does such a great job with lawn care, leaf and snow removal on the library grounds all year.

Here's to the coming summer!

Lisa L. Wood,
Branch Manager

Adults Teens and children of all ages:

Be sure to sign up for the Summer Reading Program beginning May 28! It'll be a great summer of "A Universe of Stories" with lots of great events taking place:

- Kalamazoo Air Zoo visits, June 13, 2pm
- Mr. Jim's Magic Space Camp, June 21, 2pm
- Preston Dairy Farms will visit the last week of June
- The Great Timbini will wow us again, July 9, 2pm
- Come enjoy a patriotic craft table the week of July 1

Two astronaut themed programs will be great fun the last two weeks of July, which will include astronaut food tasting! Check for dates!



Amazing Facts Regarding Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846. John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860. John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost a child while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both Presidents were shot in the head.

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Quote... "A day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work."



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Quincy Library Hours

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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.



Talking About the Mitten State!

Do YOU know the Michigan Pledge?

Michigan has an official pledge of allegiance to its state flag. Written by Harold G. Coburn, it was adopted as **Public Act 165 of 1972**. This is the pledge:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of Michigan, and to the state for which it stands, 2 beautiful peninsulas united by a bridge of steel, where equal opportunity and justice to all is our ideal."

Background on Michigan Week

"Don Weeks, a former State of Michigan Economic Development Director, launched the tradition of "Michigan Week" on May 2, 1954. Mr. Weeks' vision was to bring the business, labor, government and education communities under one banner to promote Michigan. The idea: an annual "Michigan Week" to allow residents to beat their drums for their state."

Be sure to stop in during Michigan Week for goodies and Michigan trivia, (3rd week of May)

How To Fly The American Flag



The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or floor.

The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing.

When used on a speaker's platform, the flag should be displayed above and behind the speaker. If mounted on a staff, it should be on the speaker's right.

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.

The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff.

Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger.

The flag should not be flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.

The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.

The Flag Code (Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code) provides uniform guidelines for the display of the flag.

Upcoming Events

Spring Break Stay-cation

April 1-6

Enjoy our craft table all week!

Money Smart Week

April 1-6

Stop in for a money bookmark and a gold "coin"

National Library Week

April 8-13

Your librarians would love you to visit for giveaways!

Annual Friends of the Libraries Meeting

April 16

Anyone is welcome to attend the Annual Friends of the Libraries meeting. This year's meeting will take place at the Union Branch Library at 6:30 pm. If you have never seen their lovely new building, be sure to visit, enjoy refreshments and a good time of visiting with other 'Friends'

Friends of the Quincy Branch Library Meeting

April 23

Join us in planning for the upcoming book sale, bring a friend! 4 pm in the lower level of the library.

Summer Reading Program

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Friends of the Library Book Sale

June 7 and 8

Books of all types are for sale. Hardcover, paper back and audio! \$3.00 for a provided bag.

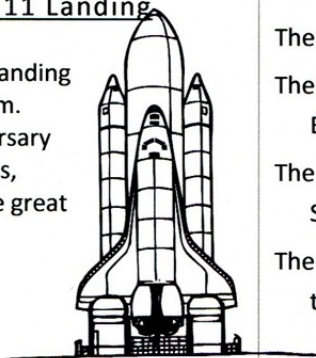
4th of July Parade

Don't miss the Rotary porkchop BBQ after the 4th of July parade with homemade pies by our own Friends of the Library!!

50th Anniversary, Apollo 11 Landing

July 18

Adults can relive the Apollo 11 landing Thursday evening, July 18 at 6pm. Come celebrate this 50th anniversary of the landing with refreshments, actual footage and we will share great stories of that event.



Books Every Child Should Read Before Graduating High School

How many have *you* read?

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| The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn | A Little House Christmas |
| Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl | Little House in the Ozarks |
| The Annotated Wizard of Oz | Little House in the Big Woods |
| Bridge to Terabithia | Little House on the Prairie |
| The Call of the Wild | A Little House Reader |
| Charlotte's Web | A Little House Sampler |
| Christmas with Little Women | Little House Sisters |
| The Classic Tale of Peter Rabbit | Little Women |
| Classic Tale of the Velveteen Rabbit | Macbeth |
| Curious George | Meet the Little Engine that Could |
| Curious George Learns the Alphabet | The Real Mother Goose Book of American Rhymes |
| Curious George Rides a Bike | The Red Badge of Courage |
| Curious George Takes a Job | Salutations!: Wit and Wisdom From Charlotte's Web |
| Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz | Sarah, Plain and Tall |
| The Little Engine that Could | The Scarlet Letter |
| The Giver | The Tale of Peter Rabbit |
| Going West | A Tale of Two Cities |
| Goodnight Moon | Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing |
| The Grapes of Wrath: Text and criticism | To Kill a Mockingbird |
| Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books | Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn |
| Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone | The Tragedy of Macbeth |
| Hatchet | Treasure Island |
| Huckleberry Finn | The Velveteen Rabbit |
| Island of the Blue Dolphins | Where the Red Fern Grows |
| The Loin, the Witch and the Wardrobe | Where the Sidewalk Ends |
| The Little Engine the Could | Where the Wild Things Are |
| The Little Engine that Could and the Birthday Cake | White Fang and the Call of the Wild |
| The Little Engine that Could and the Snowy, Blowy Christmas | Winnie-the-Pooh |
| The Little Engine that Could Saves the Thanksgiving Day Parade | The Wizard of Oz |
| | The Wonderful Wizard of Oz |
| | A Wrinkle in Time |

In Appreciation for Donations

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Now it gets really weird...

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names. Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Now hang on to your seat...

Lincoln was shot at the theater named "Ford." Kennedy was shot in a car called "Lincoln" made by "Ford."

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

And here's the "kicker"...

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland. A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

AND...

Lincoln was shot in a theater and the assassin ran to a warehouse. Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and the assassin ran to a theater!

The New York Times Best Sellers

Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

The Chef by James Patterson and Max DiLallo

The Border by Don Winslow

An Anonymous Girl

..... by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Chocolate Cream Pie Murder by Joanne Fluke

Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty

The Reckoning by John Grisham

Never Tell by Lisa Gardner

Fire And Blood by George R.R. Martin



Silas Doty

Michigan's Greatest/ Worst Thief

If ever a person was born to steal it was Silas Doty, who first saw the light of day on May 30, 1800, and soon became a one-man crime wave that crested in Michigan and didn't recede until his death in 1876.

Silas stole just about anything from anywhere, leading Michigan poet Will Carleton to call him the 'most consummate and unmitigated thief that America has ever produced.' If second-hand tooth tartar had commanded a good price, Doty could have scraped it from your molars and been two miles down the road before you realized it was missing.

Though born into the devout Christian home of a Vermont farmer, Silas claimed that when he began to crawl he also launched his criminal career by hiding spoons and other small objects under rugs. As a toddler he delighted in stealing from his brothers and sisters, and when Silas reached school age he discovered an even larger world waiting to be filched. In his one-room elementary schoolhouse, nothing was safe from Silas' quick fingers, including his teacher's penknife, which he treasured for years.

Young Doty's small world was by no means oblivious to his worrisome proclivities. His parents knew Silas' fingers were stickier than flypaper and that objects of every description often disappeared in their son's wake. And Doty's elementary school teacher once bluntly notified the troubled parents that given time, their student in crime would likely nip the entire school from roof beams to chalk slates.

Silas' dad finally snapped when the local blacksmith accused the child of stealing his horseshoes. The elder Doty dragged his son to their barn and threatened to hang him if he didn't tell the truth. When Silas proclaimed his innocence, his father tossed a

rope over a beam and looped the noosed end around the child's neck. Dad then grabbed the other end and slowly tightened the noose, pulling Silas within hailing distance of eternity. But when asked to confess, Silas called his father's bluff and later claimed he considered the episode his baptism into a life of crime.

At age nine, Silas graduated from stealing for amusement to stealing for profit. Silas learned to simply beat [Bangor, New York] trappers at their own game. The cunning nine-year-old left enough game in the traps to avoid suspicion and was thus able to run the operation for three years without detection before moving on to more traditional criminal activities.

At 16, Silas talked a blacksmith into the use of his shop, where he made a number of skeleton keys plus a near-professional set of burglar tools, all of which he used within the year to commit his first burglary. By his own admission, Silas enjoyed success breaking into houses, as well as stealing horses, rustling cattle, shoplifting and passing counterfeit money—all while a teenager.

Back in Buffalo, Doty finally did sign on as a sailor aboard a boat that stopped at every small town along the St. Lawrence River. He quickly became disenchanted with the seaman's life, because he didn't have enough down time in port for thievery. To correct the imbalance, Doty became a one-time pirate. He stole a small boat, loaded it with stolen goods, peddled the merchandise from town to town, then sank the boat.

Surprisingly, Silas returned to the family farm and met and married Sophia Athens in 1825. Though in the first blush of wedded bliss the groom determined to go straight, poor Sophia apparently never figured much in Silas' life, barely rating a mention in his autobiography, even though they had several children together. For Doty, giving up crime would prove harder than an addict kicking heroin. He managed to stay on the

straight-and-narrow for only a few post-marital months before giving in to the craving for being on the road and stealing something, anything.

In the spring of 1834, Doty moved to Adrian, Michigan, looking for new criminal opportunities. To his delight, Doty found Michigan ripe for the picking and southeastern Michigan teeming with folks living on the wrong side of the law. A quick canvassing of the counties in his area revealed an inept ring of crooks, which Doty took over, boosted membership, shared his expertise, and turned it into a formidable organization of thieves, burglars, counterfeits, highwaymen, and even killers. Silas Doty had become criminal royalty.

Doty observed long trains of heavily loaded wagons heading west out of the city on the Chicago Road (future US 12), stole one of the wagons, then peddled the goods to Detroit grocery shops. He remained in Detroit for a couple of years and foreshadowing the Prohibition Era, made good money smuggling liquor into the city from Canada. He even emptied cash from politicians pockets while they stayed at the United States Hotel in Detroit, making off with \$600 from three rooms.

Doty crossed state lines and the law but was caught, arrested, and tried and convicted for stealing buffalo robes in Michigan and later murder. In 1841 Silas was sent to Jackson State Prison. The trial took place in Angola, Indiana and resulted in a hung jury. ...While waiting to see where he'd eventually end up, Doty put his time to good use. He cut a hole in his second-story cell's floor, dropped through to the ground floor, then ripped through a wall and lit out. He made it as far as Logansport, where he was arrested, handcuffed and brought to Fort Wayne. But his guards evidently couldn't have kept a goldfish in a bowl. They all fell asleep, allowing Doty to slip out a window. He then stole a canal boat's lead horse and rode for freedom. But again he was apprehended, placed under heavy guard, and returned to the Angola

prison. Fed up with Doty's repeated escapes, the Angola jailer fitted the prisoner with a pair of 20-pound ankle bracelets connected by a logging chain. Within a week Doty broke out, stole a horse, and—still fettered and thus presumably riding sidesaddle—made it to his Steuben County farm. He cut off his constraints with a cold chisel and waited not a second before heading south for the Mexican War and the darkest days of his criminal career. Congress had just passed a law 'forgiving all past offenses to those who enlisted in this war to the end.' To give the appearance of complying, Doty wrote home from Texas that he had enlisted in the army for the duration of the war. But that was a load of bull. In reality, Doty hired on as an army cook, slinging hash during the day and reserving evenings for robbery and murder.

In 1875 Silas Doty walked out of prison for the last time at age 75 and settled in Hillsdale County, where he planned to fully immerse himself in criminal activities. The old crook retired and spent his last year thumbing his nose at society by chronicling his complete lack of respect for law-abiding America and its rules and laws in his autobiography. Silas Doty stole out of this world on March 15, 1876, at Reading, Michigan. The funeral drew a huge crowd, and *The Hillsdale Standard* printed an obituary.

In the years following Silas' death, his family attempted to reform and refurbish the tarnished image of their ancestor. They refused to talk about his crimes except for detailing his stealing to help the poor. Some in the family even claimed that Doty's autobiography was in fact written by one of his gang so that the ghostwriter could lay many of his crimes on Silas' doorstep. When the autobiography was published in 1880, the Doty family made a concerted effort to prevent the public from seeing it by buying all copies they could find and destroying them.

(Excerpts from "Michigan Rogues, Desperados & Cut-Throats" by Tom Powers)

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**FRIENDS OF THE QUINCY
BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING**
Tuesday April 23 at 4 pm in the lower level
of the library
Agenda: June 7 & 8 Book Sale

JOIN US! BRING A FRIEND!

Reminder:
Four meetings per year; the 4th Tuesday
of April, May, July and October

Next meeting, Tuesday, May 28 @ 4 pm

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