

# — Quincy Branch Library —

## Branch Manager’s Message

January 2021

2021 ~ aren’t we glad to see those new numbers! Here’s to a great new year!

The library is currently providing curbside service only until further notice, but we are offering as many services as we can to the public. You can print from home and call us when you are parked out front to pick up your prints. Go to: [www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/print](http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/print)

You can also print from your own device at: [www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/printing](http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/printing)

Printing is only 15 cents per page or 25 cents for color prints. You can take

advantage of free faxing and can even check out a laptop for a half hour increment. Many patrons take advantage of the Wifi 24/7 service around our library building.

Be sure to let us know if you have a favorite author, would like to try a new author, or just want to ‘shop’ with us over the phone. We enjoy helping patrons find some good books to take home. Patrons are allowed to check out 30 items on their library card, which can include 5 DVDs. Don’t forget we also have nearly 30 magazines to enjoy for 14 days.

A great asset to our library services is RB Digital, which offers over 30,000 magazines. Our library website ‘Services’ tab, then ‘Premium Online Services’ proves to be very helpful.

We look forward to seeing patrons again INSIDE our building soon, but until then, give us a call at 639.4001 and we will be glad to assist you. Take note of our new hours on page 2, now opening at 8am.



Lisa L. Wood,  
Branch Manager

### Quincy Library magazines:

Better Homes & Gardens	Eating Well	House Beautiful	Southern Living
Birds & Blooms	Family Handyman	Kiplingers Personal Finance	Tea Time
Birds & Blooms Extra	Food Network	Michigan History	This Old House
Consumer Reports and Buying Guide	Fun for Kidz	Midwest Living	Time
Cooks Country	Good Housekeeping	Newsweek	Woman’s Day
Country Living	HGTV magazine	People Weekly	Zoobooks
Country Woman	Highlights for Children	Sports Illustrated for Kids	



**Great Grab ‘n Go kits are available weekly for all ages at all our branches, just call and choose a pickup branch.**

**Check out our Facebook page on Friday’s to see what is offered.**

“The library is like a candy store where everything is free.” - — Jamie Ford, [Songs of Willow Frost](#)



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### NEW HOURS!

#### Quincy Library Hours

Mon 10-6      Thu Closed  
Tue 8-5      Fri 8-5  
Wed 8-5      Sat 8-12  
  
Sun-Closed

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

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



### In Appreciation for Donations

#### In Memory of...

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QHS Football Coach in the 50s

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Marilyn Ostrander

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#### Donations:

Ann Nowicki

NIKA Club

Wava Gano

#### Donations to the Baldwin Endowment Fund...

In Memory of Pete & Jane Baldwin

#### From:

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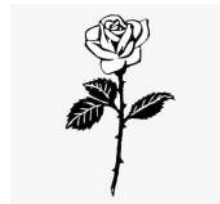
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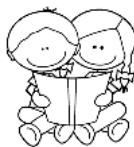
NIKA Club



When in doubt,

go to the

library



### The Quincy Branch Library memorial program

has been in place 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.

## Quincy Post Office

In 1842 there were few stores in Quincy and the Post Office was located a mile west of the village. Dr. Enos G. Berry, physician and second son of Samuel Berry, became the first post-master for Quincy on December 16, 1836. The eldest son, Joseph, settled on the southeast corner of the village with Main Street as his west line. The youngest son, Ezra, became assistant to his father in the hotel business. The stage brought the mail to the hotel where one basket held it all and this continued until 1840.

Post office boxes were allowed by the government in 1866 and the office had money orders for sale in 1869. Those expecting mail traveled to the post office to pick it up. Even if they lived miles in the country this was the only way to get their mail. Neighbors helped neighbors by bringing the mail.

For Quincy, the first rural route was established to the south, out of the Ray-Quincy Road and with the side roads included. Frank O. Heydon assisted in obtaining this first route and was authorized to sell mail boxes to the new customers. Kerr hardware in Coldwater also had the agency. A letter from Bond Steel Post Co. of Adrian, Michigan included information regarding boxes and steel posts for the same. The acknowledgment for the order from F.O. Heydon was dated April 1, 1903. One of these boxes purchased in 1903 was in continuous use at the Heydon home until 1976 when the son of F.O. died. He was Joe S. Heydon. The box was owned by Joe's daughter Mrs. Wesley From and her husband (now deceased).

The post office has been located in several different buildings. Beginning in 1914 the office was located on South Main Street south of the bank building that stood on the corner. The new building on North Main was erected and dedicated in 1958. Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of the United States at the time.

The following listing includes the postmasters and their dates of appointment beginning with 1836:

Enos G. Berry	December 16, 1836
Lyman Smith	June 27, 1849
Benjamin F. Wheat	April 22, 1853
Levi Daggett	December 12, 1856
Benjamin F. Wheat	December 21, 1857
James H. Woods	April 27, 1861
Milan M. Brown	February 17, 1865
Daniel Sawya	August 28, 1866
Milan M. Brown	March 26, 1872
Cornelius N.R. Pond	January 20, 1879
Milan M. Brown	February 5, 1883
Henry D. Pessell	June 28, 1887
Charles W. Bennett	February 27, 1891
Christholm McKay	June 26, 1893
Francis E. Marsh, Jr.	September 17, 1897
Henry A. Graves	February 5, 1906
Clinton Joseph	January 31, 1914
Charles t. Fillmore	December 8, 1922
Clinton Joseph	March 29, 1935
Neal D. Potter	October 6, 1939
Coral R. Stetler	November 30, 1942
Edward E. Forrest	July 31, 1971
Dennis C. Smith	August 4, 1973
Beth A. Martin	May 18, 2002
Harold J. Carlton	October 2, 2004
Curtis A. Peterson	August 18, 2007
Rodney A. Bailey	March 2, 2019



Elwen Foster, Mailman,  
Downtown Quincy, Circa 1916



Put June 4 & 5 on your calendar for the next Friends Book Sale!



Remember! Friends Book Sales are the first Friday & Saturday in June & November

### Friends of the Quincy Library Update:

It's Winter Blahs time again! Be sure to let the library know if you have read any two books during the month of February and your name will be put in the drawing for a chance to receive a Goodie Basket. This basket is always chocked full of nice things to perk up our winter days.

Friends of the Quincy Library will also be giving away 10 goodie bags which will include the One Book, One County selection, "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. These annual discussions have always taken place at all six of our library branches, but may still look a little different for March 2021. Watch for information on the Branch District Library Facebook page and on our website to be one of the first ten people to call. Copies will also be available for checkout in the library catalog, just call the library at 639.4001 and a copy will be put on hold for you.

The Friends group next meeting will take place Tuesday, April 27 at 4pm in the lower level of the library. Anyone is welcome to attend as we look forward to upcoming projects and the June 4 & 5 Book Sale.

Jody Willard, Friends President

You are currently receiving this newsletter from the Friends of the Library. If you would like your name removed from the mailing list, please email us at: [quincy@branchdistrictlibrary.org](mailto:quincy@branchdistrictlibrary.org)



### New York Times Best Sellers

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| 1. <i>Ready Player Two</i> by Ernest Cline | 6. <i>The Vanishing Half</i> by Brit Bennett       |
| 2. <i>A Time for Mercy</i> by John Grisham | 7. <i>The Law of Innocence</i> by Michael Connelly |
| 3. <i>Deadly Cross</i> by James Patterson  | 8. <i>The Sentinel</i> by Lee Child                |
| 4. <i>The Return</i> by Nicholas Sparks    | 9. <i>The Awakening</i> by Nora Roberts            |
| 5. <i>Daylight</i> by David Baldacci       | 10. <i>Fortune and Glory</i> by Janet Evanovich    |

### Did You Know ??

- ◆ Grapes light on fire in the microwave.
- ◆ Chewing gum is banned in Singapore.
- ◆ The average household has over 300,000 things in it.
- ◆ The 1939 novel Gadsby is the longest book ever published that doesn't contain the letter 'e' in it.
- ◆ The longest place name in the world is 85 letters long (Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu in New Zealand).
- ◆ Bubble wrap was originally invented as wallpaper.
- ◆ Shakespeare invented more than 1,700 words.
- ◆ The top speed of the winning car in the first U.S. race in 1895 was seven miles per hour.
- ◆ "Arachibutyrophobia" is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.
- ◆ Crowds at one Louisiana State University football game once cheered so loudly that it registered as an earthquake on a local seismograph, then known as the Earthquake Game.
- ◆ Extreme ironing is an actual sport.
- ◆ A lifeboat drill was canceled the morning of the Titanic tragedy., according to passenger Arthur Godfrey Peuchen, who later recalled what had happened during his testimony at congressional hearings in Washington.
- ◆ Lady Liberty wears a size 879 shoe.
- ◆ There's a basketball court in the U.S. Supreme Court building.
- ◆ There are 118 ridges on the side of a dime.
- ◆ Daniel Radcliffe went through nearly 70 wands and 160 pairs of glasses during the making of the *Harry Potter* films.
- ◆ "Strengths" is the longest word in the English language with one vowel.
- ◆ It would cost \$18.3 million to make a replica Darth Vader suit. The suit that features a voice modifier, breathing apparatus, prosthetic limbs, and an augmented-reality filter.
- ◆ "Q" is the only letter that doesn't appear in any U.S. state name.

Read away your winter blues...

Brrrrr.. Warm up with a book. February

Want to receive a goodie basket??

Read any 2 books in the month of February and we will put your name in for the drawing!



**History of Quincy Part 1** By Hazel Forte  
(from 1910 QHS yearbook)

*You will be better able to realize the great progress of the last century if you will forget for a moment the pretty little village which is now situated here and let your imagination take you back to the time when the site was a part of the vast wilderness, covered with dense forests, and inhabited only by wild beasts and Indians. Thru the site of the village passed an old Indian trail, which had been there from time immemorial, a highway for the red men as they passed from the Canadas and the East around Lake Michigan to the great buffalo hunting grounds of the West, and for the tribes of the far West, as they brought their furs to the markets of the East. Long before Father Marquette and his Jesuit co-laborers had established their missions in the North, or ever the eye of the white man had gazed upon the beauties of the new continent, the great highway had been beaten hard by the foot of the red man as he passed to and fro with his scanty merchandise, or trophies of the war and chase. This trail served the white man as an inroad into the wilderness, finally becoming the main road from Detroit to Chicago. Beginning with the year 1827, immigrants began to pour over it, making settlements along its course. Some came to seek their fortune, but most came to find homes, willing to endure all hardships and privations which accompany the life of the pioneer.*

*In the year 1830, Horris Wilson, father of our venerable townsman, Horris Wilson, Jr., made the purchase of 320 acres located in sections 12, 13 and 14. He put up a small hut on the northeast corner of section 14, and to him belongs the honor of purchasing the first land, building the first house, plowing the first furrow, sowing the first oats and keeping the first tavern in Quincy township. Mr. Wilson lived but a short time to enjoy the fruits of his pioneer labor, and upon his death Ellis Russell kept the tavern for Mrs. Wilson. His son, Horris Wilson, Jr., who now lives on East Chicago street with his daughter, Mrs. Field, was one of the oldest settlers who survives. He came with his parents when he was two and a half years old and since that time has resided in Quincy. In talking with Mr. Wilson, I learned some interesting facts about the early settlements. As the Indians were his only playmates, he told many stories concerning them. He can remember when two lakes existed near the Rans. Wilbur property. This accounts for the bending of the road at that point. He told of the Indians fishing on these lakes. There was an Indian trader between Coldwater and Quincy who told the red men that his fist weighted just a pound, so they would put their furs on one side of the scales while he would press his fist on the other side, thus acquiring any amount of furs for the price of one pound. Mr. Wilson told many other stories concerning the injustice with which the red man was treated. When he was twelve years of age he was grieved to see them driven away from the country. He tells of a banquet that was given at Baw Beese Lake to which all the chiefs and their tribes were invited. While the Indians were feasting they were surrounded by the State militia and taken prisoners. The tribes were soon after escorted by the militia beyond the Mississippi River, where they were left to find new homes.*

**Remember — March 14th!**

**Spring ahead**

**Set your clocks an hour ahead before you go**

**to bed tonight. Daylight-saving time starts tomorrow.**



**Ladies Library Association of Quincy—1898**

*“In 1898, Miss Frey, a teacher in the public schools, suggested the idea which was worked out and resulted in the organization of the Ladies’ Library Association. In January 1898, the ladies of the village held a social at which each one contributed one volume for the nucleus of the library, and since then the members, who now number about seventy-five, have contributed an annual due of fifty cents, and besides have given entertainments of various kinds to raise revenue. A small amount is also derived from the five-cent fee charged each outsider who takes a book.*

*There is no question of the success of the association’s efforts. In almost every case the numerous Carnegie and other public libraries of the country have started from the nucleus established by a local association similar to that in Quincy, and the work now being done by the ladies of Quincy will bear fruit through all the future years. The library now contains 750 volumes, mostly fiction. Room for the books was first furnished by Mr. W.H. Lockerby, they were next kept for a time in rented quarters, until the State Bank donated a room in the rear of their building. “*



(Current site of Citgo Gas) First National Bank (previously State Bank) was founded on July 13, 1881.

Today, the library receives wonderful support from the local NIKA club through their annual auction proceeds and other events.

NIKA, which stands for — Nothing Increases Knowledge like Association with others — has been getting together since they were first organized in 1898. The club was first referred to as the “Tuesday Club.” The ladies of NIKA meet once a month, for literary and social purposes. Currently there are 32 active members, two Associate members and three Honorary members. Many of the women are second-generation members, and there is one third generation member.

When it was formed in 1898, the NIKA club stood for “lovers of reading.” Back then, it was agreed to meet every Tuesday and dues were 25 cents. In 1903, the members decided to meet every other Tuesday, and in 1906 dues were increased to 50 cents. By 1960, members had decided to meet once a month on the second Tuesday.

The ladies share a love of reading books and other enjoyable social functions, and they are very supportive of their local Quincy Library. The ladies have also hosted Senior Tea receptions to honor the seniors of Quincy High School. The first tea reception was held in 1970. Many of the ladies of NIKA are Quincy graduates and their small town holds a special place in their hearts.

**2021 Quincy Branch Library  
Advisory Board**

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Judy Dobson—Secretary  
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Carol Ludlow—Trustee

**2021 Friends of the Library Board**

Jody Willard—President  
Bonnie Frick—Vice President  
Teddy Sinclair—Treasurer  
Wava Jean Gano—Secretary

**Quincy Branch Library Staff:**

**Branch Manager**—Lisa L. Wood  
**Clerk**—Renee Hardy



**ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Friends of the Library invite you to renew or begin your membership at any time, though membership typically begins January of each year. Please complete the information below, enclose a check payable to: *Friends of the Quincy 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

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