

— Quincy Branch Library —

April 2022

Branch Manager's Farewell Message

All good things must come to an end, but what a privilege it has been to serve as Branch Manager of the Quincy Branch Library for so many years. I began with the Branch District Library System in 1998 at the Alganssee Branch just as they were beginning to automate that little branch. I remember my typing and filing tests with then Director Mary Hutchins and was anxious to see what was ahead in library-land. I'd spent five years studying English Literature, taught Kindergarten and preschool, been home with my children for several years and was ready for what was ahead. I was pleased in 2001 to take over the reins at the Quincy Branch after so many wonderful librarians before me. There have been a lot of shelving projects, building

improvements, hundreds of summer reading and after school children through the doors and many reference and genealogy questions along the way and I have enjoyed it all.

Thank you to the Quincy Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Quincy Library, NIKA Club and Quincy Township for the wonderful support over the almost 21 years I have managed the Quincy Branch Library. It has been a joy to serve and you have each made decisions, projects and events go much more smoothly.

I'll be looking forward to what is to come at the library and will still, of course, be using my library card!

Lisa L. Wood, Branch Manager



2001 Open House for new Branch Manager:

Left to right: Bobbie Brickey, Carol Brown, Ruth Smith, Branch Manager Lisa Wood, Vivian Esterline, Jane Baldwin.

Here is a listing of all the librarians who have served us faithfully through the years.

Do you remember...?



Mrs. Maude Barnes	1912-1920
Mrs. Belle Dove	1920-1934
Mrs. Elva Lytle	1934-1936
Mrs. Kate Clark	1936-1939
Mrs. Clara Johnson	1939-1941
Mrs. Lucille Greening	1941-1943
Mrs. Gladys Van Wert	1943-1945
Mrs. Blanche Omo	1945-1946
Mrs. Ella Walsh	1946-1953
Mrs. Theresa Armstrong	1953-1959
Mrs. Cora Talant	1959-1968
Mrs. Beryl Zuercher	1968-Pro-tem
Mrs. Dorothy Catey	1968-Pro-tem
Mrs. Shirley Tappenden	1968-1974
Mrs. Dorothy Marshall	1974-1982
Mrs. Shirley Tappenden	1982-1990
Mrs. Linda Johnson	1990-1997
Mrs. Kathy Veysey	1997-2000
Mrs. Sue May	2000-2001
Mrs. Lisa Wood	2001-2022

Stop in soon to meet the newest Branch Manager!





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Quincy Library Hours

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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 you:

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



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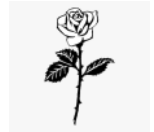
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In Honor of....

Connie Karney's Birthday
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From: Judy & Dan Dobson
From: NIKA Club

Craig Gary—thank you for the QHS Senior Tea setup From: NIKA Club

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In Memory of Jane Baldwin

From: Judy & Dan Dobson

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* 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.

Rare Old Edition Lists Quincy's Business Firms

In a supplement to the Quincy Herald of January 3, 1879, in which the village of Quincy is described in regard to the number of firms in business, amount of produce shipped in a year, and many other details of interest.

The list of business places at that time are as follows:

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| 1 Agriculture Store | |
| 2 Agriculture Com. Agencies | |
| 2 Boot and Shoe Stores | |
| 2 Boot and Shoe Shops, extra | MANUFACTURING & MISC. |
| 1 Bank | 1 Stave and Heading Mill |
| 2 Book Stores | 1 Sash and Blind Factory |
| 1 Bakery | 1 Flouring Mill |
| 1 Clothing Store | 1 Saw and Planing Mill |
| 4 Drug Stores | 1 Saw Mill (Exclusively) |
| 4 Dry Goods Stores | 1 Foundry |
| 1 Furniture Store | 1 Broom Factory |
| 5 Grocery Stores | 2 Carriage Factories |
| 3 Hardware Stores | 2 Carriage Repair Shops |
| 2 Harness Shops | 2 Cooper Shops |
| 3 Jewelry Stores | 3 Paint Shops |
| 4 Millinery Stores | 2 Barber Shops |
| 2 Markets | 3 Carpenter Shops |
| 1 Marble Cutter | 5 Blacksmith Shops |
| 1 News Depot | 2 Tailor Shops |
| 2 Newspapers | 3 Sewing Machine Shops |
| 1 Picture and Molding Store | 2 Livery and Sale Stables |
| 2 Pump Stores | 2 Hotels |
| 1 Undertaking Establishment | 1 Express Office |
| 2 Photograph Galleries | 2 Artists |
| 1 Dentist | 3 Lawyers |
| 4 Physicians | |

"There are other branches of industry not listed — this does not include Carpenters and Mechanics who do not have a regular shop or office."

"In the mercantile line, the sales for the past year foot up nearly \$250,000, not including produce. Our readers may rest assured that Quincy is not excelled by other places of its size, either in amount of talent or prices charged for service."

"There are other lines of goods not enumerated above, because of a lack of knowledge on the part of the dealers of the amount of their business, they, however, come under the head of light business and are included in the grand total."



Grab 'n Go kits will continue this year for adults, teens and children at all six of our branches, just call and choose a pickup branch.

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

Upcoming Quincy kits:

- ◆ Kids Flower Art Kit
- ◆ Adult 5D Diamond Painting Kit
- ◆ Kids Mosaic Ocean Kit and more!



Did You Know?? In 1877...

March 14 The first telephone line in Coldwater was a cotton string across Chicago Street, with a tin tube at either end.

May 4 Sojourner Truth lectured in the Coldwater Presbyterian Church.

Mark your Calendars: John S. Geisler, Professor Emeritus from Western Michigan University will present his **US 12 Part 2** presentation at the Quincy Methodist Church, Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm. There is no charge to attend this program and no need for advance sign-up.

Adam Miller, Folksinger, Storyteller and Autoharp virtuoso will present his concert at the Quincy Methodist Church, Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm at no charge to the public and no need for advance sign-up.



Put June 3 & 4 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:

We will have our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 26 at 4pm in the library lower level. Anyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend so we will have more Friends!

Two chances to win a book bag! Attend the April, May and June meetings and claim your bag at the July meeting. Or attend the July, August and September meetings and claim your bag at the October meeting.

The Friends of the Library meet the fourth Tuesday from April to October. There is accessibility on the north side ramp of our building.

Jody Willard, Friends President



The February Winter Blahs contest winners were:
Rachel E. — \$25 Meijer card
DeeAnne H. — Goodie basket



New York Times Best Sellers Fiction

1. *Run, Rose, Run* by James Patterson and Dolly Parton
2. *Shadows Reel* by C.J. Box
3. *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Folely
4. *The Golden Couple* by Greer Hendricks
5. *High Stakes* by Danielle Steel
6. *One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle
7. *The Lightning Rod* by Brad Meltzer
8. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
9. *House of Sky and Breath* by Sarah J. Maas
10. *The Club* by Ellery Lloyd



Upcoming Events:

Story Hour each Friday at **10 am** for 2-5 year olds; no need for advance sign up

Come-and-Go Scavenger Hunt April 4-9 Stop in for a Scavenger Hunt sheet, find each item and receive a treat!

Easter Craft Table April 16 from 8-12; Materials provided for Easter/spring crafts.

Wednesday Teen Events at 3:30 pm.

Sauk Trail US 12 Part 2 Presentation April 19 at 6:30 pm; Professor John Geisler will present part 2 of his "Sauk Trail, US 12, Detroit-Chicago Road" program. There is no charge for this event, This program will be held at the Quincy United Methodist Church.

Folksinger, Storyteller, Autoharp virtuoso Adam Miller Concert, May 10 at 6:30 pm. There is no charge for this concert. This event will be held at the Quincy United Methodist Church.

Summer Reading Program runs from June 6 to July 23 for all ages; prizes provided by the Branch District Library System and the Friends of the Library.

Library Shelf Sitters are still available at the library for \$20



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 or call the library at 639.4001

Quincy Newspapers and Publications

Like many small towns and villages, Quincy has had a number of publications. All have now been discontinued. The QUINCY HERALD had the longest continuous history of publication. It was owned and published in 1872 by C.V.R. Pond. Others who have owned and published the newspaper, a weekly, through the years, have been Richard Baldwin, C. W. Owen, Mr. Bergdorf, Mr. Grandon, C.J. VanEvery, Don Hinderlighter, and T.J. Zimmerman. There may also have been other owners. The HERALD was published continuously until Mr. Zimmerman was taken ill and sold the paper to a Coldwater printer, who suspended publication. The last issue was printed about December 27, 1967. Another Quincy paper was the QUINCY TIMES published by Mr. A.C.Culver in 1868 to 1878. It was Mr. Culver who gave the name Lakeview Cemetery to the place formerly called "The New Burying Ground." The TIMES under another owner discontinued about 1900.

THE LITERARY REPORTER was started by C. W. Bennett, the donor of the Quincy Library. This publication continued for about ten years and had a wide circulation in the United States and some foreign countries.

THE QUINCY NEWS was started by C.H. Young in 1899 and continued publication for a short time. It was more like a magazine in form, style, and contents than a newspaper.

The names of some of the printers and other workers in the HERALD office during the years 1918 to 1924 were J. Guy Gilchrist, Miss Grace Alvarado, Linus W. Heydon, Lillian Cole, and a printer by the name of LeFever.

After the QUINCY HERALD was discontinued, a paper was started by the Business and Professional Women, Chapter of Quincy. It was named "CONTACT". It was usually a 8 1/2 x 11" eight-page paper containing news of the area, and pictures both historical and up-to-date. This newspaper served the Quincy area for four years and it too was discontinued.

Linus W. Heydon, Sr. Branch County History book 1984

(Another article on the CONTACT is below)



CONTACT

In November, 1970, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Quincy held a meeting to decide on putting out a weekly newspaper, since there had not been any type of news media in the local area for a few years. The "Quincy Herald" had stopped its presses. A short time later Bob McDonald did start the newspaper again but sometime during 1964 they ceased printing. December 4, 1970 was "Contact's" first edition. Quincy people were pleased and it was most gratifying to the B.P.W. Club members. The weekly paper was well accepted. Copies were sent to the "boys" in Vietnam and taken out to Quincy patients at Carriage Inn and Maple Lawn. The paper continued with the printing done at the Print 'n Post in Litchfield, and later by Eagle Printing in Coldwater. At this point I must give much credit to Helen McBride, now deceased, a B.P.W. member who devoted so much of her time to the "contact" success. December 1974 saw the final edition of the "Contact". Due to someone taking the canister collections, we were unable to continue since our source of finances depleted to the point we could not pay for the printing. The last edition carried Christmas Greetings and the front page notice of "Contact ceases Publication." Since then Quincy has had no local news media.

Lilah Baker, B.P.W. President 1979 Branch County History book 1984

Mr. Meant-to has a comrade, and his name is Didn't -do.
Have you ever chanced to meet them, did they ever call on you?
These two fellows live together in the house of never-win,
And I'm told that it is haunted by the ghost of Might-have-been!
— Anon.

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