

# — Quincy Branch Library —

## Note From Branch Manager—Sarah Strong

January 2024

I hope you all had a wonderful fall & got to enjoy the last of the nice weather. We have many winter activities coming up in our community that I hope you get to participate in. Here are a few things that have been happening at the library -

o Some library news: the Clerk that was at the Quincy Branch, Brittany, took a different position within the library system. I was very sad to see her leave the Quincy branch but I'm VERY happy to announce that we have a new Clerk, Cortni Hull. Please stop in and welcome Cortni to the library!

o We hosted our first Stuffie Sleepover program here at the library. Some of our library kiddos dropped their stuffed animal off at the library on a Friday night and their stuffie got to spend the night at the library. The stuffed animals did some silly things while they were here – scanned their butts on the

copier, had story time, played in the elevator, did some coloring, and they ended their night by falling asleep watching Toy Story. The kiddos came to pick their stuffie's up on Saturday morning and had a binder full of pictures of everything their stuffie did. They also got to enjoy some chocolate milk and donuts while they looked through the pictures. Such a FUN program!

o I have more exciting news! I'm working on putting a permanent story walk in the Quincy Park. The Quincy Village Council approved my request to have it installed in the park so now I'm working on getting the funding put together so I can get all the supplies ordered. The library will maintain the story walk in the park and change out the story quarterly. I'm very excited to add this new and exciting addition in the community.

o I am continuing doing story time at Little Orioles Preschool and Jennings Elementary weekly, along with our story time that we do at the library. We've had so many fun programs the last few months. If you've never attended one of our programs, please check out what we have coming up. We would LOVE to have you join us!



Please come say hello and see what we have been doing at the library!

### Did you Know...

Friends of the Quincy Library run several fund raisers throughout the year. We have two book sales that happen the first weekend in June and November (the next one is coming up June 7th and 8th!). Buy a bag of books for just \$1.00!

And our pie sale is the 4th of July, this is our biggest fundraiser. We sell whole pies for \$10. So keep in mind to donate or purchase your holiday pie. We will be in front of the Historical Museum before and during the parade until we sell out! Hope to see you at all these great events!



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Ext. 401 Sarah Strong

**Quincy Library Hours**

Mon 10-5:30      Thu 10-5:30  
Tue 10-5:30      Fri 10-5:30  
Wed 10-6          Sat 10-1  
Sun-Closed

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

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



**BRANCH**  
DISTRICT LIBRARY

In Appreciation for Donations:

**In Memory Of....**

Glenna Gary  
Donna McCurley

Kathy Veysey Will

Dan Ludlow

**From:**

Julie & Greg Gary  
Mikki Bowerman

Dan & Judy Dobson  
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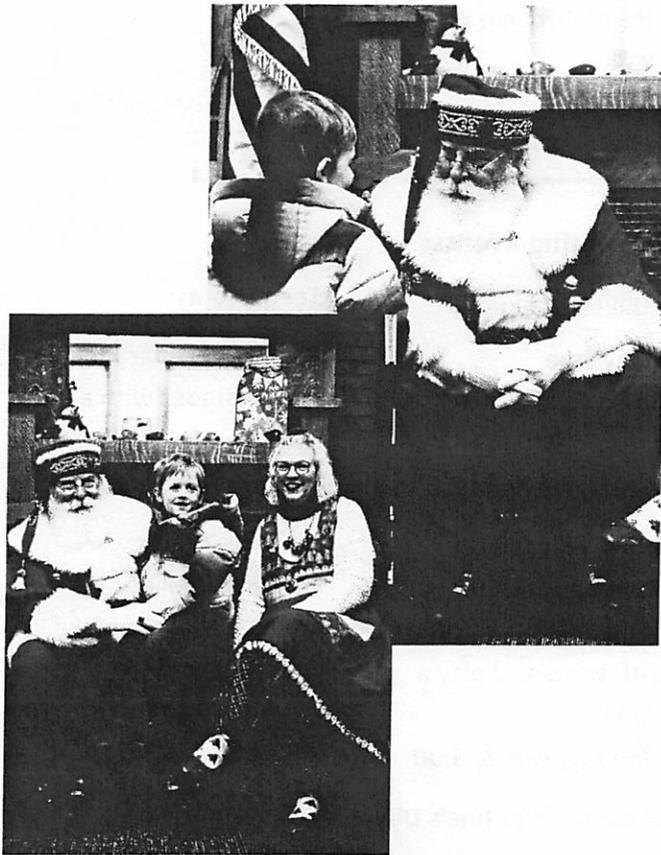
**The Quincy Branch Library memorial program** has been in place for a number of years which offers individuals the opportunity to give toward book purchases *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* someone special or a special occasion.

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.

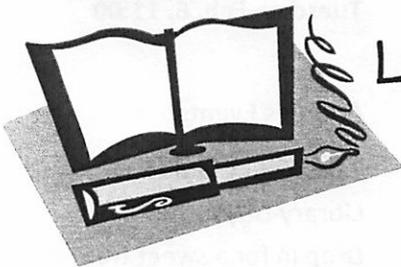
New books are purchased for the library collection according to need, but we gladly welcome subject matters or titles also that reflect the person in whose name the gift is being given. Book plaques are added inside the book front cover before being displayed on library shelves.

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.

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) or call the library at 639.4001



Santa visits the  
Library!



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

## Digital Library

Great digital resources to keep you connected to the library. Just use your library card, from ANY location!

**Libby:** E-books, Audiobooks, and Magazines.

**Hoopla:** Movies, TV, Music, E-books, Audiobooks, Comics, Craft Classes

**Mango:** Instructions in over 70 languages

**Consumer Reports:** Ratings and reviews for thousands of products

**Tutor.com:** Live daily online tutoring

**Ancestry Library:** Genealogy (In-Library use only)

**ABCmouse.com:** Interactive Educational Games for kids (In-Library use only)

## New York Times Best Sellers

1. Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros
2. Iron Flame by Rebecca Yarros
3. The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
4. Holmes, Marple & Poe by James Patterson and Brian Sitts
5. First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston

Put June 7 & 8 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:



Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and the new year is treating you right!

With the cold and snowy weather, I'm sure everyone is visiting the library to gather your reading materials for the long, cold days.

Remember we start our Friends meetings in April. They are the fourth Tuesday at 4pm from April to October. Make sure to put these on your calendar so you can join us!

Jody Willard,  
Friends president



## HOOPLA

### 3-Step Sign Up

1. Download the app or go to [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com)
2. Log in with your library card
3. Instantly borrow eBooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, and more. 24/7 with your library

## Upcoming Events:

### Children's Events:

#### Storytime

Book, snack, and craft for ages 2-5.

*Weekly on Friday, 10:30*

#### Snow Volcano & Snowball Shooter

Come make a volcano with snow and play a game.

*Monday, Feb. 5, 3:30*

#### Dancing Valentine's Day Hearts

Experiment with Valentine's Day candy hearts to see if we can make them dance!

*Monday, Feb. 12, 3:30*

#### Sparkly Winter Play Dough

Let's make homemade sparkly winter play dough.

*Monday, Feb. 26, 3:30*

### Teen Events:

#### Backwards Charades

Play charades with a little twist on it!

*Wednesday, Feb. 14, 3:30*

#### Let's Get Crafty

With all supplies provided—come make your best craft!

*Wednesday, Oct 18, 3:30*

### Adult Events:

#### Bubble Wrap Art

Use bubble wrap to paint a pretty picture

*Tuesday, Feb. 6, 11:00*

### All-Ages Events:

#### Take Your Child to the Library Day

Drop in for a sweet treat and craft!

*Saturday, Feb. 3, 10-1*



I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of a Library

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**Friends of the Library**

**BOOK SALE**

**Quincy Branch**

**Library**

11 N Main St., Quincy, MI

**Friday, June 7**

10:00-5:30

**Saturday, June 8**

10:00-1:00

\$1.00 to fill a bag

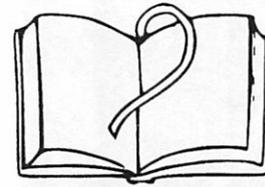
Buy a new book bag for

\$10.00 and fill for free



We're looking for volunteers!

If you would like the help out please let Sarah or Cortni know!



**Take Your Child to  
the Library Day!**

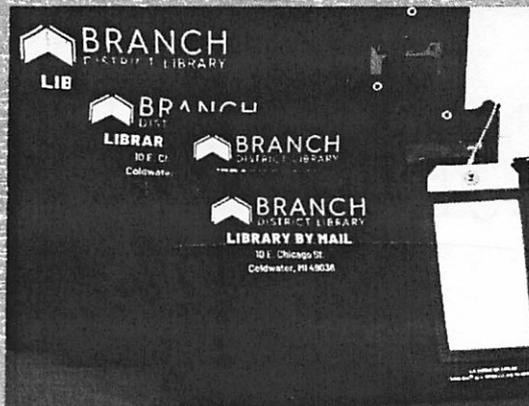
**Saturday, Feb. 3rd**

Join us at all library locations for  
a day of FREE family fun. Explore  
with your child everything your  
library offers!



**LIBRARY BY MAIL**

10 E. Chicago St.  
Coldwater, MI 49036



**Unable to visit the  
library due to illness  
or disability? Have  
library materials  
delivered to you!**

**[BranchDistrictLibrary.org/LibrarybyMail](http://BranchDistrictLibrary.org/LibrarybyMail)**

**2023 Quincy Branch Library  
Advisory Board**

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**Quincy Branch Library Staff:**

Branch Manager—Sarah Strong  
Clerk—Cortni Hull

# Join or Renew Your Membership



## 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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Quincy Branch Library  
11 N Main Street  
Quincy, MI 49082

Return Service Requested

Non Profit  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 5  
Quincy, MI

Coldwater

*Quincy Historical Society, Inc.*  
*Membership Form*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual membership.      \$10.00
- Family membership – one mailing address.      \$15.00  
Additional names:
- Non-Profit Organization membership.      \$20.00
- Business membership.      \$25.00
- I have documents or photos which may be copied for the museum collection.
- I am interested in volunteering. Please call me with opportunities.
- Please contact me regarding the donation of a historically significant item.
- Please contact me regarding corporate and individual donation packages.

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January – December membership year.

Return the above form and payment to: Quincy Historical Society,  
c/o Quincy Village Office; 47 Cole Street; Quincy, MI 49082

The Quincy Historical Society museum is located at 10 East Jefferson Street. Erected in 1874 by a Seventh Day Adventist congregation, it is among the oldest structures in the village of Quincy. The building was last used for worship services by the Bible Covenant Church. By the 1960s it was being used for storage. The historic building was purchased by the Village of Quincy in 2002, with the intention of housing a village museum.

Since that time a handful of dedicated individuals have worked to maintain the grounds and repair the building. The Quincy Historical Society endeavors to preserve local history for the enrichment of our community. Please join us in this worthy effort.

*Membership fees and donations to the Quincy Historical Society are tax deductible.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This is your receipt. Thank you.*

# Community effort defines SOW

By Bud Barnes  
Correspondent

*C/w Reporter  
7/22/1988*

QUINCY — Sows are hard at work in Quincy these days.

More precisely, sows are hard at work in the Quincy Middle School. What's more, they are looking for additional sows to join them in an ambitious project designed to improve the appearance of the school's interior.

The project is titled "Save Our Woodwork" or, simply, "SOW."

Participating in SOW is a commit-

tee of hard-working volunteer workers. Sparking the formation of the committee were Mary Gale, geography teacher in the middle school, and Mary Ellen Newton, a teacher in the Jennings Elementary School here.

The committee was formed shortly after the Quincy Board of Education, earlier this month, hired the Docsa-Smith Construction Company of Kalamazoo to make major renovations to the middle school's interior.

THE RENOVATIONS are part of a \$564,000 construction project planned for the Quincy school district. The

project includes the construction of a major addition to the Jennings school.

The renovations to the middle school will cost \$101,000. However, the rehabilitation to the interior does not include any restoration of the woodwork (such as paneling, doors and doorways) of the 58-year-old building, which once housed the school district's elementary school, junior high and high school.

The woodwork is of oak; it is of rare quality and a serious attempt should be made to restore it to its original condition, insists Mary Gale.

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DOCSA-SMITH said it would refinish the woodwork but at an additional cost of \$14,000. The refinishing would entail removal of the old varnish, cleaning the woodwork and then revarnishing it.

An alternate proposal by Docsa-Smith, which would cost an additional \$4,200, was to apply a coat of paint to the woodwork, with no provision being made to restore it.

On learning of the alternate proposals submitted by the contractor, Gale and Newton quickly got to work. They contacted other teachers and concerned citizens in the community and SOW was formed.

Committee members have been working diligently on the "save our

woodwork" project since last Monday. They work each day from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. As of Wednesday of this week, 14 different volunteers had put in 80 hours of work on saving the woodwork in the middle school, according to Gale and Newton.

HOWEVER, additional volunteers are urgently needed and they are needed as soon as possible, in order to finish the job before the renovation project by the Kalamazoo construction firm begins early next month.

Preserving the woodwork in the middle school is a painstaking job but it's also "a labor of love," says Gale. Her fellow SOW members agree wholeheartedly.

There's also a practical side to the project, she adds, since it provides property owners with a chance to learn a skill that they might some day be able to put to good use in their own homes.

IN ADDITION to the woodwork, the volunteer workers also plan to restore a walnut desk, which is the same age as the middle school building.

Local residents who think they might have the time and wish to help in the project, should contact Gale or Newton. They can also simply show up in the middle school during the hours when the SOW volunteers are working.

More information can also be obtained by contacting Sharon Ferriss, a middle school teacher, at 639-4443.



HERE'S HOW IT'S DONE — Mary Ellen Newton, one of the organizers of Project SOW, uses paintbrush to apply liquid varnish remover to woodwork in the Quincy Middle School. She is among 14 volunteers who

have been working in the school this week in an attempt to restore the woodwork to its original condition. (Photo by Bud Barnes)