

# — Quincy Branch Library —

## Note From Branch Manager—Sarah Strong

January 2026

I hope everyone had the Merriest Christmas and a magical holiday season!

We have been busy and having so much fun in the library -

- Birds of Prey came to the Quincy Library! Wow, what an incredible program. We had 48 in attendance and I think every single person learned something that day. They are so unique and amazing animals. If Birds of Prey comes back to the library, be sure to see it!
- We have had some pretty awesome programs happening lately – we made turkeys out of pumpkins, we brewed some pretty magical potions (healing potion, magic potion, and dream potion), beaded some Indian corn, made turkey wind socks, 3D pumpkins, pine cone Christmas trees, and an adorable pinecone ornament. I can't forget Storytimes as well, so many fun holiday stories being

read to the kiddos in our community. Such a fun time of year! Check out our event calendar to see what fun activities you can participate in!

- Quincy Lights was a huge success! We had just over 200 people come through our doors in 2 hours. We had 3 crafts, a fun and easy Christmas game, and Christmas tattoos upstairs. The Friends of Quincy Library had letters to write Santa, snowman soup, and some fun coloring pages downstairs. This event is guaranteed fun and to get you in the Christmas spirit!

- We've gotten in the decorating spirit this year at the library. We put out some cute fall and Halloween décor throughout the library. For Christmas we had the whole library decked out in Christmas and winter décor. It looks adorable in our cute little library. Stop in and check it out, we'd love to see you!

Stay cozy and warm!




Celebrate the 15th annual *Take Your Child to the Library Day* with the Great Library Scavenger Hunt!

Find the clues in all 7 branches of the Branch District Library during the month of January. Decode the secret message, and take your finished paper to your home library branch on February 7th, 2026.

Enjoy a prize for completing the scavenger hunt and some light refreshments!

**All January Long**




 Algonsee Branch


 Bookmobile

 Bronson Branch

 Coldwater Branch

 Quincy Branch

 Sherwood Branch

 Union Twp Branch





## Quincy Branch Library 1910

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### Contact Information

#### Address

11 N. Main Street, Quincy, MI 49082

#### Email

quincy@branchdistrictlibrary.org

www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/quincy

#### Phone

517.639.4001

Ext. 400 Circulation Desk

Ext. 401 Sarah Strong

### Quincy Library Hours

Mon 10:00-5:00 Thu 9:00-5:00

Tue 10:00-5:00 Fri 9:00-5:00

Wed 9:00-5:00 Sat 9:00-12:00

Sun-Closed

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

Algansee, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Sherwood, Union, & the new Bookmobile



**BRANCH**  
DISTRICT LIBRARY

### In Appreciation for Donations:

In Memory Of...

Charlene Wentworth Timmer

Deceased Classmates from Class

QHS Class of 1964

Michael Cherry

Harold K Schultz

Kathryn Hutchins

Dorothy Dobson

Connie Karney

Donation ...

Baldwin Endowment Donation ...

From:

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Carolyn VanRiper

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Jeanne Berg

Ann Boltz

Donna Ford & Patti Morris

Dan & Judy Dobson

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From:

His-Yang Wu Memorial Fund

From:

Dan & Judy 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.



**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



## Notes from the Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library:

I remember as a young child riding the bus downtown to go to the Willard library in Battle Creek in search of something good to read or get information about a country for a school report.

Now things have changed. YOU can do so much more at your library. PICK UP YOUR EVENT CATALOG TODAY...this CATALOG Gives PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (printed quarterly) SCHEDULED AT THE LIBRARY.

LEARNING how to KNIT OR CROCHET; Learn how to make a wind catcher, Paint on CANVAS classes . Rock Painting, or join A BOOK CLUB; find out story time hours for your children...are just examples of what your local library now can do for you.

Your library card gives you access to events at all 7 library branches. You can visit Coldwater, Quincy, Bronson, Sherwood, Union City, Algansee and the new Bookmobile. The event catalog will give you locations and suggested ideas on what is available. (your suggestions are always welcome too!)

**Pick up your event catalog today and check out what's available! Sign up today and hope to see you there.** Catalogs are available at the circulation desks.

Coming soon: The One Book One County is usually available in March and April. The library will have extra copies of the book selection and encourages all patrons to read and share thoughts at book talks at each branch.

Summer reading for 2026 is all about: DINOSAURS! Look for exciting events coming soon!! We offer an ongoing used book sale of used books at \$3.00 per bag. Large sales are during Strawberry and Apple Fest weekends.

Jeanne Berg, President The Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library



## 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)

## WINTER READS

*Winter is better with a library book!*

For Adults

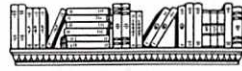


FIND THE FULL LIST



[BRANCHDISTRICTLIBRARY.ORG/CATALOG](http://BRANCHDISTRICTLIBRARY.ORG/CATALOG)

Put June 5 & 6 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 very Merry Christmas and the New Year is treating you right!

We at the Friends had a wonderful time during Quincy Lights. We made 100 snowman soup packets to give to all the littles that stopped by the library to write out a letter to Santa. Thanks to all who came out on a cold night. What a fun time!

Please mark your calendar for the 4th Tuesday in April at 4 pm. This will be our first Friends of the Library meeting of 2026. We hope to see you at the Library!

Jody Willard, Quincy Friends of the Library President.



If flipping pages is considered exercise,  
then yeah... I exercise all the time.

Reign of Reads

## Upcoming Events:

### Children's Events:

#### Storytime

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

*Weekly on Friday, 10:30*

#### Storytime at Little Orioles Preschool

*Held at 15 E. Liberty St. in  
Quincy at Little Orioles Preschool  
Weekly on Thursday, 11:00*

#### Let's Make Snow!

*Mon., Jan. 5, 3:30*

#### Search & Find Day

*Mon., Jan. 12, 3:30*

#### Magical Art

*Mon., Jan. 19, 3:30*

#### Sand-tastic Art!

*Mon., Feb. 2, 3:30*

#### Handprint Heart Trees

*Mon., Feb. 9, 3:30*

#### Animal Charms

*Mon., Feb. 23, 3:30*

### Teen Events (ages 12-17):

#### Snacks & Crafts

*Wed., Jan. 7, Jan. 21,  
Feb. 4, Feb. 18, at 3:30*

### Adult Events:

#### Candle Making

*Mon. Jan. 12, 5:00*

#### Book Vases

*Mon., Feb. 9, 10:30*

### All Ages:

#### Take Your Child to the Library Day

*Sat., Feb. 7, 10:00 - 1:00*

Friends of the  
Branch District Library



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Quincy • Sherwood • Union Twp.

## Friends of the Library

## BOOK SALE

## Quincy Branch

## Library

11 N Main St., Quincy, MI

**Friday, June 5th**

9:00-5:00

**Saturday, June 6th**

9:00-12:00



### ***Shenanigans with Santa***

The Family of long standing Library Board Member, Connie Karney, asked to put the Memorial Contributions in Connie's name towards a Special children's event. Librarian Sarah Strong, decided to ask Santa for help. The first *Shenanigans with Santa* event was held on Saturday, December 20 at the Union Church of Quincy. Kids ate breakfast, decorated cookies, played games, and made crafts. The highlight of the event was the chance for each child to visit, receive a Christmas book, and have a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Volunteers from the community as well as Quincy High School National Honor Society students helped with this festive holiday event in Connie's memory.



Connie's children Sarah, David and Karen with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



October 27, Quincy Branch hosted *Birds of Prey* presented by Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab Center. The Library basement was packed with eager participants who learned about Owls, Raptors, and a Bald Eagle! Check out all of the upcoming FUN events hosted by the Quincy Library staff!



Children decorated cookies to eat or take home at the event.

Special thanks to Lisa Wood for the cookies and icing, Small Town Girl Catering for the breakfast sandwiches, Kathy Tomson as photographer, QHS National Honor Society students for game and craft supervision, Karice Hard for assisting the cookie decorators, Quincy Friends of the Library Jody Willard and Rachel Hard.

## 2026 Quincy Branch Library Advisory Board

Teddy Sinclair—President  
Barb Rockhold—Vice President  
Rachel Hard—Treasurer  
Bonnie Frick—Secretary  
Carol Ludlow—Trustee  
Barb Swallow—Trustee

## 2026 Friends of the Library Board

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

## Quincy Branch Library Staff:

Branch Manager—Sarah Strong  
Clerk—Tracy Shaw

# 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

## January 2026

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Dear Quincy Historical Society Members and Friends,

On Thursday, October 30, 2025, we honored seven Quincy businesses who have been in operation by the same family for over 50 years. What a milestone for those families as well as our amazing community of Quincy.

We held the event at the Refuge Coffee House with over 40 people attending. The evening began with Mike and Dawn Bracy, owners of Refuge, telling us their story of how the business came about. They recently expanded their store front to two and it is a beautiful addition to downtown Quincy.

In a circa 1995 collage of area businesses, donated by Quincy Historical Society member Larry Gardon, is this brief history of Quincy:

Incorporated as a village in 1858, Quincy's first residents settled along this section of the "Chicago Turnpike" as early as 1830. With its prime location & naturally fertile soil, businesses & farms soon made Quincy a busy commercial center. In 1878, a series of channels were cut to join several lakes in the area, thus giving Quincy the name "Gateway to the Chain of Lakes." Quincy remains a first-rate village along US 12, as it continues its heritage of developing and maintaining a healthy place to work and play.

I think we can safely say this is still true today- that Quincy continues its heritage of developing & maintaining a healthy place to work and play as we honored our seven businesses still here after 50 years and providing a diverse service to our community, often times taking what we have for granted.

With the help of Society members, stories of the seven businesses were shared:

Quincy Ace Hardware- est. 1974

Parrish Excavating- est. 1972

Bracy & Jahr- est. 1961

Patty's Bridal- est. 1976

Cottonwood Resort- est. 1966

Sunset Cove Resort- est. 1957

Voza Insurance- est. 1969

Certificates and a book of memories were given out to the recipients. A door prize from the Quincy Chamber was awarded to Teddy Sinclair for having lived in Quincy for over 80 years. Many thanks to all who helped make the evening a success, especially our business family.

This is the time of year to consider becoming a member of the Quincy Historical Society to help us continue our presence in the Quincy Community. Attached for your consideration is a membership form.

Happy holidays and looking forward to 2026. Karen Hargreave, Historical Society President



# *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.*