

# — Quincy Branch Library —

## Note From Branch Manager—Sarah Strong

July 2026

Happy Summer! Finally warm weather and bright sunshine here to stay a while! We have been busy and having so much fun in the library -

◇ We kicked off our summer by doing Popsicles in the Park on the first Friday after school was out for the summer. We had the pleasure of having 185 patrons participate within the 2-hour program time. We had a big t-rex bounce house, sidewalk chalk, handed out bubbles and maracas to all the kiddos, a bubble machine going non-stop, a station where they could make gigantic bubbles, we did a couple rounds of a “book walk” – like the traditional “cake walk” but instead of winning a cake, they won a book, and of course, POPSICLES! Great Start

Collaborative was there to talk to parents/kids about school. We all had a blast!

◇ \*\*New to the Quincy Branch this summer\*\*\* We started a scavenger hunt in the branch this summer. I got a “gumball” machine to put prizes in. When the kiddos complete the scavenger hunt, they can get a prize from the gumball machine or pick a snack :) The kids can complete the scavenger hunt once a day. We’re excited to start this, this summer! The kiddos have LOVED it so far!

◇ We replaced our story walk book for summer, put new green backer sheets in (the part the book pages go on), and changed out all of the acrylics. Our story walk is sparkling clean with the most adorable dinosaur story –

How Dinosaurs Went Extinct: A Safety Guide by Ame Dyckman. If you haven’t visited the story walk yet, come check it out! This is the best one yet!

◇ While we’re living our best summer lives in the library, we’re already prepping for fall programs. Be on the lookout for some pretty cool programs coming up!

I hope you’re able to play in the water, eat lots of fresh watermelon and corn on the cob, get outside, and enjoy all the sunshine with your families! Be sure to stop in and see Tracy and I this summer to check out the dino-rific library!

Check out our event calendar to see what fun activities you can participate in!



**BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY**

# UNEARTH A STORY™

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026**

**JUNE 8-JULY 25** | Fill your summer with fun at your local library!

- Fun Kick-off Party on June 6 in Heritage Park from 5:00 – 7:00!
- Captivating storytimes!
- Rewarding reading challenges!
- Complimentary programs and activities for all ages!
- Awesome Grand Prizes!

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/SRP](http://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/SRP)



## Quincy Branch Library 1910

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### 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, Bookmobile, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Sherwood and Union Twp.



**BRANCH**  
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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.

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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



**Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, America!**  
Coldwater: Fri, July 3, 5:00P-7:00P (All-Ages)  
A Happy 250th Birthday Celebration for America! We will have colonial games, a grab and go craft, food, music and trivia.



**Celebrate America 250!**  
Find patriotic crafts at all our branches! Look for Digby to find all your America 250 crafting opportunities.



**American Folk Music: Old Time in the New Time**  
Bookmobile, Maple Lawn: Wed, June 17, 3:00P

**American Girl Tea Party**  
Coldwater: Thurs, June 25, 11:00A

**Find Your Connection to 1776**  
Coldwater: Wed, July 8, 4:30P



**Quincy Historical Society**  
Founded 2008  
10 E. Jefferson St.  
Quincy, MA 01902

**Museum Tours & Info:**  
517-639-4595

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn;  
My house isn't dirty and the cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn;  
I think I may never put my glasses back on!

### **Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library**

The Coldwater Friends group is having a book sale during Strawberry Fest, June 20 and hope to again during Apple Fest, September 19.

We continue to have our on going book sale...open every day the library is open for \$3.00 per bag.  
Bring your own bag or get one at the library.

Friends of the library would like to remind you of the importance of Summer Reading for everyone.

Studies show that summer reading helps retain knowledge and skills learned during the school year and lowers the risk of students falling behind their classmates. Reading over the summer break also helps build knowledge and critical thinking skills for the coming year. Just like exercising your body Reading helps keep your brain and literacy skills in shape. Your Friends of the Library encourage ALL ages to think this way. So join your library's summer reading programs; visit your local library and take time to read together!





**FIND THE BOOKMOBILE**

The Bookmobile brings the library to you—stopping at townships, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and more throughout Branch County.

Look for our schedule of stops on our website, online calendar, or posted to social media weekly on Sundays.



**SCAN HERE**

**DRIVE-BY READS BOOK CLUB**

A small book club for adults with casual reads on the go! Read the selected title, then visit the bookmobile at any stop and discuss the book with staff!

June & July: *Tusks of Extinction* by Ray Nayler



**AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC: OLD TIME IN THE CURRENT TIMES WITH BEN TRAVERSE**

Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 Held at 50 Sanderson Ln. in Coldwater at Maple Lawn

Music and American history collide in a performance that spans generations, displaying a variety of folk songs and instruments such as guitar, banjo, mountain dulcimer, and autoharp. For all-ages.



**QUICK CRAFT STOPS**

Make a pit stop at the Bookmobile for a fun and quick all-ages craft. Crafts will be available all month long, while supplies last.

June: Fossils and Petroglyphs  
July: Clay Mosaic

**LIBRARY BY MAIL**

Branch County residents who are unable to visit the library can have materials mailed to them for free with a valid library card and homebound status.



Need a library card? We can help you sign up when you register for Library By Mail!

Put November 6 & 7 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,

Summer is here and the Friends group is busy helping out the library! We have many events planned for this summer! On the 4th we are having our annual pie sale before and during the parade. We will be set up in front of the historical museum! Then we will be putting snacks together for Quincy Daze! The Friends meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 4pm at the library! Please join us, we are always happy to have you! Hope to see you at the Library- Jody Willard, Quincy Friends of the Library President

### Children's Events:

#### Storytime

A special time for toddlers with a book, snack and craft.

For ages 2-5.

**Weekly on Wednesday,  
10:30**

#### Personalized Stepping Stones

**Mon., July 13, 1:00**

#### Clay Fossil Making with MSU Extension

**Mon., July 20, 1:00**

#### Build Your Own Wood- en Dino

**Mon., July 27, 1:00**

### Adult Event:

#### Diamond Dotting Keychain

**Mon., July 13, 10:30**

*Please register for this event!*

## Upcoming Events:

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

#### Snacks & Crafts

**Wednesday, July 1, July 15,  
July 29 1:00**

### All Ages Events:

**Celebrate America's 250th  
Birthday with Crafting fun!**

**Fri., July 3,  
9:00 am—5:00 pm**

### Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary

**Mon., July 6, 11:00**



So much fun at the Dino Dig! with MSU Extension in June.

**HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS**

**Fossil Cookie Digging MSU @ Quincy Branch**  
Mon, June 15, 11:00A (Kids)

**In The Shadow of Big Red Eye: Bigfoot Experience @ Quincy Branch**  
Wed, June 17, 1:00P (All Ages)

**Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary @ Quincy Branch**  
Tues, July 6, 11:00A (All Ages)

**The Art of Herbal Tea Tasting @ Coldwater Branch**  
Mon, July 13, 4:00P (Adults)

**Clay Fossil Making @ Quincy Branch**  
Mon, July 20, 11:00A (Kids)

**Gaming in the Park @ Heritage Park Youth Baseball/Softball Complex (off Northshore Drive) in Coldwater**  
Mon, July 20, 4:00P (Kids/Teens)



# 2026 COLORING CONTEST

Unleash your Dino-mite coloring skills with our Annual SRP Coloring Contest! Drop off your Rawr-some coloring sheet at any library by **July 1** for a chance to win a prize.

Artwork by  
Ben Lyon



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One picture will be selected from each age group to win a prize. A total of three prizes will be given district-wide.



On June 5, Quincy Library hosted **Popsicles in the Park!** The Dinosaur themed event featured the Story-Walk®, Bounce house, chalk, bubbles, games, and of course popsicles! Kids were able to take home bubble sticks and maracas. In addition, Great Start Readiness also helped families sign up for preschool and enjoy some giveaways as well. Over 185 guests joined the Library staff for an afternoon of fun! Check out all of the upcoming FUN events hosted by the Quincy Library staff on page 4! Or pick up an Events guide!



## Quincy Chamber Connection

Summer has officially arrived, and with it comes a full lineup of Quincy Chamber and Village events!

### Let's take a quick look back:

Our "Welcome Back to the Lake" event at Tip Up Island was a tremendous success! From boat displays and local vendors to delicious food and fun for all ages, there was something for everyone. Special thanks to the Quincy Historical Museum, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association for sharing helpful information. And of course, thank you to everyone who came out and joined in the fun!

### Coming up this summer:

#### Sounds of Summer – Begins June 11

This year's concert series kicks off on June 11 and will continue every other week, 6:00—11:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy some great music in the park.



#### Fireworks Over Marble Lake – July 3 at dusk

Kick off Independence Day celebrations with a stunning fireworks show over beautiful Marble Lake! Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and friends to enjoy the colorful display lighting up the summer night sky.



#### 4th of July Parade – July 4

Celebrate Independence Day with Quincy's annual 4th of July Parade! Join us downtown for festive floats, live music, and plenty of red, white, and blue spirit. A fun tradition for the whole family!

#### Quincy Daze – August 22 & 23

It wouldn't be summer in Quincy without our signature event! Mark your calendars for two days filled with fun, entertainment, and activities for all ages.



**Kids Day in the Park** – has been moved to August 23 in conjunction with Quincy Daze! There will be games, activities, food, and a chance for children 12 and under to win a brand new bike. Best of all – it's FREE!

#### Pints in the Park – September 26

We'll wrap up the season with "Pints in the Park." Join us in the park for craft brews, music, and a great time with the community.

We hope to see you at these exciting summer events. Let's make it a season to remember!



## 2026 Quincy Branch Library Advisory Board

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## 2026 Friends of the Library Board

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**Quincy Branch Library Staff:**  
**Branch Manager**—Sarah Strong  
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# 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.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership: \$5.00

## July 2026

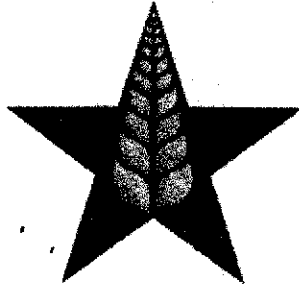
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# STAR OF THE WEST

## MILLING CO.

P.O. Box 145 | 121 E. Tuscola St. | Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734 | Telephone (989) 652-9971

Star of the West Milling Company, headquartered in Frankenmuth, Michigan announced plans to expand our milling footprint to include Michigan grown corn on our Quincy, Michigan site. Quincy was home to one of the five wheat flour mills within the company stable. With the recent wheat flour mill expansion in Ligonier, Indiana and the extreme age and small capacity of the Quincy wheat flour mill, it was decided to discontinue wheat flour milling at this location. With the significant grain storage capacity at this site and an interesting array of demand for food-grade corn products, the company has decided to repurpose the site as a new, boutique, dry corn mill. The facility will be capable of processing more than 21,000 bushels of Michigan-grown corn each day; producing a wide variety of both food-grade and feed-grade corn-based ingredients. The estimated cost of the project remains undisclosed.

The project consists of razing the existing mill structure and warehouse and constructing a six-story slipform building to house the new milling operation. The project will also include a new state-of-the-art feed storage and loadout, bulk truck and rail loadout, and tote-filling capacity.

"The Quincy, Michigan project is an intentional step forward in meeting our strategic objective of partnering with producers and food processors with the goal of feeding the world" stated Jim Howe, CEO of Star of the West. "Our business model will continue to focus on diversity and vertical integration within the ag-sector."

"From a strategic perspective we recognized several opportunities to expand our milling expertise into the corn milling segment. Many of our current wheat-based customer base are already purchasing corn-based ingredients for other product lines," said Mike Fassezke, President, Flour Milling Division for Star of the West. "In addition, we considered the significant amount of corn that we already receive from our local farmers and saw an opportunity to add additional value beyond just aggregating and shipping out of state."

Karina Spencer, Executive Vice President, Flour Milling Division for Star of the West added, "Currently, all U.S. dry corn mills are located west or south of our expected market. Our market research would suggest that we can provide a significant logistic advantage to in-state corn ingredient users and customers based in the Northeast quadrant of the U.S. Our corn mill will utilize state-of-the-art technology integrated into building design, processing, and product handling to ensure food safety, product diversification, and conformance to current customer specifications."

"I am so pleased and excited about this opportunity in Quincy. We have been part of the community for over 160 years and the support and confidence that our executive team and board of directors has shown us by continuing to produce food ingredients at this site has been phenomenal!" stated Terry McClughen, Plant Manager, Quincy Mill. "I grew up locally and I think this project demonstrates the commitment that our company has to the communities we live in and the local employees that work for Star of the West."

Contractors and equipment suppliers include: Todd & Sargent, Ames, Iowa; Sangati Berga, Fortaleza - CE - Brazil; Kice Industries, Park City, Kansas; Magnetic Products Inc., Highland, Michigan; Material Transfer, Allegan, Michigan; Crouch Electric, Tekonsha, Michigan; MSC Floors, Saint Clair, Michigan; Driesenga & Associates, Holland, Michigan

Project completion is expected in 2028.

Star of the West is a diversified agri-business with interests in flour milling, dry bean processing, agronomy services, and grain handling and merchandising; operating in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Minnesota, and North Dakota. The company processes both conventional grains and beans as well as certified organic. Founded in 1870, the company has been in operation for over 156 years. Please visit [www.starofthewest.com](http://www.starofthewest.com) for additional company information.

For further information, contact Karina Spencer at [karina.spencer@starofthewest.com](mailto:karina.spencer@starofthewest.com).

## Breaking News:

This press release was presented to Quincy Village officials at 10:00 A.M. Friday, June 12, 2026.

We are extremely excited to see a one-of-a-kind operation being introduced in Quincy and also extending the future of our historic Star of the West Mill.

And yes! the Christmas lights will be lit on top of the silos.

Historically yours,  
Karen Hargreave, Pres.  
Quincy Historical Society