

Breeden Memorial Library and Senior Center
Annabelle's Art Gallery and
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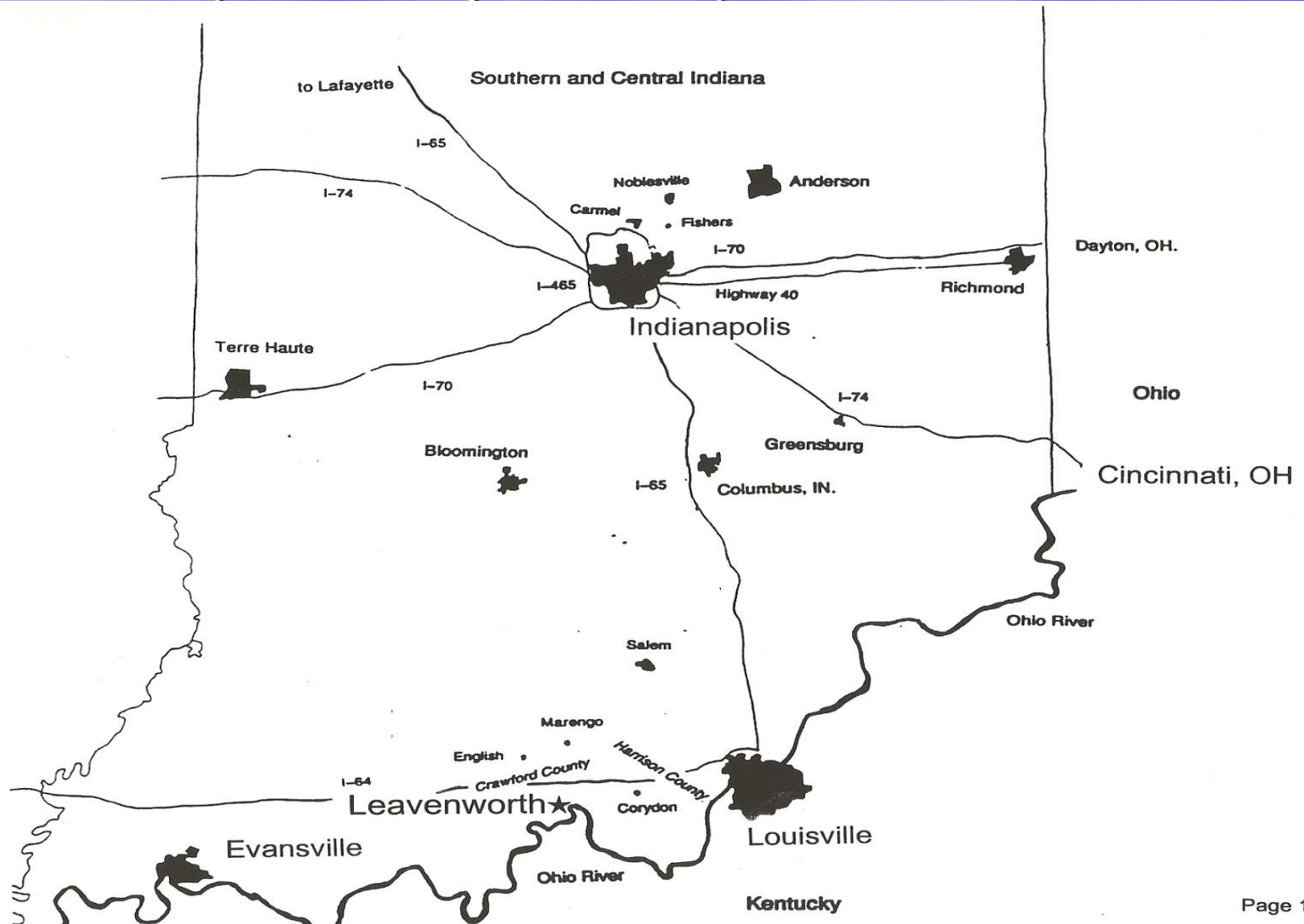
Douglas T. Breeden*
October 7, 2024

*Major thanks go to George Beringer for the aerial photos of
Leavenworth.

Leavenworth is on the "Horseshoe Bend" of the Ohio River. Stunning views, wonderful sunsets.



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Breeden Memorial Library:

First construction in 1998

Major expansion in 2005

Taken out of Crawford County Library System in 2011

Moved to "Annabelle's ArtsCenter" in 2019

Celebrated 25 Years in 2023

Also: Breeden was a major donor to Harrison County Library in 1997, as well as Breeden Hall at Duke in 2008, which has a 20,000 sq. ft. new library. We love libraries!

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Breeden Memorial Library, Leavenworth Center dedicated

STORY AND PHOTOS
By SARA COMBS
Editor

Dr. Doug Breeden would like to see a lot of empty spaces on the shelves at the new Breeden Memorial Library at Leavenworth.

Speaking Saturday at an open house and dedication of the new facility, Breeden, a native of Leavenworth who now lives in Chapel Hill, N. C., said, "The library is here to be used. Nothing would give me greater joy than to come back and find a bunch of people in here reading and checking out the books. The worst thing that could happen would be to come in and find it untouched, unused."

The Breeden Foundation supplied matching funds for a Community Focus Fund grant that financed construction of the facility which houses a library dedicated to the memory of the late Russell and Ellen Breeden, Doug Breeden's grandparents, and in honor of his parents, Russ and Annabelle Breeden of Leavenworth.

A community center, used by the Ohio Valley Senior Citizens, is also located in the building.

The Breedens have long been pillars of the community and for many

Doug Breeden spoke Saturday at the Breeden Memorial Library's dedication. Behind Breeden are Russ Breeden II, Josie Breeden, Russ Breeden III, contractor James Shireman, John Breeden, the Rev. Emerson Abts, and State Sen. Richard Young.

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years owned and operated a hatchery in Leavenworth.

Doug Breeden paid tribute to his grandparents and parents, noting their leadership and volunteerism.

His grandparents taught him a love of reading, he said. "Both were always reading something."

His parents taught him many things.

"For 50 years, Mom and Dad have provided employment for the community and us (their children)," he said, recalling debeaking chickens and traying eggs.

"Dad always had a vision, the dream of development." He said his father was active in early economic development action groups and area tourism promotions. "He was just 30 years ahead of his time."

"And Mom. Mom always made things happen, and she still is making things happen," said Breeden.

Breeden also praised contractor James Shireman.

When bids came in about twice the \$400,000 budget, Breeden said Shireman was the key to the project's success.

After cuts were made to trim the project, it was still "way over" said Breeden. "We sat down with Jim Shireman and he said, 'We can do this. We can make this happen.'"

Also speaking at the dedication were Janet LaBreche, Crawford

County Public Library director; John Breeden, State Sen. Richard Young (D-Milltown), State Rep. Dennis Heeke (D-Dubois), and Russ Breeden II.

The new library is a branch of the Crawford County Public Library. LaBreche will oversee its operation.

"My heart is overwhelmed with gratitude," she said. "Who would have thought 10 years ago, even five years ago, that we would be here today dedicating this library?"

She described how the Breeden family has traditionally read to their children.

"The names change but the story is the same across Leavenworth, Crawford County and the world," said LaBreche. "Fathers and mothers read to their children and dreamed of libraries filled with books."

"Jewell Sears (a founder and former director of the Crawford public library) watched more than one library wash away in flood waters. Yet the community said, 'We will work; we will build. We want a library for children and ourselves.' Thus, under the direction of Janice Holzbog, in 1995 a new county library was built."

"But it still was not enough. So Leavenworth town officials and Holzbog got together with the Breeden family and said, 'We will work. We will build.'"

Grants were applied for and the Breedens invested generously in the project.

"And we came here to celebrate this day," said LaBreche.

John Breeden thanked all whose efforts resulted in completing the project. "Our grandparents would be very, very proud," he said.

Getting the facility built was not an easy task, said Sen. Young. "I know sometimes it seemed for every step forward, there were two steps backward. But in Crawford County, people work very hard in the face of adversity ... This is something the community will be proud of for many, many years."

Heeke said he had attended the ground breaking ceremony some time ago where he learned the his-

tory of the building razed to make room for the new one. "Now you are opening a lot of new history," said Heeke. "This is a great day."

Then Russ Breeden II talked about what the library will mean to the town and what the town means to him,

"But this is almost embarrassing," he added, referring to the praise heaped on him during the ceremony.

Town council president John Stutzman and Christine Pryer, a member of the Indiana Region 15 Plan Commission, key players in the project, were slated to participate in the dedication, but had

scheduling conflicts.

Two other Breeden family members who played a part in the new building were Roberta Breeden, who did the interior design, and Randy Coleman, husband of Kathy Breeden Coleman, who built the shelves and counters.

The ceremony concluded with a ribbon-cutting and tours of the building.

Invocation was given by the Rev. Emerson Abts and benediction was by the Rev. Michael McDaniel.

Music was furnished by The Sonshiners.

Refreshments were served in the Senior Citizen dining room.

*Breeden Memorial Library and
Senior Citizens Center in Leavenworth, July 1998
Breeden Family Provided Major Financial Support and a
Government Grant Helped with the Initial Building,*



BML unveils addition

STORY and PHOTO
By CHRIS ADAMS

Editor

There were plenty of thanks to go around Saturday morning as Breeden Memorial Library at Leavenworth unveiled its approximately 4,000-square-foot renovation and expansion.

Doug Breeden, a Leavenworth native who with wife Josie financed the project, said libraries played an important role in his childhood and the couple want to give the community, including the children, the same opportunities he had.

"We want to give that gift to the kids and the adults and all the people" of the community by providing them a place for "lifelong learning," he said.

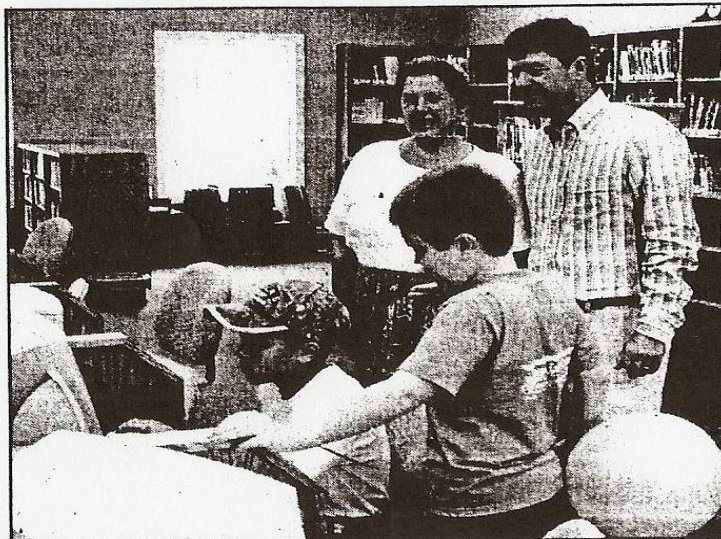
BML, a branch of the Crawford County Public Library that was named for the Breeden family and is located in the same building as the Leavenworth Senior Citizens Center and the Crawford County United Ministries Food Pantry, increased its square footage from 1,104 to just over 5,000.

The project added 1,340 square feet to the library's west side as well as that amount to the basement. It also included renovation of the 1,242 square feet of basement below the existing library.

The upstairs area features room for more books and computers — eight more computers are on the way — and a reading area, ideal for seniors who make their way over from the adjoining senior center. The downstairs area includes a children's and movie viewing area.

Breeden praised BML librarians Nikki Esarey and Sharon Harvey for the library's children's programs that have attracted more visitors to the facility.

"I'm just delighted we've engaged the center more than we had the last



Doug Breeden, who with wife Josie financed the Breeden Memorial Library renovation and expansion project, and Crawford County Library Director Catherine Ramsey watch Zachary Booth, 12, left, and Max Mohr, 8, play a computer game at the library at Leavenworth.

few years," he said, noting his goal is to have a community-sustained library.

Josie Breeden praised the community for helping guide Doug when he was a boy, and said it is her and Doug's hope that the library, through its services and programs, can help the town guide today's children into becoming quality young people.

"When Doug was growing up, it was this town that made a child," she said.

The list of speakers included library board, community and town officials. All thanked the Breeden family and the library for offering a quality facility and service to the

community.

"I think all the people here need to be congratulated for all their hard work and their vision," said State Sen. Richard Young, D-Milltown.

Young, who used to live in Leavenworth, said the town, although it had made strides, is finally making the type of progress officials likely had hoped for when they decided to move to higher ground following the 1937 flood thanks, in part, to the library.

"Through perseverance, I think it is becoming the type of community that the people back in 1937 who

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started making that move had hoped it would be," he said.

Crawford County Public Library Director Catherine Ramsey said the project "represents the best of a community spirit," while library board president Darwin Groves called the project "very, very good for the whole community." He noted how far the county's library system has come in the past decade, from one library located in English's flood plain to two new facilities.

Esarey presented the Breedens, who live in North Carolina, with a book to show the appreciation she and other staff, as well as the library's patrons, have for what the library has become.

"It seems unfair that I get to experience all the joy that people get at this library and you miss out," she said.

Others in attendance included State Rep. Dennie Oxley, D-English,

who proclaimed it was a "great day for Leavenworth," officials from the Community Foundation of Crawford County and the Leavenworth Town Council, and

representatives of builder James L. Shireman Inc. of Corydon.

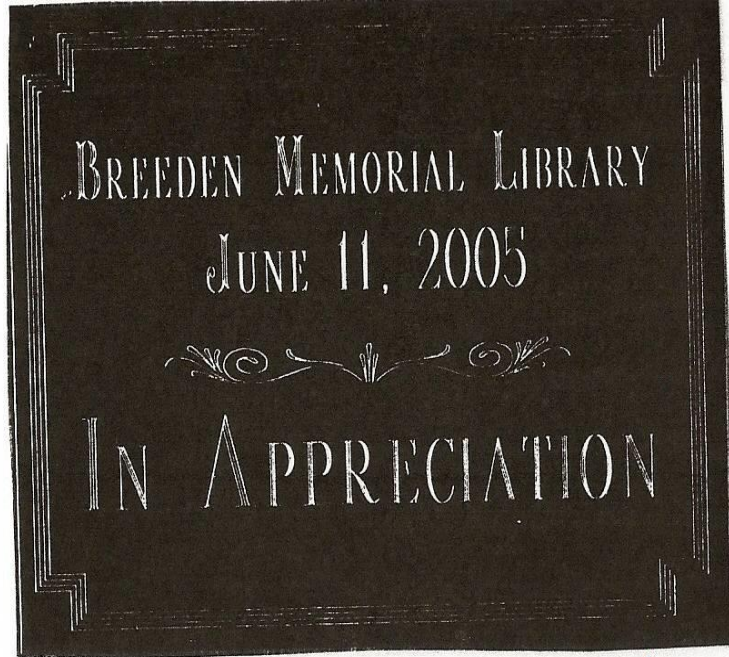
Following remarks, visitors were treated to refreshments provided by the Leavenworth Senior Citizens.

BML New Addition in 2005 quadrupled space.









Selected entries from 60 pages of thank you's

Thanks for such a wonderful resource that our children & our entire County will enjoy for many, many years!

Sarah Balzer
Thank you Ian McClure

Mr. & Mrs. Breeder,

Thank you very much for all you have done for the community. The addition to the library and the ~~new~~ resources in it. These things help tremendously with my school work.

Thanks,
Jo Esarey

Dear Mr. Breeden,

I am very happy with the new addition. All you give us is a wonderful gift. I am highly appreciative of all that you do to serve for our community. I enjoy the books and movies you give us every month as well. When I come to the library I take into consideration how much you must like this library and this community. When my sister and I come to the library, we think what to do first. I ♥ the new projection style TV. I can not express how happy I am about all you do for our library, our people, and our community. Thank you very much,
Hannah Esarey

Doug Breeden

Thank you so much for caring about others. Your gift to our county means so much to so many people, young and old. No matter the age a book is a special gift you are a special person, that the world needs more like. We come to this library every week and to watch it grow to this beautiful building that so many can enjoy is a blessing. Thanks to you a lot of people will be able to come and enjoy reading. and a friendly face to greet us.

the William Worley
family.

Breeden Memorial Library After the Financial Panic of 2008/2009

Indiana State and Crawford County support was totally eliminated in 2011, when the State had a budget crisis amid drops in tax collections following the Financial Panic.

In 2011, despite the substantial impact of the Financial Panic, the Douglas Breeden Family renewed and increased their major support of the BML to approximately 80%-90% of funding. The Leavenworth community also stepped up their gifts to the BML. The Breeden Family has increased support in the ensuing years 2011-2024 and maintains funding at 80%- 90%. The BML has vigorous programs, given fine leadership by our librarians. Tina Brison has led the library for the last 6 years. Brother Russ Breeden is Chairman of the BML Operating Board, while Doug is Chairman of the Breeden Library Foundation, a 501c3 corporation.

Funding cuts strain library

By **LEE CABLE**
Staff Writer

The board of directors of the Crawford County Public Library, at its monthly meeting in November, agreed to table any decisions regarding the Breeden Memorial Library in Leavenworth until it has a chance to look at what options may be workable for the residents of Leavenworth and the library.

The library became the focus of concern recently when it was announced by the Indiana State Library Association that county libraries will lose significant funding from the state due to caps being placed on property taxes, which accounts for a major part of county library budgets. The announcement set in motion a scramble by library directors to somehow make up the funding losses from other sources, but most of those sources are strained as well, which limits the options available to many communities, including Crawford County.

Many libraries across the state, including those in Indianapolis, have already closed some library branches and have downsized personnel in an effort to keep the bills paid and the doors open to as many libraries as possible. Crawford County didn't escape

the cuts, already realizing a \$20,000 deduction in funding with the possibility of more cuts in the future.

The main Crawford County Public Library building was built in English after the town relocated. Eventually, through the efforts of many in the Leavenworth area, including Doug Breeden, a new library building/community center was built in Leavenworth. The building is owned by the town, and the main Crawford County library supplies most of the personnel, equipment and materials.

Doug Breeden contributed funding to the Leavenworth facility for several years but has not committed any funds to the operation recently, putting an even larger squeeze on the already strained budget. Breeden could not be reached for a comment about this story.

But the funding cuts will require decisions to be made, and library board members, who are sensitive to the needs of the Leavenworth community and the importance of having a library at that end of the county, are reluctant to give up on the possibility of saving the facility. But, as the days pass, the options are not looking good.

"The Town of Leavenworth actually owns the Breeden library building," said Dennie Stroud, who serves on the

library board. "The board is only responsible for the main library. We have no authority over the Breeden library. So, a lot of the decision-making will have to come from the town. They are really fortunate to have the building, but money has dried up and we have a totally different situation now than we had back when the library was built. There was some kind of an agreement for the main library to run it, but there's nothing in writing, no written agreement, so we can't go back and look at details that would now be really important. There are at least three or four townships that use the Breeden library, but it's not like we don't want them to have those services. But, it's strictly a money issue."

There have been some ideas thrown out during recent board meetings, like the main library donating the equipment at the Breeden library to the town and turning the day-to-day operations of the Leavenworth facility over to them.

"But we've actually made no decision," said Amanda Ramage, president of the library board. "We are going to take another look at it after Jan. 1. We had a good turnout at the last meeting. About 25 to 30 people came, and about

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Patrons say BML special

Funding issues cloud Leavenworth branch's future

STORY and PHOTOS
By CHRIS ADAMS
Editor

On a recent Thursday afternoon, 4-year-old Maggie Taylor, belly first on the floor of the Breeden Memorial Library in Leavenworth, excitedly held up a DVD she wanted her dad, Chad, to check out. Just a few feet away, her 1-1/2-year-old brother, Beau, played with some toys, and, a few feet in the other direction, Melissa Mayfield, 12, worked at a computer. On the other side of the building, teenagers Clay Fillbach and Rachel Harvey and adults quietly read and worked on a laptop.

In all, it was a normal day at the small library that has been serving not only Leavenworth but the surrounding communities for more than a decade.

The library's future, however, is in doubt. Despite no formal agreements able to be found, BML, with the assistance of annual contributions from Leavenworth native Doug Breeden, has operated under the auspices of the Crawford County Public Library in English. The continuation of those donations is uncer-

tain and a likely reduction in funding due to recently passed property tax caps has the library board searching for a solution. Several possibilities are being bandied, but the one that has drawn the most attention is BML's potential closing. Patrons say the closing of the library would be a tremendous loss for the area.

One of those is Nancy Simon, of Milltown. Simon, who has homeschooled her nine children (ages 2-1/2 to 21), makes the 15-to-20-minute drive to BML every couple of weeks during the winter and more often in the summer, to supplement her teaching lessons.

"They have met my home-school needs," she said. "I wouldn't have had the richness of all the books, because there's no way I would have been able to buy them."

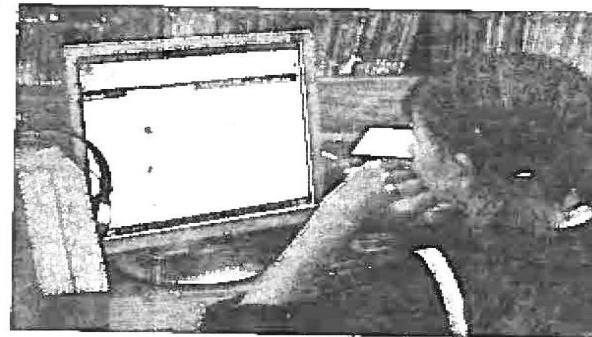
Simon also praised the library's summer reading program, which her children have attended for several years. The fun, hands-on activities, which include drawings for prizes, have encouraged them to pick up books outside of their school lessons, she said.

Coleen Fillbach, who lives a



Four-year-old Maggie Taylor, of Milltown, points to a DVD that she wants her dad, Chad, to check out during a recent trip to the Breeden Memorial Library in Leavenworth. At right, Melissa Mayfield, 12, of Leavenworth, uses a computer at the library to check Facebook while waiting to be picked up by her mom.

mile away from BML, has been taking her 15-year-old son, Clay, to the library since he was 4. He participated in the summer reading program when he was younger and still visits the



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Effort to save BML looking good

By LEE CABLE
Staff Writer

Leavenworth facility to cut ties with Crawford County Public Library May 27

The Leavenworth community has circled the wagons around the Breeden Memorial Library and has formed a group of supporters who plan to keep the much-loved facility open.

At a meeting last week in Leavenworth Thursday evening, the group, which has taken the name "Friends of the Breeden Memorial Library," showed up with an abundance of energy and plans directed toward finding solutions to the financial difficulties that have impacted libraries all over the country and has threatened to

close the doors on the facility in the small river community.

The Breeden Memorial Library has been operating under the umbrella of the Crawford County Public Library since its beginning in the late 1990s. The informal arrangement between the two facilities worked well for several years, with the main library paying to lease the town-owned building and furnishing most of the Leavenworth facility's books,

computers and staff. But, in recent months, a portion of the main library's funding that comes from the state has been reduced by, at least, \$20,000 and private support for the Breeden facility has diminished since the economy faltered. Without a commitment of sufficient future funding, the library board cut ties with the Leavenworth facility in order to ensure the financial health of the main county library in

English.

"Our decision to make the changes was based on the loss of revenue," Dennie Stroud, president of the library board, said in an interview Friday. "We didn't want to wait until it was too late, so we went ahead and started the process. The revenue just wasn't there to support two libraries. Back in 1998, when the arrangement was made, things were much different. Since then, the cost

of almost everything has escalated and we have become concerned about donations. But our main concern was to not lose sight of our patrons."

Stroud went on to say that the board made the decision to leave most of the inventory — including six computers, a good selection of movies and more than 15,000 books that are actually owned by the main library — in the Leavenworth facility.

"We will have a meeting soon to finalize everything," he added. "We'll have our attorney there to make sure everything is done legal and proper, and certainly wish them (the Leavenworth group) the best. Whitney Timberlake has stepped up to the plate and took a leadership role with them and he has been wonderful to work with. Chad Schenck has become a go-between with Doug Breeden, and I believe things will begin to fall in place for them."

The Leavenworth group is focused on moving forward and has several ideas on the drawing board, including

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BML remains key member of L'worth community



Chris Adams

Two years after branching out on own, library hasn't missed a beat

By CHRIS ADAMS
Editor

and staff.

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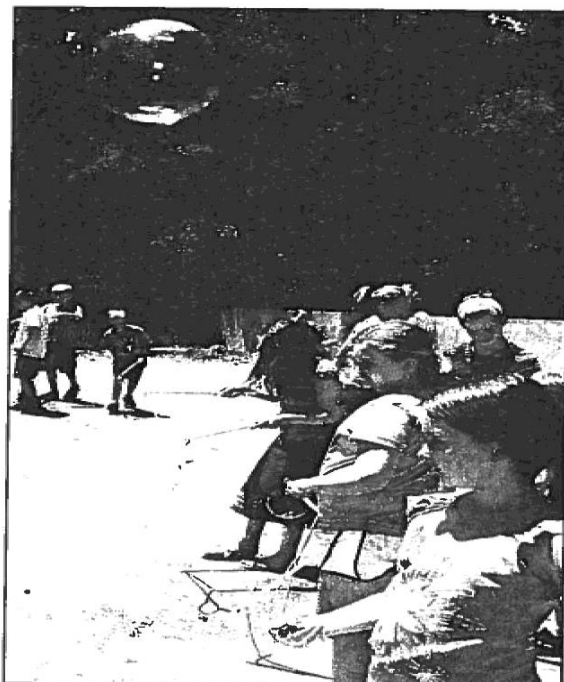


Photo Courtesy of Christopher Douglas

Above left, volunteer Beth Segari reads a story to, from left, Aleen Yennes and Amella, Greta and Mally Timberlake during a weekly pre-school storytime. Above, 41 children and 20 adults have fun during the Bubble Truck's visit to the library on May 29 as part of the summer reading rewards storytime.

ways in late May 2011, and Harvey, the library's only

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

2012: Summer Program at the Breeden Memorial Library in Leavenworth, Indiana



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2. Annabelle's Gift Shop,
Gallery and ArtsCenter, 2008

2. Annabelle's Gift Shop, Gallery and ArtsCenter, 2008

Renovation and major addition to historic Leavenworth building (old Greyhound bus stop) to create "Annabelle's Gift Shop, Gallery and ArtsCenter", which provides a wonderful meeting place and center for creative arts.

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2. Annabelle's Gift Shop, Gallery and ArtsCenter 2008



*2007-2008 Addition of 2000 Sq. Annabelle's
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Interior of Annabelle's ArtsCenter Under Construction in 2007, with Balcony



Finished Side View of Annabelle's with new ArtsCenter Addition



Annabelle's Gift Shop in Front of Building





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Annabelle's Art Gallery



Owner and Artist



Annabelle's ArtsCenter Addition, with Balcony



Grand Opening of Annabelle's ArtsCenter, July 2008



2019: The Breeden Memorial Library is moved to the beautiful Annabelle's ArtsCenter Building. It was Josie's idea. The kids' arts and play area was named the "Josie Breeden Children's Learning Center" in honor and memory of wife Josie, who passed away November 2019



Crawford has 2 excellent libraries

We would load into the station wagon and head for town just about every Saturday when I was growing up. The destination was usually IGA, TG&Y or church, but there was always one stop just for me: the library. I'd climb the limestone steps of the Corydon Public Library (now home to the Frederick Porter Griffin Center for Local History and Genealogy of the Harrison County Public Library) with anticipation growing as I thought about what I might find that week in the stacks.

There are few places where I feel more at home than a library, and any one will do.

When we moved to Crawford County six years ago, the Crawford County Public Library in English was one of the first places we went. It's a beautiful library with

VIEWPOINT OF



STEPHANIE TAYLOR FERRIELL
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

friendly staff makes visits even better.

Recently, I discovered the county's other library, the Breeden Memorial Library in Leavenworth. It has moved across the highway, next to Stephenson's General Store. The library's new home is simply beautiful. It's light, bright and airy and has plenty of places to

sit and chat with a friend or curl up by yourself with a book. There's even a coffee station and an outdoor patio (with Wi-Fi).

I love that a local boy who made good — Doug Breeden — and his wife chose to open the library 20 years ago. They still provide the majority of the funding.

This, folks, is how you make a big difference in the world when you have the means to do so.

I believe there is no other institution so vital to our future than public libraries. Libraries are places where questions are answered, where dreams take flight, where imaginations are sparked and where the seeds of knowledge are planted.

Perhaps more importantly, they're fun! All those books along with magazines, movies, programs and

more in today's libraries.

If you haven't visited Crawford County's libraries, please pick at least one and do so this week. I promise you will be impressed Crawford County's libraries are something to be proud of.

In some ways, I'm still a kid at heart. Maybe that's never more true than when I visit a library. After interviewing Tina Brison, director of the Breeden Memorial Library, I had to take a few moments to wander and check out the collection. (There are so many books in this world and so little time.)

I left the Breeden Memorial Library with a book in hand and another library card (that makes three) in my wallet. It was a very good day.

September 2019, Clarion News:
Breeden Memorial Library
moves to beautiful Annabelles
building.

Named "Josie Breeden Children's
Learning Center," Added programs

September, 2019

Breeden library announces new programs for fall

Breeden Memorial Library has been open in its new location for a month and is ready to begin programming for all ages. There are lots of events planned for October, and everyone from Crawford and surrounding counties is invited to take part.

Programs in October will include:

- Teen Advisory Board meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5, from 2 to 3 p.m. Those ages 13 to 19 are invited to join BML's Advisory Board. Aside from having their voice heard and ideas tak-

en seriously by the library, all time spent in meetings or assisting with programs/events can be counted for volunteer/service learning hours as may be required by the teens' school. Participation in TAB is a great way to meet teens from outside one's school and take part in the community. TAB membership also can be included on college applications and resumés.

- Preschool Story Time, Monday, Oct. 7, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Newborns to age 5 can join Miss Tina for stories, songs, crafts and

more in the Josie Breeden Children's Learning Center.

- Tween Time, Friday, Oct. 18, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. New to the BML, Tween Time is for ages 9 to 12. Each month, there will be a different activity based on science, art, books and more. October's activity will be a book tasting, where kids can enjoy learning about new books in a restaurant-type setting.

- Pre-K and Elementary Story Time, Saturday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to noon. Newborns to 8-year-olds can join Miss Tina for sto-

ries, songs, crafts and more in the Josie Breeden Children's Learning Center.

- Halloween Party, Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. The BML will open its doors for its first Halloween party for children of all ages. It will include games, crafts, treats and a costume contest.

All programs require pre-registration. Register by visiting the library, the library's Facebook page or website or by calling 812-739-4092.

September 2024. BML "Book Tasting"

South Crawford kids partake in book tasting

Breedon Memorial Library in Leavenworth hosted South Crawford third-fifth graders at a book tasting on Sept. 20.

Students arrived to find tables covered with tablecloths with place settings.

Each table featured a different course and highlighted books from different genres including mystery/horror, fantasy, action/adventure and historical.

Students studied the menus, sampled the offerings and filled out a taste-testing sheet rating each selection.

Emmett Fraley discusses his choices with South Crawford Principal Mary Anne Knapp at a book tasting at Breedon Memorial Library.

Stephanie Taylor Ferriell



Christmas 2023. Santa Claus at the BML!



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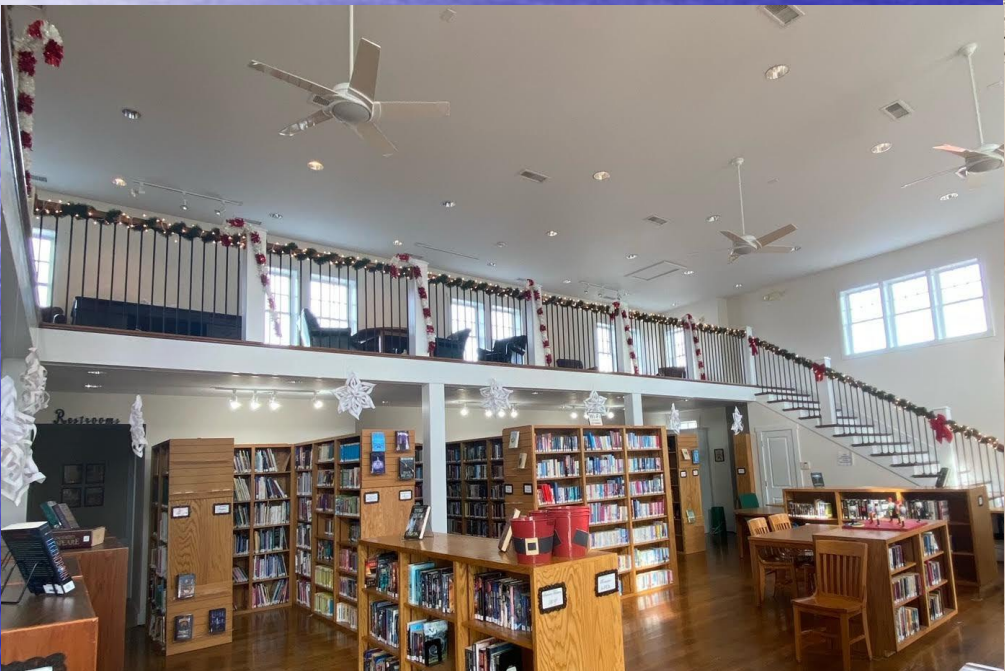
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Ayden Gadberry, 6, left, and Konnar Pittman, 9, talk with Santa Claus at the Breeden Memorial Library Dec. 2. The library, located in Leavenworth, hosted a Christmas event for families Saturday afternoon with Santa, a pony, crafts, games and refreshments.

Corbin Baker, 5, works on a snowman craft at the Breeden Memorial Library's Christmas event Dec. 2.

Polly Stephenson, right, brought a pony for the Breeden Memorial Library's Christmas event Saturday. Here, Isabella Dearborn, 18 months, her dad, Darrell Dearborn, and brother Karson, 9, meet the pony.

Anna Johnson reads a Christmas story to Trayson Smith, 6, and his elf, Chippy, at the BML's Christmas event Dec. 2.



AT THE END OF **LIFE**, WHAT **REALLY MATTERS**
IS NOT WHAT WE **BOUGHT** BUT WHAT WE **BUILT**;;
NOT WHAT WE **GOT** BUT WHAT WE **SHARED**;
NOT OUR **COMPETENCE** BUT OUR **CHARACTER**;
AND NOT OUR **SUCCESS**, BUT OUR **SIGNIFICANCE**.
LIVE A LIFE THAT MATTERS.
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