

# Friends of the Algansee Library

May 2014 Newsletter



## The Algansee Branch of the Branch District Library

**Location:**  
580 S. Ray Quincy Road

**Hours of Operation:**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday  
1 pm to 6 pm  
Thursday & Saturday  
9 am to Noon

**Phone Number:**  
517-639-9830

**Branch Manager:**  
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Jessica Clark

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[www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/algansee](http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/algansee)

[www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)

[www.facebook.com/BDLAlgansee](https://www.facebook.com/BDLAlgansee)

Mark your Calendars for  
Summer 2014 Events:  
(All Events at the library)

May 21 - Wednesday  
Friends of the Algansee  
Library Meeting 6 pm

June 3 - Tuesday  
Summer Reading Sign-up  
Starts - Theme:  
"Fizz, Boom, Read"

June 18 - Wednesday  
WMU presents Natural  
Hazards, featuring  
Volcanos - Time TBA

June 25 - Wednesday  
Dynamic West Assemblies,  
Inc. presents "Made in  
Michigan" with baby  
animals at 1 pm

June 28 - Saturday  
Book Sale and Community  
Wide Garage Sales  
9 am to 3 pm (Maps available  
Friday before)

July 19 - Saturday  
Alligator Sanctuary 10 am

July 23 - Wednesday  
Summer Reading Ends  
Turn in paperwork

July 26 - Saturday  
Summer Reading Party  
1 pm

August 3 - 9  
Branch County Fair

August 5  
Election Day

## Spring has Arrived

Winter is finally over and spring is here. With it will come the warmth of summer and we are already busy planning events for June and July. Please see the side column for a list of activities that are already planned.

The youth summer program theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read" while the teen program is entitled "Spark a Reaction" and lastly the adult program is "Literary Elements". Yes, it is a science based summer, but don't worry we are going to make it lots of fun. We are working on setting up story/craft hours with experiments for all to try. Stay posted to the web and Facebook pages for dates and times.

The summer programs are going to involve volcanos, live baby animals, and even an alligator or two. Come check out all the fun.

## Story Hour

Story hour and craft time is currently held on **Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 pm** at the library. We are open to suggestions for other times or days of the week that may be more convenient. If you have a suggestion please let us know. We appreciate any input you may have.

## Special Thank You

The Friends Group would like to thank Roland Stoy for leading the book discussion on *Hanna Coulter*, by Wendell Berry on March 19 for the One Book, One Community Event. Roland shared not only his thoughts on the book but also the special opportunity he had in meeting the author Wendell Berry. Cookies were provided by: Norma Wirtz & Ann Ewers. Everyone enjoyed program. If you haven't participated in the One Book, One Community Event before, we would encourage you to join us in March.



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**2013 End of Year Stats  
for Alganssee Branch?**

5,075 Visitors in 2013  
25 Children's Programs with  
310 in attendance  
18 Young Adult Programs with  
82 in attendance  
3 Adult Programs with  
31 in attendance

8,149 Items Checked Out  
2,281 Used Computers  
1,509 Used Wireless Internet

**What Services Does the Alganssee  
Branch Have to Offer?**

There are 7,387 Total Items in Library as of February 2014 that are available for checkout and/or for review at the library. This includes Books, DVD's, Audio Books, and Magazines.

DVD's have a 7 day check out; while Magazines are 14 days. Books range from 14 days to 4 weeks.

Three computers are for public use as well as 2 laptops

There is a color printer/copier available for 15cents for black and white copies or 25 cents for color copies.

We now have the capability to fax documents as well. Cost is \$1/page

**Can I Check Out Items?**

Most items are available for checkout with the exception of some reference materials. Stop in at the library and see all the amazing items that are available at the Alganssee Branch and if we don't have what you are looking for we can have it shipped in from another library.

**New Items**

**Adult Fiction:**

Chapman, Vannetta  
*Murder Simply Brewed (2014)*  
Chiaverini, Jennifer  
*Mrs. Lincolns Dressmaker (2013)*  
Collins, Kate  
*Nightshade of Elm Street*  
*Seed no Evil*  
Eicher, Jerry S  
*Katie Opens her Heart (2013)*  
*Katies Journey to Love (2013)*  
*Katies Forever Promise*  
Lewis, Beverly  
*The Secret Keeper (2013)*  
Michaels, Fern  
*Forget me Not (2013)*  
Sanderson, Brandon  
*Words of Radiancance (2014)*  
Sawyer, Kim Vogel  
*Echoes of Mercy (2014)*  
Woodsmall, Cindy  
*The Dawn of Christmas (2013)*

**Adult Non-Fiction:**

Chappell, David  
*Waking from the Dream the Struggle For Civil Rights*  
Edmonds, Marion  
*When Bad Things Happen to Good Knitters*  
Fine Gardening  
*Fine Gardening Pocket Gardens*  
Zander, Laura  
*Crochet Red*

**Juvenile Non-Fiction:**

*Who was Alexander Graham Bell?*  
*Who was Davy Crockett?*  
*Who was Ernest Shackleton*  
*Who was Frida Kahlo?*  
*Who was Laura Ingalls Wilder?*  
*Who was Milton Hershey?*  
*Who was Nelson Mandela?*  
*World Almanac for Kids 2014*

**DVD's:**

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*The Hunger Games – Catching Fire*  
*The Book Thief*  
*Matlock: the Ninth & Final Season*  
*Murder, She Wrote – Tenth Season*  
*The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*  
*Walking with Dinosaurs*  
*Downton Abby*

**What is the Friends of  
the Alganssee Library?**

The Friends group provides support to the Alganssee Library, which is a branch of the Branch District Library system, through helping to purchase items such as: craft supplies, books, and programming materials. They also host programs and assist the librarian with various activities.

The Friends Group began on April 10, 2001 with 6 members.

In June 2001, we began the process of formalizing the group by applying for a Federal ID number and becoming a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The Friends received their preliminary 501(c)3 status on April 15, 2002; our formal approval was received on February 11, 2006.

The Friends Group does a number of fundraisers including a book sale in June that is also tied in with a community wide garage sale. In the fall we collect black walnuts that are turned in for money.

Any donations received by the Friends Group are tax deductible and go directly back to programs and books to be used for the library.

If you wish to join our Friends Group contact the library at 517-639-9830.