

**Branch District
Library**BRANCH REPORTS
July 12, 2013**Algansee Branch reports:**

Hello

We have had 45 sign up for Summer Reading so far.

The Kalamazoo Nature Center presented their program "Our Earth, Can you Dig It" on Weds. June 26th at 4:00. The program was held at Pine Ridge Bible Church, because of heat and rain. We were very grateful for use of gym, cool and dry. There were 28 patrons that came to the program. The program was very educational and all enjoyed. The Algansee Friends provided cookies and water. I was hoping more would come to program, but several patrons called to say, they had ballgames, vacations, etc. Hard to schedule programs for all.

On Thursday July 25th, Dynamic West Assembles will present program "Dinosaurs & Reptiles" at 2:00 p.m.. Hope the weather is good so we can have program here at Library. Evolution and creation will not be discussed, just fun and some live critters. I had patrons ask about evolution and creation, so I called Dynamic to find out. All is good.

On July 20th, Algansee Friends will have an end Summer Reading party with prizes and treats for all who turn their reading sheets in. The Branch District Friends gave us \$ 100.00 for prizes, McDonald's gave us free Happy meals and drink tickets for children and a nook. The 4H fair gave us tickets for free parking and ride tickets to pass out. Algansee Friends are providing more prizes for patrons. I appreciate all of these sponsors for our Algansee Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Clark
Algansee Branch Manager**Bronson Branch reports:**

Summer Reading Club ends on July 30th. So far we have 273 people in the program. We extended the program an extra week so that we didn't end on the Tuesday after Polish Festival.

Our summer programs: noon movie, crafts and preschool story-time, have all been well attended this summer. Many new patrons enjoying these events. In June we had a special program with BJ Mellen, a magician from the Colon area, doing a great job. Everyone enjoyed the program.

About 21 members of the Bronson Fire Department visited the library on June 20 to take a tour of the new rooms. Many of the firefighters admitted it had been years since they were in the library and none of them had ever been downstairs to see all the little side rooms, stairways and other areas. They appreciated getting to see everything.

The library has received numerous donation books and dvds and Stephanie and Lynnell have finally gotten a chance to sort through everything and add many items to the collection. Very grateful for these donations.

The Friends of the Bronson Branch Library held their Golf Outing on June 1. They raised a little over \$2,800 to go towards the Media Center. Up coming fund raisers will be the Terri Lynn nut sales and Make a Difference Day in October.

One of our Friends members, Ruth Bidwell, passed away last month. Ruth was one of the ladies who indexed all the Bronson Journals for births, deaths and marriages. She had given \$1,000 to go towards a new microfilm reader/printer and the family asked that any memorial donations that come to the library also go towards the purchase of the machine.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell Eash
Bronson Branch Manager

Sherwood Branch reports:

We have finally finished adding the last of our donated DVDs. We held a Book Sale during the Sherwood Garage Sale weekend and had a good turnout and sold lots of books!

Summer reading has been very busy. We have fewer than expected sign up, although they have been checking out lots of books! We have had 25 patrons sign up for Summer Reading Club this year.

Mrs. G has been busy with story hour with lots of crafts and activities. The kids have a Gnome that they have colored and cut out and have been taking pictures of themselves and their Gnome on vacation for us to put up at the library. We are tracking all of the places that the Gnomes have been this summer. The kids also made homes for their Gnomes. This week we were "Under Construction" making our own construction vests out of paper bags (donated by Meijer) and painted orange and yellow.

This week we were going to have an adult program, Gardening Containers, but with the sudden storm, no one showed up until 5 minutes before closing... so I am trying to get this program rescheduled. Next week we are having another adult program – Ways to Save, how to save money by using everyday items you already have. We will be learning how to make our own inexpensive (all natural) laundry soap; non-toxic flea soap for dogs; all natural weed killer and lots of other helpful tips. The kids are looking forward to the Dinosaur & Reptile program and the program with the FBI. We have lots to do before the end of the Summer Reading Program!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Horn
Sherwood Branch Manager