

ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORTS:

Hello

We had our end of Summer Reading party Saturday, July 20th and had 26 attending. A local 14 year old patron won the NOOK, he was very surprised and very happy. The Algansee Friends gave out lots of prizes that were provided by Branch District Friends, Algansee Friends, McDonald's and Branch County Fair. We are very grateful for all the help. We ended party with punch, water, cookies and ice pops, provided and served by Algansee Friends Group. We had 50 patrons sign-up for Summer Reading with 37 finishing. It was a good year, and we are looking forward to 2014.

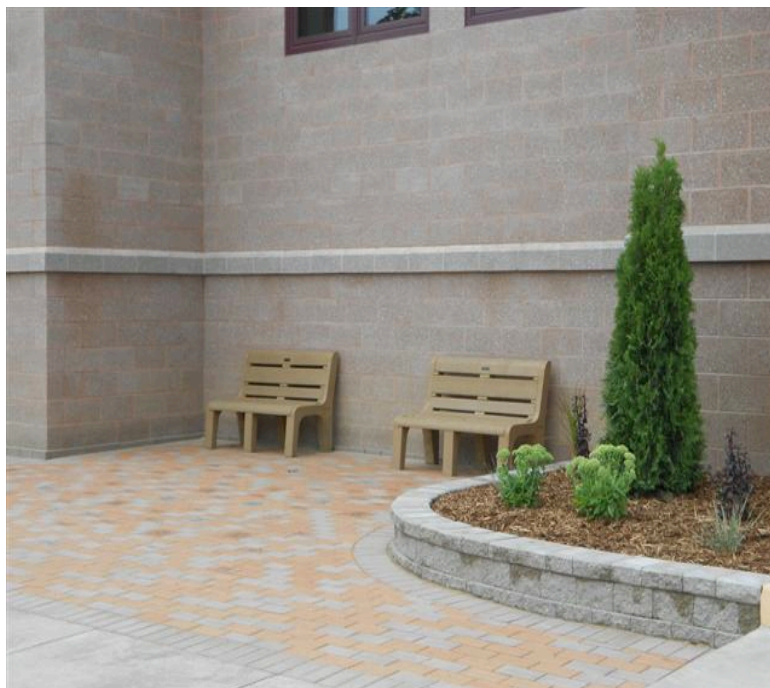
On July 25th Dynamic West Assembles presented "Dinosaurs & Reptiles". The weather was beautiful, program was held here at Algansee Library. We had dinosaur skulls, turtles, snakes and lizards. The children got to feed the turtle and pet the snake and lizard, which was their highlight. Lots of questions asked and answered. Great time!

Our Wednesday programs are going good with lots of crafts and bubble blowing outside.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Clark

BRONSON BRANCH REPORTS:

The Summer Reading Club finished up and even with the fewer open hours at the library we still had a large club this year. 173 children joined with 120 completing the program. 38 teens, 17 completed. 56 adults, 28 completed. The children received a goodie bag with 4-H Fair passes, McDonald's happy meal coupon, coloring book, bookmarks, coupon from Ye Olde Book Shoppe, and a toy prize of their choice. The local Masonic Temple provided 8 bicycles again this year as grand prizes for boys and girls in grades 4-6. They also gave \$250.00 this year to help with the purchase of grand prizes for the infant thru 3 grades. Teens who completed the program were given a gift card from McDonalds and Smitty's and Ye Olde Book Shoppe and Grand Prize of Visa Gift Card and Subway Gift Card. Adults who completed received a gift certificate from Taylor's Books and More and Ye Olde Book Shoppe and a Grand Prize of Visa gift card and Subway gift card. Some prizes were purchased with the branch manager's yearly share of Barnett money (just in case anyone was wondering)



The Friday Tales, Noon Movie and Craft time continued into August this year as the past few years seem to stay as busy in August as the whole summer has been. The big hit for the craft time was the creation of flower fairies and fairy houses.

We have had a very busy summer and have been most grateful for the Media center and the new (for us) computer sign-up system. Our volunteers have also been a big help this summer. From supervising the basement computers, shelving books and dvds, organizing the book sale and free items shelves and helping with programs, couldn't do it all without them!

The commemorative bricks have been placed in the ground and the area looks very nice. The Friends continue to sell the bricks to help with the loan payments on the Media Center.

Now we move on into FALL!!!!



COLDWATER KIDS' PLACE

The Summer Reading Program and activities kept us busy, but showed growth as the summer progressed. The students enjoyed a Make-up Workshop (Cindy Tate), an Origami class (Evette), and presentations by the CHC Radiology Department (Mike Ancil), the Sheriff's Dept Dive Team (Deputy McManamey), and the FBI (Mr. Willie Council, Detroit Office). We also had groups in for a couple of movie afternoons and a craft project. With the busyness of teens, some of the groups were small, but a total of 42 were recorded in attendance for all of the sessions combined. All of our community contributors were sent letters of appreciation for their support.

Recently, we've added a regular Wii Game afternoon on Wednesdays, and have scheduled a few movie afternoon showings to round out the summer fun. Some future ideas for the teen/tween patrons during the fall include a possible babysitter's training, a teen financial workshop, more arts and crafts sessions and a game tournament.

QUINCY BRANCH REPORTS:

Of the 161 children that signed up for the summer reading program, 95 reached the reading goal and received Goodie Bags and a free book from the Friends of the Library.

The Friends of the Library will be in the Village Park with other vendors offering book bags and cookbooks and other goodies during Quincy Daze festivities. A Geek display and goodies will also be at the Friends booth.

During moments of lull the week before and during the fair, much weeding was able to be done in the children's area. New children's books have been purchased recently due to some welcomed memorial donations.

DEARTH UNION TWP. BRANCH REPORTS:

Summer reading wrap-up: 41 young people read 1218 books. Six chose to count pages, their total amounted to 11,127 pages. Top readers in each of four groups received a \$20 gift certificate from Taylor's Books & More. The next three in each of the 4 groups received a Dig Into Reading t-shirt. Because of a 3-way tie, one received a \$10 gift certificate, and another child received 2 tickets to Tibbits Popcorn Theatre.

Each child through 3rd grade a reading participation certificate.

Several drawing were held for 1 NOOK (provided by McDonald's), 2 bikes (1 boy & 1 girl), 2 youth outdoor folding chairs, 1 family name for drawn for a 10' x 10' outdoor shade gazebo, 1 soccer ball and 1 basketball, 1 certificates for 2 tickets to Tibbits Popcorn Theatre. Many smaller items were also handed out. Jack's Grocery provided a delicious sack lunch for all attendees.

Sponsors included: Hoath's Auto, Miller's Pharmacy, Terri Norris Attorney at Law, Merchants True Value, Brott's Grocery, Wallen Farms, Sharon Drake, Union Twp. FOTL, Branch District FOTL, Branch Co. 4-H Fair Tickets, and McDonald's. These are the wonderful businesses and individuals that helped to make this years Summer Reading a success.

Steven's Puppets gave a successful program of Beauty and the Beast. The FBI program was well attended and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Linda Dull for finding this free program for each branch to enjoy.

Kalamazoo Employment Group continues to hold two Job Fairs each month in the library.

We will begin an Adult Read from 8/13-9/13.

We are asking for volunteer readers for 1/2 hour on Saturday mornings at 10:30 for the elementary age listeners.

Respectfully submitted,
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8/9/13