

ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORTS:

We want to thank the Branch District Board for approving the purchase of T.V. and DVD player. John and Curtis have everything set up and ready to go. I can even turn on and play DVD! John and Curtis are very patient teaching me, they are two great guys.

The Algansee Friends put on the *Halloween Geek Fest*, October 26th. Thirty-seven attended party. Jess and Erica moved all furniture out of Adult section and filled the room with games and food. Kezia put a black sheet up to take Library Geek pictures. We will have those on face book soon. Evette spent the whole morning with us and judged costumes. She decided they were all winners, all received giant candy bar. Really enjoyed Evette coming to the party.

John Shilling, a farmer in the area, donated 10 bales of straw, when party was over he told us to sell the bales and keep the money for our Friends Group, which we did. No trouble getting rid of bales of straw in this area. Friends bought hot dogs, chips, apples with caramel for dipping and of course candy and prizes for the games. Ann Ewers brought cooked hot dogs to the party from home 2 times, lots of food consumed, which is great. Everybody had a good time.

November 1st Evette came to Library for Christmas Origami class, with 8 attending. Patrons enjoyed class. We thank Evette for sharing her craft.

Walnut time is over for us. The total amount for walnuts is \$600.00, which we gave \$300.00 to Algansee Farm Boosters for helping us gather and take to processing center.

No big programs planned for November and December. We have crafts ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Clark

Algansee Branch Manager

BRONSON BRANCH REPORTS:

The Bronson Child Study Club donated a bench to the library in memory of former Bronson Branch librarian Eleanor Fowler and held a dedication with club members and a few family members present. Afterwards the club toured the library and then held their meeting in the new media center.

October was a busy month just because Lynnell and Stephanie only worked together twice the whole month. It was a vacation month for one or the other. A big thank you to Traci and Judy for helping out so that we could still have our preschool story time.

This month was also busy with fund raising projects for the Friends group. The black walnut collection saw 8,041 pounds of walnuts turned in and that raised \$1,045.33. The Make A Difference Day raised \$408.00 for books for the library. The Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner raised \$231.00. The Terri Lynn nuts are being sold now and are going quickly this year. (that's a good thing!)

We have an Origami Ornament workshop scheduled for Saturday November 16. Evette will be showing the group how to make these ornaments.

We have a movie night scheduled with a newly released movie planned and we usually get a nice size crowd when we show one of those.

Working with the other branches to plan for the Library Christmas Train, it will be another new experience so we will have bugs to work out along the way but we will have more helpers this year than ever before. Will have a lot to report on this next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell Eash

Bronson Branch Manager

QUINCY BRANCH REPORTS:

- The Quincy Branch recognized Teen Read Week in October, giving treats to any child 13-19 for any item checked out.
- Author Victoria Burlew had visitors on Saturday, Oct 26 and enjoyed refreshments and chatted about her new book, "What Nightmares are Made Of". Her second novel is due out next year.
- The Friends of the Quincy Library had a large Book Sale and is always a pretty good fundraiser.
- Evette will facilitate an Origami Christmas ornament event Tuesday, Nov. 19 after school.
- Lisa is working with other staff to make the Library Christmas Train event a success on December 7 & 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wood

Quincy Branch Manager

SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORTS:

We have had a very busy month. Besides making all of the fun Halloween decorations we have started on Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations. We are starting on holiday decorations early because we will be decorating for our first ever, holiday program.

Next week will begin advertising for our Breakfast with Santa program, which will be on Saturday, December 7th from 9 – 11 at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge. The Sherwood Fire Department will be dropping Santa off at 9:15 so that he can meet the children while they enjoy their breakfast of pancakes & sausage. After breakfast, local photographer, Denise Smith will be taking photos of the children with Santa in a sleigh. The printing for the pictures is being paid for by donations. All children will be able to come back to the Sherwood Branch and pick up their free 8x10 picture. We are asking for people to register for this program, and would love to see BDL Board members attend with their grandchildren. Space is limited, so register early!

On November 12th we had our Holiday Origami Ornament class with our Director. We had 6 people attending, from age 6 to adult. Everyone made beautiful ornaments and had a nice time.

Next Tuesday, November 19th at 5 pm, Judith Tundevold will be teaching Candle Stamping and this class is already full.

In between planning for upcoming programs, we have been busy cleaning, organizing, ordering new material, helping patrons and filling MelCat holds.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Horn

Sherwood Branch Manager

UNION BRANCH REPORTS:

- On Nov. 9, Evette helped 13 people create an Origami Christmas Decoration. (great Instructor)
- Saturday Nov. 16 the children will create snow globes.
- Nov. 23 The children will start a Picture ornament, make Christmas Cards for Veterans' and people at a Nursing Home. We will be stressing "help make someone else happy".
- Nov. 30 Finish projects, help decorate the Christmas tree.
- Anytime children come to the library, we will have items available to write to Santa, or make cards.
- Elf on the Shelf will make his debut at our library, as well.
- Santa will also make an appearance in December-take his letters with him, and also answer them!
- Our children's area will be decorated for Christmas.

Hope you all have a wonderful family celebration during Thanksgiving!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Kaniewski,

Dearth Union Twp. Branch Manager