

ALGANSEE BRANCH

The Algansee Friends sponsored our first Teen Movie Night, December 20. We had 2 teens and 4 Adults attend. Our new T.V. and DVD player worked great. Gina made a wonderful flyer for our event, I always appreciate all that Gina does for our Library! Although we didn't have many participate, all had a good time. The Algansee Friends bought pizza and drinks. The movie was *Percy Jackson :Sea of Monsters*, requested by the teens.

The patrons are still talking about the Christmas Train ride, all had a good time.

We had a couple of juvenile programs in December, reading books and crafting.

Planning programs for January and February, will be on Branch District Web site, calendar and Facebook when organized.

We have shelled black walnuts and English walnuts for sale here at Library or contact Erica Ewers. 1/2 pound bags and 1 pound bag. New fall crop 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Algansee Branch Manager

Janice Clark

BRONSON BRANCH

The Bronson Branch ended 2013 with "The Great Squirrel Hunt" in the attic of the library. Yes, two have been trapped so far. The trapper (who is doing this in payment for cake) said he would return after the holidays and set the trap again and see if he could catch any others. The township has approved for Lynnell to hire someone to go into the attic once the weather warms up a bit and repair any holes there might be that the squirrels are using to get into the attic.

After the successful Library Christmas Train we had our last Friday Tales before Christmas and had our own train set-up in the basement. The boys and girls enjoyed it and some of the children that rode the real train were there and had fun pretending with just the chairs. The children had helped decorate a Christmas tree for the library and then helped to take decorations down. We always have our daycare children from right next door come to story-time but we continue to have new families come to the program too which is very nice.

Patrons have been very happy to see that we are open again for six hours on Thursday. We make a point of telling them how we were able to get those hours and letting them know the money woes are not solved. They are very grateful to have the day back, and so is Lynnell.

2014 started off with the snow, ice, cold and a leak in the barrier free entrance addition possibly due to ice on the roof. (see it's not just Coldwater!) Ken Carpenter was the first to spot it, Brussee/Brady has been called to come look at it.

We are working on programs for 2014. This year we hope to work more with the other branch managers to help save money on some of the big programs. Gina, Pat and Lynnell will be attending a Performers Showcase on Thursday to get some ideas for special Summer Reading Club performers programs.

Goodbye 2013, Hello 2014!

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell Eash

Bronson Branch Manager

UNION BRANCH

- Dearth Union Twp. library has several items scheduled for January.
- Friday Story time for preschool children began on the 10th at 10am.
- Adult Winter Read will begin on the 15th and continue through February.
- Saturday the 11th the child will be working on a mitten craft beginning at 10:30am.
- On Saturday the 25th, the children may watch a movie.

We would like to welcome all the new Board Members, and a special thanks to Marilyn Johnson for representing Union Twp. She has done a remarkable job! She also volunteers at the Dearth Union Twp. Library on each Friday afternoon, as well.

Pat Kaniewski,

Branch Manager