

ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORT

- More patrons coming in since weather is much better.
- Always coloring and crafts ready to go for all ages.
- We have been trying to weed out some of our books, which I have a hard time letting books go.
- Erica Ewers is preparing a new Newsletter for Algansee Library, will be on web site sometime this month.
- Algansee Library now can send faxes

Respectfully Submitted

Algansee Branch Manager

Jan Clark

BRONSON BRANCH REPORT

American Red Cross presented the program, **Hands Only CPR**, last month and we had a nice write up in the paper before the program. There were several people who attended the program who were new to the library so we were very pleased they attended. This month the Red Cross will present **Disaster Preparedness for Seniors** on May 14 at 10 am. We also have six children's programs scheduled with them during our summer programming. They are very interested in getting word out to communities and were happy to find that our libraries are willing to work with them.



Adult/Teen Craft Workshops started out with the Elegant Eggs craft and the next one was the Garden Ornament Workshop. Seven people attended and at the end of the fourth week they had a mosaic stepping stone and a gazing ball, made from a bowling ball, to take home. We have received several requests to have another workshop on this same project so if you have any bowling balls just setting around the house collecting dust, throw them our way!



Friday Tales has been very active with Easter Egg hunt, Mother's day cards and one that made the kid's eyes light right up, MONEY! We started out talking about coins, who were those guys on the coin, what were the buildings on the backs and then I held up a book and asked if they knew what this was and they all said with awe in their little voices, "dollar bills!" After much preaching that the coins belong to the library and I had to give them back I was able to retrieve all the coins used for demonstration and return them to the cash register.

Evette and I attended the Early Learning Fair at Anderson Elementary and handed out information about the library, signed children up for library cards and helped children make origami pirate hats.

I presented the program at the Bronson Rotary introducing them to some of the on-line features available through Branch District Library. Most of their members did not realize these things were offered through the library for free, you just need a library card to access some of them. One lady headed straight to the library to sign-up for a library card following the program.



I attended the district Friends meeting in Sherwood where the groups were given information regarding the millage. It's always nice to visit with other groups.

Our Friends held their book sale during Spring Break. They continue with fund raising and have made several additional payments on the loan for the Media Center. They are working on the Tea and Garden Tour which will be held June 14. This is a new project that a couple new members started and they have really gotten the community and other clubs and organizations involved. It will be fun to see how it turns out.

We are preparing for end of school tours which usually start the last couple weeks of school. This year I want to show the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders the on-line features available since they have toured the building since they were in kindergarten, show them something new. We are also getting everything ready for summer reading and a busy summer full of programs and activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnell Eash
Bronson Branch Manager

QUINCY BRANCH REPORT

- The Stevens Puppets marionette show was attended by 30
- Katrina ran a craft table at the United Way Early Learning Fair held at Jennings Elementary and was able to greet many families
- Midwest Fire serviced all the fire extinguishers at the Quincy Branch April 22
- Friends of the Quincy Library are gearing up for the June Book Sale and also to help with our summer programs
- Story Hour attendance has been over 20 children, which with additional adults, fills up our table space!
- Treats will be given out to those 12 and under during Children's Book Week May 12-17
- The Quincy Chamber will again use our library front steps/lawn for the President Lincoln event, Friday, May 23 at 5:30. Visitors arrive by train and walk the short distance to our library, many are in period clothing. The Chamber has once again offered monies to fill our large urns with flowers for the occasion. Teddy Sinclair (Advisory Board President and Friends officer) volunteers her time to make the purchases and do the work. Dan & Judy Dobson (Advisory

Board Secretary) are back from their winter in the south and are already beautifying the library grounds

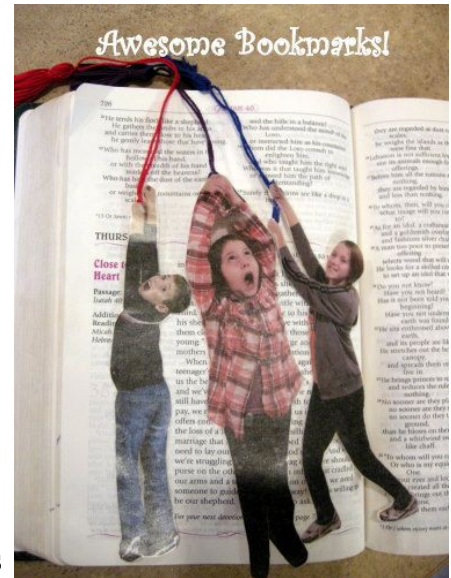
Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wood

Quincy Branch Manager

SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORT

- The weather has warmed up and the library is getting busy again. We have been busy with Story Hour, crafts and programs. Before Judy left we had a Lego Party, with crafts, a movie and lego activity centers set up. Thank you to Kids' Place for letting us borrow the Legos! We also made bookmarks for Mother's Day and had a Congratulations Party for Mrs. G (Judy).
- On April 24th we had a program on “The Truth About Paper” by Savanna Manchester. Savanna has a degree in Environmental Paper Engineering and graduated 2 days after her presentation at the Sherwood branch. We learned a lot of interesting things about paper, it's sustainability and how it is being used with the computer industry to create smaller, more flexible computer chips and how other companies, such as UnderArmor is putting this technology to use. We had 15 teens and adults attend this program and Chris from the Daily Reporter attended and asked lots of questions as well. We wish Savanna all the best as she begins her new career. We are in the process of scheduling more programs like this, with local kids who are graduating from college to share their exciting careers.
- We have several large bee hives just outside of Sherwood, and after some extensive research, I was able to contact them about doing a program for us Thursday, June 19th. They are traveling to Florida to pick up their last shipment of bees and said they would get back with me, but are definitely interested. Hopefully I will have more to report on this next month!
- We are very happy to welcome Traci Counterman to the Sherwood branch. Traci is outgoing and friendly and the patrons love her. Traci and I are planning on entering a float for the Sherwood Branch in the Sherwood Memorial Day Parade.
- I will be meeting with Judy at the Union branch to discuss doing programs together. We are both very excited and can't wait to get started!



Respectfully submitted,

Gina Horn

Sherwood Branch Manager

UNION BRANCH REPORT

- I started this new position on April 15th and am very excited to be the new manager. I am looking forward to the new challenges.
- We are working on a Mother's Day Tea for this month and will have more to report on this at a later time.
- Working on summer reading programs with two programs already scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gottschalk

Union Branch Manager