

ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORTS

I realize stats are down but as you know weather and roads have not been good. I have had some close calls out here myself.

Starting second week of February, on Fridays, we will be starting a preschool story time from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 or longer if needed. This is a new program for just preschool. I hope to have participation. Jessie is a great story teller, so we will see how it goes. We will send messages out to patrons out here and put on calendar, website and Facebook

We scheduled an Arm Knitting Program, patrons are excited to have the Program here in Algansee. February 25th is when the young lady will be here from 3:00 until 6:00.

The end of Winter Blahs contest will be held until Valentines Day. We have a guessing game for ages up to 19 and an Adult jar for names. Every time a book is taken out a name goes in jars. The best guess will win prize.

January crafts were about snowmen and winter Birds.

Lots of different programs for February already planned, will be on Branch District Calendar, Website and Facebook.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Clark

Algansee Branch Manager

BRONSON BRANCH REPORTS

- During Friday Tales we have celebrated Michigan's birthday, read a magical book where the pictures on the page seemed to change color with the touch of a finger and the children have enjoyed hearing some of our newest books read to them. A couple of the most popular so far, *I Want My Hat Back* and *The Day The Crayons Quit*.
- The first Saturday of February we hosted our *Take Your Child To The Library Day*. This is the third year this has been a nation wide celebration and the second year we have participated. The Humane Society volunteers came with two dogs, Gwen and Pugsley and a cat Esmerelda, and gave a presentation on pet care. They provided coloring books for all the children who attended and stayed the whole morning so everyone could play with the animals. We had crafts, treats and prizes for everyone who came and children got to put their name in for a chance to win a bluejeans pocket quilt at the end of the day. We had two child size quilts given to us by Nancy Stutzman and were able to do drawings for a boy and a girl. Lots of new people we had not seen before, new patrons signed up for cards, had three moms sign up as volunteers to help with programs. Signs had been posted on the doors that the library would not be a quiet place that day, so our regular Saturday patrons just laughed and had a good time too.

- Movie nights continue as does the Beat the Winter Blahs contest. (we have 77 people signed up so far!)
- I attended both the Bronson Township and Bronson City Council meetings to present a year end report. Both boards are very supportive of the library. The Bronson Township board has appointed Shirley VanDam to replace Jeanne Unterkircher on the Bronson Advisory Board.
- I've been watching the roof where we had the ice buildup last year and it had been doing ok and then wham-o, Saturday it started leaking again, same place. Luckily that was Saturday and Ken Carpenter Bronson township supervisor attended the program and our board rep Louie Uhrig was also there so they looked the problem over and Ken is contacting Brussee/Brady and the township will take care of the problem.
- Evette visited the branch and brought Melanie along to introduce and show her the different branch buildings. Welcome Mel!
- Stephanie and I have both had our Performance evaluations completed.
- Coming up: another paranormal group is coming to do a program. This group is The Demon Hunters Society, they will be here Friday February 13.
- John and I will be attending the Bronson Teacher Professional Development day on Monday February 16 to do a presentation on reference databases available through our library system.
- I will be meeting with the Bronson Community Foundation later this month to talk about community programs involving the library, schools and foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell Eash,

Bronson Branch Manager

QUINCY BRANCH REPORTS

- Thanks to those in charge of the Staff Appreciation day. The work they put in made it very nice for the staff.
- A Valentine Card-making event was held January 31.
- A Winter Blahs contest continues throughout the month of February for adults. The gift basket is provided by the Friends of the Library.
- Story Hour has resumed after taking the month of January off.
- The local NIKA Club visited the library February 10. The group is very supportive of the library with their annual auction proceeds.
- Black History Month is being promoted this month.
- Patrons are pleased that we are open Thursday's again.
- We are thankful for the Quincy Township Sexton/library janitor for his snow removal and care of our sidewalks early each morning! The Quincy Village is also very good about clearing sidewalks and snow removal from our streets.
- A capital request has been submitted for endcap display items.

SHERWOOD BRANCH

It's been kind of a whirlwind at the moment. I don't have a lot to report on as of yet. I've been working on scheduling programs for summer reading, general programs and preparing for our upcoming book discussion on March 25th. I have ordered a few movies and books and have even met some new people in our community. I will hopefully be working with them in the future as I have had three people so far express their interest in joining our friends group! I'm looking forward to this new journey at the Sherwood Branch!

Traci Counterman
Sherwood Branch Manager