

ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORT

- On February 11 we made Valentine boxes and cards. Library patrons made boxes and cards with the help of Erica and Ann Ewers. Good attendance!
- We announced our Winter Blahs contest. A goodie basket for the adult, large sketch pad with pastel crayons and a small sketch pad with multicolored pencils. The gifts were furnished by Algansee Friends.
- Arm Knitting was held on February 25. Deanna, daughter of Judy Gottschalk taught the class. Patrons had fun with it and learned very quickly how to make a cowl (infinity scarf). Deanna did a good job teaching.
- We are still weeding, making room for new books and DVDs.
- I am surprised the amount of patrons that did come in as cold as February was, but I am very glad.
- Lots of Spring crafts planned for March. Will post on calendar and web site.
- I have requested Capital Fund for a boombox, for CD, children stories.
- I brought my own CD player when i started here 10 years ago, player & radio doesn't work anymore. I also bring my own trays in when needed, I would like to have some available when needed at the Library.

Respectfully Submitted
Algansee Branch Manager

BRONSON BRANCH REPORT

Friday Tales had a Dr. Seuss Birthday program and the children are anticipating the upcoming leprechaun gold hunt. Always a fun story-time.

Started a new program late afternoons every other Wednesday for children ages 6-12. This is a book and a craft, a short book discussion and then a craft to go along with it. Evette showed up for our first one and not one child came. Seems to be tricky getting the older kids to come after school but we will keep trying and see how it goes. May try bribery!

During one of those arctic cold days when the schools were closed I took some of the children who came to the library to use computers and we went outside and blew bubbles and watched them freeze and then shatter, it really works. The day of our Family Movie they were out of school again so I offered to show the movie in the afternoon and the Lots of Tots daycare came over and we ended up with 30 kids in the afternoon and another 30 people in the evening.

Beat the Winter Blahs had 81 people join this year with 48 completing the program. Mike Duke was the winner of the goodie basket.

John and I did attend the Bronson Teacher Professional Development day to give a presentation to the Ryan School teachers on our reference databases and MEL. They were very pleased with the information we provided and Principal Heifner asked about another presentation for the entire school district teaching staff in July. We are looking into more information for this. I was also invited to attend Ryan's

parent night on March 26 to sign children up for library cards which I will be doing. Anderson Elementary has their Learning Fair and Kindergarten Roundup on the 19th and I will be there also to sign children up for cards and handout information about the library system.

The Bronson Chamber of Commerce is having a Trade Show on March 14th and both the library and our Friends group will have booths there.

Upcoming programs: Quilting the Old Fashioned Way. Fran Fletcher will be teaching this hour long workshop on how to quilt a simple potholder. March 18th. 11:00-12:00

One Book One Community: March 21st I had Red Cross coming to talk about Disaster Preparedness but got a call yesterday that due to health issues they wouldn't be sending anyone down. (well this is a disaster!) We will still hold our discussion 10:30-11:30.

Genealogy Workshop: Bonnie Sherman will lead this workshop on how to start your genealogy search. March 31st 11:00-12:00

I met with the Bronson Community Foundation and they said the library is welcome to use the theater any time it isn't booked and we can use it for free.

Update on the leaking roof: Ken Carpenter contacted Brussee/Brady and the company foreman came to look it over. He had three ideas to fix the problem and was going to talk it over with Tom Brady and then they would contact Ken. They did send the insulation company back to correct the cracked insulation in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell Eash

Bronson Branch Manager

QUINCY BRANCH REPORT

- Thanks to all the work put into Jeanne's Retirement party. She will be greatly missed.
- Adults enjoyed the "Winter Blahs" contest, the recipient was a single mother who was thrilled. Thanks to the Friends of the Quincy Library for providing the goodie basket (which included a cooking magazine, book bag, chocolates, fiction book, coffee, mug)
- Story Hour topics recently: Valentine Party, White Day, Winter Picnic, Green Day, Dr. Seuss' birthday.
- Guest readers have volunteered in the coming months.
- Many Quincy patrons have read the One Book, One County and plan to attend Quincy's book discussion on March 21, led by Jeanne Berg.
- Lisa will be judging the Altrusa "Picture Me Reading" contest later this month.
- Volunteer research is ongoing regarding a Quincy Contact paper that circulated in the early 70s. We are cross referencing old Quincy photos from this paper with our current collection.

SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORTS

- The Sherwood library has been invited to attend the Family Literacy Night at the Union City Elementary on March 19.
- The "One Book One Community" book discussion coming up on March 25 at 10am.
- Programs are being scheduled for the months of April and May.
- Aluminum Can Butterfly craft is April 15 at 11am.
- *Composting and the Benefits of Composting*, with Master Gardener Diane Hoskins, is scheduled on May 13 at 12:30pm.
- We are getting ready for our Summer Reading and are beginning to get programs put on the calendar for this as well!

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Counterman
Sherwood Branch Manager

DEARTH UNION TWP. BRANCH

The new year has started off with local writer, Suzanne Sarlls-Hartwell and her dog Monk visiting the library. Her new book *Monk: The Christmas Husky* was a big hit with the children and adults alike. A copy of her book is available at our library.

Joel Tacey once again entertained the patrons with his Winter Magical Comedy Show. A Valentine craft, snack and movie was enjoyed by many patrons.

We had the preschool children and their parents visit at the end of February. The children were very excited to visit and see to see the library. We read a book and they did a craft with their parents.

I am in the process of getting programs ready for our Summer Reading Program. I am also continuing with weeding, story hour and looking forward to our programs for the month of March.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk,
Union Branch Manager