

ALGANSEE BRANCH

- We had our One Book-One community book discussion with 4 patrons attending on March 18th. Several patrons checked the book out to read, but could not make it to discussion. The Book was "One Second After" by William Forstchen. There was a lot of interesting discussion and treats provided by our patrons.
- Our craft this month was putting together Easter eggs with materials donated by Erica and Ann Ewers. They turned out beautiful and are displayed here at the library.
- Lots of Easter and Spring books displayed around library.
- I received the new T.V. trays and CD player that I asked for through Capital Funds. Thank You!
- We had patrons that were interested in a Survival Program that we had scheduled, but Boy Scouts cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted

Janice Clark

Algansee Branch Manager

BRONSON BRANCH

- Attended the Learning Fair/Kindergarten Roundup at Anderson School and a Parent's Night at Ryan School and handed out library information and signed up 23 new library patrons for cards. Fun conversation I had with a lady: I asked her if she needed a library card and she said "Well I use the Coldwater library" I told her, "well, we are a district system and that's the same card you would use at any of the six branches" She said, "SIX?!!!" I thought there were only three!" So I pulled out a bookmark to show her all the branches, she was surprised. I asked her, "Do you use e-books? Did you know you can download e-books for free from our website with your library card?" She replied, "WHAT?!!!" Again, pointed out on the bookmark Overdrive and then went on to explain some of the other data bases available. Mango, MEL etc. She was very impressed, just had not realized all that the district offers.
- We had the Quilting workshop, the book discussion and a special egg decorating program. We also showed the movie "Unbroken" and had several people show up for the first time and since then they have been asking when the next movie night will be.
- A patron has volunteered to start a book club. One discussion group will meet in the morning and there will also be an evening group.
- Upcoming programs: Raising and Creating with Gourds April 29th and Card-making May 6.

Respectfully submitted

Lynnell Eash

Bronson Branch Manager

SHERWOOD BRANCH

- March was a hectic month, but we have gotten a lot accomplished!
- I was invited to attend the Family Literacy Night held at the Union City Elementary on March 19th where I met many new people and signed up 8 new patrons!
- The "One Book One Community" book discussion held on March 25th was unsuccessful. No one showed up for the discussion, however I did get feedback from a couple different people who said that the book was just not what they would choose to read and were unable to "get into it."
- Steve Foster got back with me about setting up some summer reading programs partnering with the Branch County Sheriff Department. I will keep you updated as I find out specific dates and times.
- I was able to attend the MLA Spring Institute on the 26th and 27th of March. It was a great workshop! I came back with a lot of valuable information that I will be able to apply here at the library!
- April will be just as busy. Tuesday the 14th, we are doing "Crafting With Duct Tape" for all ages. On the April 15th we are doing "Pop Can Butterflies" however, we are limiting this to ages to 15 and older.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Counterman
Sherwood Branch Manager

QUINCY BRANCH

- Lisa participated as a judge in the Altrusa "Picture Me Reading" contest recently
- Our Book Discussion for "One Second After" was facilitated by Jeanne Berg. She did a wonderful job with 11 in attendance.
- Story Hour had a Spring/Easter Party complete with an egg hunt indoors; other recent topics were – Green Day, weather/spring. Guest reader Rhonda Artist (wife of Quincy Community Schools Superintendent) enjoyed the children, as they did her.
- National Library Week was full of events for all ages:
 - Free books for Story Hour children
 - Stevens Puppets performed to an audience of 46
 - Local author/Jennings Elementary art teacher, Laura Loveberry book signing and caricature drawings
- Diana Lutz shared her Migrating Birds program.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Wood
Quincy Branch Manager

UNION TWP. BRANCH

- March has been a very busy month at our branch. Besides planning the summer reading program we are in the early stages of planning our next Pine Wood Derby. The Friends of the Library are in the process of buying a pine wood derby track. They are also discussing the possibility of having all the branches participating in their own derby and having a run-off for the winners at our library. I will keep you posted on the derby.
- Gene Wasserman, member of the Michigan Bluebird Society, gave a presentation of identifying and attracting song birds to our backyards. Many patrons were on hand for the presentation and they were able to build a nest-box or a feeder for their own back yards. This program is well received and also sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- On Thursday, March 19th I attended Family Literacy Night at the Union City Elementary School. I am happy to report that I signed up twenty new patrons. Some of these new patrons have already visited the library and checked out books. Four patrons attended our One Book One Community book discussion on *One Second After*. Even though we had a small group, the discussion was very lively.
- I visited the local preschool at the Community Unlimited building three times this month. Besides reading them a book, the kids either color a picture or make a small craft. I enjoy the little kids and they sure enjoy me coming.
- I also have visited the Community Unlimited After School program. The kids enjoyed a book and making an Easter basket out of disposable mac and cheese containers.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gottschalk

Union Twp. Branch Manager