

### **Algansee Branch**

Our first Summer Reading for July was presented by Dynamic West, "Rock and Roll Heroes". We had 8 patrons; lots of fun music. The program was held inside the library because of rain.

Our second program was presented by Joel Tacey, "Extreme Duck Tape Workshop". This program was the most fun. The patrons made billfolds, bookmarks and small purses.

We had a beautiful day outside with 31 patrons attending. One of our young adult patrons made a really nice necktie and eye patch to match. The Algansee Friends provided lots of treats and drinks. We posted lots of pictures on Facebook. Joel was lots of fun and energetic; we all enjoyed him.

We have a new member in our Algansee Friends group. She has been a lot help with our book sale and preparing for end of Summer Reading Party. We are very happy to have her join us.

Curtis brought our AED to Library. We do not have a wall space for the container, but I have a shelf not too far from my computer to store it. The big signs are posted to alert folks where it is.

I will have information on the end of Summer Reading party in next month's report.

Summer Reading sign-up 51. 10-Adults, 9-Young Adults and 18 children finished.

Respectfully Submitted  
Algansee Branch Manager

### **Bronson Branch**

Busy, busy, busy! The Summer Reading Club ended July 28<sup>th</sup>. We had 271 children join, 216 completed, 77 teens joined, 7 completed, 43 adults joined, 16 completed.

Each child completing the program received a certificate, passes to the fair, McDonald's Happy Meal ticket, Little Ceasear's Crazy Bread Sticks Coupon, Free Ice Cream cone coupon, \$2.00 Ye Olde Book Shoppe coupon, stickers, doorknob hanger and they got to pick a prize from the showcase.

Teens received a \$5.00 gift certificate from Smitty's Pizza, \$2.00 coupon from Ye Olde Book Shoppe, Free Ice Cream Cone and a light-up Frisbee.

Adults received a book bag, a \$5.00 gift certificate from Smitty's Pizza, \$2.00 coupon from Ye Olde Book Shoppe and Free Ice Cream Cone.

The Masonic Temple once again gave eight bicycles for third through sixth grades grand prizes and then gave us leftover money to help purchase other prizes. I was able to go to Walmart and purchase four more bikes for first and second grade grand prizes. We had other donations to purchase grand prizes for kindergarten, preschool and baby.

This was the first year we worked with the school system and we learned from this first year and I think they did too. Looking forward to working with them again during next years program. As I've said before, this was a very fun theme, everyone had a great time with it.

Now working on our fall schedule.

### **Quincy Branch**

The Quincy Township and the Village are continuing to better the handicap situation at the library. Options are being discussed to improve or change the two parking spots we currently have.

Due to Branch County Fair commitments of some board members, the Quincy Advisory Board will be meeting one week later on Wednesday, August 19 at 9 am.

94 of the 160 children PreK – high school met their reading goal this summer, as well as many more parents enjoying reading again for pleasure.

McDonald's, Sunset Cove, Friends of the Quincy Library as well as other small donations helped make this year's summer reading program a great experience for the children.

Friends of the Quincy Library will have a booth during Quincy Daze on Saturday, August 22 to share old Quincy photos, as well as sell their goods.



### **Sherwood Branch**

Things in Sherwood are winding down after summer reading and getting back to normal. We've decided to do an Adult reading program once the kids are back in school that will begin on September 14. The adults are really looking forward to this.

ABC Mouse has been a huge hit for our branch - the kids are really enjoying it!

We have a program coming up on the 18th of August, "Essential oils 101" - with Kayla. I'm excited about this as are many of our patrons.

Currently we are again in contact with entertainer, Joel Tacey, as we are putting together a Halloween program for the kids, (tentatively scheduled for October 27.) I've gotten the okay from the Sherwood Village Council to do some fun things at the library for Halloween. Chris and I are thinking about giving our branch a "haunted twist." Hopefully we will figure something out with the small space we have to work with - we are creative! More to follow as we get closer to the dates!

Traci Counterman - Sherwood branch manager

### **Union Branch**

What a busy and exciting month this was with our summer reading program. We started off the month with a Super Hero Dress Up Day. Super Heroes were in and out all day long. Our heroes were able to make a super hero mask or a super hero megaphone and super snacks were offered to all patrons.

The one and only Joel Tacey entertained our patrons with Joel's Super Caper Magical Comedy Show. Some of the books he used during the program were "Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy," "The Mighty Avengers," and "Batman: Feline Felonies".

Our patrons enjoyed an evening with our Local Hero Night. We had our local fire department, police department and Branch County K9 unit here. The kids enjoyed being able to get into the police car, using the big fire hose to spray the grass and trees and spending time with Angie the K9 dog.

Steven's Puppets presented "Beauty and the Beast" to over 66 adults and children. The kids not only enjoyed the show but were able to ask questions about the puppets. I would like to thank Dearth Friends of the Library who sponsored this program.

Local author Lori Cole had a book signing at our library for her new published book "Braiding My Own Rope".

A program on Michigan fossils from WMU was well received by young and old. They were able to examine and touch the fossils. They were also able to pick out a rock to take home with them.

The library was a buzz with the sound of sewing machines as Ms J.J. Gauss presented a program where the young girls and one young man tried their hand at learning how to use a sewing machine. Each child was able to make a bookmark with fabric and a button that they were able to take home with them. After finishing their bookmark they wanted to make more so I am inviting J.J. back for a Halloween sewing project.

We finished up our Summer Reading program with prizes, a bag full of goodies for each child, umbrella and backpack for each adult and of course snacks that the kids enjoyed. We had 66 patrons signed up for the program and 50 patrons who completed the program. I am very pleased with the numbers this year.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Gottschalk

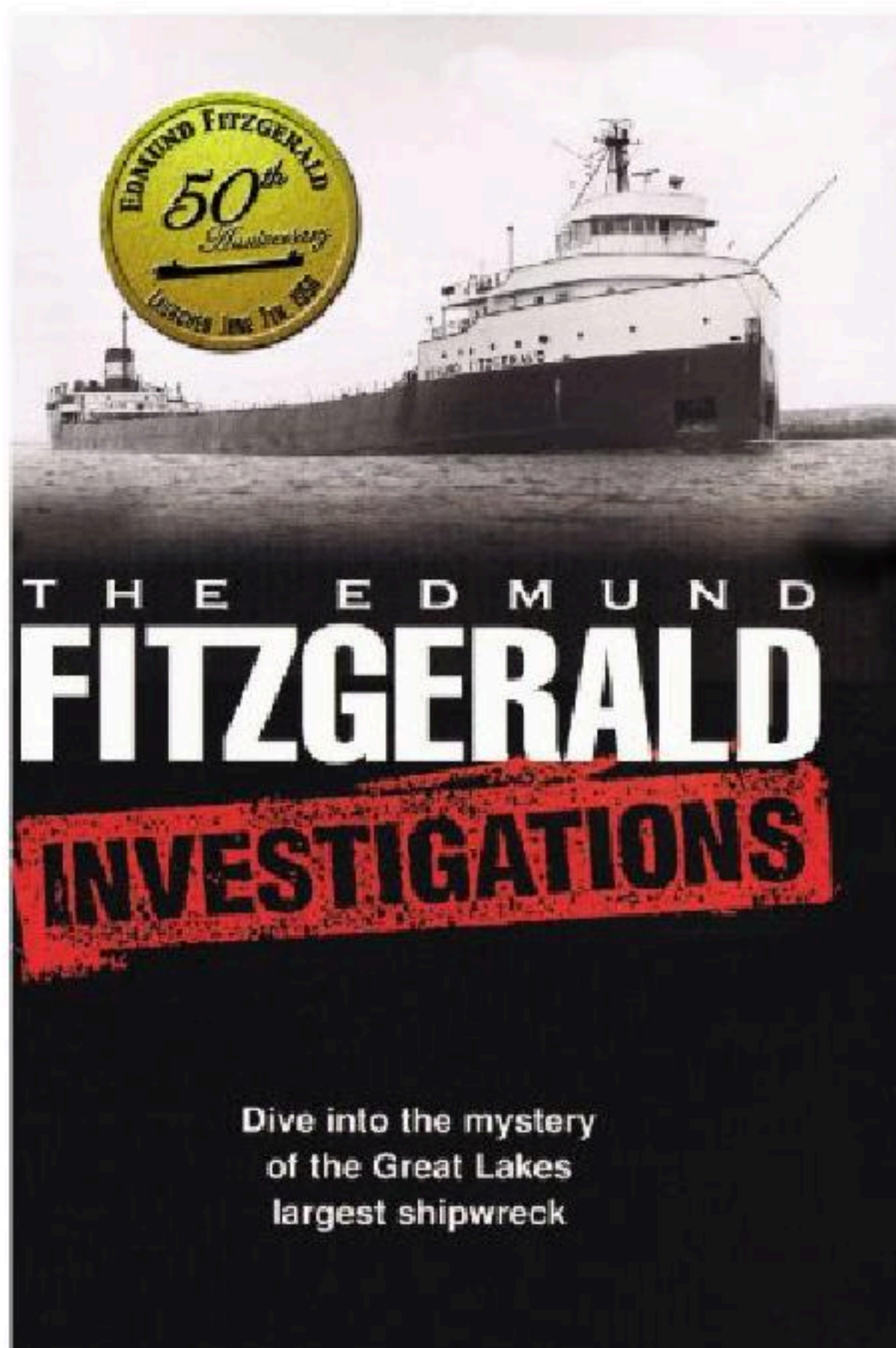


# Mark your calendars for September 22, 2015



Ric is one of only a handful of people who have actually dove the shipwreck, — This lecture uses video to showcase not only the building of the ship, but also theories involved in the sinking. He shares rare interviews with Coast Guard officials, Jean Michel Cousteau and others who have braved Superior's icy depths to look for answers.

It has been said that more people learn about Great Lakes history from Ric Mixer than from any other source. He's written and produced over 30 programs on shipwrecks for PBS, The Outdoor Channel and the Vision Network. Ric has also been featured as a shipwreck expert on the Discovery Channel and History Channel, diving over 100 shipwrecks including the Edmund Fitzgerald. A dynamic, energetic speaker, Ric loves to share his knowledge and underwater video!



## Quincy Friends of the Library presents Ric Mixer

*The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations*

Tuesday,  
September 22, 2015

6:30 pm

at the

Quincy United Methodist Church  
32 W. Chicago Street, Quincy







