

ALGANSEE BRANCH

- We have been Fall cleaning shelves and sorting books as we go through the shelves and weeding books to make room for new.
- I bought country pumpkins for patrons to decorate to set around the library for fall decorations. All ages enjoy this craft.
- We started our Needlecraft series Saturday Oct 3rd, 7 patrons attended. There was lots of crocheting, laughing and visiting.
- Algansee will be having the Needlecraft series through February. Next month, November 7th we will be knitting a washcloth or scarf, all of the supplies are provided. The lady(patron) who is instructing classes volunteered to help with these projects and is very good about helping everybody.
- Kimberly from IT Department at the Coldwater Branch helped us with getting the flyers out, which we appreciate. Gina, John and Curtis are all there when we need them also.

Respectfully Submitted

Algansee Branch Manager

BRONSON BRANCH

- Staff and patrons said good-bye to Stephanie Davis when she retired at the end of September. She received many hugs and warm wishes that afternoon. The District Library placed ads in local papers and on-line and we have started taking applications to find a new clerk for the Bronson Branch.
- Our “Get Crafty” evenings have become a monster hit. We started out limiting the number of attendees to 15 but due to popular demand up it to 20 and are still ending up with a waiting list each session. This is before we have even advertised it other than word of mouth! Monica Carpenter and I are discussing doing two nights each session so that we can get everyone in. We have added several new library patrons because of these events and it has really gotten the library out in the community, seems like everyone is talking about the Bronson Branch right now and in a good way!
- Monica also helped start a book discussion and we had 5 people attend the first one. Our next discussion will be November 12 at 6:00 p.m and the book is Nicholas Sparks True Believer. Positive feedback so far on this program too.
- Movie night patrons were excited to hear about the popcorn popper we will be getting. I have a young man who has volunteered to help work the machine and handout popcorn and water.

- Branch County Fiber Arts group will start meeting at Bronson for monthly meetings. This will give us a chance to push our fiber craft books and hopefully increase their circulation plus, it will bring a whole new group of people into the building.
- The Bronson Police have looked into the video of the vandalism and reported back that the young man who lived in the area has moved to parts unknown. They will continue to monitor the activity around the library especially after hours.
- Working on ordering new books and movies, withdrawing items and a fall/winter schedule.

Sincerely, Lynnell Eash
Bronson Branch Manager

SHERWOOD BRANCH

- The month of September flew by! We are now a couple of week into our Fall-Adult Reading program. Roughly ten people have signed up. I will continue to sign people up throughout the month of October as it runs through November 3rd.
- I've been lucky to have some really great help from volunteers lately.
- The Sherwood library is "spooky" and we're looking forward to the trick-or-treaters on Halloween!
- October 7th will begin the weekly LapTime-Story Time program and I'm really looking forward to it!
- Our numbers for the "Tween Crafts" on Thursdays are continuing to grow and the Art classes that Ms. Barnes is offering on Tuesday afternoons is proving to be a great success again this year!

Until next month -

Sincerely,
Traci Counterman
Sherwood Branch Manager