

Alganssee Branch

- December was a busy month here at Alganssee. We had three Adult crafts, which included Wooden snowmen hats, wreaths and knitting a scarf. Seven Adults showed up for each class which is good for our Library.
- We had 1 Young Adult program with a movie and pizza which also had 7 teens come for this. Jessie had another movie scheduled but cancelled because of school activities.
- Busy ordering new books, DVDs and books on CD for all ages.
- The program we have planned for this month is Snowman Morning on Saturday January 16th, everybody is welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Clark

Alganssee Branch Manager

Bronson Branch

- After a very quiet December it's been good to see business picking up in January. People have been happy with the added hours and I'm sure they will be pleased with the extra materials we can purchase and the programs we will be adding.
- Katelyn Schwartz started work on January 5 and is currently learning the ropes of working the circulation desk. She will be helping with book orders (teen) and programing for the preschoolers and school age children.
- Programs so far for 2016 – Get Crafty, Monthly Book Discussion, This From That crafts, Friday Night Family Movie, Saturday Date Night Movie, Friday Tales (preschool storytime), Adult Coloring Club and Teen Night (games, movies, book talks, to name a few). Our Beat the Winter Blahs will start on the 19th and run for 6 weeks. We will also be celebrating “Take Your Child To The Library” on the first Saturday of February.
- Enjoying the new dvd cleaning machine and everyone is loving the popcorn popper!

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Bronson Branch Manager

Quincy Branch

- Story Hour and Jennings parents enjoyed Jennings Elementary 3rd graders visiting the library to give a short concert.
- A craft table was offered during the Christmas holiday/school break. Children filled our Children’s Room and took home paper snowflakes of all designs.

- Patrons are pleased with our new 2016 hours and to hear of our increased book budget
- Bonnie Sherman of the Heritage Room will offer a Genealogy Workshop on Sat. Jan. 16
- Friends of the Quincy Library have purchased a new copier for the library, so as to run their quarterly newsletter. Solutions of Southwest Michigan is the same company servicing a few of our other branches with copiers.
- A Valentine card workshop will be offered in late January and early February.

Lisa Wood

Quincy Branch Manager

Sherwood Branch

Greetings and Happy New Year!

- The Sherwood Branch library has expanded its open hours and we couldn't be happier! The extended hours have given us the opportunity to reach out a little further into our communities. Beginning January 19th, I will begin making weekly trips to the Union City Elementary school to read to the preschoolers, since the Sherwood kids attend Union City schools, it's a win-win! I'm looking forward to meeting new people and sharing information about all of the wonderful things our Branch District Library system, as a whole, has to offer!
- We are still doing free art classes on Tuesday's with Kathy and continue to have a steady group of participants!
- "Tween crafts" are every Thursday
- I have been in contact with a local author (Grand Rapids area) and am currently waiting to get dates and times of his availability. I'd love to have him here at our little Branch to discuss his books while doing some book signings as well!

Best regards

Traci Counterman

Sherwood Branch Manager

Dearth Union Twp. Branch

- December was a busy month with activities. Preschoolers are so excited this time of year and this year was no exception as I visited their classroom with fun books and a craft. They invited me to their Christmas program for their parents and that was so much fun to watch them sing songs they have learned this year. I also was honored to once again visit the Community Unlimited elementary after school program where the kids listened to a story about a gingerbread man and then made their own gingerbread houses.
- New this year, was a craft where kids made Christmas cards for their parents, grandparents or whomever they wanted to make a card for. They were asked to also make a card for a patron of our library that could not always make it in to the library during this cold season. The kids had a

ball and I have received quite a few calls from the patrons who received the cards stating how surprised they were that the kids of the library thought of them.

- Thanks to Linda and Julia for their work on bringing the Winter Fables to Tibbits. It was a great program and my patrons loved not only the program but seeing Santa and winning a book.
- Our 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa was a great success. Breakfast was served to over 300 community members and workers. Besides each child visiting with Santa they also received a goodie bag and a 5×7 picture as a keepsake. We are in the planning stage for next years breakfast. The breakfast was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- I have had a wonderful year with so many great programs and I am looking forward to another great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gottschalk

Manager Union Township Library

