

ALGANSEE BRANCH

The knitting program for January was knitting in the round with 6 patrons attending. The whole process was to much for me, but other patrons seemed to catch on. The patron that taught class was very good at explaining the procedure, but I am just not a knitter in the round, I enjoyed knitting the scarf. I have scheduled 3 programs so far for Summer Reading. We have been ordering books to go with the theme of Summer Reading for all ages. Our Algansee clerk is planning crafts for Spring and Summer. We have had several unscheduled programs with children coming in with their parents and everybody joins in. These kind of programs seem to work out better than the programs I schedule. We have crafts and coloring pages ready all the time. Lots of coloring pages hung up everywhere in Library! Our Book Discussion for the "One Book One Community"" Rocket Boys" by Homer Hickman Jr. is Thursday March 10th at 9:00 a.m. The patrons from Algansee that are reading the book have requested this early time so they can be here. Everybody is welcome. I am enjoying the book, hate to admit lots of things mentioned in book happened when I was young!!! Respectfully Submitted

Jan Clark

Algansee Branch Manager

BRONSON BRANCH

2016 programs are being enjoyed by many. Coloring Club for Adults has taken off and we have had several people come regularly and others come when they can. We purchased a Keurig system and it is getting lots of use during our programs.

The first Teen Club was very successful. Steve talked with those in attendance and they said they would like to meet twice a month. He plans to have some activities at each one, games, crafts set out for them to do but then also something special, a movie, a book talk, during Teen Tech week a brush bot battle. We hope to draw more of the teens into the library with the Teen Club and then expand teen programming.

The first Saturday of February we once again celebrated Take Your Child To The Library Day, our third time doing this. This year we had a great dinosaur display in the showcase and a table with coloring pages, downstairs were more coloring pages, crafts, storytelling, library bingo and games. Kimberly was there to share the new tech additions being offered by Branch District Library and Heritage Room volunteer Walt Lane was there to demonstrate our new microfilm reader/printer and talk to folks about Bronson history and genealogy. Children attending got to put their names in for drawings for donated blue jeans comforters. Bookbags, stickers and bookmarks were handed out to everyone in the door. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff for helping.

I attended the Bronson Township meeting in February. The front steps of the library have been cracking and sinking over the past couple years and the township has made plans to have those repaired in the spring. They also looked at several other areas of the building that might need maintenance in the near future and took that into consideration during their budget planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell Eash
Bronson Branch Manager

QUINCY BRANCH

Bonnie Sherman of the Heritage Room offered a Genealogy Workshop on Sat. Jan. 16 with 11 attending.

A Valentine card workshop was offered Saturday, Feb. 6 with 8 attending.

An adult "Winter Blahs" contest is running through the month of February. Adults get an entry for every book they return. Friends of the Library have offered a nice goodie basket.

Story Hour children received a hard lesson as one of their friends needed a couple stitches after running in the library and making contact with the wooden corner of a display case (above the eyebrow).

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.

SHERWOOD BRANCH

The month of January has been great! Our patrons have expressed much appreciation in regards to the increase of hours and the availability of services we are able to provide them because of it. So again, Thank you! Art classes continue to be popular on Tuesdays as well as "Tween crafts" on Thursdays. We have started ordering our Summer Reading materials and have a couple of programs lined up as well.

Sincerely,

Traci Counterman
Sherwood Branch Manager

UNION BRANCH

In January things have slowed down a bit and I was able to accomplish to start booking programs for this year. As of now we have many wonderful programs booked for this year.

Thank you to the board for adding hours to all the branches. Many of my patrons are excited with the extended hours. My adult patrons are now participating in a reading program for February. They are also happy to see more programs for them this year.

I have started attending preschool again on Wednesdays. The kids are so sweet and are ready for me to come in to their classrooms. I had three programs this month about bears, catching snowflakes, and the groundhog. What fun we had with a craft for each program.

I also had my January meeting with the after school program with Community Unlimited. My community promotions clerk was in attendance. She read a book to them and then both of us helped with a craft of making ice cream skiers. We are both looking forward to next month.

Our story time at this time is very slow. Most of our preschoolers from last year are now in school and we are trying to promote our story time to hopefully increase our number from one child.

Many interesting things are happening this February at this library. Will give an update next month.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Gottschalk Manager