



February started off with 21 adults signing up for our Read Away the Winter Blues Contest. Three gift baskets and two board games were awarded at the end of the month to those adults who completed the contest. Winners of the gift baskets were Jim Robinson, Barbara Brott, and Danielle Killey. The board games winners were Janice Major and Sue Adolph. All other readers were awarded a bag of M & M's which many enjoyed eating right a way.

We had a great turnout for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Preschool Visit to the library. Thirty-five preschoolers and parents attended the program on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The children enjoyed touring the library, hearing a book, and making a craft with their parents. Treats were provided and each child took home a goodie bag with a coloring book, a book about the library, and our bookmarks so the parents know the hours we are open.

Our Valentine Party was not a great success as I think the weather was just too cold for the little ones to come to the Library. The two children who attended enjoyed a story, a craft, and most especially frosting their own cookies.

As this is the Chinese Year of the Monkey my Community Promotions aide enjoyed visiting the Community Unlimited After School program. All children were able to make their own Monkey Drum in honor of the Chinese New Year.

March is turning out to be another busy month for us. On Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 we will be hosting a Premiere Party for the third book in the series "Ghost Canyon". Many local residents are featured in this book. I would like to personally invited each board member to this premiere.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gottschalk

Branch Manager



## BRONSON BRANCH

- We've been doing some weeding at Bronson, clearing out items to make room and moving things around. Patrons seem to be pleased with some of the changes made so far.
- Bowling ball to garden ornament workshop was a big success again. A lot of responses to the posts on our Facebook page. We have two more months of the Get Crafty program planned and then we will stop for the summer since so many people are busy but we do hope to start up again in the fall.
- Beat the Winter Blahs Contest ended with 41 people participating this year and 31 completing the program. A little girl from the daycare next door drew the winning name from all those who finished and the winner was presented with a goodie basket filled with warm cozy items.
- This month we will attend and have a table at the Bronson Business Fair, Anderson Elementary School's Kindergarten Roundup and Ryan Elementary School's In The Spotlight night to promote the library and the many resources offered through our District Library services.
- One Book, One Community book discussion of "Rocket Boys" will be held Thursday March 17, Steve Watson will be leading the discussion. On Saturday March 19 we will show the movie adaptation "October Sky" at 6:00 p.m.
- Extra programs we have had or will be having in the next month are Learning to Hand Quilt, Essential Oils, Beginning Canning and Card-making.
- The Friends of the Bronson Library will be hosting the District Friends Meeting on April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bronson Branch Manager

## QUINCY BRANCH REPORT

- 36 adults participated in our February Winter Blahs contest. 107 books were read by them during the month.
- Jeanne Berg led a book discussion on March 12 on "Rocket Boys" by Homer Hickam Jr. with 5 in attendance, refreshments served by Bonnie Frick.
- We are offering a Napkin Roses Workshop on Sat. March 19 for all ages
- Capital request of \$1288.81 from Demco
- Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 pm. Matthew Ball performs Ragtime, Boogie-woogie & Blues piano favorites from the Swingin' era of the 20s, 30s & 40s. This event will be held in the Quincy United Methodist Church.

- The Quincy Branch will be celebrating National Library Week with giveaways the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Wood

Quincy Branch Manager