



### ***Algansee Branch Reports:***

Our Summer Reading sign-up started up June 3rd. We had 17 Adults, 10 Young Adults and 31 Juvenile sign-up, all but 6 Juveniles completed.

On June 16 Dynamic School Assemblies presented Animals Around the World. This was our most attended program with 45 patrons. On June 29th Lori Fithan presented Drummunity. She brought drums from all over the world, We only had 12 attend, but everybody had a great time.

Along with planning for programs I ordered lots of new books and DVD,s for all ages.

in July Dynamic School Assemblies presented Shake, Rattle & Roll, which 20 patrons attended. Several Amish stopped to listen to the music. All enjoyed.

The Summer Reading Program ended July 26th. Our Summer Reading Party, presented by our Algansee Friends was Saturday July 30th. We had 45 in attendance. We gave out bags with school supplies and McDonald's \$5.00 gift cards to Young Adults from the Algansee Friends. Water bottles with Read printed on them, reading papers, all kinds of school bags, frisbees's, jump ropes and much more from promotion money from Branch District Library. McDonald's provided us with Free Happy Meals and coupons for a free dessert or Smoothie. Last but not least Branch County Fair provided coupons for patrons for a one-day parking pass, one free ride pass, Fair coloring Book and Free Pass for Amphitheater ticket for ages 2-12. The Algansee Friends provided water and Fruit snacks.

The Algansee Friends also held a Book Sale. Erica Ewers with the help of her parents Ron & Ann Ewers held the book sale in her garage, which I really appreciate. Norma Wirtz, a patron also helped. We might have another Book Sale this fall, will advertise if we do. Since we do not have room or what the weather will be here at Library it is so nice to have in a nice garage.

Our new Director Linda Lyshol has been here every Wednesday to visit, a very nice lady. She has already helped me with a few concerns I had.

The Algansee Library has been scraped and painted, looks very nice. The owners plan more work outside and inside.

Any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted

Algansee Branch Manager

## ***Bronson Branch Reports:***

The summer has been a flurry of activity here in Bronson. We were very very busy with kids coming in to use the computers back in June but then once the community Parks program and Youth Center programs started our kid use dropped. We did get them back around 3 in the afternoon each day so glad we had our Crafts and Tween & Teen programs scheduled for later in the day.

The Noon movies have been very popular again this year due in part to the heat I think. We will continue with movies through August 17<sup>th</sup> and then start our evening movies in September.

We have had our Legoland (basement) open a few times and are going to try to open it on Tuesdays and Thursdays when Steve is able to go downstairs to watch over it and the computers. Once school starts the plan is to have it and the computers open 3:00-5:30 each day unless there are special programs or meetings. This has been very popular with all ages.



Summer Reading Club! We had 181 children sign-up for the club and 121 completed it. Masonic Lodge donated 8 bikes again this year and also gave \$130 to help purchase other prizes. The kids who completed the club read a total of 4,080 books this summer! Our Teen Club had 17 join and 6 complete, Adult Club 28 joined and 13 completed. As of Tuesday August 9 all but a few have picked up their certificates and prizes.



We had a lot of fun with the special entertainment programs this summer. Joel Tacey, always a big hit with all ages, Wanda & Wendall (puppeteer) had us all laughing, exotic animals were very interesting and some a little spooky, we danced to the Rock n' Roll program and used the Community Theater for our Star Lab program.

It's been wonderful having Linda L visit each week and we were able to attend the Matteson Township meeting together to give and gather some info for the Friends group.

Carole Maddox, who was branch manager here in Bronson for 33 years, passed away July 18. Her family will be purchasing a tree in her memory to be placed on the south side of the library. They also want to help with a bookcase for the local history books. We have received several donations requesting books be purchased in Carole's memory too.

The Bronson Community is getting ready to celebrate 150 years of Bronson. We have had people bringing in photos and memorabilia for this event in September. We hope to have a nice display set-up to give folks another reason to visit the library.

***Quincy Branch Reports:***

The Quincy Friends group had their first meeting since the passing of President Carol Brown. They group runs well and has purchased a nice, steel bike rack in Carol's memory. There was discussion of any ways to help make our building better for handicap access, but this was recently upgraded by the Quincy Township and Village. The Friends will be in the Quincy Park Saturday, August 27 during the Quincy Daze festivities.

The Summer Reading Program ended at Quincy on July 30. 150 Pre-K through adults participated in the reading program, with 83 completing the program.

The Friends of the Library offer a free book to each child that has completed the program. Children receive a Goodie Bag with fair tickets, as well as coupons from McDonald's, Little Caesar's and other treasures.

McDonald's provided a Kindle for the Middle and High School age to win. The Friends offer prizes to Quincy Dairy Queen, NCG Cinemas, and a Meijer gas card for the adult contest. Prizes were donated by Sunset Cove and Swallow's Nest Bookstore also.

Craft tables are offered in the Children's Room throughout the summer, with the current activity being on the Olympics.

The next Advisory Board meeting has been moved to Wednesday, August 17 at 9 am, which is one week later than usual, due to some board members working at the Branch County Fair.

***Dearth Union Twp. Branch Reports:***

July was a very busy month at the library. From racing cars to the end of the summer reading program, it was a blast.

Our Pine Wood Derby was part of Union City's Sesquicentennial celebration this year. 30 derby cars were entered this year. Thanks to Jim Madden, our announcer, who not only gave us a wonderful running commentary of the race but also brought in a crowd of spectators to see what was happening under the tent. After the smoke cleared 3 adults and 3 children were awarded trophies for their winning cars.

We welcomed Karen Czarnik, storyteller and musician, for a wonderful program which was held at the middle school. Over 86 adults and students were entertained by her with the story "The Tortoise and the Hare". The children were able to participate in Fun-O-lympic games in honor of the Olympics this summer.

102 children and adults enjoyed a program from Dynamic West called "Shake, Rattle, and Roll". The elementary gym was rocking with participants dancing, clapping, twisting, and rocking in this fun energizing show.

Lastly, we ended the month with the Summer Reading Program party. I was very pleased with our numbers this year. We had 68 children and adults signed up and 48 completed the program. Our Friends of the Library donated money for the prizes. Each child was able to pick out a prize and also received a goody bag to take home with them. Each adult was able to take home a goody bag and four prizes were awarded. Looking forward to next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Gottschalk