



Alganssee Branch Report

The Internet with new tower is still running great. We haven't gotten any error messages for slow service! We have a lot of Holiday crafting going on every Saturday in December. Come in and join us, everyone is welcome to attend.

Linda Lyshol has been visiting weekly, I am always glad to see her. Both Mr & Mrs. Lyshol attended our Alganssee Friends meeting, we were very happy to have them attend.

We are getting ready for a new year.

We wish you all a Happy and safe Holiday season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alganssee Branch Manager

Bronson Branch Report

The past month has been busy with programs! *Preschool Storytime, Kidz Crew, Tween & Teen Club, Adult Coloring am & pm, Get Crafty and Family Movie Night.* All the programs have been well attended now that the weather outside is frightful.

One afternoon last week saw every computer in use with a two hour waiting list and all the chairs in the library were filled. People were checking out and Steve had a *Teen Club* program going in the basement. Wish every day would be like that!

During Christmas Break we will be showing family friendly movies at noon December 20,21,22 & 28. We also have an Interactive Puppet show on Tuesday December 27 and Joel Tacey will be here with his *Wacky Winter Comedy Show* on Thursday December 29.

Steve is working on a weekly program for homeschoolers which will start mid-January. Once we get the third part-time person we have plans for daily after-school activities downstairs.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2017.

Adult Programming December 2016



December Display Case: This month's display case features Santas drawn by Derik Reichhart.

November Display Case: The Skookum Dolls were from the private collection of the Bechkhusen Family .



Make a Fall Wreath: Staff member Loretta Sherfield taught the basics of wreath making and how to make ribbon and burlap roses to decorate the wreath. Each participate made one wreath to take home and enjoy.

Black and White Photography: Dennis James presented a photography workshop on black and white photography and making digital photos look like film.



Canvas Painting Class: Loretta Sherfield taught two acrylic painting classes featuring a winter scene. The class was repeated due to demand.

Bataan Death March: Larry Martin's program on the Bataan Death March was cancelled due to illness.





Christmas Craft Contest: Patrons made Christmas themed items from old books, magazines and newspapers. There were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners who received a cash prize.

Victorian Christmas Scrap Art Craft: Diane Hoskins made Christmas ornaments from cotton batting and scrap art reflective of the 1880 to 1912-time period. These ornaments are on display on the





First of all, I want to thank the staff for all their help and assistance as I transitioned to this new position over the past few months. It has been a whirlwind talking to staff, collecting information through surveys, and my own personal observations to help identify areas for improvement and continued success at BDL.

Over the last few months I have been busy!

- Attending service clubs' meetings with the Director to introduce ourselves and present all the great things BDL has to offer for the community.
- Working on internal procedures and policy that will provide guidance to all staff who are working with patrons daily.
- Provided evaluations for staff and will continue to work on these in order to catch up some staff members who have not had evaluations for quite some time.
- Evaluating the Reference Collection specifically at the Coldwater Branch and creating a resource sheet for all staff to assist patrons.
- Attended with Linda Lyshol and Lynnell Eash an event at Anderson Elementary in Bronson. This was an opportunity to provide information about the library as well as the digital services BDL offers for non-English speakers.
- Identifying community events across the district that BDL can have a presence for 2017.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Decorating Committee of the Coldwater Branch which consisted of Brandi Killian, Loretta Sherfield, and LuAnn Watson, that turned Coldwater into a festive and welcoming space. Also any staff who held a ladder, wrapped a present, or created ornaments for the tree, your hard work has been appreciated both by patrons and staff.



Traveling Tales: Russia

On Saturday, November 19, we hosted 16 children and their families with an exploration of Russia through the generosity of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club. John Rucker, shared the language, scenes from his time in the country and other interesting tidbits. Miss Linda read the Patricia Polocco version of Baba Yaga with Miss Julia playing the part of Baba Yaga. The children were served fresh Borscht (beet soup), Russian teacakes and a variety of Russian sweets. They also had Chai tea to drink. For their art project, they made a drawing in the style of Marc Chagall. And for a very special take home gift, they received a coloring book of Russian dolls. We look forward to March when we plan to explore Ireland with special guest Stephen Flavin.



Plant Magic with Farmer Kate: The conclusion to our Harry Potter Book Club.

We had a disappointing turnout for the last of our series of Saturday Harry Potter events. However, Farmer Kate did a magnificent job with all the neat activities she brought to us. We painted with Indian Poke berry juice. We explore the uses of burdock (the idea for Velcro came from it) and nettles. We sniffed and tasted Burdock pasties, ate Burdock leaf scrambled eggs with a violet pudding. Farmer Kate also shared a variety of yummy jams made from berries found



in our local area.



Bob Tharp: Books & DVD's
Rachel Everline: Books
Tina Waller: Snacks
Mikayla Everline: Russian Teacakes
John Rucker: Russian presentation
Peter Dull: Russian cookies & candy
Steve Kasperski: Books & Cookies Santa
Julie Bucklin: Books and Cookies with Santa photography

Spreading the Word: Taking Early Literacy Messages to the Streets Webinar: Linda attended this webinar with Kimberly. Lots of great ideas and information were presented. Now if we only had the time to find partners and get "er done!



Home School Adventures had a blast with our exploration of the Arkansas state dance, Square Dancing. With the generous use of the Fulmer State Farm Insurance building's basement, we had a wonderful afternoon of fun and learning. Miss Linda did the state presentation and made us some sweet rice which is an Arkansan breakfast staple. Our dance instructors, Sandy & George came to us from Westland.



The group favorite was the Virginia reel. We hope to have Sandy & George come back again!





Family Christmas Ornament Making: We held two keepsake ornament classes on Saturday, Dec 3. Deb Thenen of D. Leigh Art was back for the 4th year with pottery ornaments. Jeanne Berg shared the art of Moravian Stars with the older children.



BOOKS AND COOKIES with Santa!

We had a wonderful visit from Santa on Saturday, Dec 10. Through the generosity of the Coldwater Rotary and matching funds from the Kids' Place Community Promotion account, we were able to



purchase 50 hardback copies of the Eric Carle book, *Dream Snow*. These were given to each family in attendance along with a certificate from The Swallow's Nest in Quincy for a free used children's book. Julie Bucklin graciously took family photos, which we then printed and placed in a magnet frame. While waiting on Santa and their pictures, the children were able to enjoy writing letters to Santa and putting

them in his mailbox. They also had cookies and water for a special treat.



Ah! What adorable faces!

Looking ahead: Staycation Fun! No excuse to be bored!

Saturday, Dec 17: Make It, Take It Christmas Crafts

Monday, Dec 19: Bring on the Christmas Crafts (aka leftovers)

Tuesday, Dec 20 Family Day: Story & Craft Ages 2-6 yrs

Wednesday, Dec 21: Cartooning with Jonny

Thursday, Dec 22: S-N-O-W Fun Indoor Activities & Tween/Teen Crafts

Friday, Dec 23: Christmas Themed Movie & Treats

Monday, Dec 26: Movie Night with *Finding Dory*

Wednesday, Dec 28: Winter Wonderland Concert w/Kevin DeVine

Thursday, Dec 29: Let It Snow Crafts

Friday, Dec 30: Noon Year's Eve Party

Quincy Branch Report

Friends of the Quincy Library worked with the Quincy Chamber and offered the library as a place for children to write letters to Santa during the Quincy Lights festivities Dec. 2.

90 Jennings Elementary 2nd grade children visited the library front lawn on Wednesday morning Dec. 14 to present a “big check” for the restoration project. The children were very excited to see many adults there to welcome and thank them. The Village Mayor, Manager, Township Supervisor, Library Advisory board and Restoration Committee members were present. \$512 was presented by the children.

A craft table will be offered during the upcoming school Christmas break as well as a Duct Tape Workshop presented by Joel Tacey on Dec. 29 at 2 pm.



Sherwood Branch Report

Greetings! It's hard to believe that 2017 is right around the corner! We've began the process of scheduling our Summer Reading programs for next year as well as looking into some great ideas for more adult programs as well.

The Adult Fall Reading contest was a great success. We finished it up at the end of November. In total, we had 20 adults who signed up, and five incredibly happy winners of the prize baskets.

The Sherwood Branch is wrapping the year up with some "Tween" fun for the next couple of Thursdays - (Which involves Christmas cards and a lot of glitter - because honestly, who doesn't love glitter!?)

Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year to all!

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Branch Report

The road repair has finally been done so it's business as usual. I am happy with the stats the last two months as construction has made it hard for some patrons to access our library. The village is talking about replacing the bridge right next to the library starting in the spring. From what I have been told that could take 2 or 3 months to complete. What a mess for us again.

I have continued my visits to the preschool each Wednesday. This is always a lot of fun as the children love the stories and also being able to make a craft that goes along with the book. I made my monthly visit to the Community Unlimited After School program at which time I read a book and the children made a 3D turkey.

Plans are finally coming together for the Breakfast with Santa the first Saturday of December. Will report on the breakfast in next month's report.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk
Manager