

Alganssee Branch

We had a good month with 2 Adult Programs, with 15 patrons building and painting birdbaths. All enjoyed and helped each other with painting and suggestions on colors to use.

Ann Arbor Hands on Museum presented their program at Pine Ridge Bible Church with 14 attending. Lots of fun with several projects to work with. The Alganssee Friends Group provided water and snacks. We appreciate the Pine Ridge Church letting us have our program there, the forecast called for rain, we could not get all tables for projects in the Library.

We had a good response for Summer Reading sign-up, especially the Young Adults with canisters to put their reading lists in for Branch District Grand prizes.

We have lots of new books and DVDs for all ages. Come in and check us and your books and DVDs out!

Respectfully Submitted
Alganssee Branch Manager

Bronson Branch

We have been busy with programs this summer. We have had 37 programs for kids and teens so far with four of those being special performances. Joel Tacey's *Nerf Games* was a huge success with kids already asking if we will do it again next year. Wanda and Wendall puppet show is always enjoyed. She had the kids and adults laughing out loud and participating in her program. Mr. Jim came with his cup-stacking program and it was a wild and rowdy time. We had a new program this year with Mike's "Pint Size Polkas" and boy, did we have fun! One of the daycare women said she wishes she had brought more of their kids over because he was fantastic with the children and they hung on every word he said. Many kids got to participate and everybody danced. (Please do not request copies from the cameras!) We have one more new program coming in August, which will be a Pixilation Workshop with Alex Thomas.

Patrons have been enjoying the new books and movies that are in the library system and getting lots of summer reading done.

Please mark your calendars for the Friends of the Bronson Branch Library "Fun-Raiser" on August 26. This will be held at the White Star Auction from 1:00-3:00. This is the Friends big push this year to raise money to pay off the Media Center

Loan. They are down to \$16,800 now and the loan is due in the spring so they are hoping to raise funds and give everyone a fun afternoon. Admission is free.

Coldwater Branch

Summer months are always busy and keep library staff on their toes. Staff are excited to see the high levels of involvement in all age groups of the Summer Reading Program in both reading and attending events. The Coldwater Branch is still working hard to assist patrons in getting used to all the changes from the Teen Space, Computer Lab, and Fiction Section.

Adult Events:

Adults seem to be really enjoying the Adult Summer Reading Program created by Denise Yennie. The entry forms are taking over on the first floor and weekly prize winners seem excited.

Oddities and Rarities -Mysteries & Legends in Small Michigan Towns: This was a very well-liked program that showed unique locations to see and visit across Michigan.

Dayla's Other Country: In honor of World Refugee Day, a day to raise awareness of forcibly displaced people worldwide, guests were treated to free screening of the film, "Dayla's Other Country". Displaced by the Syrian conflict, effervescent teen Dalya and her mother Rudayna, struggle to walk the line between their Muslim values and the new world in which they find themselves.

Racial Healing and Transformation: Donna Odom, the Executive Director of the Society for History and Racial Equity(Share), talked with the group regarding the concept of racial healing and transformation and how individuals and groups can begin their own personal transformation.

Family Housing Home Repair Program: A USDA Rural Development Specialist was back to explain the Section 504 Home Repair Program, eligibility requirements, property requirements and more. This program provides loans to very-low income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes, or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Craft Class: As always, craft classes are very popular and fill up quickly.

Participants created a quick craft in under the hour and went home with a cute "Bless This House" sign.

Paracord "Survival" Bracelets: Participant came together to make paracord bracelets for the troops. The bracelets made will go to Operation Gratitude to be sent to our troops overseas.

Kids Place:

As Summer Reading kicked off to a packed house, all were treated to a special magic show for all ages on June 21 with B.J. Mallen, sponsored by the Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library. Kids' Place staff, Linda Dull and Angela Richards, have developed a detailed program with daily activities for age appropriate groups with Build A Better World themes. The groups are the Dirt

Diggers, Hard Hats, Project Engineers, and Kids' Korner Arts & Crafts. Every week until the end of the month, kids will be treated to special programs and events. Not only are weekly activities going on daily but special Saturday events are keeping families and children entertained!

1. Celebrating All Dads: Kids were able to create a frilling apron for the special dad in their lives and enjoy a story and snack.
2. Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Presentation: Children were able to explore the culture and community of the Huron Potawatomi.
3. Dreamscape Sidewalk Chalk Art: Chalk artist Emili Sherefield helped to inspire and instruct children with creating a vision of a better community and bringing it to life on the sidewalk.
4. Mr. Jim's Cup Stacking around the World: Children were treated to world famous structures from around the world created with nothing but cups.
5. Patriotic Art: Children were able to create beautiful works of red, white, and blue art just in time for Independence Day.
6. Traveling Tales Australia: The ever-popular event taking children on a trip around the world visited Australia. From food to stories and a special guest, children were immersed to the land down under. This program is sponsored by the generosity of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club.
7. Make a Bird Feeder: Children were treated to a wonderful evening of building and learning about the wonderful world of birds with Gene Wasserman of the Michigan Bluebird Society.

Teen Programming:

As school ended, teens are visiting us on a daily basis. They have enjoyed their new location and space in the basement and look forward to having all the construction done, as are staff. Teen directed programming, based on their input, is happening weekly at the Coldwater Branch coordinated by Jessica Tefft and Keely Briggs. Teens seem to be enjoying the five grand prize options for the Summer Reading Program and are coming in frequently to be entered in for the chance to win a Kindle, NCG Movie Package, Apple/Google Play Card, X-Box 1, a HUGE bean bag.

- Teen Book to Movie Club: Teens are able to see a popular Young Adult book that was turned into a movie. They are then able to answer the age-old question, was the book or movie better?
- Teen Writing Group: This popular program is back to develop teen's creative writing side.
- Sundae Matinee: Held on Sunday, teens are treated to ice cream goodness and a movie.
- Teen Trivia: This was the largest attended Teen Trivia to date and the winner was very close to a perfect score.
- YAC Meeting: The group met to discuss rules for the YAC members and upcoming programs and a community service project for BDL.

Teen Crafternoon: Teens came together and made push pin art.

Sherwood Branch

Greetings from Sherwood,

As we are quickly approaching the end of the 2017 Summer Reading Program, fun at the library continues to be in full swing!

Next Tuesday we will be doing an entire afternoon of crafts and then, on Thursday, Joel Tacey will be here to do a "Book Building" program.

Our end of Summer Reading party will take place on July 25th at 4pm where we will draw names of the winners for the amazing prizes we have!

On July 27, the American Red Cross will be here to do a "Preparedness" program.

Sincerely,

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Dearth Union Branch

Before the start of summer reading we had a Father's Day craft which was well attended. We have 81 patrons signed up for this year's summer reading program, which I am happy to report as this is up from last year.

We had 3 programs so far, this summer. We had *Shake, Rattle, Roll* by Dynamic West, *Journey to the Center*, presented by Eugene Clark, and a *Build a Better World Fun Night*. During the fun night kids were able to make an ArtBot, a monster bookmark, a balancing robot, a marble maze, and build a nest for a furry friend.

We also have had a *Teen Book to Movie program* and a *Teen Crafternoon*.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk

Union Branch
Program at the
Union City
Elementary

