

Bronson Branch

- Fall programs have started again. Working on getting publicity out to the schools, newspapers and social media.
- Weeding and blending the collection is nearing completion.
- Year-end books and movies are being ordered.
- Big news! The Friends were able to pay an extra \$6,980.00 on the Media Center loan with money raised during the Fun-Raiser. They are still waiting for the \$2,500 from Modern Woodmen of America and \$380 from a museum in Dowagiac Mi. With one more quarterly payment that will bring the loan down to \$350. Everyone is looking forward to the end of the Media Center loan!

Coldwater Branch

The end of August into September tends to allow some regrouping for the library after an intense and fun summer. One new variable this year was the early return of Branch County students to school in August. Staff were challenged on how to wrap up summer activities and then make a smooth transition into Fall events. One of the biggest highlights for August was the Solar Eclipse. Even though BDL didn't receive the grant to hand out free Solar Eclipse Glasses, the Coldwater Branch celebrated the event with a MoonPie Monday. With the help of Dollar General, I was able to order 70 boxes of MoonPies and hand out to patrons (and staff) throughout the day. The Teen Services Clerk, Keeley Briggs, hosted a teen event and created several pinhole projectors to view the event. However, other patrons noticed how much fun the group was having and joined Keeley and the Teens to view the eclipse. At one time about 20 patrons were all watching the event sharing the projectors and one pair of glasses!



Adult Programs:

For the month of September, adults will have the chance to compete in a Photography Contest, with a book theme. Amateur photographers are asked to take a picture that incorporates books. The top three pictures will all receive cash prizes. Entries will be accepted until September 30.

Also happening were several well attended programs including, 101 Things That Happened on The Mackinac Bridge, Organizing Your Paper, and Make a Personal

Journal. Keep an eye on the Events Calendar for the rest of 2017. Many great programs have been scheduled for the next several months including, Cheese Making, a visit with Teddy Roosevelt, book talks, stamping crafts, and several others. Spots for programs can fill up quick so register today!

Kids Place:

As summer winded down, Kids Places was keeping children busy with two great end of summer events, including a Dino Dig event and a mini putt-putt covering 2 floors of the library with a challenge hole that featured a special prize for a hole in one.

Consistent attendance holds for Laptime and Marvelous Mondays. Two other great events were Books to Boogie, a story time pairing books with dance and movement. Two sessions of Yoga with Kids was also held. During this small window of downtime, Fall programming plans were wrapped up for the Homeschooling Group who will focus their studies on

Native American tribes. This is a very popular program and looks to be a full group again this year. Also staff have been developing a long term plan for serving Tweens (ages 10-12) and will be hosting Tween Saturday events.



Kids Place also is getting a new look. Computers have been moved around and plans are in the works for creating a more organized and user friendly Maker Space and Tween area. Several contacts have been made for building storage unites to meet the needs and unique shape of Kids Place.

Teens:

With the teens of back into school, programs for this population will be after school hours and on early release Fridays. The Teen Services Librarian, Jessica Tefft and I spent several days at Coldwater High School talking to teens about the library and programs. We are so thankful to the CHS teachers who allow us to take over their classrooms for the day and talk to their students! The teens were treated to a

condensed version of one of the more popular teen programs, Teen Trivia, and of course prizes were awarded to the top winners!

September brings the start of Fall programming to the Teens including great events like, Book to Movie Club. month's section was "Everything, Everything". Teens were able to watch movie and then will discuss the book Nicola Yoon at the Books & Brownies event. One very popular fall program the Teen Fandom Jeopardy where teens were tested on their knowledge on Harry Potter, Dr. Who, and Call of Duty.



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Quincy Branch

- Patrons are still being very patient through the restoration construction. Grand River Builders is a very conscientious company.
- Our Cutest Dog Photo Contest was a big hit. Over 500 people saw the Facebook posting with photos, 69 people voted in person at the library and at the Quincy Park during the Quincy Daze festivities. Friends of the Quincy Library provided gift cards, snacks and dog toys for the winners.
- Lisa attended the Youth Mental Health First Aid conference at the Charlotte Community Library September 12.
- Story Hour fall schedule has begun
- Teen programming is set for our branch for the remainder of the year
- Upcoming September adult programs:
 - Author Meet & Greet with Kathi Waligora, September 21
 - "World on a String" by apron aficionado, Julia Baratta, September 28

Sherwood Branch

- The Sherwood Library is gearing up for a super busy month of September.
- We have adopted the "Book to Movie" club and had our first program yesterday, (Sept. 5). We will be showing a different movie each month and are looking forward to future movie dates.
- We're currently working on putting gift baskets together for the Adult Fall Reading program that is quickly approaching. Registration for this will begin on September 26th.

- Nola Baker will be coming to Sherwood on the 26th to do an "Essential Oils" program at 4pm.
- Story time for Tots begins later this month as does Tween Crafts.

Sincerely,
Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Branch

- This month started with the program "Sleeping Beauty" by Stevens Puppets.
- We had a Book to Movie Club for the teens.
- Cindy Shattuck of *New Leaf Floral*, presented a Fairy Garden class, where each patron made their own Fairy Garden to take home.
- New teachers to the high school were sent on a scavenger hunt around the community. The library was part of this hunt where teachers had to locate the book "Grey" and have their pictures taken with the book.
- This month we also have started signing up adults and kids alike for the Pine Wood Derby to be held on September 30th. As of this writing 39 adults and children are signed up.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk



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