



Patron Comments

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Comments and/or Suggestions: CW 8-17-17
 Let us know what you think? there is a serious
problem re: computer usage at
the library... For some time now!
 Kids (elementary-school age) had all
 computers except one when I needed
 to use one. They, ^{boys} seemed to all be playing
 games (girls looked like maybe doing
 school work) on computers + talking
 to each other while using computers.
 We need adults only (for meaningful work
 to be done) designated computers. We need
 them for test-taking, job applications, etc.
 This problem has existed too long already.
 Please help asap. ll

I have also seen young boys not wanting to obey library employees.

As librarians, we will not make the judgment that one person's work is more important than another's work. This applies to everyone, whether the person is playing a game or working on a resume. We are hoping that the Teen Room computers will help with the problem of teens using the computers in the computer lab. The Conduct policy applies to all--teens, adults, children and staff tries to stay on top of all infractions of the rules.

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Let us know what you think?

I Like The Old way
that the Books were in place

Denise Kimble

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Dearth Union Township Branch Library sponsors American Red Cross program

by Alona Hayden

Dearth Union Township Branch Library, in partnership with Community Unlimited, brought the American Red Cross to Union City Elementary School last Thursday. A Red Cross representative gave an informative lesson on household safety and necessary steps to take during an emergency.

The instructor first taught CU summer program students as well as library patrons how to properly use and test smoke alarms, and told them that it is important to conduct fire drills at home as well as at school. She instructed students to develop a fire safety plan and to practice it twice each year. She also stressed the importance of having two exits to each room in the case of an emergency, and that everyone should get out of the house as quickly as possible.

“Once you are out of the house, never go back in for any reason,” she stressed. “Firefighters are trained to help others. You are not trained and if you go back in to help a pet or another person, you may yourself or someone else.”

The instructor told youth to review and practice their plan with all adults in their home. She then taught them coping skills, which can be vital in an emergency situation. She taught students to slowly “breathe in” their favorite color through their nose, then “breathe out” their least favorite color through their mouth, which will keep them calm in a stressful situation.

The presenter then introduced “The Pillowcase Project,” which was developed after American Red Cross workers assisting with Hurricane Katrina relief noticed that many victims carried their possessions in pillowcases, which are handy, sturdy, easy to carry, and large enough to carry many supplies. Disney pitched in the effort to keep families safe and donated pillowcases to the project. Now, The American Red Cross travels to schools, libraries and programs informing of emergency safety and helping youth prepare for such events. Suggested items to pack in kits are a flashlight, emergency contacts, paper and pencil, a battery-powered radio,

water, hygiene items, baby wipes, and a special stuffed animal or toy that will make the child feel safe and calm.

Each child at the event was given a pillowcase, which they decorated, and a “My Preparedness Workbook,” which informs them of possible emergency situations in their area, steps to prepare, and items to pack in their pillowcase and home and vehicle emergency kits. (Photos by Alona Hayden)



A representative from the American Red Cross introduces the pillowcase Project to students.



Raygan Watson and Olivia Patton work diligently on their own pillowcases.

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Steven's Puppets visit CU Elementary Summer Camp

The Dearth Union Township Friends of the Library sponsored program, Steven's Puppets, visited the Community Unlimited Elementary Summer Camp. The Summer Camp group had a great time and learned how to make puppets move. (submitted photos)



Jack Dibert with the Steven's Puppets presenter.

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Local Libraries hold Summer Reading Parties to celebrate programs completion

The Dearth Union Township Branch District Library Summer Reading Program Party was held on Saturday, July 29. Participants in the program were eligible to win many prizes for completing their reading logs and goals for the summer.

Sherwood Library held their Summer Reading Program Party on Tuesday, July 25. Those that completed the Reading Program were entered to win many prizes.



Participants in the Dearth Union Township Branch District Library Summer Reading Program attend the Summer Reading Party on Saturday, July 29. (submitted photo)



Danielle was the winner of the large kayak. Larissa was the recipient of the smaller kayak. Hosanna won the Visa gift card and Tristan won the handmade afghan. (submitted photo)

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The Branch District Library Summer Reading Program grand prize drawing winners were (left to right) Intasar Mazid, Knolin Harrington and Ivan McConnell. Prizes included an Amazon Fire and two new bicycles, donated by McDonald's, as well as a set of magnetic blocks, donated by Kids' Place. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

Library reading program ends with prize drawings

COLDWATER — The 2017 Branch District Library Summer Reading Program has come to an end, with positive results in each age group.

Recognition went to the following participants:

'Read-to-me'

(Ages 2 to 5)

- FIRST PLACE** Rhavyn Auble, 258 books
- SECOND PLACE** Eli Snider, 212 books

'Primary'

(Ages 6 to 7)

- FIRST PLACE** Saige Auble, 4,219 pages
- SECOND PLACE** Isabella Angevine, 2,374 pages



Drawing winner Steele Monville received a set of magnetic blocks, donated by Kids' Place. COURTESY PHOTO

'Elementary'

(Ages 8 to 10)

- FIRST PLACE** Aiden Butters, 9,239 pages
- SECOND PLACE** Kelsey Gruner, 4,796 pages

'Tween'

(Ages 11 to 12)

More info

For information, visit www.branchdistrictlibrary.org.

- FIRST PLACE** Eric Rucker, 9,000 pages
- SECOND PLACE** Adira Jaros, 8,422 pages

Participants entered into a drawing for donated prizes.

This year, two bicycles and an Amazon Fire were donated by McDonald's and a set of magnetic blocks was donated by Kids' Place.

The grand prize drawing winners were Intasar Mazid, Ivan McConnell, Knolin Harrington and Steele Monville.

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SuJo's American Eskimo Dogs on display



For the month of August, the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library will have local resident Gina Horns collection of SuJo's American Eskimo Dogs on display. COURTESY PHOTO

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'FUNRAISER'



Fun bidding was took place for games, toys, candy and arts and crafts during the "kids only" auction, part of the "FunRaiser" event for the Bronson Library, which was held Saturday at White Star Auction in Bronson. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

Event brings in funds for Bronson Library

By Karri Gruner
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BRONSON — A calendar from 1914 that used to be displayed in the Diebel Hardware store in Bronson was auctioned off for \$380 during the annual Friends of the Bronson Library "Fun-Raiser," held Saturday at White Star Auction.

The calendar was donated by June Wilber and has an interesting history behind it. It was made by the historic Round Oak Stove company out of Dowagiac for Diebel Hardware.

The calendar displays the Round Oak stove mascot, fictional Indian Chief Doe-Wah-Jack. The Dowagiac Area History Museum has an area dedicated specifically for the Round Oak Stove Company, which was created by Philo D. Beckwith in 1867.

The calendar has made it back



Kenna Perez, 5, enjoys the "FunRaiser" event for the Bronson Library, held Saturday at the White Star Auction in Bronson. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

to its originating area and will now be displayed in the museum.

June and Garth Wilber acquired the historical time piece back in the early 1980s from

Loretta Diebel, granddaughter of Henry Diebel, who founded the hardware store in Bronson, on Feb. 15, 1912.

The calendar was just one of
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The "touch a truck" area was a busy place at the White Star Auction during Saturday's "FunRaiser" for the Bronson Library. Above, left to right: Roycin, 9, Rylan, 7, and Owen Fincham, 5, in the Branch County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol boat. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

'FUNRAISER'

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the many items auctioned off during the FunRaiser, which will benefit the Bronson Carnegie Library.

This year, a "kids' only" auction was incorporated into the FunRaiser event.

For \$5, children could purchase \$100 in funny money to buy things they wanted. The youngsters were also able to participate in bidding wars to win fun toys, candy, games and more.

In addition to the funds raised at Saturday's auction, the Modern Woodmen of America matched the proceeds up to \$2,500.

At the White Star Auction location, a large area was dedicated for the "touch a truck" fun, where youngsters were able to explore police cars, fire trucks, the Branch County Sheriff's Office Marine Pa-



Auctioneer Randy Ludwick auctions off a toy fighter plane during the "kids only" auction. The youngsters were able to bid on toys and games with "funny money" during the FunRaiser for the Bronson Library, held Saturday at White Star Auction in Bronson. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

trol boat and the BCSO Dive Team bus.

The event also included 50/50

raffle drawings, corn hole games, a pinewood derby, a pie auction and more.

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Cynthia Shattuck of New Leaf Floral (standing) guides attendees in creating fairy gardens at the Union Township Branch Library on Aug. 24. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

Fairy gardens made at library

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UNION CITY — Creative minds came together at the Union Township Branch Library on Aug. 24 to design fairy gardens with the help of Cynthia Shattuck of New Leaf Floral in Union City.

Several ladies were in attendance to dream up fall-inspired fairy gardens with tiny plants, green moss, small figurines and pebble walk ways for the imaginary pixie's.

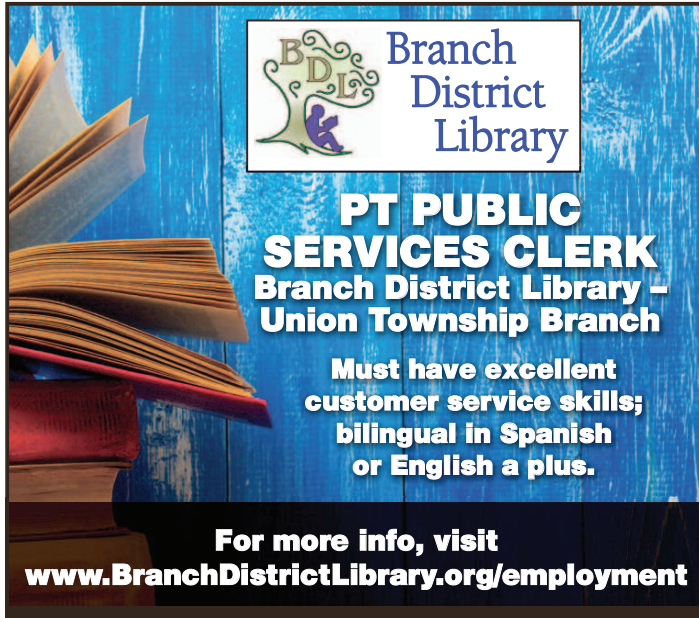
"It's fun to put together a zen type garden, inspired by a season, that you can add and change things in it as often as you want," Shattuck said.

For information on future library events, visit branchdistrictlibrary.org.



Attendees work on creating their fairy gardens during an event at the Union Township Library on Aug. 24. The workshop was part of the "Build a Better World" summer library program. KARRI GRUNER PHOTO

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BDL Branch District Library

PT PUBLIC SERVICES CLERK
Branch District Library -
Union Township Branch

Must have excellent customer service skills;
bilingual in Spanish or English a plus.

For more info, visit
www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/employment

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COLDWATER

Library hosts presentation

Doug and Julia Jackson have visited 32 countries in a year with their children.

Guests can join the Jacksons as they share

photos and stories from their adventures.

The event will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 23, at the Branch District Library in Coldwater.

Call (517) 278-2341 or visit www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/register to RSVP.