



Alganssee Branch

- Our programs for Adults were Pumpkin Flower arrangements and a Milk Jug witch. All patrons that came in joined in for the crafts, all had a good time and took their crafts home.
- The children that came in during the month colored Halloween and Fall pictures plus the many crafts available on the Kids table.
- I am finishing up this year's book ordering. We have used almost all of the program money with Summer Reading Programs and in Library crafts.
- Supplies have already been bought for our Fall Centerpiece Project Saturday November 18th, the class is full!
- We also have the supplies bought for our December Adult and Children Christmas projects which we will post soon. Pictures of our programs are on the Branch District Facebook- Alganssee Branch.

Thank You all for coming here for your Board Meeting. You are always Welcome!

Respectfully Submitted
Jan Clark,
Alganssee Branch Manager

Bronson Branch

- Author Kathi Waligora visited our branch in October to talk about her new book "When Life Roars, Jesus Whispers". We had a nice turnout and Friends provided refreshments.
- Steve attended Ryan School's Math Night and was able to hand out information about the library. He and Kimberly were also able to talk too many about the survey.
- Steve attended the Bronson Township meeting while I was on vacation. Appreciate him doing that for the library, nice to have someone there to answer questions if the board has any for us.
- Head Start is providing us with wonderful fall decorations for the library. Colorful paper pumpkins and giant leaves are hanging everywhere. Hoping parents will come in to see their children's art displayed.

- I went to Head Start to read to the classes and share some of our newest books with them. Nifty kitten bookmarks were handed out to remind them of my visit.
- We hid 10 spider stickers all over the library and kids and adults had a blast finding them and getting a free piece of candy for their efforts. The spider on the desk looked real enough we had people jumping back in surprise.
- Adult Coloring will begin in November on Wednesday evenings.
- We are working with two 7th grade English teachers at the school who have started a contest to see which class will have the most library cards by Thanksgiving break and then the class with the most students visiting the library by Christmas break. I asked them if the kids could get double points every time they attend one of our Teen programs and they enthusiastically agreed. Hoping all 91 students get library cards so they will be able to visit in the spring and check out books!

Coldwater Branch

- As I checked out a patron the other day and informed them their due date was 12/12/17, it made me wonder where did 2017 go! Fall always seems to appear out of nowhere and activities keep us busy that the last few months of the year just fly by. One of the favorites at the Coldwater Branch is Halloween. Staff are always excited to dress up and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. This year, kiddos got candy and a Halloween Bookmark.
- A very special event last month was the "Celebration of Literacy" night. This was a joint effort between the Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library and the Branch County Literacy Council. Both organizations were able to highlight their groups and encouraged people to tour the Coldwater Branch. A popular stop on the tour was the Teen Space. Several comments from the public appreciated the library giving Teens a space to call their own. Refreshments and entertainment from the Bel Canto singers were a highlight to the approximately 40 in attendance.

Adults:

- It has been a whirlwind of programs for Adults at the Coldwater Branch the last month. Patrons seem to be fond of craft and music programs. Both types were well represented in the last month and registration filled up quickly for these popular programs! Programs for the month included: Visit with Teddy Roosevelt, Pumpkin Floral Arrangement, Wine Cork Pumpkin, Singing the Good Old Songs Again, Lewis and Clark & the Michigan Connection, Bataan Death March Survivor, and the Native American Flute.

- As 2017 winds down, look for great upcoming programs including Cornucopia Floral Arrangement and the Hammer Dulcimer Christmas Program.

Kids' Place:

- Lots of activity could be found over the past month in Kids' Place. Young patrons decorated over 4 dozen pumpkins! Tweens participated in a special Saturday event and created glow in the dark jars. Our home school group continued to explore Native American history through student presentations, food, music, art, games and crafts. Saturday events were well attended and included some of the following: Creatures from the Crypt, Traveling Tales: Kenya & Winter Bird Feeders with Mr. Gene (built actual feeders).
- Our October "Tales from the Crypt" Reading Incentive had an enrollment of 94 children ages 2-12 yrs with 50 of the participants turning in their reading logs. It was interesting that we had several family groups win at the various levels. Each winner received a \$25 Amazon gift certificate with the family winners receiving \$50. All level readers read a minimum of 125% over our required numbers!

- Level A: Goal read 40 books: Eli Snider
- Level B: Goal read 25 books: Charlie Jones
- Level C: Goal read 600 total pages: Terry Orange
- Level D: Goal read 1200 pages: Nickolas Snider
- Level E: Goal read 1800 pages: Brandon Jones
- Family of Readers: Janice & Eric Rucker



- Lots of great programs are still coming up! Tweens build a Rube Goldberg machine. Miss Mary's Thankful Storytime, Storybook Art, Heirloom Ornaments with potter, Deb Thenen, Books and Cookies with Santa (family book giveaway). And let us not forget the two weeks of Christmas break aka Staycation!

Teen Space:

- Truly we have witnessed the mantra "If you build it they will come" in our Teen Space. During the last month teen attendance at programs has been solid with recurring programs that Teens love. Those include: Books & Brownies, Fandom Jeopardy, Book to Movie Club, Teen Crafternoon, and Teen Writer's Club.
- The first annual Teen Halloween Lock-In was October 13. We took over ever floor with spooky decorations, which we still are finding, and activities. Several stations including pumpkin bowling, life size Zombie Candyland, ghost stories, and fortune telling that kept the group of 65 teens busy until Ghost Hunting time. This truly was a district wide event with 4 school districts represented. We can report that overall paranormal activity was kept to a minimum, but the teens still enjoyed the event! Before the night was over, teens were already asking when the next Lock-In was to which we replied next year!



Submitted by:
Kimberly Feltner

Quincy Branch



Quincy's Front Entrance is almost finished – we are now waiting for the handrails to be installed!

- Lisa attended the Annual conference of the Michigan Library Association on Oct. 18.
- "The Orphan Train in Michigan" Oct. 19 presentation by Program Source International, held at the nearby Union Church, brought in 82 people.
- As with our Dog Photo Contest in August, we offered a cutest cat photo contest the end of October in correlation with National Cat Day. Nearly 800 people saw the Facebook posting and 50 votes were received online and in the library. Friends of the Library provided prizes.
- The Friends of the Library had a good book sale last week. The local NIKA ladies club provided a wonderful bake sale and again offered the proceeds toward the library Restoration Fund.
- Restoration update: The front library steps are complete, we are just waiting on the handrail installation. That process began mid-August, so we and the patrons will be glad to use our front entrance again. Gutter work,

drainage work and several new sidewalks are the next projects to be completed. With the fall temperatures, this part of the work is likely now pushed to next spring.

- Two Community Talks sessions were held November 15 at Quincy; 2 attended the morning session, 4 in the evening session.



Sherwood Branch

- The Sherwood Library had a lot going on during the month of October. We had local author, Rosemarie Rohrer, from our very own community of Sherwood visit us for a "Meet and greet our local author" event on the 28th. We had forty-one people come for the program and we gave away five signed copies of her book, "The Kelpie's Curse", as prizes.
- On Halloween, we held our very first "Costume Contest" - It was a great success! We had 27 people show up throughout the day in their costumes. Not everyone was able to stay and participate but we made sure to get pictures of everyone we could. Those are now posted on our BDL Sherwood Facebook page.
- Our adult "Fall Reading" fun will end on the 21st of this month. We have some really great prizes for three lucky winners who've signed up! The drawing will be at 4pm.
- We are still doing "Tween Crafts" on Thursday afternoons, "Story time for Tots" on Tuesday mornings and "Book to Movie" club once a month.
- Beginning next week, Tuesday Nov. 14th, we will again be welcoming Kathy Barnes to Sherwood for art classes. The class will be from 4-5pm every other Tuesday.

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Branch



- Keeping up with our summer reading program theme we entered the scarecrow contest sponsored by the Green Thumb Garden Club. I am happy to report that we took second place this year. Looking forward to next year when the theme will be Libraries Rock.
- Each week we are putting out craft projects for all the children who come in during the week. This is working very well for us as we have time to spend with the children from different age groups. We have had kids from preschool all the way up to middle school enjoying the project for the week.
- We have had teen trivia, fandom jeopardy, books and brownies, and book to movie for the teens this month.
- We enjoyed having the preschool visit us this month. The kids enjoyed the movie, "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown." They did a craft and loved exploring the kids' area. Each child was able to take home a coloring book about the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk