



Alganssee Branch

Our program for Adults in November was a Fall Flower arrangement with 8 attending. All had a good time building their centerpiece to take home for Thanksgiving table.

The children that came had several fall coloring pages and crafts to keep them busy.

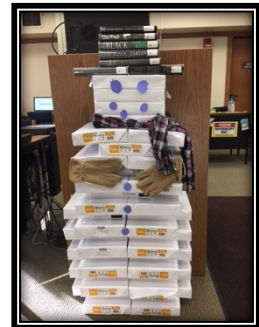
This month we again have several crafts for all ages out on craft table. Jessie has a Adult and Teen project scheduled for Saturday Dec. 16th, looks like program is full.

Happy Holidays to all
Respectfully Submitted
Alganssee Branch Manager

Coldwater Branch

It's the most wonderful time of the year! At the Coldwater Branch, the decorations have been hung with care and a special visitor, Frosty the Library Snowperson, is greeting patrons on the first floor!

On the second floor is an informational display about the Protestant Reformation by Abigail Kosachuk. Also on display is a homemade decoupage tree by Diane Hoskins.



Adults:

Adult programming wrapped up 2017 with crafts and music. The very popular Deb Gigowski, floral designer and owner of American Flower Trends, was back with two events, a Cornucopia Floral Arrangement and Horse Head Wreath. Participants left with beautiful arrangements created by themselves! Also in the last month, we had Darlene Hackett, a retired teacher from Fort Wayne, share a variety of Christmas carols on a Dulcimer. During the performance the group was entertained with lots of Christmas cheer intermixed with bits of dulcimer history and information.

Looking forward to 2018, programs are already added to the calendar. Watch for an upcoming educational program titled "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body" by the Alzheimer's Association. The new year brings in a new craft to celebrate all things snowy with a Block Snowman Craft. Like always, registration is available for either of these great programs online at BranchDistrictLibrary.org/register or by calling the Coldwater Branch.

Kids' Place:

The countdown to Christmas has officially begun and Kids' Place has plenty going on to keep children happily occupied while awaiting the big day!

A "Guess the Number of Grinch Pills" passive program has children busy trying to figure out how many "pills" occupy our Grinch's medicine jar! The winner will receive a copy of the classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" DVD and the runner-up will receive the book.

A popular event the last few years has been Christmas ornament making with local potter, Deb Thenen. Those in attendance had a good time of creating Christmas ornaments. Our every so popular Home School Adventures has finished the Woodland Native American region and is moving to the South for the cold weather! They are busy playing games like Shiny!, making grape dumplings, and creating quilt strips! Story times continue to ebb and flow with large groups one week and smaller the next. The lack of sufficient parking is a frequent complaint from our storytime parents and guardians that prevents them from attending.



The Shiny! Game

Santa arrives at Kids Place on Saturday, Dec 16 for a stash of cookies and books! The first 50 families will receive a hardcover copy of "The Legend of St. Nicholas", along with an opportunity for a professional family portrait and a chance to write a letter to the jolly elf!

During the school break, Kids' Place again will offer a bevy of activities to fit the 2017 Staycation mantra "No Child should be Board"! Activities include:

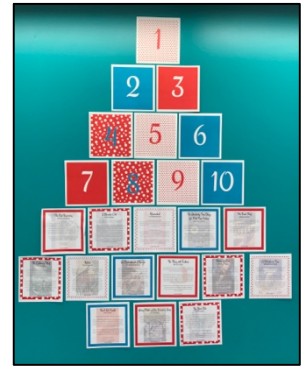
- Friday, Dec 22: Tween Crafternoon
- Tuesday, Dec 26: Winter Fun with the Grandparents
- Thursday, Dec 28: Tween Snow Party
- Friday, Dec 29: Imagination Building
- Saturday, Dec 30: New Year's Eve Countdown Storytime
- Tuesday, Jan 2: Afternoon @ the Movies:
- Thursday, Jan 4: Frozen Funnies with cartoonist, Jonny Hawkins
- Friday, Jan 5: Imagination Building
- Saturday, Jan 6: StoryBook Art

Teen Space:

At the Coldwater Branch, the Teen Advisory Council are collecting items for Erin's Angels – a local animal rescue group. Modeled after Angel Trees, staff and patrons

can pick an item off the tree and drop it off at the Coldwater Branch! The TAC group will then present the items after the first of the year.

Currently the Teen Services Librarian is hosting a district wide Winter Reading Challenge, running from December 1st to January 31st. Teens can enter the contest by reading, listening to an audiobook, attending a library program, and bringing a guest to a library program. Teens can pick what prize they would like to be eligible to win. Competition is fierce for the great prizes including a drone, Kindle Fire, and a Readers Gift Package!



Young Adult Book Advent Calendar

Programming to wrap up 2017 included the ever so popular events like Teen Trivia and Writers Club. The Books & Brownies event read the first in an exciting trilogy by Brittany Cavallaro titled "A Study in Charlotte".

Several promising and entertaining events coming up are the Merry Grinchmas Party, where all things green and grincy will be enjoyed, on December 17 at 2pm. On December 18th at 3:30pm teens can raise the roof on a Gingerbread House. All supplies are supplied for the group to create Gingerbread Masterpieces. Events are being planned to keep the teens busy during the school break and watch for those on the BDL calendar at BranchDistrictLibrary.org/Calendar.

Submitted:
Kimberly Feltner
Coldwater Branch Manager

Quincy Branch

- 3 teen events were held in November: *Books 'n Brownies*, *Fandom Jeopardy* and *Crafternoon* (leaf imaging); 10 teens attended the 4 programs
- 2 Community Conversations were held at Quincy with 2 attending the morning session and 4 attending the evening; Woodlands
- Handrails were installed on the front steps Dec. 1; further soffit work is still expected to take place this month. Patrons are thrilled to be able to use the front entrance again and are saying how beautiful the new steps and stone work are.
- Friends of the Library offered Letters to Santa in the lower level during the village Quincy Lights event. Approximately 50 children visited and enjoyed music and color sheets.

- 2 teen events will be offered in December: *Gingerbread House Building* and *a Merry Grinchmas Party*
- Mr. & Mrs. Santa will be at Story Hour Dec. 15 (Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bland)

Story Hour children were thrilled to be the first to exit out onto the new steps Dec. 1 (they had entered a lower level entrance like they've done since August). They were also excited to watch the important "hand rail man" install the handrails during Story Hour :)



Completed handrails!

Sherwood Branch

Greetings and Happy Winter! (or not so happy winter)

The Sherwood Branch is happy to announce: Kathy Barnes is again hosting art classes here on the second and fourth Tuesday's of the month. We've had a steady sized group joining us.

We ended the Adult Fall Reading program on the 21st of November and gave away three prize baskets. The winners were are pleased with their take home stash and we were pleased with the participation numbers for this event.

The YA Winter Reading Challenge is underway and there is some stiff competition going on to win that Drone!

Our Merry Grinchmas Party is in a couple of days and we like parties!

Next week we are making gingerbread houses -

Tween Crafts are still every Thursday @ 3:30 - we have such a great group of kids in this community. However, everyone is invited to join us.

Until 2018 ...

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Dearth Union Branch

We were busy preparing for the following activities and getting ready for programs be held during the month of December.

- Preschool visits on Wednesdays
- Community Unlimited After School visit
- Teen Programs
- Community Conversations

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk