



Alganssee Branch

- This month we had 1 adult program with 5 in attendance for Daisy Wreaths.
- We had 1 young adult program with 4 attending for Button Making and 1 juvenile program with 4 attending for Puzzle Time.
- Wednesday Oct. 17th Steven's Puppet's will be presenting The Wizard of Oz at the Pine Ridge Bible Church at 2:00 p.m. The reason for the program is because Quincy has a half day. We thought that would be a good time to host a program from the Alganssee Library. Everybody Welcome!!
- Any further Questions or Suggestions Call Alganssee Library 517-639-9830

Respectfully Submitted
Alganssee Branch Manager

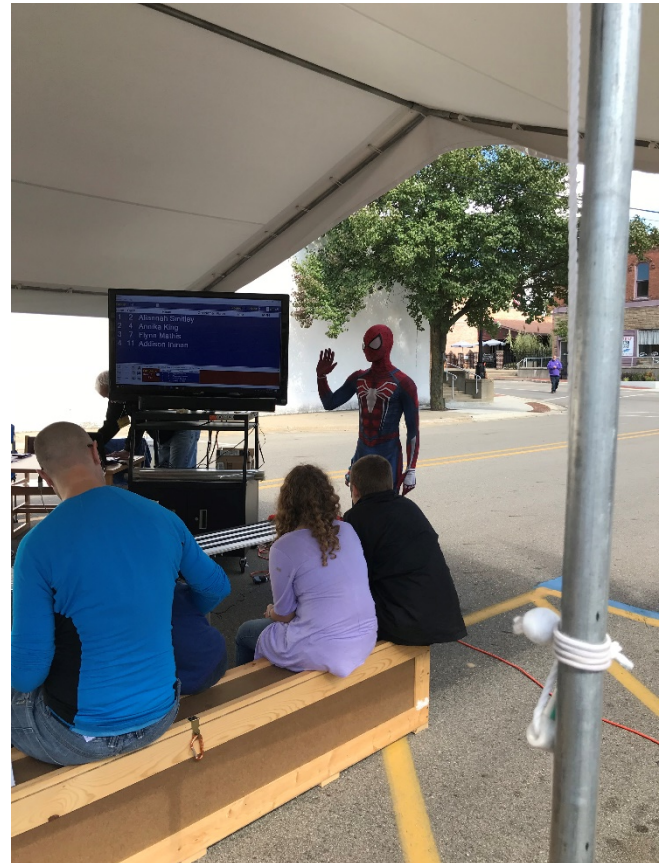
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- The Donut Dolly program was only attended by 20 people, which is much less than three other programs where we used an outside facility and had 100 in attendance.
- We had two guests for Story Hour recently when Renee and I each worked alone on a Friday...Patt Taylor is a retired teacher and entertained the children with her guitar and fun songs as she has done twice before at our branch and Mary Carlisle, a retired Quincy teacher, was a guest reader last Friday.
- The staff training day was informative and Renee and I were both in attendance.
- We held another program off site at the Union Church last Thursday, October 11. The *Early Days of Radio in Michigan* program was presented by the same lecture company we had last October.
- Last week we offered an information table for *Michigan Libraries for Life*. We received materials and handouts for the public.
- We had 995 patrons through our doors in the month of September and circulated over 1800 items, 407 being Inter/Intraloes.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wood

Union Twp. Branch

- We had three Young Adult programs during the month with nine teens participating. The most popular was the Steam Program. The teens enjoyed making and eating their own homemade ice cream.
- Nine patrons met with Diane Palone, one of our patrons, for two different classes in Starting Your Genealogy. Diane did a great job showing patrons how to start tracing their ancestry and a few of those patrons have returned on their own to continue the process.
- I attended three webinars during the month. The titles of the webinars were Library Programming, Steam Inspired Learning, and Introducing Mel EBSCO Resources. All were interesting but the most interesting was the new Mel resources webinar which highlighted the new web interfaces.
- Union City's second annual Farm to Fork was held on September 29th. Our library participated in this event by hosting the Pine Wood Derby. We had 45 derby cars registered for the race and on the day of the race 31 cars tried to take top honors for a first, second, and third place trophies for adults and kids. Results of the kids' race were Elijah Pritchard taking first, Jaylyn Eyre second and Alistair Alden took home the third-place trophy. Our adult winners were Jordan Keene first, Ronda Gottschalk second and the third-place trophy went to Chris Gottschalk. A special guest, Spiderman, showed up for the race and one child designed a Spiderman car which Spiderman cheered on this car. The children all enjoyed talking and having their picture taken with Spiderman.



Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk

Work is going well on the front steps and I have been told that it will be done very soon as long as the weather cooperates. The city returned the Library Historical Marker just in time for Applefest. The Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library hosted a book sale during Applefest. Also, the Teen Advisory Council held a bake sale fundraiser with all proceeds to benefit a local non-profit.

The October display case features a personal collection of Halloween inspired items from library staff member Ben Lyon.

In programming news, the Coldwater Branch hosted our very first Escape Room. Library staff, Cheryl Lawrence, put together a room for children, teens, and families to try and break the "Case of the Fridays". Without the group solving the puzzle, the library would be locked in a constant Friday and the weekend would never happen! No group was able to escape/break out in the time frame but all involved reported that they had a fun time and would love to do it again!



The Coldwater Branch is participating in the Libraries for Life Campaign. Library staff, Denise Yennie, has hosted this great cause for three years and it allows local residents to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Also, volunteers are on hand to educate people on the facts of organ, tissue, and eye donation. If you are not a registered donor, please stop at the table located on the first floor and get signed up. If you are a donor, stop by and get some donor swag!

Adults completed a Fall Craft with our own very talented library staff, Loretta Sherfield. Participants created a hanging plaque decorated with pumpkins and vinyl. Loretta also hosted a canvas painting class which was widely popular and everyone left with great art! Also held was an Earth songs program with folksinger, Robin Nott, a presentation on train travel in 1916, a lecture talk titled "Vegan 101", and information on the Refugee Crisis and how you can help. Coming up is an adult/family Book inspired Pumpkin Contest. Entries will be pumpkins that are decorated with literary inscription. We are looking forward to seeing the creative things library users can come up with! The contest runs from October 15 to October 30.

Summer officially ended in Kids' Place with 3 different events. First was Library style Mini-Golf on the 3rd and 4th floors. We would like to thank Adventure Zone who let us borrow putters. A last of summer hurrah with summer and water games, was enjoyed outside. The final big event was in partnership with the Branch County Children's Museum. Linda Dull and Angela Richards attended the museum's Summer Celebration and presented a





monarch butterfly program. It was a popular stop during the event. Parents and children of all ages enjoyed a display of eggs, chrysalis, caterpillars, and butterflies in all ages, including the release of 20 plus newly hatched butterflies. We have to thank Connie Howard and Mary Turner for making the butterfly program possible. We've also enjoyed visits from Mother Goose and explored the real world of Fantastic Beasts with Preuss Pets as part of our month's Saturday programming. The Home School

Adventure is exploring World Geography. We're almost finished with Africa and what fun we've had with this group of creative students. We'll be moving to the Land Down Under for the month of November.

In the Teen Space, an end of Summer Party was held and teen participants enjoyed a relaxing event before heading back to school. The Fall regularly scheduled program includes Anime Club, STEAM, Writing club, and Crafts. Several passive programs including asking Teens what books should be turned into movies, guess the book challenge, and cup stacking are still providing entertainment and interaction with the group. Teen services staff worked to better highlight some of the great new non-fiction materials that have been ordered. The non-fiction collection was moved from the back wall to the front of the fiction to allow more visibility of these materials.

The Fall Program calendar for the Coldwater Branch is jam-packed. There are multiple great programs coming up including the results of a Paranormal Investigation that was conducted recently at the Coldwater Branch and in celebration of the 200th birthday of Frankenstein, a first-person story telling of Mary Shelley. Kids' Place is conducting an October Reading Challenge and has 80 children already signed up. They are also looking forward to Spiderman's visit, painting pumpkins, Ghostbusting with the Tweens, a Family craft making Ghost Jars, and for the scissors lovers, making 3-D seasonal art. The teen services department is hosting a Fortnite and Tacos Battle Royale and has a waiting list of 20 plus teens. Fortnite is the popular game played on computers or gaming consoles and we are looking forward to bringing in some new faces for the event. Here is some concrete evidence that libraries are way more than books!

Library staff attended the Branch Area Career Center School Open House. People were able to sign up for library cards and were entered into a gas card drawing. Staff from Teen Services were able to hand out upcoming event flyers. Thank you to Keeley Briggs and Jessica Clark for working at this event.

Lastly, Kids Place would like to thank Diane and Terry Epps for their recent donations of a magnetic board and a children's table.

Submitted
Kimberly Feltner