



Branch District
Library

**ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORT
November 19, 2018**

- We had a Spooky Pumpkin craft with 7 adults attending. A good time was had by all.
- Steven's Puppets presented "The Wizard of Oz," at the Pine Ridge Bible Church, with 25 people attending. The Friends of the Algansee Library furnished cookies.
- The Young Adult craft, making slime, was very interesting and fun. 2 teens attended.
- Our Thanksgiving craft will be held November 17. We are making Horns of Plenty, and our class is full.

We wish all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Clark
Algansee Branch Manager



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BRONSON BRANCH REPORT November 19, 2018

Over the past couple months, we have attended webinars covering Library Programming and STEAM programs. I was able to attend a fantastic NASA and STEM workshop in Kalamazoo (Knew it was a great workshop when I didn't want to fall asleep in the afternoon). We attended the All Staff Development Day and enjoyed the time with the rest of the staff. Jessica Clark, Public Service Clerk, attended the Jennifer Strauss "Move & Groove" workshop in Marshall and said there was lots of energy in the room.

Our fall programs have started and attendance has been great. Toddler Time will end in November then start again in January and be a continuous program next year. We held a Tween and Teen Halloween Party with games and lots (lots!) of food. The ghost hunters from Coldwater (Southern Michigan Paranormals of Coldwater) presented the program and the kids had a blast. Both our Family Craft and Adult Craft events have been filling up quickly with people asking to be on the waiting list. We had a Family LEGO night and this month will be our Family STEM night.

In October we did a passive program of Find the Pumpkins and had 66 adults, teens, and kids participate. Everyone who located the seven hidden paper pumpkins got to draw from a prize box. This month, we are doing the district wide Hunt for the Fantastic Beasts.

Last year we decided if kids weren't coming to the library to see our great displays of books then we would take the book displays to the kids. Ryan Elementary and Bronson Jr. Sr. High School allow us to come in and decorate bulletin boards in their schools each month. Teachers and students have asked to borrow the books on display and we received this great email from a Ryan teacher.

"Thank you for the books in Ryan about bullying. We read the picture books and used them as fifth graders. My kids liked the Weird one so much, we bought the series for the classroom!"

It's great to know the displays are being looked at and used!

The Friends of the Bronson Branch once again participated in the nationwide Make A Difference day at the end of October and this year the Modern Woodmen of America offered to match funds. That brought the total to \$1,232.00, which the Friends want us to use to purchase books for the library.

The Friends Terri Lynn Nut Sale is happening now.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynnell Eash
Bronson Branch Manager



The Coldwater Branch hosted the 2nd annual Celebration of Literacy event coordinated by the Coldwater Friends of the Library and the Branch County Literacy Council. This after-hours event allowed literacy lovers and supporters to gather and listen to the music provided by the Bel Canto singers. It was a great turnout and a fun time for all.

Adults: The end of October saw the wrap up of the literary inspired pumpkin decoration contest for adults and families. Winners were:

- Adult 1st Place: Bonnie Plodzic
- Adult 2nd Place: Margaret Seis
- Family 1st Place: Rucker Family
- Family 2nd Place: Littley Family



Others adult programs included a presentation about Mary Shelley and her classic novel, *Frankenstein*, to mark the 200th anniversary of the book. Another popular program was learning the results of the recent ghost hunt at the Coldwater Branch. Deb Gigowski was back again to lead a group through a fall floral arrangement. Several festive programs will be held in December.

Kids Place: The October Reading Challenge has concluded with a total of 93 children enrolled. We had 39 completed logs turned in. The winners are:

- Level A: (ages 2-5): Kendra & Leah Crots - 167 books each
- Level B (ages 6-9): Annaliese Jacoby-126 books
- Level C: (chapter book-600 pages): Janet Rucker-8,031 pages
- Level D: (chapter book-1,200 pages): Wysper Swank-10,957pages
- Family of Readers: Eric & Janet Rucker-15,242 pages read



October's Saturday fun included: Our new Betweeners' Club (ages 7-9) made 3-D Halloween or Fall Scenes. The Tween Club (ages 10-12) explored ghastly science which, of course, had some slime-making involved. They were also supplied with some gross eats!

Other great events:

- Spiderman made a first time appearance in Kids' just in time for Halloween.
- Families also enjoyed painting pumpkins under the direction of professional painter, Nicole Ruppert and crew.
- The following weekend, we learned about the land and culture of India with our Traveling Tales. Father Mathias and Mr. Johnson shared about their homeland. The families in attendance also enjoyed Indian food and drink along with making a representation of the famous Taj Mahal. This program is made possible through the generous help of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club.



Our regular weekly programs continue to see steady attendance. It is always a pleasure to watch our community children literally grow up before our eyes with many of the families attending each level of age appropriate programming.

We've started hosting a series of Family seasonal crafts one week a month. Hopefully these will provide another opportunity for some family fun at the library.

Teen Space: Teen Services hosted their first gaming tournament "Fortnite and Tacos." There was intense bracket style play and every participant got to play twice. Tacos were provided by the Coldwater Taco Bell and the winner was crowned with candy, a Fortnite t-shirt, and bragging rights.



The Teen Advisory council, comprised of members from across Branch County, met and put together 12 winter themed care baskets for the Shelterhouse. They also planned goals for 2019.

Respectfully Submitted

Kimberly Feltner
Branch Manager



QUINCY BRANCH REPORT
November 19, 2018

- MyPC has gone well with our patrons. It has prompted new registrations, but also expired cards are getting updated due to the change.
- Teen Read Week was celebrated with candy and small giveaways.
- Story Hour had a lively Autumn party with costumes optional. We had several duplicate princesses 😊.
- Renee attended the Woodlands *Move, Groove, & Sing a Story* workshop Nov. 2. Presenter and Storyteller, Jenifer Strauss, has been at our Quincy Branch in the past and provided a lively workshop.
- The Friends of the Library had a good book sale and the local NIKA ladies club offered a bake sale. In the past, those monies went toward the renovation of our building.
- Quincy is again a *Toys for Tots* drop-off location.
- 3 Teen programs were offered in October with 26 in attendance.
- We had 1,339 patrons through our doors in the month of October and circulated over 2,091 items, 490 of those being for interlibrary loans, and had 8 new card registrations.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wood
Quincy Branch Manager



SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORT
November 19, 2018

Greetings from the wintery wonderland of Sherwood!

The month of October flew by in the blink of an eye! The first weekend of October we had our book sale and, I'm happy to say, we parted ways with a lot of books!

We held an adult Pine Cone wreath craft the latter part of the month. It went great! So great, in fact, people are still asking us to do another program. We probably will, since we still have a lot of supplies left over. More than likely, we'll do another in the spring.

On October 30th, we held our 2nd annual Halloween Costume Contest—it was so much fun! There were about 18 kids competing for Visa gift cards in four age groups. Because of all the awesomely creative costumes, it was a tough job for our local judge to decide on the winners. We were thankful that we didn't have to be the judges! For Halloween, Maria Piper (Public Service clerk) and I dressed up and handed out candy at the library to all the Trick or Treaters.

Earlier in the month of October, I had contacted a local resident to set up a program with him and his slithering reptile friends. On October 12th, we made it happen! We had about 45 people show up to see geckos, lizards, turtles, and of course, the 17 ft. python, Alice. It was great! The kids loved it! We loved it, but many of the parents were content to sit back and simply observe. After all, not everyone likes snakes. (I do!)

We will be hosting another adult craft (glass bead jar lanterns) and a few teen programs coming up later this month, as well.

Until next month, Happy Thanksgiving ~ may your hearts and bellies be full!

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Counterman
Sherwood Branch Manager



DEARTH UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH REPORT November 19, 2018

- Our branch participated in Michigan Libraries for Life for a week. We had a display with goodies that were provided by the sponsor. We had seventeen patrons stop and ask us about the display and took some materials home. We had three patrons state they were already registered for this program.
- We had our first program at the Rick Mears Amphitheater, which is right beside the building. Joel Tacey entertained over 31 patrons with his Halloween program. The children loved the program especially when they were able to go up on the stage and be a part of the program.
- It is great to see the teens who are coming to the library for programs. They enjoyed making a water globe with Keeley.
- At the end of the month, we had two different preschools stop in for their annual Halloween parade. Both Camri Wages (Public Service Clerk) and I enjoyed seeing the costumes and handing out candy.
- Mrs. Cronkhite's third grade class voted to come to the library and visited us just before Halloween. Camri read them the book, *A Halloween Scare in Michigan*, by Eric James. They really enjoyed it. The kids toured the library, looked at books, worked on the iPads, and played Halloween Bingo. Winners received Frisbees; all the children were given a pencil and bookmark when they left.
- Union City's Garden Club has a scarecrow contest every year. I am happy to inform you that Union Township Library took **first place** this year. We also have the Pumpkin Race traveling trophy at the library. Before the race, community members decide which business should receive the trophy, and this year the library was chosen.



Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gottschalk
Branch Manager