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## **BRANCH REPORTS**

### **January 21, 2019**

#### **ALGANSEE**

We had 1 adult Christmas craft with a great attendance of 7. There were 2 different crafts involving snowmen. All had a good time and 14 snowmen went out the door. I had a bowl of chocolates for all to enjoy.

We are planning a craft once every Saturday. We always have a craft for children also. January 19th event is called "Puzzle and Pizza." Everybody is invited. Stop in and join us!

Teen programs will start on Wednesday, 1/30/19, at 3:30. This first one is titled "Snowflake," which is like a snow globe. Should be fun for teens and me!

Any suggestions or questions, please let me know. Happy January!

Submitted: Jan Clark

#### **BRONSON**

2019 programming has begun and once again we have programs for infants to adults and all ages in between. January Homeschool programs will include Legos, Gelli Prints, Printmaking and Button making. Tween & Teen club held a Mystery Mayham program and next will be a program by Bronson Floral on creating a succulent planter. Teens will also be making a Snow Shakeup (snowflake bottle) and will hold their annual indoor snowball fight later this month. Our Family Crafts and Adult Crafts fill up quickly and are greatly enjoyed. January we will be making Ribbon Valentines and learn Cookie Cutter Felting.

Library staff continues training through webinars. This month's webinar covers the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

The library was able to assist police in the search for the bank robber last month. From the outside cameras, detectives were able to spot his car as it repeatedly drove by on York Street giving them a description of his vehicle.

The Bronson Township board covered the cost to replace all the emergency lights and exit sign lights with new LED signs.

The Friends Terri Lynn Nut Sale was a success again with only a few bags of baking nuts left. The Friends will hold a mini book sale in January. The sale will only be a two-day sale with a portion of the books they have gathered since fall.

Submitted: Lynnell Eash

## COLDWATER

**Adult Programs:** Adult programming has been under evaluation at the Coldwater Branch. Staff participated in a webinar and have been reviewing texts to get some new ideas. From one of the books came the idea of a “Hot Cocoa mix and snowman jar craft”. This event filled up quickly and we look forward to seeing and hearing about everyone’s fun on the 23rd



Unfortunately, we had to cancel our WWI POW presentation, scheduled for January 19, due to the predicted snow. January programs are always tough because you never really know what Michigan weather will cooperate!

**Kids’ Place:** The year was ended with Winter Staycation fun! The American Red Cross did an excellent presentation about emergency preparedness for children entitled: “Pillowcase Project”. All the children in attendance received a pillowcase to take home and put their valuables in. Staycation also means our favorite cartoonist, Jonny Hawkins returns. He brought out the talent and humor of the audience in attendance. More zaniness occurred during the Kids’ Place Drama Camp that ended our Staycation. Under the talented direction of Julia Littley, children ages 6-12 years created costumes and learned lines to entertain the audience with a production of “I’m so Handsome”. A delightful tale of the not so bad but really quite vain, Big Bad Wolf of fairy tale fame! The children had so much fun, they ran the production twice and asked that we host this program again for our Spring Staycation.



Lots of fun was had during the “Holly Jolly Story time” and “Noon Year’s Eve Party”. Then on into the New Year with Tween Club’s “Stem Snowman Challenge”. Our tweens competed to build the largest standing snowman out of the materials provided. They also created individual take home wooden block snowmen as well. Cookies and hot chocolate closed out the program.

A series of art instruction will be held once a month on the 2nd Saturday for the winter. These sessions are for ages 7-12 and will be conducted by a high school student who is using it for class credit. Tween Club will be exploring the world of Makey Makey’s, which use common household objects as computer keys! And we’ll end January with special guests of fairy tale fame; who will present “Once Upon a Time” activities and fun as part of the Coldwater Ice Fest 2019!

**Teen Space:** 2019 is off with a BANG! Teen Services has been working closely with youth to get them ready for the adult world. Last year we saw “Adulting Classes” to prep them. Now we have our first BDL scholarship night completed. Staff presented ways to look for and apply to scholarships. The process can often be overwhelming for both parents and

students and since staff are familiar with the process for themselves, they were able to share tips and tricks.

Also, new to the Library was the very first “Dungeons and Dragons” event. This is a popular game combining storytelling with fantasy roleplaying. Players tell a story together, guiding their characters through epic battles and quests for adventure.



The super popular “Snowball Fight at the Library” is back for the first afterhours event in 2019. The teens get turned loose to have fun and pelt each other with soft snowballs.

Submitted: Kimberly Feltner

## **QUINCY**

The Quincy Branch had 1,001 patrons enter the library in December and 1,059 items were circulated.

The Story Hour children were treated to a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus on Friday, Dec. 14. Tom and Cindy Bland are an amazing Santa couple that we have had visit several times. They do a wonderful job with children.

A Make & Take craft event was held Saturday, December 22 with several families attending.

I took part in two webinars late December: *A Universe of Stories/Summer Reading Program Ideas for Youth & Teens* and *Service Animals*.

I also facilitated a book discussion for the local ladies’ NIKA group of 20 last week held at the library.

The Quincy Advisory Board will be welcoming new liaison Cindy Bland at their February 13 board meeting.

Submitted: Lisa Wood

## **SHERWOOD**

Happy New Year!

We are happily busy over this way as we're getting more and more programs on the calendar.

Our District Teen Service Clerks have also added programs to our calendar, so the rest of January is guaranteed to keep us busy, as well as the month of February. We like busy! February 1st is the beginning of our month long Winter Reading Challenge. This is for all age groups and we welcome everyone to join in!

I continue weekly visits to the Union City Elementary and Preschool to read to classes on Tuesday afternoons.

Since today is "National Hat Day," we are decorating baseball hats with fabric markers. We'll be sure to take photos and include them in next month's report.

Check out our calendar of events to see all of the fun things we have coming at our Branch.

Submitted: Traci Counterman

## **UNION TOWNSHIP**

December went by so fast with me taking some vacation and Camri off for a little over two weeks for knee surgery.

We started the month off with Breakfast with Santa sponsored by our friends group and held at the First Congregational Church. About 235 kids and adults enjoyed a pancake and sausage breakfast. The men of the church took over the cooking and told me they look forward to every year and will continue next year. Community Unlimited painted Christmas tree ornaments and added the child's name and the year during breakfast. Once again we had friends who helped with registration and making sure information was correct for the photographer. We are so lucky to have Interact students from the high school taking over the role of waiter and waitresses. Santa and his elves talked to each child and gave them a goodie bag to take home. The toymaker elf brought stuffed animals for each and every child. Each family received a 5 x 7 photograph of their visit with Santa. It is one program that people talk about all the time and can't wait for next year.

We had a teen program where the teens made a sugar scrub with Keeley instructing them how to do the scrub. I would like to take the time to thank Jessica, Keeley, and Lindsay for all the wonderful programs they conducted for the patrons this year.

Submitted: Judy Gottschalk