

Coldwater Branch

- Great Hospice Duck Race – The Coldwater Branch was again a site to sell tickets for this annual fundraiser. During the month of May, we have a variety of ducks that take over the Coldwater Branch. This year, we sold 41 tickets, to help raise funds for hospice. This is just a simple way that the Coldwater Branch can help out our community!
- Coming up on Saturday June 22, is the first of two HUGE book sales coordinated by the Coldwater Friends of the Library group. The book sale will be located inside the branch and runs from 9am-2pm.
- Coldwater staff member, Cheryl Lawrence, has been awarded a certificate of library development from Midwest Collaborative for Library Services.

Adult Programming:

- With the retirement of the staff member handling adult programming at Coldwater, programming has been on a pause. This is allowing us the time to evaluate our supplies and ideas for moving forward. We have had several staff continue to provide several activities including a craft class and the role playing Pokemon Game.
- Representatives from Census 2020 and the Community Action Senior Meal Voucher program will have reoccurring events during the summer, to inform and offer services from their respective programs.

Kids' Place:

- Busy, Busier and insanely busy all describe the action in Kids' Place. From cake decorating, riding in rocket ships, Ms. Frizzle and her Magic School bus, eating the moon, asteroids and meteorites (Tweens) there is seldom a quiet moment. With our reading logs going live on June 3, we've been not only busy with registration but also giving out prizes! Some children have already completed the 8 tiers to reach their goal. And the staff is ready for serious caffeine or naps.



- Our solar system is still hanging after a week of falling from our “sky”. We’re working with the children to memorize the planets as part of our weekly program routine with our 3-5-year olds. The controversy over Pluto is even known at this young level!
- Thirty young patrons have adopted pink and purple aliens that they built on Saturday, June 8. This program was made possible through the generosity of the local Walmart Transportation Facility.
- Plans are being finalized and the slots are filling up for our next Kids’ Place version of Nailed It. With the May event providing a big success, we’re repeating with more categories and a Space twist! Larissa Vorce is returning as our professional baker with help from Linda and Angie, who are making the cupcakes and Rice Krispy treats needed for the younger participants. Jeanne Berg and the Friends will be involved as they will be selling votes for the new “People’s Choice” award. This will hopefully raise some money for the Coldwater Friends. The gold glitter chef hats and a small trophy will be given to the winners of the “Nailed It” morning judging. Lots of sticky fun should be had by all.
- Our young patrons are also participating in the Pen Pal program that involves libraries from around the country. We’re partnered with Campbellsville, KY. We’re sending off a huge envelope of letters with the children hoping to hear from our new Kentucky friends real soon.
- Upcoming Programs include: Preston Farms visit with real animals and ice cream, Air Zoo’s “Fly Me to the Moon” large floor presentation which will be held at the Heritage Recreation Center, Mr. Jim’s Space Camp Magic with a Kids’ Place favorite performer, and lastly exploring the land of Scotland as part of our Traveling Tales series with Jack Ferguson.



Teen Space:

- Universe of Stories is taking over and in Teen Space, we kicked our Summer reading with painting galactic canvas totes. This way teens have a place to stash all their reading materials that they will be logging this summer!
- Teens were treated to a library spa day before school ended. We were hoping to make sure everyone was able to end the 2018/19 school year on a good note! A great group of teens were treated to pampering library style
- One of the coolest programs so far, has been the Solar Ovens to make smores. Hungry Howie’s graciously donated pizza boxes to build the ovens that heated up marshmallows and chocolate for a great afternoon treat! I have to admit I was skeptical that it would work but the Teens did a great job and made a functioning oven.

Submitted,

Kimberly Feltner

Quincy Branch

- Recent teen events have been, Galaxy Tote bags, Cookies & Coloring and Books for Adoption – which was a big hit. The teens were thrilled to take home some ARC (Advanced Reader Copies) to keep.
- Several Quincy Middle School 5th grade classes visited to learn about the Summer Reading Program.
- All ages are signing up for the Summer Reading Program. We have many more registrations, compared to last year.
- Our Imaginative Arts Friday sessions will begin this Friday with local artist Marni Szafranski. She has provided this program for at least 10 summers now.
- Friends of the Library had a large Book Sale last week, enhanced by the NIKA ladies Club Bake Sale. The Friends are now gearing up for the 4th of July Pie Sale/Rotary BBQ. These fundraisers are a great help to our library.
- Our drop box has taken a few hits, resulting in the need for sealing the seams. Moisture was getting in during all the rain we have had.
- Everyone is enjoying our décor this year. Kids are taking selfies with our “astronauts” (see photos) and adding stars to the circulation desk “galaxy” when they visit. They also have the opportunity to tell us the order of the planets from the sun and receive a giant candy bar. Also take note of the purple alien photo...this “Take Me to Quincy”/alien face was what I saw one delivery day on the handicap entrance monitor screen in my office □



Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wood

Sherwood

Happy almost summer! The Sherwood Branch has been hopping!

- We've added new patrons and we've seen many new faces inside our library, recently. The past couple of weeks, our numbers have skyrocketed.
- On the 11th we did a Father's Day Card craft and had sixteen kids show up! Yay!
- Today, Mr. Jim did his "Space Camp Magic Show" and we had another excited group of fourteen! Summer Reading is in full swing and several people have already collected their week #2, prizes.
- On the 21st of June we'll be hosting a "First Day of Summer, Popsicle Social." We're anticipating another large group for that as well, although fortunately, we can eat popsicles outside. We have a few other programs scheduled for later this month and would like to see even more attendees.
- We have the beginnings of a Friends Group forming and I've met with the ladies a couple of different times now. It's been decided that we'll be attending other Friends Group meetings to get ideas and essentially a lay of the land. One of the Friends ladies came in last week and helped me to re-landscape the front of our building. It looks amazing and I'm beyond grateful to have had some help for that.
- July is looking to be a busy month as well! Please check out our calendar of events. We'd love to see you at our branch!

Best regards,

Traci Counterman - BDL Sherwood Branch Manager

Dearth Union Branch

- The Begindergarten class stopped by the beginning of May for a visit after going to Tibbets to see Jack and The Beanstalk. We enjoyed lunch with the little ones and then we read a book about Jack and The Beanstalk. The kids then made a puppet of Jack. They were very excited to tour the library and the kids iPads were the biggest thrill.
- The Saturday before Mother's Day we had a craft for the children to present to their Mother. They made a vase of flowers and wrapped them in tissue paper.
- Once again, we had the Senior Free Meal Vouchers program. This program is going really strong over here and we are happy to be part of the program. I take the time to talk to the seniors who come in about the many programs we have at the library.
- An adult program that went over really well was our patriotic mason jar. It was so much fun to see the different ways the jars were decorated.
- Summer Reading sign up has started and we have many families signing up. This has been a fun program and I am working on many crafts about our universe for the children.



Judy Gottschalk