



## **Alganssee**

July was a very busy month. A YA program with 5 attending putting together moon rocks on magnets. All had a good time!

Dynamic Assemblies presented Animal Astronauts. All animals was related to animals sent to the moon, except a boa constrictor to end the program! 15 patrons attended. The program was held at Pine Ridge Bible Church to make room for patrons and animals.

July 15th we finished stuffing our Space Babies. We furnished all supplies with 8 patrons happy with a new stuffed Space Baby with a birth certificate and a Star to make a special wish.

Summer Reading ended really nice!

Gifts from Coldwater Branch to top readers. Our Alganssee Friends gave bags to all ages participating in Summer Reading Program with school Supplies, gift certificates and goodies.

Any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

Thank You,

Alganssee Branch Manager  
Janice Clark

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## **Bronson**

Our summer programming ended last week just in time to send the kids back to school. We have been very grateful for the daycare located just across the street from the library. They have participated in all of our programs this summer including the summer reading program. A great way to guarantee that at least 40 children will get to attend all the activities.

Summer Reading finished up with well over half of those participating finishing the program. (232 joined, 137 completed) For the record I only heard 3 Uranus jokes over the summer and no I won't be repeating them.

Jessica Clark and I went to Ryan Elementary and met the new principal, Ed Dickenson, and got permission to continue using the big bulletin board for library displays. We will also continue using the bulletin board at the high school.

Fall programs start in September so in between now and then we will get in a few vacation days, do lots of shelf reading and get the library put back in order.

## Coldwater

- Display Case: Library staff member, Ben Lyon, created a Summer of '69 display. Highlights include the moon landing, Woodstock, automobiles, pop culture, and music!
- Puzzle Program: This is a repeat passive program that is always a huge hit. We set up a family friendly puzzle that anyone can work on, located on the second floor. People can then come and go putting together a few pieces or the whole puzzle outline!

### **Adult Programming:**

- Summer reading wrapped up with a total of 65 adults registered for the program and with 46 completing. The group collectively logged 660 books and completed an additional 121 challenges ranging from checking out books on Hoopla to asking a librarian for a book recommendation.
- Winners for the Adult Summer Reading Program were Jennifer Little and Mary Gray.
- We continue to partner with Community Action to hand out Senior Meal Vouchers the first Wednesday of the month. This is always a very popular program and there is usually a decent line before the staff even get set up!

### **Kids' Place:**

- We have wrapped up Summer Reading Program and the new normal is quiet with occasional dashes of noise and chaos!
- Our Saturdays programs held plenty of laughter and fun. Our space alien showed up and interacted with our small but lively group of children. They had fun making UFO's and drawing pictures of their favorite alien. Richard Bell of the Kalamazoo Astrology Club joined us in "Cooking Up a Comet". The kids were so excited to make comets, especially learning how to make more at home! We ended on a high with the art and comedy of Jonny Hawkins. Our favorite cartoonist entertained and shared his take on "Awkward Aliens and UFO's, Oh, No!
- Our Wednesday group enjoyed Astronaut Camp and the following week took to the skies with the Western Michigan Aviation College presentation. However, the biggest hit of July proved to be the Wildlife Rescue who shared about the rescue of Raptors. The presenters were here over 2 hours and the audience was entranced. We also had fun building robots and UFO's as our final program on July 31st.
- The Tween Boat Build is always a popular event! Our appreciation for Buzz Sharpley and the Aquatic Center crew is tremendous as well as the personnel from Quality Springs and HC Starck. Starck has been a huge asset as they supply the large sheets of

*SRP winners for the children ages 0-12*



*Missing: Deena Ahmed*

cardboard needed for building. A shout-out to Jan Cooper and Dan Erwin, along with Kelly Aker of Coldwater Lake Marina who judged the races and provided prizes. Jenn S of Starck and Cheryl B of QS Togo also helped with judging. Video of this epic event is available on the library website and You Tube channel.

- Our young Tuesday group enjoyed programs about Aliens, Moon Phases, Constellations with our grand finale “Space Eats and Treats” with Val Albright of the MSU Extension Service. Yum! Yum! Fruit space rockets and Spacey Sandwiches were enjoyed.
- August saw our annual Library mini-putt. We put together 9 holes between Kids’ and the 3rd floor non-fiction area. Ten young golfers participated and received a round of free mini-golf from the Adventure Zone and a Culver Scoop coin for their efforts. Another shout-out to Amber Sunderland who has faithfully volunteered throughout our summer with various programs. She has been a much needed set of hands.



### Teen Space:

- Summer Reading was in full swing this July! We saw a lot of interest in SRP – especially the prizes! – right up to the end of the month. We ended up with 44 Coldwater teens participating, 19 completing the program, for a total of 23,837 minutes read.
- Winners for the Young Adult Summer Reading Program were Malek Abdullah, Seth Lutz, and Ethan Parker
- To tie in with “A Universe of Stories,” our programs all had a space-themed element to them. Our two district-wide crafts were well-received by our creative teens. Teens made “Space Rock Magnets” by painting rocks to look like colorful galaxies and starry skies. This program proved to be quite popular due to its flexibility – colorful abstract galaxies and starry skies can

take any form the teens imagined, and acrylic paint is forgiving enough to allow experimentation with color. We also made “Constellation Jars,” mason jars with lights and aluminum foil inside that project little “stars” in the dark.

- At Coldwater, Teen Services Clerk Lindsay Villa lead an educational “Mythology Tour,” a journey through various constellations and the Greek and Roman myths they represent. To cap off the month, we held a showing of *The Host*, a movie based on the book by Stephanie Meyer.

Lastly, this will be my last branch report as the Branch Manager position is assumed by an outstanding BDL staff member, Keeley Briggs. Please read below for a short introduction from her!

Hello! For those members of the board I haven’t had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Keeley Briggs, and starting the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>, I am taking over the position of Branch Manager of BDL’s Coldwater Branch. For the past two and a half years, I have worked under Jessica Tefft, first as the Teen Services Clerk and then as the Teen Services Assistant. Our library system and our unique community deserve the best, and I hope to lead our team in making the Coldwater Branch a welcoming, inclusive space with vibrant programming and a collection that is effective and up-to-date.

Submitted,

Kimberly Feltner & Keeley Briggs



## Quincy

Quincy Township has changed over the entire library with LED lighting using electrician Randy Hall.

The Summer Reading Program had 86 children (12 and under), 15 Teens and 16 Adults register this year.

James Wallace offered a great “Space Talk!” program after spending 20 years teaching all over the world with the Air Force Space System. Astronaut fruits and ice cream were enjoyed by the children.

Teens had a good time making Solar Ovens and then enjoyed their s’mores, nachos and watching the cookies that took several hours more

Our last Imaginative Arts session had a large group of almost 20. Many thanks go to local artist Marni Szafranski who has volunteered her time for over a decade of summers at our branch.



Space Rockets made using Alka Selzer and film canisters, were a big hit.



National Book Lovers Day was enjoyed by teens and adults; giveaways were offered and the Friends of the Quincy Library offered a free book to everyone from their on-going book sale area.

I participated in the webinar “Michigan Libraries for Life”; our branch offered that information table and giveaways last year and will again this October.

I also attended the Jennings Elementary Open House, several hundred children and parents came by our table and received information on the library and fall programs.

A teen “Chilly Buffet” offered ice cream and topping galore on a hot August afternoon. A “chilly” movie was also played for them to enjoy.

Friends of the Library will be at Quincy’s Main Street Festival this coming weekend. They have added more meetings to the yearly schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wood

## **Union Twp.**

The aliens have left the building. Summer reading is over for another year and I am happy that a number of children participated in our summer reading program. We have read many books and made many crafts to go along with this year's theme. As you can see by the picture below how excited Nathan was to receive his prize as well as all the other prizes awarded to the participants.

Looking ahead to the future we have two big programs coming up in the following months. Our first program will be the Pine Wood Derby which is scheduled for Saturday September 28th and Breakfast with Santa which will be held on Saturday December 7th.

Since I will be stepping down and taking the public service clerks position at this library, I would like to thank the administration and the board for the many wonderful memories I have had as the branch manager. I am looking forward to the next part of this journey.

Sincerely,

Judy Gottschalk

