



## **Algansee**

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Come in and sign up for a Library card and enjoy our great selection of new and old books. We also have 3 computers and a lap top for you to use.

We also have a fax machine, 2 copy machines for your convenience.

We had a nice booth at the fair, giving away lots of small gifts from our Coldwater Library for all ages. Friday September 13 at 1 p.m is our first Adult program DVD Sun catchers. Everybody welcome. Crafts for children at our craft table, Come and join us All supplies furnished.

We need new patrons, so please come in and sign up. Your card can be used at all 6 of our Branch County Libraries and they are free!

Any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

Thank You,

Algansee Branch Manager Janice Clark

## **Coldwater**

Here at the Coldwater Branch, we've welcomed three new staff members: Julie Smith, Julie Baratta, and Ian Scott! Julie S. and Julie B. both have extensive library experience, while Ian has been a loyal volunteer at this library in years past. The three of them will be Public Service Clerks at the main circulation desk with crossover into Kids' Place and the Teen Space. We are all greatly looking forward to working together!

Adult programming at Coldwater has seen a bit of a lull since our Adult Programming Coordinator retired earlier this year, but starting this month we have several exciting events planned. Our talented staff will be giving some of these programs. Cheryl Graham-Machida will be sharing her cultural knowledge on September 18th as we celebrate the Jugoya, the Japanese festival of the Harvest Moon. In addition, local artist/Public Service Clerk Ben Lyon will be giving a class on creating art with spray paint on the 19th.

We also have a few outside speakers visiting our branch this month. Gregory Sumner, Co-Chair of the Department of History at the University of Detroit Mercy, will be speaking about his book *Michigan's POW Camps in World War II*. We also have two educational workshops happening later in the month: one concerning Medicare and another providing information about home loans available through the USDA.

With our younger patrons returning to school, Kids' Place has been quieter than it's been all summer! We've had a few busy days with patrons bringing their visiting grandchildren in. It's nice to be the go-to place when families are in need of a boredom buster!

We've taken advantage of this time by weeding the children's collection – just in time for the next Friends of the Library book sale happening during Apple Fest. It's also time to finalize our programming for the rest of the year. We're still waiting to hear back from some potential presenters, but it looks like our calendar will be full even into the first quarter of 2020.

Our Home School Adventure program has begun for the new school year. We're studying U.S. Presidents, elections, campaigns, and all things related to the Oval Office. We have a younger group this year, and we've got our fingers crossed we can keep up with their energy. We started by learning what type of government we have here in the U.S. Here's a hint: it's not a democracy!

As of the week of September 9th, we'll be in full swing in Kids' Place, resuming all of our regular weekly programs. Monday through Friday will find a group of young patrons learning and falling in love with the library. September Saturdays will see art instruction, a visit and some stories from Johnny Appleseed, a celebration of grandparents, and a return of Miss Mary's Marvelous Stories.

Teen Space has been hopping lately with after-school activity. We're finding that there is frequently a waiting list for our teen-only computers. Kicking off this September, Teen Coordinator Lindsay Villa helped the kids create "vision boards," a creative exercise intended to help you visualize your goals. In this case, the kids were focusing on the new school year. Several of our regulars took a break from their computer games to complete the exercise, using their own photos and drawings as well as images found online. The teens were so delighted with their creations that they came up to the service desk to show them off to other staff members! Lindsay will be making vision boards with kids across the district throughout the month. On top of that, she will also be holding Anime Club, a group activity for fans of Japanese animated shows. This program was quite popular in 2018, so we expect a good turnout this year as well.

Later this month, our teens will be able to attend a what we're alliteratively calling a Plant Party. Attendees will be creating their own terrariums with living plants and learning about how to care for succulents. We'll also be having our first teen Game Night, where teens will be invited to play old favorites or try new things. Games ranging from Monopoly to Dungeons and Dragons will be available. With any luck, our competitive teens will have fun and not argue too much!

Respectfully submitted,

Keeley Briggs

## Quincy

Friends of the Library had a booth space at the Quincy's Main Street Festival August 24 and were able to pass out a lot of library information that day.

The Quincy Branch had over 1500 patrons through the doors during the month of August and circulated nearly 1700 items. 199 of our items were sent out in the Mel system also in August.

The fax service is increasing with 119 faxes recorded for August.

Story Hour has a full group with some new little faces. Jessica Tefft will be a guest reader Friday, September 20 while Lisa is off on vacation.

Recent teen events have been "Create a Vision Board", which brought in new teens we had not seen before, and a Star Trek Day event with trivia, a Transporter photo spot and a viewing of the first Star Trek pilot episode. Table top cut outs of Captain Kirk and Spock were given away from a random drawing.

Our branch has a new set of "Mayflower Families through Five Generations", also known as "Silver Books". This full set includes the pink "Mayflower Families in Progress" and green books for several allied families. Having this standardized proven information from the earliest generations is of great value. These 49 volumes will remain a part of the Genealogy section of our branch for viewing and research.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wood

## **Sherwood**

Greetings from Sherwood ~

This past month has been flying by and we've been super busy!

It's hard to believe that it's already time to get excited about Halloween, but here we are, only a month away! Maria and I will be dressed up and excited to pass out candy to the "Trick or Treaters" again this year. In keeping on track with this year's Summer Reading theme, we plan to make it a Star Trek/Star Wars, kind of day, as each of us will be representing one of the characters from each of them! Who knows, maybe we'll get really creative and make it a contest of some sorts!?

I've begun my weekly visits to the Union City Elementary and Preschools to read to the classes. It's a little hectic the first few weeks as the kiddos each have a story of their own to tell me. However, having the opportunity to share a smile with forty little people is priceless and well worth the chaos!

Bobbie Mathis will be here on the 24th for an "Adult Paint Night", beginning at 4:30pm.

Cody will be returning with his reptiles in the very near future. Sadly, the weather wasn't cooperating with us so we had to reschedule the program we had planned earlier this month.

We'll be having a "Fall Reading Challenge" probably around the first of November ~ Stay tuned for more fun next month!!

Best regards,

Traci Counterman - BDL Sherwood Branch Manager