



It's the time for summer festivals! BDL had a booth at both Strawberry Fest and Polish Fest.



Rain threatened both events, but didn't stop the fun! Summer reading continues with loads of great programming at the library and at offsite locations.

I reached out to 5 painting contractors about the Coldwater painting project. The RFP is out until the end of the month. We've had no replies yet, but sure are ready to get started! In other Coldwater news, the City started work on the park west of the library. The west entrance will be close during the City's work.



The vacant Children's Services Coordinator position has been reposted. The library community, like the job market as a whole right now, has many open positions and we are by no means the only organization struggling to fill positions.

I attended meetings of the Coldwater Advisory Board, the Coldwater Downtown Development Authority, and the Library of Michigan Directors. I also had a great meeting with Donielle Hetrick of the South Michigan Food Bank, along with Kimberly and Jessica, about how the library might partner with the Food Bank in addressing both food needs and education.

I am excited with the amount of policy work readied for the July meeting, and look forward to being able to mark one more thing as completed on our Strategic Plan!

Submitted by John Rucker



I had a shorter month, but was still busy, due to taking some vacation time in early July.

Policy work continued with the management team. As well as reopening the job posting for the Children's Services Coordinator. At the monthly Branch County Partners Meeting, I shared the job opening. This is a group consists of agencies that work with job seekers. So it was a logical place to note that we are still trying to fill the position.

I attend the Branch County Community Network meeting in June. I also attended with John and Jessica a meeting with the South Michigan Food Bank. It is amazing to hear of all the things that they are doing to get food for those in need. The group works with the local food pantries. They also provide fresh food distribution sites across the county.

The Technical Services department has received our custom genre stickers created by library staff member, Toni Nickerson. Toni started at BDL last year and came to us with a lot of graphic design experience. She created seven custom genre stickers (romance, fantasy, inspirational, historical, mystery, western, based upon information from library staff. These stickers will help guide patrons to books that they may be interested in.

The library will be hosting a booth at the Bronson Polish Festival. We are going to provide a sand art craft at the kid's area. With the use of a hotspot, we will offer library card sign ups for anyone who is interested. This will be the second community event of 2021 and I am looking forward to it!



Submitted,

Kimberly Feltner



- The 2021 Summer Reading Program is ending this week and unsurprisingly, we have decimated our 2020 registration numbers with adults having 140 registered, teens having 69 registered and 420 children registered. Our Summer Reading programs have had such a wonderful outpouring of patrons with our recent programs and we are so grateful for our community returning to the library for their entertainment and educational programming needs.
- The SRP coloring contest winners were announced on July 9th. Gwendolyn Barry from Quincy and Janey Alford from Union City were our winners!
- Family Fright Night will be held in the last week of October. Planning is underway!
- Attended a Public Services Committee meeting with the Director and Assistant Director to go over policy changes that the management team worked on last month.
- I, along with the Director and Assistant Director, met with the South Michigan Food Bank Representative and discussed the possibility of partnering with them as a food distribution site.
- I will be presenting at the Branch County Community Network for the BDL on July 21st.
- Attended the Polish Festival with the Assistant Director and Teen Services Coordinator and did a sand art craft with kiddos and library card sign-ups on Friday, July 16th.
- BDL is registered for a booth at the Fair and we are looking forward to a great week with lots of giveaways! We have stress balls for the adults, mini-squishes for the children and teens, and lots of pens, pencils, and candy for all generations!

Submitted,

Jessica Tefft