

Alganssee

Our STEM group studied bees, spiders, dung beetles and butterflies. We used Cheetos to demonstrate pollination and sampled some honey during our bee program. One boy pointed out that everyone was eating bee spit.... For butterflies we used candy to create an edible butterfly lifecycle chart. Then the kids ran a relay race with butterfly batons to emphasize the generational migration of the monarch butterfly.

Our story time groups began the month learning about rabbits. We focused on what the forest looks like from a rabbit's view. Then we studied sheep. We carded some wool and made a quick crochet bracelet with the finished product, yarn. The following week we learned about skunks and our sense of smell. Then rainbows and the sense of sight. Which worked out nicely since many of their older sibling have been learning about brail and blindness at school.

Crafts with Linda have been filled with insect inspiration. They made watercolor butterflies from coffee filters and pipe cleaners. Ants from donated spoons and bees from an old egg carton. There were Easter themed crafts at the beginning of the month.

The adult craft Easter eggs were colorful and unique. The tabletop tree project was my favorite adult craft this month. I loved the resourcefulness of the project and the simple spring look.

Lego nights have been conflicting with the school events this month, so our participation was down. We took our family movie night to the porch to enjoy the beautiful weather. I loved sweeping the popcorn off the porch to share with the birds. Clean up was so much quicker. There were many beautiful projects created at the family button bouquet craft. We had some really cute and unique buttons that the kids found in the box.

Summer Reading Program

I am excited for our upcoming summer events. Summer Reading Program prizes are waiting in the prize box. I ordered our first Library of Things items. We will use the yard games for our summer reading program kickoff on Saturday, June 3rd. After that they will be barcoded and available for patrons to checkout. The Alganssee Friends of the Library group will also be having a book sale at the library June 2nd and 3rd. They have agreed to give back-to-school supplies to all our kids that complete their challenges again this year. The library will be giving out an adult prize for completion of the adult SRP



challenge. Our Friends group is also sponsoring the Pint Size Polkas program in June. We have so many fun and messy events planned for the kids this summer.

Submitted by Teresa Shilling

Bronson

A lot of extra activity at the Bronson Branch over the past month. Late in April SpaceWorx installed our Quiet Room in the media center. So far the room has been used numerous times by tutors and an army recruiter and I think as people find out about it it will be used even more. When speaking at a normal level voices are muffled and you really can't hear what is being said. Those who have used it are amazed at how quiet it is.



The IT department has been busy installing new equipment for us, including a new people counter, printer, copier, and software for the microfilm reader.



We held our first professional puppet show at the Bronson Theater and it was very entertaining. Stevens Puppets is a marionette company that has been around for decades. The audience was entertained with a quick magic act and then the play Sleeping Beauty. We had 35 children and adults attend. We had nine businesses and organizations help to sponsor the program. Definitely something I'd like to do again next year.

Homeschool Escapades, Toddler Time, Friday Tales and Adult Craft Hour are all doing great and have wonderful attendance. Jessie's Adult Craft for May will be a stained glass candle holder and will have several new attendees.

Windows have been professionally cleaned and look sparkly!

We are working on decorating ideas for the library to help promote the Summer Reading Program.

In April I attended the Friends meeting and Bronson Community Foundation meeting. Went to Anderson and Ryan Elementary schools to talk to the teachers about end of school tours, Library 1Card and Summer Reading.

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

Coldwater

We have been preparing for our upcoming array of summer programs and with summer right around the corner that means Summer Reading!!! We have passed out coloring sheets and put up yard signs at Coldwater Community Schools. In the months of June and July, the Coldwater branch will host over 60 summer programs. Some of our paid programs include Mad Science, Yoga, American Floral Trends, Dove the therapy dog and Nerf Wars.



At the end of April; we had a volunteer training and appreciation lunch- in for our HHR volunteers. The six volunteers worked over 42 hours in the Hollbrook Heritage Room.

In April, we had 4,593 people visit the library; 80 kids and 46 teens participated in programs at the library. Some of our most attended programs in April were Henna for all ages and Scoop's Balloon Twisting in kids place.

Upcoming events include: Story time Monday's and Tuesday's, spray painting, and native bee houses.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

Quincy

I hope everyone is doing wonderful and enjoying the beautiful weather we've been having!

Here is a quick summary of the fun things happening at the Quincy Branch:

- We did an all age cake decorating program and we all had a blast. The kiddos loved being able to be creative and messy with food all on their own. But the best part was getting to eat the yummy treats after they were all decorated. A big thank you to Ann Strong for coming to teach the kiddos the basics of decorating cakes and cookies.



- With the Quincy Library building being joined with the Township, we have developed a great working relationship with the Quincy Township Treasurer, Connie Karney. Connie has decided, after 30 years, to resign as Treasurer effective June 1st, 2023. We are very sad to see her go but very happy for her and her next chapter!
- We are fortunate to have many volunteers at the Quincy library this month - one volunteer finishing up a community service project for a college class, one volunteer doing an OJT experience through Adapt 3 days a week for 4 weeks, and the Quincy High School Spring Fling. So many relationships made throughout these experiences and I'm very thankful to have them help us out.
- The Quincy Historical Society did a presentation about Quincy's local history. We had a wonderful turnout for this program! The Historical Society had so many fascinating stories, pictures, and presentation. There was so much information that we only had enough time to go through half of the presentation. The audience requested another presentation program to finish it up.
- With the kiddos, we did May Day baskets and Earth Day projects - they had a great turnout as well!

We had a very busy and productive month overall and I'm very happy with our program attendance this month! Stay tuned to see what other fun things we have happening this next month! Come join in on our Summer Reading ■F■U■N■ !

Submitted by Sarah Strong

Sherwood

Greetings from Sherwood -

I don't have a lot to report this month. Materials ordering is going well and programming is taking place as much as I am able to!

Until next month,

Respectfully,

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Twp.

Hello May!

Union wrapped up April with Story Time on Wednesdays, and "Crochet! Old Time Crafts" with Cheryl Lawrence coming over from Coldwater to share her skills and current projects she is working on. Thank you, Cheryl! Also been working on weeding Juvenile section and making more room for all the new materials just ordered. Continuing training with John, Kimberly, and Jessica over various topics. Next week will be starting a new project of weeding the DVD's and moving them to the back wall and moving the Large Print books where the DVDs are currently. Pictures will be in next month's report.



May Programs

Mother's Day is right around the corner and we have some beautiful books on display just in time for the holiday. A Mother's Day kid's craft will on May 12th - creating beautiful tissue paper flowers. Can't wait to see how unique they will be.



Story Time Every Wednesday at 11am with weekly themes, crafts, and songs. This month's story time themes are Helping, Mother's Day, Plant Something Day, Memorial Day and How can we stay in shape?

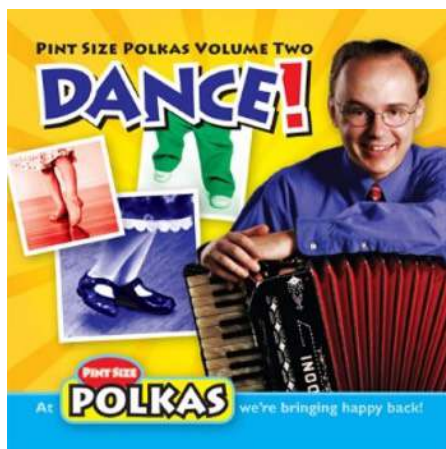
Bookmark Scavenger Hunt has begun and will run until the end of the month. Goody Bags are provided for those that complete the hunt.



I met with Community Unlimited and we will have a group of 30 kids coming 10 - Noon on Tuesdays mornings for the month of June and July. Their visit will include Story Time, Checking out books, Creation Stations and outdoor activities. Hoping to get all these kids signed up for the Summer Reading Program!

June

Gearing up for Summer Reading to begin! Great performers coming soon - Pint Size Polkas & A2 Magic Show. Township and Friends of Library meeting scheduled this month.



Submitted by Maria Piper