

PROMOTING  
ACTIVITIES  
SUCH AS

- READING INCENTIVES
- FUNDRAISERS
- WORKSHOPS
- BUILDING COMMUNITY
- LEARNING
- FUN, FUN, FUN!

Come see us real soon. We can request any book from any library in Branch county and beyond. We are here for your reading pleasure.

Favorite authors have published new titles. Stop in and check them out.

- Lilian Jackson Braun--*The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers*  
 Lisa Gardner--*Hide*  
 Janet Evanovich--*Plum Lovin': A Stephanie Plum Novel*  
 Jayne Ann Krentz--*White Lies*  
 Michael Palmer--*The Fifth Vial*  
 Luanne Rice--*Edge of Winter*  
 Barbara Delinsky--*Family Tree*  
 Robert Parker--*High Profile*  
 J.D. Robb--*Innocent in Death*  
 Dorothy Garlock--*On Tall Pine Lake*  
 Rita Mae Brown--*Puss 'n Cahoots: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery*  
 Danielle Steel--*Sisters*  
 Stuart Woods--*Short Straw*  
 Perry O'shaughnessey--*Keeper of the Keys*  
 James Patterson--*Cross*  
 Mitch Albom--*For One More Day*

We recently purchased 25 **Large**

**Print** westerns.



**Summer Reading Program Breaks All Records**

This past summer Union Township Library had 174 kids in the reading program! This year's kids read an astounding 1840 books. Each summer kids pre-school through eighth grade are asked to read for pleasure. Prizes are awarded in three levels. Winners of a \$20. gift certificate were: Audrey Robertson, Liam Wrigglesworth, Larson Kever, Spencer Lindsay, Alyssa Shinevar and Ashley Smith. Five won a red Tee-shirt. Drawings were held for a boys bicycle and a girls bicycle. The winners were Dakota Garnsay and Erica Donihue. A preschool scooter went to Jillian Rick.

Yea to the Summer Reading Program. Any time we can get our kids to read we all win. In years past, as few as 56 to 85 participated in this program.

Other summer activities included Kindermusik with Lisa Dove, 4<sup>th</sup> of July crafts, a reading with Patricia Polacco, a visit from Kalamazoo Nature Center with Pete Stobie and an end of the summer party at the local park.

Please keep this program in mind for next summer and give your kids a head start. Reading for fun makes learning in school so much easier.

**Book Bags Make Great Gifts**

New library book bags are in and will make great gifts. Great for your book selections or anything you might want to use them for. Stop in and see them. It's a great way to support your local library.

**FREE BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY!**

Come to the library and sign up for a chance to win a Union Township Library book bag to be given away in a drawing at the library.



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Workshop held December 9<sup>th</sup>**

The children's workshop for a Christmas project was Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> for the young at heart. A snowman was the craft project. Materials were furnished. The workshop was from 9:30 to 11:30 and parents attending made snowmen too! Everyone had a great time!

Snowmen were donated to local senior centers and were very well received.



Spencer and Alex Lindsay visit Polly at Birch's Adult Foster Care in Leonidas



Spencer and Alex visit Rosie at Emma's Adult Foster Care in Union City

We also encourage ideas for next year's project. The idea should be simple and inexpensive to make. Leave your ideas at the library.

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 Closed Thursday and Sunday

### Library Changes

As you know from the recent papers and announcements, we will be building a new library. The present site has been in existence for many years and has no room for growth. We have about 250 visitors a week. A new facility can add so much to our community. A nice quiet place to sit and read, a table for the children, computer space, more books and DVD's could all be in the near future. Please keep your mind and heart on the project. We are going to need matching funds in order to make this plan go forward. Whether you can give a pocket of change, a few dollars or more, contribute to the cause. More information will follow. Many of you signed a petition to save the Union Township Library. Now, it is time for you to find a way to make this happen. A library is the backbone of a community and we are so fortunate to have one. Let's get behind this project and make it happen. We have a few thousand dollars so far; it is a small but good start.

### Library Donations

Donations for the new library got underway with Barb Burkhardt handing a check to Marv Carman. Remember the library needs everyone's support to become a reality. Support your new library and donate today, donate often! Donation\$ may be given to Pat or Sandy at the library. They will, honestly, put the money in the library fund.



Barb Burkhardt & Marv Carman get the new library started.



### Poetry Contest

This year's poetry contest will be open from March 12 through April 14, 2007. All poems are due April 14th by 12:00 p.m. at the Library. Be sure to put your name, address, phone number, age, grade, and school on the back of the poem. Poems should be typed or neatly printed. Award of a poetry book will be given to one person in each grade level.

### Red Cross Babysitting Class

The Red Cross Babysitting Class is being scheduled this year for April. Check with the library for exact time and dates and to register for the class.

### Summer Reading Program

The theme for this year's summer reading program is "Get a Clue." Keep watching at the library for further details.

### FOTL – Friends of the Library

MISSION:

*Our purpose is to assist and maintain the promoting of knowledge and participation in library programs, provide funds to meet special needs, to help stimulate gifts of books, magazines and desirable collections and to maintain an association of persons interested in books and libraries.*

Support your library, come join us! Help us to continue this community effort in bringing our children and parents together to participate in activities that will have all of us learning, sharing our time and talents and just plain having fun! Join FOTL!

CONTACT: Union Township Library at 741-5061 or email: union@branchdistrictlibrary.org

Meetings are held at the library and everyone is invited to attend. The meeting schedule is:

- February 5 6 pm
- March 5 12 Noon
- April 9 6 pm
- May 7 12 Noon

Mark your calendar.

### Kid's Corner

Here is a simple word search puzzle for the youngsters. It is made up of words from this newsletter. Words are all left to right or top to bottom, no diagonals, no backwards.

BAGS	BOOK
CARD	DEWEY
FOTL	LIBRARY
MAGAZINE	PAT
POETRY	READING
SANDY	SUMMER
TOWNSHIP	UNION

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### Do We Do Dewey?

The Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system is used to catalog books in over 95% of public libraries. Learn all about the DDC system on the WEB. You can use the computers at the library to search the WEB and learn about "Dewey Decimal"

Here's a couple of sites:

Learn about the **Dewey Decimal** system in a website designed by 6th graders. Includes basic prerequisite library skills. This site suitable for all ages.

<http://library.thinkquest.org/5002/>

The official website for the DCC is:

<http://www.oclc.org/dewey/>

Another learning site:

[http://www.lib.duke.edu/libguide/fi\\_books\\_dd.htm](http://www.lib.duke.edu/libguide/fi_books_dd.htm)

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