



BRANCH COUNTY READS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Branch District Library completed its Summer Reading Program which ran for eight weeks. The children who participated were able to use the 4-H Fair tickets they earned by reading books throughout the summer. They could work towards getting a "Free Parking Pass" for mom or dad, get "Free Rides" and a "Free Amphitheater" ticket. Approximately 1,350 children signed up. According to the statistics gathered, it shows

20,923 materials were circulated throughout the libraries in Branch County.

McDonalds Restaurant encouraged the children to read during the summer too. They donated toys for the children's enjoyment and the two things McDonalds donated that the children worked extra hard for was the "Free Happy Meal and Apple Dippers."

The Friends of the Library gave donated

money to buy additional prizes for the children.

A special thank you to these sponsors for helping make our Summer Reading Programs so successful.

Special guests this summer were Joel Tacey with the "Reading Rocks" program, Jim Merrill who did "Balloon Sculpting", Pete Stobie from the Kalamazoo Nature Center and Ronald McDonald with Magic.

STORY HOURS

The Branch District Library offers Story Hour to the public on Mondays at 10:15 a.m. , 1:00 p.m. , and Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for children

2-5 years old. The children will interact along with the stories, sing songs, do finger plays, and finish out the hour by doing a related craft.

On Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. babies 6 months to 2 years are invited to attend Lap Time Story Time. They also have special activities to do.

NEW BOOKS

The World Book Student Discovery Science Encyclopedia Set

Children are sure to enjoy this set of encyclopedias filled with information about basic science concepts and discoveries. They will find information about rocks, minerals, plants and animals. There are also entries on scientists who have made an important contribution to the world of science. These books have science experiments as well as a variety of activities to expand a child's interests..



Over the Wall

by John H. Ritter (J-FIC)

Tyler is a young boy who has been through some tough times. Even though he is filled with rage he never loses sight of his dreams. If he doesn't learn to control his temper his dreams will never become a reality.

The Loud Silence of Francine Green

By Karen Kushman (J-Fic)

Francine is a quiet 13 year old girl who takes her father's advice and never gets involved in anything until Sophie transfers into her class at school. Sophie is not quiet and gets into trouble all the time. Sophie chooses Francine to be her best friend. After awhile Francine is no longer quiet and begins to have opinions of her own. Francine's teacher is starting to be a little concerned about this friendship.

Ant and Other Insects

By Mary Schulte (J-NF)

Children either love insects or they don't. Either way, they may enjoy learning about the parts of

The Beasts of Clawstone Castle

By Eva Ibbotson

Madlyn and Rolo are spending the summer at Clawstone Castle with their Great Aunt Emily and Great Uncle George. They soon find themselves working hard to save the castle from being sold. They not only find a way to save the castle but they are suddenly involved in a mystery that's just a little bit scary. Once again they have to solve the mystery to save the castle.

an insect. While they learn about the parts they will be learning new words dealing with insects. Who knows they may learn to like them.

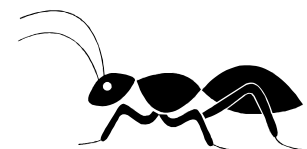
Ask Me

This is a fun set of books for children who are curious or for those reading for pleasure. Each page contains questions like, Can lizards disappear?, Do rivers ever end?, Who hid inside a horse?, Can astronauts see me?, Who is in the mirror? These are only a few. The books have questions about ancient times, science, highlights in history, reptiles and birds, mammals, space, plants, planet Earth and people and places. A fun collection for all.

Mercy Watson Fights Crime

By Kate DiCamillo

This is a very cute first chapter book for children who want to be a little more independent. It would also be a nice one for parents to read to their children or have their children read aloud to them. Mercy is a pig who prevents a robber from stealing things from the Watson home. Who would steal when you have a big pig for a guard dog? The illustrations are beautiful.



Insects have six legs.

NEW BOOKS

The Library Book

By Maureen Sawa (J-NF)

Ever wonder how libraries have evolved over time? In this book you will read about the Persian nobleman who carried his collection of books on 500 camels. He even trained them to walk in alphabetical order. Andrew Carnegie is another man you will find interesting. He gave up 80 percent of his wealth to establish libraries so people could borrow books at no cost. In this informative text you will learn that all libraries whether past, pre-



This library has a lot of great stories to tell.

sent or in the future have a story to tell.

An Egg Is Quiet

By Dianna Aston (JE)

You will love to share this book with your children. It is about a

variety of eggs all shapes, colors and sizes. It tells how eggs are smart and how they protect themselves. Each page is beautifully illustrated with information for your child to absorb and remember for years to come. This book will encourage your child to ask questions and observe how animals and insects grow inside of an egg. Then it goes from a quiet egg to... a chick, a dinosaur, a bird, an ostrich, a dogfish... Learn the shapes, colors and sizes of the eggs and you may know who is inside.

World Book

Science and Nature Guides

(J-NF)

What a wonderful way for children to discover the world around them. In this set of books you will find information that will help children learn as they read. One thing they will discover is after the name of a common tree or mammal there will be a scientific name.

The first name in a scientific name is referred to as the genus. The second name is the name of the species. So, if they see the name *Fraxinus americana* they will know *Fraxinus* is the genus and *americana* is the species. In each book it gives chil-

dren good advice on how to Respect a Forest, the Code of the Countryside, the Collectors' Code, Bird Watcher's Code and other good safety tips when observing nature.

Other books in this set are, Amphibians & Reptiles, Birds, Butterflies, Fossils, Freshwater Life, Insects, Mammals, Rocks & Minerals, Sea Shells, Trees, Wild Flowers and the book on Resources & Cumulative Index.

involved in this learning process they provide interactive features to encourage children's independent discovery, they have curriculum buttons that highlight subject areas, and provide word searches to explain and help children understand new and difficult words. These books are filled with wonderful illustrations.

Explore and Learn (J-NF)

These informative volumes are sure to expand your child's knowledge in many different subjects. They have projects to help reinforce what children are learning. To get children more

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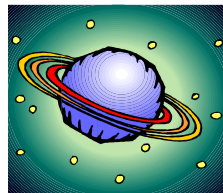
Open New Worlds—Read A Book—You'll Be Glad You Did.

NEW BOOKS CONTINUED

**World Book's
Solar System & Space
Exploration Library (J-NF)**

Subjects in this set of 10 books cover, Human Space Exploration, Telescopes and Space Probes, Galaxies and the Universe, Neptune and Pluto, Saturn and Uranus, Jupiter, Mars, Earth and Earth's Moon, Mercury and Venus and The Sun and Other Stars. On each page there is a question such as, what is the weather on Jupiter? Across the page is a beautifully illustrated picture or a chart to

go along with the question. These are great for parents to read to their child or for children to read aloud or to themselves. These books would be a wonderful learning experience for any child.



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**Branch District Library's
Fall and Winter Hours**
Coldwater Branch only

Monday 10:00—8:00
Tuesday—Thursday
9:00—8:00
Friday 9:00—5:00
Saturday 9:00—4:00

We would like to thank you for
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