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BRANCH REPORTS

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Alganssee Branch

We now have great internet service, our new 80-foot tower is up and running—YAY! Thanks to all for agreeing for us to have this service. I can now do my work and still have all of the patron computers busy. The money for the tower came from Alganssee Branch Capital Funds. If this Library moves to different area, tower can also be moved.

Lots of crafting going on here from every Saturday starting November 5th until Christmas. Lots of materials for Holiday Crafts. Everybody welcome.

Almost finished with ordering books, DVDs, magazines for all ages for 2016. Lots of new materials ready for patrons to check out.

Come in and check out your Library. We are trying to make this the best library ever! Any suggestions or questions please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Clark

Bronson Branch

We continue to work on programs and different ideas to draw more people into the library. The Tween and Teen Barbie Zombies were a big hit and the game GO was a fun challenge. Coming up will be Storytelling with Steve and making gingerbread houses. We have had enough demand from the younger children (who are jealous of the Teen program) that we will be trying an after school Kidz Crew for ages 6-10. A young lady working towards her teaching degree will be assisting with this program for a couple weeks.

I attended the November Bronson Township meeting to give a library report. Election day was an interesting day at the library. We took many phone calls asking for information regarding the election and also had several walk-ins with questions. Fun day.

Anderson Elementary School asked us to be at the school on November 29 to sign children up for library cards and introduce families to Mango. Linda Lyshol, Kimberly Feltner and I will be attending.

The Friends Black Walnut project this year took in 8,917 pounds of walnuts and raised \$1,248.00 to go towards the Media Center loan. The Terri Lynn Nuts have been selling quickly. Make a Difference Day raised \$375.00 to help purchase Graphic Novels and Manga books. The Friends are holding a big, big book sale Nov. 11-23. The township gave them the ok to use the new township hall room along with the old township hall so that they could get all the sale books out at one time.



Tween and Teen Barbie Zombies in Bronson

Coldwater Branch-Adult Programs



Photography as Art: Dennis James presented a photography workshop on the following: shooting photos that sell, galleries and online art sale sites, printing, signing and framing, selling and much more.

Canvas Painting Class: Staff member Loretta Sherfield taught another class in acrylic painting, featuring a fall scene.



National Handbag Day: To celebrate National Handbag Day, we had a giveaway drawing. The winners won handbags that were made from old books.

History of Buttons: Brenda Walters shared her knowledge of the history of buttons, their composition and value. Guests were invited to bring their button box to learn about their collections.



Chess: A Sport of the Mind: Dave Sherfield, Legg Middle School chess instructor, discussed the history of chess, the benefits of playing, and techniques for beginners. A chess set was given away to one lucky participant.

Zen Journaling: Carrie Dunn gave a talk on meditation, and how to draw zen tangle patterns and be creative while calming your mind. Paper was provided for the final art project, as well as a pen to take home to continue their art.



Pumpkin Floral Arrangement: Deb Gigowski, floral designer and owner of American Flower Trends, instructed guests on designing a pumpkin floral arrangement. Each participant made their own arrangement to take home.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Yennie

Coldwater Branch-KidsPlace Program



We give thanks for our October reading incentive winners:

Level A: Annaliese Jacoby

Level B: Madison Everline

Level C: Janet Rucker

Level D: Moriah Nottingham

Level E: Eric Rucker

Level F: Carley Hart

Family prize: Janet & Eric Rucker

A total of 138 children enrolled in our reading incentive with 44 finishing the course.

We look forward to March when we'll hold our own version of March Madness: Library Style

Our thanks to the following people:

Courtney Dirschell: Child Seat Safety Presentation

Pat Furney: Snack for Toddlers

Gina Jaros: Juvenile DVDs

Charlie Hoff: Discount for Pumpkins/Indian Corn

Dan Hefner: Folk Music Presentation

Daisy Hutchins: Toddler Craft Materials



See what we were up to!



No pictures but we had 41 children and parents show up for our Halloween candy give away. Our Kids' Halloween Safe Zone flyer was also a huge success. We hope to repeat this community outreach in 2017.



Derby Day Food with Hot Browns and pecan pie!



Halloween Story Time



Pruess Pets



Where's Scooby, Thelma?

Coming Soon!

Traveling Tale: Russia on Saturday, Nov 19 @ 11 am.

Angry Birds: Movie, Craft & Snack, Saturday, Nov 26 @ 10am

Marvelous Mondays @ 6pm –See schedule.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dull

Quincy Branch

Ten teens participated in Teen Read Week mid-October.

Quincy Friends group met the last Tuesday of October and voted in a change of officers, as the Vice President had been filling in since the passing of President Carol Brown.

The Friends had a good two-day book sale early November and had voted to give the proceeds to the Quincy Library Restoration Project. The historical building will be serviced with new gutters by Grand River Builders Incorporated – Historic Building Restoration of Grand Rapids. The Township is pleased with some community donations that have come in to help support this expensive project.

Quincy's lift is serviced by Central Elevator, which has been recently purchased by Otis Elevator. A recent inspection gave a refresher course to the staff, in the event a patron is ever stuck, if the elevator was to stop.

The Spooktacular Comedy Show presented by Joel Tacey was offered on a Saturday morning, to a very small crowd. Joel Tacey is booked at Quincy during the school Christmas break. He will bring his Duct Tape Workshop to us again, which a large crowd enjoyed a couple years ago.

Much weeding has taken place in the adult fiction area before the Friends book sale, and weeding will continue as we anticipate the new book budget monies in January.

Lisa attended the 125th annual MLA conference in Lansing the end of October. There were many beneficial sessions to attend. Handouts and info will be passed along to any staff interested at next week's staff meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wood

Sherwood Branch

Greetings!

The Sherwood Library is currently doing a Fall Adult Reading program - We have approximately 23 patrons signed up and 5 awesome prize baskets to give away. We started signing patrons up October 4th and runs until November 22. (We will be drawing for prizes on the last day) - I'm excited, and I'm not even in the drawing!

Our "Tween Crafts" on Thursdays continue to bring in a large group. Although, to be honest, I think it's our four and five year old's that seem have the most fun on craft day! Since we've had such great weather this late into the year, I've been doing more with them outside - for example, jump-roping! I believe we need a lot more practice in the "double Dutch" department. They had a great time, but I was a little beat up by the time we were done.

Hard to believe that it's already time to start scheduling programs for 2017. Time sure does fly when you're having fun!

Sincerely,

Traci Counterman

Union Branch

It certainly has been a crazy month over here in Union City. With the tearing up of sidewalks and streets our patrons are having a hard time getting to the library. From what I understand the project should be almost completed by the middle of November and hopefully things can get back to normal.

Our library had a display the first full week of October for Michigan Libraries for Life. We had quite a few patrons inquire about the program and they enjoyed the handouts provided by Michigan Libraries for Life.

Cindy Shattuck from Center Stage Florist here in Union City presented a program for many of our patrons. Each lady was able to make and take home a Sunflower Topiary. Since I had many great comments on the program I am planning on having another class in the spring.

Steven's Puppets presented Aladdin to over fifty kids at the elementary school. We had to have it at the school as the library cannot hold that many people. The kids always enjoy the puppets and we will be asking them to once again present a program in the summer.

On Saturday, October 22nd we had a pumpkin decorating program which was a lot of fun for the kids. Kathy Barnes, local artist and designer, will be presenting free art classes every other week during the School year. She will be teaching the basics of drawing and painting to all ages.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk