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Coldwater Branch Report

In the display case, we have a prized collection of items from BDL's very own, Gina Horn.

The collection is in memory of Gina's mother, Sue Houck. Sue started grooming dogs in 1970 in her home near Sherwood, MI. After her kids grew up and left the house, Sue decided she needed more to occupy her time, so she started showing American Eskimo dogs and soon became one of the top breeders for American Eskimo miniature dogs in the U.S.



Sue and her husband, Joel Houck, traveled all over the nation going to dog shows. Her proudest accomplishment was to have the first AE to be invited to the Westminster dog show. Only the best dogs are invited to this show. She passed away in 2007 due to complications from cancer. Gina still has some of her eskies and lots of fond memories including that her mother was a wonderful person with a kind spirit!

Adults:

Summer has kept the adults busy at the Coldwater Branch. During the last month 3 great programs were scheduled including the Canning Diva, Live Birds of Prey, and Find Your Strength. As Summer slows down and people are settling back in from great summer getaways, a wide variety of programs will be offered to round out the 2017 calendar.

The Adult Summer Reading Program, which was completed on July 31st, had a total of 34 participants for a combined total 172 books read or listened to! Entry slips with the titles read were posted on the first-floor bulletin board in combination of a "Staff Picks" Display. Patrons could get reading recommendations from both library staff and other library users!

Winners for the weekly gift card drawings were:

- Bob Stewart: Applebee's
- Janet Ott- NCG Movie Theater
- Jeanne Kolassa - Pure EnVee
- Jennifer Fletcher- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Sarah Langer - iTunes
- Lois Williams - Hobby Lobby

Kids Place:

Kids Place saw consistent participation for our programming in July, though numbers will look different from last summer as we did not partner weekly with the Coldwater Parks Program due to major changes in their programming. In 2017, they accounted for 100-125 kids per week in addition to our regular library visitors.

Large program highlights included a full capacity turnout of 24 for the Flower arranging on July 15th. In addition, the other Saturday programs featuring the Air Zoo on Mars and Wildlife Recovery birds and Traveling Tales to Australia. The birds especially were enjoyed by all. The Air Zoo floor show was also a full capacity event with 175+ in attendance at the Recreation Center.



The weekly events divided into age groups of 2-5 year olds, 6-9 year olds, and 10-12 year olds also saw good turnouts. The gymnastics with Miss Maggie, building bird feeders and the building of marble runs, making cool snacks with Miss Val from the MSU Extension, bridges and construction themed building days were especially popular as well.

By far, the most fun for the month was the card board boat building done by our Tween group at the Aquatic center. Most of the boats succeeded in making a lap in the pool, the kids worked together, and lots of fun was had. Thank you to The Coldwater Lake Marina for the great prizes and Quality Springs Togo for financial

support; Buzz Sharpley of the Aquatic Center for use of the facility and staff. Video footage from the event can be found at the library website – [Cardboard Boat Race](#)

As we transition from summer into a more regular, but still busy, routine we have the calendar filled with events and program for the rest of the year. Our regular story-times etc. are scheduled to begin the week of September 11.

Our grand prize drawing winners for Summer Reading Program were:

- Laptime: Olivia Smith-Educational toy
- Read to Me: Steele Monville- Discovery kit and Magformers
- Primary: Intasar Mazid- Bike*
- Elementary: Ivan McConnell-Bike*
- Tween: Knolin Harrington-Amazon Fire*

*Prizes graciously donated by McDonalds. McDonalds is also instrumental in providing weekly prizes throughout the summer.

Overachiever's – This is a group of readers that went above and beyond in reaching their reading goals! They were invited to a special event held at Heritage Park. We had over 100 children and family members attended the party to honor the dedicated readers on August 9. Food and fun was had by all with some neat prizes provided by the Empty Nest Book Club, Ryan White, Adventure Zone, The Skate Ranch and Coldwater Friends of the Library. Food and drink were compliments of Bob Evans, Culligan and BDLS.

- Read to Me (65 books required): Rhavyn Auble: 258 books & Eli Snider: 212 books read

- Primary (600 pages required): Saige Auble-4,219 pages & Isabella Angevine-2, 374 pages
- Elementary (900 pages required): Aiden Butters-9,239 pages & Kelsey Gruner-4,796 pgs.
- Tween (1200 pages required): Eric Rucker-9,00 pages read & Adira Jaros-8,422 pages

Teens:

With the basement renovation being 99.9% completed and 4 computers being in the Teen Space, we are seeing more young adults in the space. The Teen Services Librarian and Teen Clerk have their office in the basement to assist library patrons when they need any assistance. Teen programming is being held in the basement which greatly frees up the in-demand meeting room on the fourth floor.

Teens were asked to keep track of how many hours they read for chances to be entered into the district wide grand prize drawings as well as a Kindle for one lucky winner at the Coldwater Branch. Also, teens who attended programs could get entered into the drawings for the SRP grand prizes. Several programs were offered for the teens to beat the heat and hang out in the new space including:

- Two separate Book to Movie Clubs
- Teen Writing Club
- Teen Sundae Matinee
- Teen Trivia
- Teen Crafternoon

Grand Prize Winner of the Coldwater Kindle was Anna Richards
NCG Cinema Prize Package Winner was Coldwater Teen Ethan Machida



Alganssee Branch

We had 3 Summer Reading Programs, 1 in June and 2 in July. The weather and bugs sent us to Pine Ridge Bible Church for all three programs, but all turned out good.

We had 20 juveniles sign up for Summer Reading and all finished. Twelve adults signed up and all finished. Seven young adults signed up with 6 finishing.

The Alganssee Friends put on an End of Summer Reading Party, July 29th. There was a good crowd here at the Library. Everybody played corn hole and Frisbee. We gave out goodie bags and held a drawing for all to receive a gift. The grand prize for the young adults was a Kindle Fire. The young lady that won was very excited and appreciative. I was glad her name was drawn, she is at our Library every week with her family.

I enjoyed being at the Branch District Library booth and the Branch County Friends booth at the Branch County 4-H Fair. A good place to meet new people to talk about our Libraries and Friends' Groups.

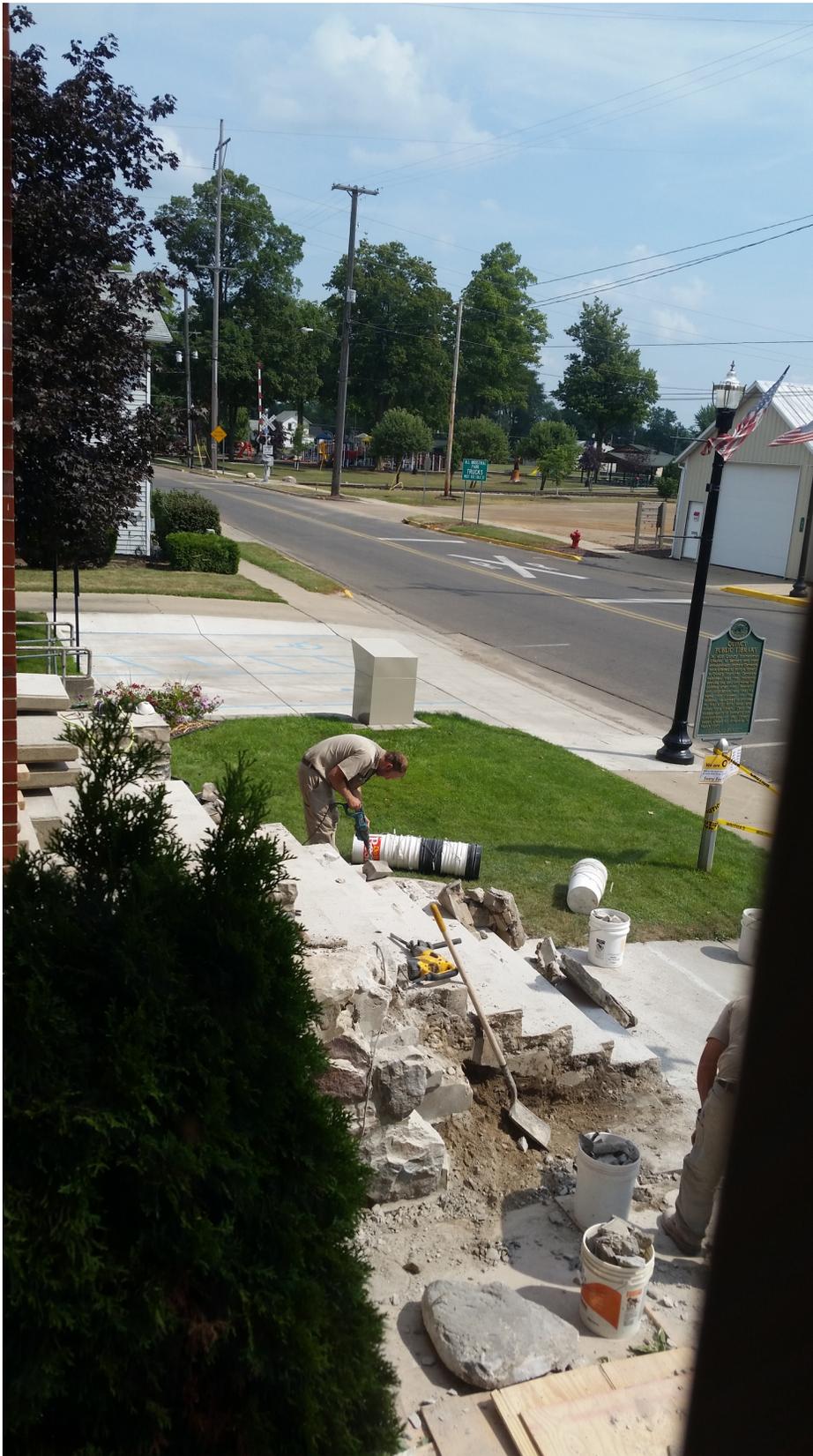
Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Clark
Alganssee Branch Manager

Quincy Branch

- Summer Reading Program had the most signed up ever at the Quincy Branch
- 332 children Preschool through adults signed up, 131 reached their goal
- 14 programs were offered during June and July
- Patrons are being patient through the construction and are able to enter through both lower level doors.
- Cutest Dog Contest is underway with voting taking place on Saturday, Aug. 26 during Quincy Daze festivities. Dog Appreciation Day is August 26, a cat contest will take place in November.
- The Quincy Friends were able to help finance the fair booth
- Lisa will be attending a Youth Mental Health First Aid conference at the Charlotte Community Library September 12.

Repair on Quincy front entry.





Sherwood Branch

Greetings!

As Summer Reading came to a close, we had some really happy kids that took home amazing prizes. Solutions of Southwest Michigan donated two kayaks and a Visa gift card. There was also a beautiful hand crocheted afghan donated by Kati Woodward. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity.

On September 14th, we will be resuming "Tween Crafts" and will begin a "Story time" for our littlest patrons beginning September 19th. The Adult Fall Reading Program this year will begin September 26th and run through November 21st. There will be wonderful prize baskets that participants will be entered into a drawing to win at the end of the program.

It's hard to believe that we're already making plans for Halloween festivities! More on that to follow later.

Sincerely,

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Dearth Union Twp. Branch

What a busy month this has been. We started the month off with Teen Trivia and a Teen Book to Movie.

- Karen Czarnik, musician and storyteller, did a Teen program called LOL – Laugh Out Loud Improv.
- Joel Tacey brought his Nerf Mobile Games and the kids really enjoyed this program.
- Linda Hayes of the American Red Cross presented the the Pillowcase Project where each patron was able to color a pillowcase. Each patron was able to personalize a pillowcase with items they might need during an emergency.
- The teens enjoyed a Crafternoon at the end of the month.
- We ended the month with our Summer Reading Party. Each patron who participated was able to pick a prize that was provided by the Friends of the Library. Each patron was also given a bag of goodies.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk
Manager