



Alganssee Branch

We had 1 Adult craft with 4 attending. The Ladies put together a cornucopia, all supplies here and free of charge. We had a good time and centerpieces turned out beautiful.

The Young Adult program was a stacking game, with 2 attending.

We will finish off the year with a surprise Holiday Craft December 15th Craft is for Adults, but we always have a fun craft for Juveniles and children.

Ending up 2018 with lots of new books and videos, come in and check us out.

Happy Holidays to all!

Respectfully Submitted
Alganssee Branch Manager

Bronson Branch

With the Bronson Volleyball Team winning another state championship, the kids had a couple extra days off last month. That meant a busier time in the basement, a much busier time. The kids had fun not only on the computers but playing with the Legos, Snap Circuits and Little Bits, coloring pictures, making potholders, pompoms and Perler bead pictures.

We had a couple afternoons of "Flash Crafts" which were impromptu crafts of whatever we had in the craft closet. 1. Kids had fun 2. Got rid of some stuff! Keeley Briggs came over and held a Fortnite and Subs for the teens. Ten boys and 1 girl attended. They all had a great time and ate those subs like a river full of starving piranha!

I was invited to attend Ryan Elementary School "Leader In Me" night. This is a new event they are going to hold each year and it is another event where parents are in attendance. I went to sign kids up for library cards and very glad I did. Angie Aldrich with the Bronson School IT department met me the day before to make sure our laptops would work ok and they worked great. I talked with parents and kids and several got cards. Afterwards a teacher came and said she heard parents talking and one said "so glad to see the library here tonight, I got my son signed up for a card finally." Another teacher came and was so excited because one of her students came to her to show her his new card and she was thrilled

that his parents had signed him up for one. Great event and we will plan on attending each year.

We are working on our 2019 schedule including the summer reading program. The Friends are having a great Terri Lynn nut sale and might actually sellout of nuts before the end of the year.

The Friends had leftover books from their handout during Polish Festival so those were taken to the city Santa Clause comes to Bronson and each child got to pick a book to take home after visiting with Santa.

A successful 2018 is coming to a close but we look forward to 2019 and another great year.

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

Quincy Branch

The Quincy Branch had 1108 people through the doors in November and we circulated 1618 items.

- 4 Story Hours were offered with 52 in attendance
- 3 Teen programs brought in 6

The Story Hour children will be treated to a visit from Santa and his Mrs. On Friday, Dec. 14. Tom and Cindy Bland are an amazing Santa couple and do a wonderful job with children. We recently received 2 tubs of brand new Beanie Babies, so these will become Story Hour and SRP giveaways.

Titles representing President George H.W. Bush have been on display as well as everything Christmas, crafts and food.

The Quincy Chamber put on a great Quincy Lights festival Dec. 7. The Friends of the Quincy Library offered Letters to Santa, which brought in over 100 people into the library that evening.

Branch Managers met last week to begin 2019 Summer Reading Program particulars.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wood

Sherwood Branch

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

It's hard to believe we're almost into 2019 already.

Our adult programs have been a huge hit the past couple of months. We'll definitely be doing them again in the spring, (back by popular demand).

We have a few teens and tween programs still to come the last part of December.

Until next month,

Sincerely,

Traci Counterman - BDL Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Branch

I started the month of November attending a great workshop titled **Move, Groove & Sing a Song**, with Jenifer Strauss and Beverly Meyer. The workshop showed how to combine movement with stories, songs, rhythms and rhymes to help promote early literacy skills for children. It was a very informative workshop.

We had a floral arrangement class with Cindy Shattuck of New Leaf Floral shop in Union City. Each patron was able to design their own cornucopia which was filled with beautiful fall flowers.

Camri visited both the high school and middle school during their lunch hours promoting our services and programs to the students. She spoke with over 80 students and we have seen a few of them coming to the library since her visit.

We had three teen programs during the month with a total of eight enjoying the programs. The programs were **Steam Power, Just Craftin' Around** and **Anime Club**.

Both Traci from the Sherwood branch and I attended a Preschool Family Celebration & Diner. We saw over 50 little ones and their parents. We had a table set up with information about the libraries for the parents and Traci read a book to the kids and they were given a coloring page. The preschool will be holding another celebration in the future and we plan on attending it.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk

The Coldwater Branch has been decorated to welcome in the holiday season. The display case on the second floor includes vintage Santa postcards from Holbrook Heritage Room volunteer, Bill Carlson. Up in Kids' Place, a Winter card exchange program is being offered where children can send a letter/card and to another library is the US. Teen Space and the first floor are offering gifts, wrapped library books or movies, to patrons to take home and enjoy an early present from the library.

Adults: In the last month, adults were treated to our super popular craft classes. First was the Clothespin Christmas Wreath. BDL's talented Loretta Sherfield, lead a group through this festive and fun craft. Next was learning how to make a German Star Ornament lead by Jeanne Berg. As with all of our craft classes, participants left happy and with a cute craft to take home.

Kids' Place: BJ Mallen brought us two weekends of magic camp with his "Learning How to Be Tricky!" series. The children who attended watched and learned a variety of tricks under his instruction. Upon completion, all those in attendance took the Magician's Oath to use their magic for good. They also were able to take home a bag of tricks to continue developing their magical skills. This program was made possible in part through Matthew Christopher's dental office.

Kids' Place helped start the holiday season right with a day long series of family friendly events. We began with interactive songs and stories from Rob and Jan Cooper. Following the concert, a kid-friendly lunch was catered by JT's. Bob Evans Restaurant supplied chocolate chip cookies and members of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club served up the delicious eats! The day ended with our annual clay ornament making under the direction of local potter, Deb Thenen. These very unique ornaments make wonderful heirloom gifts.



The Home School Adventure group finished their study of Australia. They were able to enjoy the first hand stories, artifacts and pictures of our local Aussie

immigrant, Chris Green. Chris and his wife Cindy, shared many humorous facts along with some traditional Aussie eats. The group is off to South America for the remainder of the year. Luann Watson wrote an application for a grant through the local Honor Credit Union of which we were the happy recipient of a \$100. The grant will be used to help underwrite the cost of our Home School Adventure program.

Teen Space: One of the most popular program's has been the recurring "Anime Club". Anime is a form of text that is often characterized by colorful graphics, vibrant characters, and fantastical themes. Teens respond well to this format and have enjoyed the program. The Coldwater Branch is still hosting a small Teen Writing Club with a dedicated group. Hopefully into the new year, this can be a program where more Teens take advantage of it. Another program that has even the adults jealous, is the "Beginner Bullet Journaling". Teens will learn this new style to keep their life organized just in time for a fresh start in 2019!

Submitted:
Kimberly Feltner