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School is out for all of our kiddos and we are excited for summer!

We've been busy wrapping up our school year programs this month. Our Time Travelers worked hard to finish their quilting blocks and turn them into pillows. I love how what was intended to be a one afternoon craft lesson became a much larger project. They all agreed that their favorite book from the program was *Hattie Campbell's Dear America Diary*, and the part about mosquito pancakes. Lynnell had recommended that book to me when I was their age and I've never forgotten it.



Builders Club utilized our collection of boxes to make robots, foxes, monkeys, a couch and TV. The television was my favorite. We used a box, wrapping paper tube and paper from an Amazon package. Then they created the art across the paper, so they could watch the show they created, move across their screen.



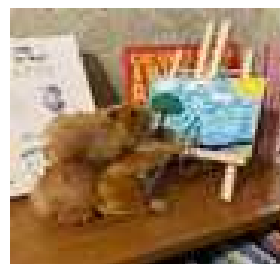
Yard games and bubbles emerged again for our Spring Fling party. That, and our School's Out Party drew the best attendance for May. We watched Recess: School's Out, ate pizza and snacks and then they all played in the yard afterwards.

The adults made the cutest wall hanging baskets out of recycled tin cans and napkins. Tea & Story Time brought a few tears as the letters are discussing preparing for the battle at Normandy. It has been a wonderful program and I thank Renee Hardy for donating the letters.

With the school year wrapped up, summer reading is upon us. Popsicles on the Porch has been one of our biggest programs each year and is back again. We will also have our crazy Friday activities and the Polymath Art Guild that replaces our normal Tuesday Crafts. Adult programs will continue as normal through June and July.

The new township hall is complete and we are excited for the remodeling to begin on the new library building.

Submitted by Teresa Shilling



Bronson

We ended the month of May with around 150 children coming to tour the library and hear about the summer reading program. I also visited all four of the 2nd grade classes at Anderson Elementary since they weren't able to walk to the library this year. The kids were all very excited to hear about the programs we will be doing over the summer.

Jessie helped with the SRP kickoff and had a blast at the fish table.

During our first week of programs we held six programs and had 134 kids attend. Our programs started with the Coffee House tweens and teens painting rocks to start William Shakespeare, a rock snake who will live in the flower bed outside the parking lot door. Kids Create then continued the snake with more painted rocks. Stories and More, we read books about things you can do with a cardboard box and each attendee made their own tissue box monster. I heard some of the best comments, they were so excited about their monster and how easy it was to make. Our first movie was well attended and everyone remembered to bring a blanket or jacket. The second week saw tweens and teens trying pendulum painting, Stories and More read Curious George Flies a Kite and then made kites to fly in the parking lot and Kids Create made tissue paper stained glass.

Our first special program was the Big Ty'm Fun Game Truck. All ages had a great time playing the games. Mike was here for two hours and had 25 kids play. Everyone got picked up and Mike was closing up the trailer just as the storm hit Bronson. Perfect timing!

Coloring sheets are being turned in and we've been busy registering readers for the Summer Reading Program.

On to week three!

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

Coldwater

We have definitely embraced the theme of summer reading and "Colored Our World." Summer is just getting started for Coldwater, we have had so many fun activities and many more to come.

The Summer Reading kick-off carnival will be remembered for years to come. So many people were entertained by a variety of activities and performances; nearly everyone was smiling ear to ear.



In Kids' Place, they have been working hard to complete their Summer Reading goals. Storytimes are every Tuesday and Thursday. One of the outstanding programs we hosted early in June for kids was "Piece by Piece." Children got together and designed their own puzzle. For the all-ages groups, we whipped up something fun and tasty with "Candy Sushi", where each library patron used a variety of sugary treats to resemble traditional sushi. The teens made art journals with a variety of scrapbooking materials. Lastly, the adults did beachy crafts: "Shell Painting"

where they painted shells and could then incorporate the shells into a painting.

The Coldwater Branch will be the host location for "Main Street Meet Ups," on June 17, from 5 to 7pm. We will give a vibrant library tour and provide attendees with optional crafts and a scavenger hunt.



Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

Quincy

With Sarah out on leave, Kimberly, Jessica Tefft, and John have been taking turns spending some extra time at the Quincy Branch with Tracy and Jessica Kelley. Kimberly and Tracy have conducted library tours for school children, and Summer Reading is now in full swing. The first completed coloring sheet was returned at the branch. The Quincy Branch has a full and Summer programming schedule planned, featuring visits from animals, a magician, and even sport-cup stacking events. It promises to be a fun and engaging summer for the entire family!

Union Twp.

Summer is Here - Let the Reading Begin!

Summer Reading Registration officially began on May 15, and we're thrilled with the enthusiasm from our patrons! The program officially kicks off on June 2, and we've already seen a fantastic number of sign-ups. The library is buzzing with excitement as we gear up for a summer full of engaging programs and fun.

The Summer Reading coloring contest is already off to a great start—several beautiful entries have been returned and are proudly displayed for everyone to enjoy.

With school out for the summer, we're ready to welcome kids, teens, and adults to a wide range of exciting programs!

I'm pleased to share that Amanda Steele will be filling in this summer to cover my clerk Meghan Babbitt's maternity leave. Please join me in welcoming Amanda during this time.



June Events & Programs

Weekly Events

- **Storytime** - Every Wednesday at **11:00 AM**
- **LEGO Club** - Every Wednesday at **12:00 PM**

Special Programs

- Kids Program: Squeegee Painting
June 5 at 2:00 PM
- Adult Program: Bring-a-Friend Collaborative Canvases
June 6 at 1:00 PM - Registration Required
- Jerry DeCaire, Comic Illustrator (All Ages)
June 10 at 1:00 PM

- Adult Program: Button Mosaics
June 20 at 1:00 PM - Registration Required
- Kids Program: Paper Quilling
June 24 at 1:00

Storytime Highlights

DIY Stencil Painted Mini Canvas Bags, & Memorial Day Patriotic Craft



Meetings & Community Engagement

I attended the May Library Board Meeting and the Union City Auxiliary Meeting, and I will be attending the upcoming Township Meeting.

Here's to a fun-filled, creative, and colorful summer at the library!

Submitted by Maria Rathbun

Outreach

The Bookmobile has officially been in service for one month, and it has gone very well! We have already attended many local events: Coldwater's Cultural Jubilee, Union City's Memorial Day parade, Branch County Community Field Day and Safety Fair, and Healthy Family Fun Day. At these events, we have been able to present the bookmobile to the public and answer many questions about it and its service to the community. We have also been able to issue new library cards, update some expired accounts, and checked out many items from the Bookmobile's shelves. This is just the start, as we have many more events yet to come for the summer!



Attendance at our current regular stops are still low, but we have seen a small increase at Coldwater Lake (2 new patrons) and California Twp (4 new patrons). I have completed the set-up process for our first seasonal location, Potawatomie Campground. We will make our first stop there on Thursday, June 26th. I have started a conversation with Waffle Campground about adding them to our seasonal schedule, but have not made any progress so far. My goal for this coming month is to start a similar conversation with a location in Allen township.

The Bookmobile will be going in for a small repair job on June 13th to fix the power to the passenger seat's adjustment controls, which are necessary for rotating the seat. Our volunteer will be assisting Brandon with this trip. I have also worked with this volunteer to schedule him for a few days coming up to help with driving and manning the Bookmobile during some staff time off.

Upcoming public events: Strawberry Festival (Sat., June 21st), Hops on Monroe (Thur., June 26th), Coldwater Lake Association's annual pancake breakfast fundraiser (Sat., July 5th).

Submitted by Cheryl Lawrence