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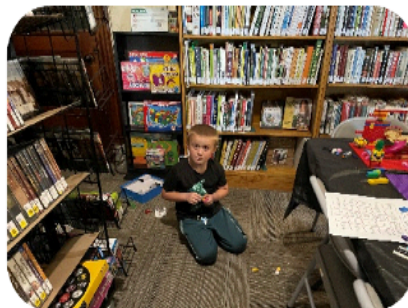
I am excited for fall weather and programs!

After the fair, I spent much of August working with the township and contractor on the new library building. I'm pleased with how it is coming together. I assisted Sarah Strong at the Quincy Schools open house. I've also been helping our new school librarian at Reynolds Elementary as she works on collection development. Our local Amish schools began September 1st and we've been busy helping them make copies.

Programs have begun and we've had above expected attendance. Our candy box notebooks were fun to make and the kids got to share about their day as we crafted.

At Big Explorers we made passports and our first stop was New Zealand. We read about Moko, the hero dolphin. Then studied the stars as we learned about their unique holiday, Matariki to celebrate the "way finding" Matariki (Pleades) constellation. We snacked on golden kiwi, jaffa cakes and prawn chips while learning fun facts about the country. Did you know that the sheep to human ratio of New Zealand is 5:1?

Builders Club had us bursting at the seams. But the kids were great as they grouped up around the room and worked together to build amazing Lego creations and marble mazes.



Pop-in story times have also become a thing. I had two different groups come and request a story time Friday, with a total of nine kids. So that is just what we did. Curious George sat with us as we read *Curious George Learns the Alphabet*. I also went to Paula Preston's daycare we read *If You Take a Mouse to School*, then we learned about mice.

I met with our Friends group. We discussed our successful summer reading completions and fundraising options to fund next years' school supplies if our numbers continue to grow. They are excited to see our growth. Nicole, from Branch- Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community

Health Agency reached out to see if we would allow them some indoor space for community health clinics once every three months. We will begin working with them Wednesday, December 3rd. Then they will return the first Wednesday of March, June, and September. I'm happy that we can allow them space in our new building so they can continue to serve the community.

It has been a great start to our fall quarter and I can't wait to see what the rest of the month brings.

Submitted by Teresa Shilling

Bronson



Our programs started up again the first week in September with Toddler Time and Friday Tales. It was great to see kids return and to welcome new faces. We talked about clouds and thankfully, the sky provided a great showing of clouds that morning. Steve held our Homeschool program with a new day and time, Mondays at 1:00, and we did have families return who hadn't been able to come on Wednesdays. He had Coffee House and showed the teens how to make Italian Sodas. He had a great turnout for this program. Book Lovers 'R' Us met again for the first time since May. Everyone was busy

reading over the summer, so we had lots of books to talk about.

On Wednesday, September 10, Mr Jim came to do a special program for us. He was on the schedule back in July, but had an emergency health issue, so he had to cancel that show. He offered to come do a program for free in the fall, and since school was half day it worked out great. We had 40 people participate in the cup stacking program.



We completed our project of moving the Large Print section so there will be more space for books. We also moved kids' graphic novels, easy readers, and juvenile non-fiction. Our only real complaint so far has been that patrons want the staff recommendations brought back, we are working to find a place to set those up again.

Prepping now for district-wide Family Fright Night by getting a pirate craft ready to go.

Welcome Fall!

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

Coldwater

September is here and that means back to school and library programs resume. We started September with a holiday closure for Labor Day. On September 2nd we began the day with our morning storytime. With the new school year here we learn which kiddos moved on to school and we welcome new and old storytime families. Storytimes will continue to be twice a week in Coldwater on Tuesday mornings and Thursday early evenings.

The all-age program group decorated Glow Jars on Tuesday, September 9. This program was for adults and kids of all ages. We talked about Fireflies and UV lights and decorated a set of mini Mason jars with glow in the dark paints.

This Fall's most talked about program is Homeschool Hangout and Homeschool Power hour. We had a large Homeschool Group last year and we are anticipating another great year! The first homeschool group is on Thursday, September 11; and they will be learning about freeze dried foods, YUM!

The wonderful staff at Coldwater have their hands full of programming this Fall. Nearly every staff member at the Coldwater branch gets an opportunity to create, coordinate, and lead a program of their choice. This is a wonderful way for our community to get a chance to meet all of the talented, amazing staff at the Coldwater Branch; I am so lucky to be a part of this fantastic team. Materials for Family Fright Night were just ordered so on begins the crafting and transformation of the library into a piratey-themed wonderland.

Sarah, our circulation clerk that worked primarily in the Kid's area, is moving to cataloging. Our patrons and staff are definitely going to miss seeing her on the public service side of the library.

Our Coldwater Friends of the Library will be having a book sale for Apple Fest. Lastly, check out some of our big upcoming events Hollywood Memorabilia on September 18 at 6PM and Birds of Prey on September 28.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh



Quincy

Here is a summary of the fun things happening at the Quincy Branch:

- Our change in hours at the Quincy Branch have been going great and had nothing but positive feedback.
- The library booth at Quincy Daze was a big hit this year! We gave out children's books, stickers, key chains, and snacks. Our booth was also located by the bouncy houses which kept the booth busy. We interacted with over 170 people! It was such a fun event!
- We had 11 stuffed animals spend the night at our annual stuffy sleepover and they had a blast. They scanned their booty's on the copier, played on the tablets and puzzles, broke into the filing cabinets in the managers office, of course we had a story time, but to top it all off - those crazy stuffys had a popcorn fight in the library! They were tired and zonked out for the night until their parents picked them up Saturday morning and had some donuts and chocolate milk with them.



- Storytimes have started back up and it is so wonderful to see all the smiles on the kiddos faces just by simply reading them some fun stories. I'm excited for this school year - this bunch of kiddos I'm reading to have such fun personalities and interact very well!

Submitted by Sarah Strong

Sherwood

Happy almost autumn from Sherwood!

August was peaceful and we were able to get a lot of things done with the programming break.

We weeded all areas of the library, with just a few exceptions. We got a lot of cleaning done and lots of materials ordered.

Programs are currently underway and the kids are so happy! Our adult programs for the next couple of months are full and that makes me happy.



Check out our event calendar for more great upcoming programs in the near future.

Until next month,

Best regards,

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Twp.

Fall is on the Horizon!

As summer winds down, we're getting excited for crisp, cool days, hoodie weather, and a lineup of wonderful fall reads.

Meghan created this fun and apple-solutely cute display! Check it out the next time you make a visit at the Union Twp. Library.



Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway

Last month, The Friends of the Library hosted their third annual Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway—and this year, they added water bottles to the mix!

- Total backpacks given out: 35
- Total water bottles given out: 35



The kids were thrilled with their new supplies, and we are incredibly grateful to the Friends Group for their ongoing support and generosity in making this event a success. BIG shoutout to them!

Fall Cleaning

Breath Free completed a full cleaning of our air ducts and furnaces—just in time for the cooler season. We're breathing easier and ready for fall!

Community Outreach

I had the pleasure of attending the Union City Middle School Open House on August 21st. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with families and share all the incredible resources

and programs the library has to offer. In the hour and half, I was there I spoke with over 70 individuals. Some new families have recently moved to this area and will be up to the library real soon to sign their families sign up.



Winter Programming & Projects

All of our winter programming is finalized and ready to go. With students back in school, we are turning our attention to weeding the collection and tackling some small projects around the library.

Upcoming Event: Fire Safety Day

Mark your calendars!

 17 October 4th at Union City Fire Station

Join us for Fire Safety Day, a fun and educational event for families. The Friends Group will provide free donut holes, and the library will host crafts and giveaways. The Bookmobile will also be making an appearance—an exciting addition to this already great event!

Bevin Cohen, author and Herbalist will be presenting a Salve workshop October 14th at 4 pm Registration Required. He will present how choose the right herbs and oils for your salve, and then demonstrate how to make this useful herbal product.

Bobbie Mathis Victorian Customs & Origins presentation on October 21st - Registration Required.

Looking forward to a wonderful fall season!

Submitted by Maria Rathbun

Outreach

Our seasonal stops at Potawatomie Campground have wrapped up early for the season, as we sadly did not see much traffic. Here's hoping it might go better next year!

Speaking of seasonal stops, we have officially signed up Waldron Learning Center and Pansophia Academy for our schedule! Our first visit to Waldron was early this month, and was met with so much excitement and enthusiasm from its students and staff. Our first stop at Pansophia will be on September 25th.



Thurston Woods and The Laurels have also been added to the bookmobile's schedule. Our first visit to The Laurels is later this week, but our first visit to Thurston Woods was a great reminder that what we do is so meaningful and worthwhile. Though we had a small number of residents come meet us, they were eager to see what we had and several items were checked out.

We started a very small amount of programming for the fall season with a non traditional book club: Drive-By Reads. With the nature of the bookmobile being a traveling library branch, this book club has no specified meeting date or time. Instead, participants can come discuss the selected book with staff or other visitors wherever the bookmobile may be as well as possibly online with the new Bookclubs app. I do not anticipate much participation to start with, but it is a small start to our programming.

Upcoming events: Apple Festival 9/20; Union City Fire Safety Day 10/4; Senior Health Fair and Expo 10/11 (booth/table, not Bookmobile)

Cheryl Lawrence
Outreach Manager