

Algansee

After our break in August, programs are back. Every seat was full for the adult craft project. The gnomes were made from recycled jars and each had a unique floral arrangement.

At story time we learned about letters and mice while reading *If You Take a Mouse to School*. We balanced and counted apples after reading *Ten Apples on Top*. The Mouse that ate the Moon was so silly and wonderful. We had a great time learning about the moon, while we made our own. The Golden Acorn taught them about team work and we learned more about our guest reader, Sneaky Squirrel. We examined lots of different nuts that squirrels eat.



Our back to school crafts were a hit. They used candy, cereal, cookie and cracker boxes to make folders and notebooks each week.

The older kids made passports to begin exploring islands this month. New Zealand, the Polynesian Islands and Greenland were each fascinating. And the food was DELICIOUS! They sampled so many snacks and even worked together to make Poi, a traditional Polynesian dish.



Our kids' Lego creations are amazing and back on display. The Aloha Cousin Party was well attended. The kids enjoyed dancing around in their leis, eating popcorn and watching *Lilo* and *Stitch*. Molecules were moving during Mad Science. We had beautiful weather for the Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt.

The Friends of the Algansee Library had a book sale. It raised enough money to cover the cost of back to school supplies for our kids that completed summer reading.

We've had many people asking when the library will be moving and volunteering to help. While I still don't have a definite date, progress is being made on the interior. Furniture is being built locally to match our existing shelves. We've even had donations of bulbs and plants for the outside landscaping. Patrons are excited and taking pride in helping any way they can.

Submitted by Teresa Shilling.

Coldwater



We are falling in a spooky season at the Coldwater Branch. October begins our busy time to transform our library into a pirate ship for Family Fright Night. The staff has worked hard to create a variety of handmade crafts, to make our piratey vision come to life. Caution! There will be sharks!

To recap September we had some fun all age programs like the Hollywood & Broadway Museum. Terry Denison, a local collector, brought many authentic show pieces from his collection. My personal Terry talked about how he acquired the

memorabilia and the Hollywood icons that wore the pieces.



The second fantastic fall program was Soarin' Hawk Raptor rehab. We turned the Director's office into a "nesting room" for the evening. Our guests were entertained by 5 birds of prey; including a Bald Eagle named Jefferson.



Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

Quincy

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

- We changed out our story walk book to: *Dozens of Doughnuts* by Carrie Finison. It is such a cute story. I took my family to read it & we ate doughnuts while we walked and read it. So much fun!
- Our next round of programing is planned and we're getting things prepped. Be on the lookout for some Shenanigans with Santa, pine cone Christmas trees, Vases out of books, fake snow, magical artwork, and so, so many more fun things. Check out our calendar to see what sounds intriguing to you!
- We got our Family Fright Night take-and-make crafts ready. The kiddos will get to make their own mummy, over and over again.



- With the news of one of our book ordering companies, Baker and Taylor, closing I am learning how to use our other book ordering company, Ingram. I went through and cleaned all my orders up with Baker and Taylor and will be purchasing most things from Ingram going forward. With the end of the year approaching quickly, I am ordering more materials to get my budget spent. I have ordered more of our kiddo play-a-ways, IR books, and VOX books.
- One of our most popular items that gets checked out is our Nintendo Switch video games. So, I placed another large Nintendo Switch games order to try to keep up with the demand and make our patrons happy 😊
- The Quincy Branch got in the Halloween and Fall spirit and have decorated the library. We made a cute display that gets swapped out every Monday during the month of October to show our patrons 'what our library ghost was reading over the weekend'. 🧛

Submitted by Sarah Strong



Counting doughnuts
while eating doughnuts!



Sherwood

Greetings and happy Autumn!

We are happy to be back in the rhythm of programming this fall. While we were able to get so much done during the month of August, it's fun to get back to our Tuesday afternoon chaos!

Our adult programs are full every month, (except for the occasional no-show).



In August we weeded almost all genres of the library, we cleaned and we organized. Sadly, we are still out of space but definitely make-do with what we have!

I was able to attend "Fire Safety Day" in Union City a couple of weeks ago. It was a lot of fun meeting new people, reconnecting with old friends and seeing how much fun the kids were having as they climbed into the fire trucks and sprayed the hoses. We didn't get the turn out we were hoping for so there is some chatter behind the scenes that FSD will be moving to a different weekend. Stay tuned for that because I'm confident it will happen!

We're excited for the district program this Friday!

We have some really great programs coming up throughout the rest of the year. Please check out our calendar of events!

Until next month,

Best regards!

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Outreach

Time has absolutely flown by and we are already halfway through October! The Bookmobile has attended a few recent events: BCCF's Evening of Impact, where they showcased multiple community projects their organization supported; and Union City's Fire Safety Day, where many were excited to see the Bookmobile and a few signed up for library cards. Brandon and I also attended this year's Senior Health Fair and Expo, where we had a table booth instead of the Bookmobile and displayed services/materials that could be of interest to the attendees (as well as library card sign-up, of course).

While we don't have any special events coming up in November, we do have plenty happening to keep us busy! We've officially started making regular visits to Pansophia Academy, where several classrooms and students can browse and check out items from the bookmobile. The Allen Township Hall has officially been added to the bookmobile's schedule and will start with our first visit on Oct, 24th. Our stop at Butler Township Hall has finally acquired a couple of returning patrons! Thanks to these visitors, we've learned it might be better to make those visits just a little bit later in the day. Starting at the beginning of our next route rotation (Oct. 20th), our Butler visit will change to 3:30 - 4:30.

I have also been planning a small program to start in December: Quick Stop Crafts. Each month will have a different quick and easy craft for all ages that can be made at the Bookmobile (or even taken home to complete for patrons who may be only making a quick visit). These crafts will be available all month long, while supplies last. I am hoping that adding a small craft program may help bring people to the Bookmobile.

Coming up: watch for us the Coldwater's Halloween parade on October 25th!

Submitted by Cheryl Lawrence