

Bronson Branch report

The Media Center project has begun! They broke ground on Wednesday October 3 and poured footers yesterday. Two nice size trees had to be removed for the addition and the city took them out and replanted them in one of the city parks. Everyone was happy the trees didn't have to be cut down. This project will be a bit more invasive to the library, therefore we will need to move items out of the building till the project is completed. I would like to have a storage unit placed in the parking lot that way we don't have to load up trucks and take things to the far side of town. I priced an 8x8x12 unit out of Angola. They charge \$80 to deliver and another \$80 to pick up and the \$95 per month. I'm guessing we would need it at least 2 months maybe 3. Would it be possible to use Capital money to cover this?

Cost for 3 months total would be \$445.00

Friends have the black walnut project going, first delivery brought in \$155. Terri Lynn nuts will be delivered this week. Make A Difference Day will be Saturday October 27, money raised will go towards the book budget. Fazoli's Spaghetti Dinner November 2.

We continue with our programs at the library. We have a nice size group of preschoolers attending the Friday storytime. The movie night for families has had good attendance too.

Coldwater Adult Programing

Stress

Carol Bavin, a social worker at the Community Health Center, presented a workshop entitled "Managing Your Stress", on Friday, September 21st. She taught attendees the signs of stress and they practiced relaxation techniques to help manage their stress. She also supplied printed material for the attendees to take with them.



Pride and Prejudice

50 people attended the discussion on the book "Pride and Prejudice" that was presented in our 1st floor reading area. The program included performances by some of the cast members of the Branch County Community Theatre's upcoming production. There was also a demonstration of period hair styles and food from the author's time, followed by a discussion of the book. A special thank you goes out to Charlene Rucker, Mary Brogan Sizemore, the Branch County Community Theatre, and the Friends of the Branch District Library for their efforts in making this program such a success.



Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Yennie

Adult Programing Coordinator

Quincy Branch Report

Quincy had 1033 in attendance during the month of September,

148 Computer usage

46 Fax usage

453 Mel & Intraloans

14 New Registrations

Per the family's request, a small child statute will be purchased using donations in memory of Marian Smith to join the two child statutes in the Children's room (in memory of her son Jerry Smith).

The Quincy Township is taking a good look at the building to make note of repairs for the 2013 Township budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wood

Quincy Branch Manager

Sherwood Branch report

The new door knobs and locks have been installed on both the front & back door of the Sherwood branch. Unfortunately we discovered a week later, a huge dent in the front door, where it looks like someone tried to kick the door in. The Village Street Administrator has been pricing new doors.

We have been busy with Story Hour each week, working on fall crafts in September and are now working on Halloween crafts and stories.

We have 2 volunteers working with us now, Kathy Barnes who is a local artist and a great volunteer and Alexis Musselman, a local teen who has been pleasantly surprised by how much she enjoys working at the library. Alexis has finished her required Community Service hours for school, has generously offered to come in every day we are open and help shelve books and do other tasks. We are forever grateful to our volunteers!

We recently had a request for Braille reading material for a young child who is learning to read. Since we do not carry this format, I asked for Evette's help. She has many wonderful contacts and was able to get the information the family has been searching for as well as a wonderful list of books in Braille! The family is ecstatic and wanted me to let the board know of their gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Horn

Sherwood Branch Manager

Dearth Union Twp. Branch report

Today, we held our second storytime with the Athens Indian Reservation pre-school. Twenty-five were in attendance. They drive a bus over with the children once a month--before we open on Wednesday.

Volunteers are available on Monday for 1 hour; Tuesday am for 3 1/2-4 hours; and on Wednesday for 1 hour. They usually wipe down all incoming books, water plants, shelve the books, occasionally do some dusting. Our cleaning lady comes in once a week as a volunteer. That will end in another month. She did it this year in memory of her parents who have passed on.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kaniewski

Dearth Union Twp. Library

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