



BRANCH REPORTS  
April 1, 2013

## **Alganssee Branch Report**

We had 7 patrons come to our book discussion on " Thunder Dog" by Michael Hingson. Everybody joined in with their thoughts about the book, all enjoyed the story. Erica and Ann Ewers brought dog biscuits made from brownies, they were fun and looked very real and were very tasty. Jessie brought vegetable tray and water was available. Good discussion and treats.

We had 25 names in drawing for March is reading month. Ron and Ann Ewers built a beautiful basket with lots of treats for a movie night, plus a \$15.00 gift certificate for a movie of their choice. The Alganssee Friends paid for gift. The winner was Rachel Lopez, she was very grateful and happy.

Lots of craft made for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Time to take them down already.

Our Friday evening craft time is not a good time for patrons, so I will try Wednesday evenings at 4:30. We are going to send out flyers to the community to make folks more aware of programs and activities at Alganssee Library. Want to make April a great month at the Library.

Respectfully Submitted  
Janice Clark  
Alganssee Branch Manager

## **Bronson Branch Report**

Trillium held a job fair in the township hall on March 23 from 10-2. Said they had a very good turn out for it and hope to do it again. Employment Plus will be holding a job fair on April 20 in the township hall.

Lynnell attended the Learning Fair at Anderson School on March 26. A table with information about the library system was setup along with a quick craft for children to do when they stopped by. Seven new library cards were applied for.

Lynnell attended the Bronson Area Trade Show on March 30 setting up a table to show what the libraries have to offer. Many people stopped by to look and ask questions.

Two teenagers who attend Trine University, did volunteer community service work at the library for one of their classes. A student from the KCC Service Learning class held a bake sale at the Family Dollar store in Bronson to raise money to go towards programs at the library. He has plans to do a couple more fund raisers for the library.

We recently received \$200 from local families to help cover the cost of special programs for the summer.

The library computers were moved into the new Dearth Media Center on Thursday March 28th and the rest of the time off was spent moving all the adult fiction and nonfiction books, adding shelving units and dusting. Several volunteers were present to help with the project. There is still some book shifting that needs to be done and the children's area side will be moved around too eventually.

Friends of the Bronson Branch held their spring Fazoli's Dinner and raised \$357.00.

Time to get programs started again!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynnell Eash  
Bronson Branch Manager

### **Quincy Branch Report**

All ages enjoyed our March is Reading Month contest to guess the number of items in our library branch. 17,000 was the winning guess, with 18,873 being the correct number. We had, of course, a few young ones who asked their mother if they could go count the books!

Patrons are being made aware of the Geek photo opportunity.

Lisa read at Jennings Elementary during March is Reading Month.

Stevens Puppets (wooden marionettes) will entertain during National Library Week on Wednesday, April 17 at 4 pm. This program is being funded by the Baldwin Endowment account (funds are used once a year for a program such as this type)

Bonnie Frick led the Quincy Branch book discussion for One County, One Book on March 23 with eight in attendance. She provided an enjoyable event, as always. Kudos to Bonnie for contacting Wade and Sue Adams with their service dog Abbey. They spent time at our branch before heading over to their scheduled time at Kids Place.

Lisa attended the Spring Institute in Lansing April 11 & 12, along with Gina Horn. Many authors and presenters are enjoyed during these two days. Future ideas for summer programs is always a plus also.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Wood  
Quincy Branch Manager

### **Sherwood Branch Report**

Last month I had requested funds from Sherwood's Capital Funds to replace a street sign. The wrong sign was replaced and since it wasn't in that great of shape, and the total was quite a bit less than what was approved at last month's meeting, I am submitting another Capital request for another sign.

Our book discussion was disappointing to say the least, although not surprising as no one was even interested in reading the book.

We had a visitor from Dr. Christopher's office in Union City, come in to talk to the children about dental health.

There were many celebrations throughout the month of March. We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday; Read Across America Day; St. Patrick's Day and Easter! The children had fun reading and being read to, coloring and cutting and gluing.

April has finally arrived with warmer weather and the library has been a flurry of activity. Judy and I have been busy getting ready for our annual Book Sale and Plant Exchange to take place the first weekend in May, as well as planning our Summer Reading Program.

Once again the Sherwood Masonic lodge and the Sherwood OES have each generously donated a bicycle as a prize for the Sherwood Summer Reading Program. We are so blessed to have such wonderful supporters.

As Lisa mentions in her report, we both will be attending the Spring Institute in Lansing on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. I am really looking forward to it, as they have fresh ideas for programing and a wonderful list of the "must have" books for children and young adults. It is energizing to be surrounded by people who are so passionate about books and programing. I am excited to be going, and grateful for the funding that allows me to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Horn  
Sherwood Branch Manager



## Union Branch Report

- Over 20 have signed up to do Pine Derby Race-held 4-13-13 at Marv Carman's Motor Sports Shop.
- We've had a newsletter go out the past two months--thanks to a "newly revised" FOTL.
- Annual FOTL county-wide to be held 4-16-13 at the Coldwater Branch.
- Sandy Patterson came in for 4 hours on Friday, 4-5, slowly coming back from sick leave. It was great to have her back for a few hours anyway!
- Things are shaping up for Summer Reading-whew!
- Beginning Spool Knitting on 4-20-13
- Final Spool Knitting to create something from the previous week's class.

- The week of Tuesday the 16th, ongoing during reg. hours, will be a video of former local businesses with pictures of the former to the current business in its place. This is put together by Marty Chard, local historian.
- Our 2nd session with Employment Group of Kalamazoo on 4-24-13. This is a Temp. Agency seeking local people for employment nearby.
- Circ has picked up somewhat, so I hope our stats are looking better!

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kaniewski  
Dearth Union Twp. Library