

Quincy Branch Report

Patrons enjoy the Geek photos running on our screen as well as a display of Quincy patrons in our entry.

Stevens Puppets entertained during National Library Week . Over 40 enjoyed the show, funded by the Baldwin Endowment Fund. Children stayed 45 minutes after the show, with some patient parents, to watch the puppeteer pack up the marionettes and stage!

Lisa attended the Spring Institute in Lansing April 11 & 12, along with Gina Horn. Many authors and presenters were enjoyed during the two days. Workshop sessions provided ideas for story hour, crafts, summer reading program ideas and programs, as well as a legal panel answered questions.

A few Quincy Friends attended the Annual Friends meeting at Coldwater. The Quincy Friends are currently gearing up for their June book sale as well as children's summer programs.

Children's Book Week was celebrated at Quincy the week of May 14 with treats, color sheets and crafts. As well as Michigan Week being observed the week of May 21 with Michigan displays, color sheets and lots of trivia.

President Lincoln is scheduled to speak from the library front steps on Friday, May 24 at 5:30 pm. He will board the train back to Coldwater as a kick off to the Memorial Day weekend festivities. Period clothing is usually seen throughout the crowd each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wood
Quincy Branch Manager

Sherwood Branch Report

It has been a busy month at the Sherwood branch. We have been weeding the old books so we have room for the new books.

Judy has been busy coming up with fabulous ideas for Story Hour. For our Mother's Day crafts we had 10 children sign up, however 18 showed up! We did a little scrambling and were able to accommodate the extra kids and everyone was able to design their own coffee cups and wrappers for a candy bar for their mom. Needless to say story hour was a huge hit! Even the older kids (upper elementary – who have said they were too cool to do story hour) joined in and had a good time. They all were excited to take home the coffee cups and chocolate bars to their mothers (I have to wonder after the many comments I heard, how many of the candy bars actually made it home.)



One of my favorite Sherwood residents/patrons came by and offered to clean out the rose garden in front of the library for me, so the building looks great on the inside and out!

The Village of Sherwood is getting ready for the annual Sherwood Memorial Day Parade. Sharon Robbins came by and dropped off crepe paper at the library so that we can pass it out to the children that are planning to riding their bikes in the parade. Everyone in town has been working hard to have things ready for the parade.

We will resume story hour next month. Judy has been gone this week to the Beginner's Workshop with Traci Counterman. The last I heard they were both suffering from information overload. They are both learning a lot and excited to share the information with the rest of the staff at the next staff meeting. We are all grateful that our new director has reinstated a budget for staff training!

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Horn

Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Twp. Branch Report

Our patrons are right on top of giving words, notes, flowers, etc of encouragement! "Pat & Sandy, you girls have really made it possible for me to pursue my interest in things I like to study. You are the best librarians in the state of Mi. I do feel guilty about making the extra work for you--but not that guilty! Thanks, Sherm P.S. Happy 50 years Pat" Oh, and Sherm also brought in some cookies. Becky S. brought in a long-stemmed rose for each of us. The person who wrote a comment card on me last week - donated 2 seasons of The Munster's DVD's. Apparently he was not as upset with me as everyone else. All is well there. Our patrons are mostly gracious and very thankful for our library. One young college student comes in several times every week. He never leaves without thanking us for having the WiFi available for his use.

May 4, Miss Jillian showed the young people how to make duct tape roses.

Employment Group from Kalamazoo, will have their last opportunity on May 17 from 11-2 to take applications for area openings for employment. This is their third visit at Dearth Union Twp. Library. I wouldn't be surprised if they schedule more opportunities for our area unemployed.

Miss Martha will be giving a story time and craft Saturday May 18 at 10:30am for K-2nd grade students.

FOTL is waiting anxiously for results of the Boards recommendation to carry us on their policy for activities we are required to have for our community. Our FOTL Chairman, Betty Galloway and myself will be attending the BDLS Board Meeting at Algansee to receive first-hand results.

June 1 the craft will be making parachute cord bracelets, again with Miss Jillian.

With the arrival of June, so does Summer Reading. Our six-week program begins on June 11, with early registration from 12-4pm on Friday, June 7.

Sandy is having an Orphan Train presentation at 3:30pm on Wednesday, May 22. This will have a video, discussion and poster regarding the Orphan Train in MI, as a support for MI Week. All ages welcome.

Patricia Kaniewski

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