



ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORTS

Hello,

We are stilling cleaning and moving shelves and books around, made more room in Adult section. We are hoping to buy a T.V. and DVD player, to have Young Adult movie nights.

Although Kezia is prepared, we haven't had good attendance for craft time, children have so many activities at school, it is hard to figure out a good time. We always have crafts available when children do come in and we always have coloring and books available for children.

The walnut drive is going very well. We are working with The 4H Algansee Farm Boosters to pick up walnuts. Mike Avra, a 4-H Dad, has a trailer by the Library for bagged walnuts. People that have loose walnuts have been taking them to Erica Ewers office for drop off. We appreciate all the help and donations. All proceeds will go to Algansee Friends Group and Algansee Farm Boosters for programs and projects.

Our Halloween Party and Geek Fest is coming up October 26, from 10am to noon. Costume judging; Fun Photo Booth; Games & Prizes and of course candy. We will serve lunch from 11:00 am to noon. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, apples with caramel dip, and drinks. Sound like fun. Come and join us, all are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted

Jan Clark, Algansee Branch Manager

QUINCY BRANCH REPORT

Patrons have acclimated well to the computer sign-in. We appreciate John's efforts, as it makes less manual statistics for us.

Lisa is working with Lynnell and Linda to make the Library Christmas Train event possible again this year. Locally for Quincy, Santa Claus Publishing is willing to donate again this year, as they sponsored Quincy's train last year.

Story Hour makes for busy Friday mornings and the attendance is well over 20, including a daycare provider and a few parents.

We appreciate the compliment regarding purchasing at Quincy. We do keep very busy with Melcat items coming and going at our branch. Patrons are still learning that Melcat exists for them and they are very pleased to have that option.

Quincy will celebrate Teen Read Week October 15-19 with candy incentives for checking out materials.

Quincy will host local author Victoria Burlew on Saturday, October 26 from 10-noon.

Refreshments will be served and the author will have books available for purchase. Join us on the main level to chat with Victoria. Barrier free access is on the north side of the building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wood, Quincy Branch Manager

SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORT

September has been a month of being proud of who you are and not being afraid of being different. What better way to start than with the *Michigan Reads!* book, *Woolbur*, by Leslie Helakoski.

- Woolbur is not like other sheep. He hangs out with wild dogs, cards his own wool to avoid the shearing barn, and even dyes his wool blue. "Don't worry!" says Grandpaa when Maa and Paa fret that Woolbur is different. But when they tell their son to follow the flock, the opposite happens—the flock follows him! Soon everyone is copying his wild hairstyles and taking turns on the spinning wheel. Leave it to Woolbur to find a new way to step ahead of the herd.



We also made life-sized portraits to hang in the library and read the book, *I'm Gonna Like Me*, by Jamie Lee Curtis.



- Celebrate liking yourself! Through alternating points of view, a girl's and a boy's, Jamie Lee Curtis's triumphant text and Laura Cornell's lively artwork show kids that the key to feeling good is liking yourself because you are you.



October crafts bring paper-bag-scarecrow puppets; ghost and pumpkin wreaths and a pumpkin candy dish. Since Halloween falls on a Thursday this year, I will be staying after hours to hand out candy & bookmarks at the Sherwood branch from 5 – 7 pm.

I have met with a very enthusiastic group and we are in the process of planning a *Breakfast with Santa* event on Saturday, December 7th from 9 to 11 am at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge. The Sherwood O.E.S. & Masons are waiving the fee for the building for us. We have donations from the Jiffy Mix Company (Jiffy is located in Chelsea, Michigan); Union City Rotary; Jacks Groceries in Union City; Cit-go; Union City Industries; Trinity Industries and several other businesses in Union City have all graciously agreed to donate items that we need. We have a Santa and a Story Teller booked (also donated services) and one of our awesome volunteers has a sleigh he will be fixing up and bringing (to use as a prop) for pictures with Santa. I am working with a couple of local photographers to have professional pictures taken of each family with Santa (printing to be paid for through donations as well) and we are waiting to hear from Union City Meats on the sausage link donation. The Sherwood Fire Department will be bringing Santa and will also be helping in the kitchen and with serving. I am pleasantly surprised at the positive response and generous donations to make this event happen! More updates to come as time draws near.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Horn, Sherwood Branch Manager

DEARTH UNION BRANCH REPORT

We were open 2 extra hours on Saturday, October 5, for Heritage Day in Union City. A scarecrow was created by several adults and young people, to be displayed out front near the bench. The Garden Club sponsors a scarecrow contest annually for the businesses that wish to participate. Our display is the scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz, jumping out of the pages of a giant Wizard of Oz book, to run down the yellow brick road. A witch is also coming out of the pages of the book. They look great, but not great enough for a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon.

Then in the display case, in the foyer, are many Wizard of Oz characters.

Read to Me continues to be offered each Saturday morning by various readers.

Our Legacy meeting with Branch County Comm. Foundation was not well attended on Friday, October 4. I guess people are not interested in planning a legacy before their final days.

Creating Halloween masks is scheduled for October 19 and Ashley Simpson will be reading to the children. Then on the 26th a small group of school young people would like to read to younger children as a community service.

Our plans are looking toward December expecting Santa's arrival, making Christmas decorations, putting up the Christmas tree, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kaniewski

Dearth Union Twp. Library