

ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORTS

On Thursday January 6th, I went with other Library personal to 2014 Performers Showcase at Albion Library. We watched different performers, showing us the programs that are available for Summer Reading. The programs were fun and informative. Lots of brochures to help us decide. All of our Libraries are working together to cut down on our costs, maybe have same programs at different Libraries.

Algansee Library had several patrons here during school snow days. They watched movies, built crafts, and visited. I enjoyed having lots of patrons here at one time.

Spring is March 20,2104!

Respectfully Submitted

Algansee Branch Manager

Janice Clark

BRONSON BRANCH REPORTS

Lynnell attended a Performers Showcase sponsored by Woodlands, along with several other branch managers, to preview possible special programs for the 2014 Summer Reading Club. Even though the weather was terrible we saw some wonderful acts and came away with great ideas.

Preschool storytime Friday Tales continues with new children attending along with our regulars. Even with the cold our numbers have still been steady. A Valentines party was held on the 14th.

The January Family Friday Night at the Movies had to be cancelled due to the weather. We are going to try for February 21. Also have a Friday Night at the Movies for teens and adults the following Friday. The one in January was attended by a small group of teenagers. We showed a movie that is based on a young adult book series. Free popcorn and water was served. February we will show the next Thor movie which will be released just a few days before our movie night so hoping for a nice turnout for that.

The first Saturday in February was "Take Your Child To The Library" day. This was started by a Librarian in Connecticut in 2012 and is an annual event they hope more libraries will participate in. We had brother Berenstain Bear here to greet children, baby goats Hop and Skip were downstairs to play with the children, there were crafts for children to do, a book sale especially for them, refreshments, puzzles and everyone who attended could have their picture taken and made into a keepsake bookmark. We had a very nice turnout and adults seemed to enjoy the day as much as the children did.

Our "Beat the Winter Blahs" contest will be ending on the 26th and we will draw for the grand prize winner on March 1.

Patrons have been very happy to see the new book shelves full once again.

Respectfully submitted,

Bronson Branch Manager

Lynnell Eash

QUINCY BRANCH REPORTS

- The Quincy Library hosted the local NIKA women's club January 14. The club supports the library with their spring auction proceeds each year.
- The adult "Winter Blahs" contest is in full swing. Adults, ages 18 and up can be entered just by reading at least two books during the month. The Friends of the Library fills a goodie basket to give away to the patrons name drawn at random.
- Story Hour breaks from the Christmas party until February, so we are back in the swing of our adventurous Friday mornings.
- Lisa will be serving as an Altrusa "Picture Me Reading" Contest judge soon.
- Kudos to Katrina who handled a difficult patron recently, she is excellent with the public.
- Quincy has a March 8 date set for the One Book, One County book discussion.
- On the quiet, snowy days, much weeding has taken place.

SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORTS

- Judy and I were both able to attend the Performers Showcase at the Albion Library in January. We were able to see many acts, which were all very entertaining. We were also able to brainstorm with other librarians to come up with ideas that we could do ourselves. We really appreciate the opportunity to attend the showcase.
- We are having a Beat the Winter Blah's contest for all ages, as well as coloring contests, Guessing contests and other fun things for the month of February.
- Judy has been busy with Story Hour and Crafts. The kids have had a great time decorating hearts while Judy read *There was an old lady who swallowed a rose!* By Lucille Colandro.
- On Tuesday, February 11th we had a candle decorating class that went very well. We have a very artistic group!
- Our attendance has been down for January and February due to the cold weather. We are ready for the big rush of patrons with the warmer weather heading our way.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Horn
Sherwood Branch Manager

