

ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORT

- Put sign-up sheets for Summer Reading up a little early, but all is good. Lots of children signing up today, hope to get more and more. Adults also have signed up and promised to read their books!
- Erica composed a really nice Newsletter, which is now on websites and Facebook. I have also been passing out letters at Library. We have jars of candy, buttons and marbles for patrons to put in their guess for a prize. June and July we will be giving a prize for the jar counts. A patron donated lots of streamer balls. Each child received one after sign-up.
- We have 2 programs in June and Book Sale at our Library. All set to go, hope it is a good turn out for all programs. Any questions or suggestions please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Clark

Alganssee Branch Manager

BRONSON BRANCH REPORT

- Eighteen classes (470 students) from Anderson, Ryan and St. Mary's schools visited to tour the library during the first two weeks of June.
- Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults started on June 10th (41 signed up the first day)
- The summer program schedule will begin June 17 with programs that include, The American Red Cross for Kids, Noon Movie/bring your own lunch, Noon Movie in Spanish, Friday Tales, Kids Get Crafty, 4 special programs, Joel's ScienceRific Comedy Show, WMU's Volcanos, Dynamic West's Made In Michigan and K-Zoo Nature Center. There are also programs for Teens this year, movies, special program "Explore the X-Files" and a late afternoon Gamefest. The two special teen programs are by Joel Tacey. We were able to have these specials this year through money provided by BDL, capital funds set aside, Century Bank and donations from a local family.

QUINCY BRANCH REPORT

- Michigan Week was celebrated with trivia, treats and color sheets. A local homeschool family brought in yearend projects to display also.
- The Quincy Chamber of Commerce provided flowers for our front urns for the Lincoln Train Event to kick off the Memorial Day weekend festivities. In beautiful weather, many visitors in period clothing exited the train to hear President Lincoln speak from the library front steps.

- Friends of the Quincy Library just completed a book sale with proceeds going to the Millage Committee.
- The Summer Reading Program is in full swing with children PreK-12th signing up. Adults can also earn a gas card, thanks to the Friends of the Library. The Friends are also providing family prizes for the elementary age and McDonald's provided a Nook for Middle school and High school age to win.
- We are pleased with the programs scheduled for this summer. Our first Imaginative Arts session of the summer is June 13 and will be led again by local artist, Marni Szafranski.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Wood,
Quincy Branch Manager

SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORT

- There has been a lot going on at the Sherwood branch for the month of May and still more for June, July and August.
- We are continuing with Story Hour every Thursday at 3:30
- We have started a Tuesday-Teen Club. We have gotten several donations of outdated, broken electronics that the teens have disassembled and are in the process of making something different from those parts. They are having a fabulous time. For the past few weeks they have worked on their project for the entire 3 hours we were open.
- We participated in the Sherwood Memorial Day parade for the first time. I had several kids/teens volunteer to help pass out informational material and walk in the parade. A big thanks to Judy Gottschalk and Deanna Cary for helping!
- June 19th at 3:30 is our first Summer Program – Get the Buzz on Bees, with local Bee Keeper, Joe Stauffer and his family. We will learn about the wonder of bee behavior and bee language; why the Stauffer family takes their bees to Florida every winter and why bees are threatened by modern agriculture. This will be an exciting and informational program for all ages.
- June 27th & 28th is Sherwood's Annual Village-wide Garage Sale. The Sherwood branch will also be having their book sale at this time.
- In July we have Volcanos with the Western Michigan University; Teen Build-a-Bot; Jill Duke from the lab at the Community Health Center will talk to the kids about what they do at the lab; Family Science Night; and Made in Michigan, with Dynamic West.
- We are now booking programs for late summer and early fall.
- The storage cabinet that the board approved at last month's meeting arrived. Unfortunately it was damaged and will have to be sent back (the hinges on the door were broke). I was not impressed with the quality of the cabinet, so I asked Jeanne if she could find out if anyone carried the same brand of cabinet that I currently use for storage. Jeanne found a local company that makes the better quality cabinet right here in Coldwater and will be ordering the cabinet, which is less expensive than the one I will be sending back.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Horn
Sherwood Branch Manager

DEARTH UNION TOWNSHIP REPORT

It has been a very busy month for us in May.

- We had a Mother's Day Tea with sixteen children and adults participating. Not only did they enjoy making cards for their mothers and grandmothers but served them tea and cookies. Gail Schafer, our Friends president, oversaw the activity.
- A local tiger cub scout group toured the library. The library provided a goodie bag for each scout. We had 14 scouts and adults at this program of which we were able to register 2 new patrons.
- Memorial Day we participated in the Sherwood and Union City parades. We had 9 adults, 4 teens, and 7 Kids walking in the Union City parade. We were led down the parade route by our own Mad Scientist, patron Deanna Carey, who entertained the crowd with her wild experiment. The library hosted an ice cream sundae party for all who walked with us in the parade.
- Many activities are planned for our summer reading program and I am looking forward to a great summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gottschalk,

Dearth Union Twp. Branch Manager

