

### **Alganssee Branch:**

The family that won the Grand prize from Summer Reading, which was a big popcorn bowl filled with a family DVD, soda pop, popcorn and big selection of candies, brought to our Library a giant sign thanking us for the prize. The family and friends signed card. I was happy to receive the sign, it makes me happy to see that patrons do appreciate all the time spent on making sure Summer Reading was a success! The sign is hanging up for all to see.

I worked at the Branch District Library Booth at the Coldwater Fair, and really had a good time promoting our libraries. We talked to a lot of folks, played games with the children and gave out lots of candy, hats and bookmarks. I got comments on how much folks enjoyed all of our Branch District Libraries! I also reminded folks that I know it is a drive out to the Alganssee Library, but come out in the country for a nice ride and visit our Library.

Now that it is September, we will be promoting Michigan Reads Book " Acoustic Rooster and his Barnyard Band" by Kwame Alexander. Along with a book Michigan Reads sent a Programming and Resource Guide, that is really helpful in planning for Activity time. COOL CATS READ!

Respectfully submitted

Janice Clark

Alganssee Branch Manager

### **Bronson Branch**

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Joselyne Cabrera (student clerk) and I attended the Bronson Jr/Sr High Open House and Anderson Elementary Open House to meet parents and encourage them to sign their children up for library cards. We were able to sign-up 31 new patrons and handout information regarding Branch District Library. We appreciate Principals Wesley McCrea & Harmonee McCrea for allowing us to attend.

Over the Labor Day weekend there was a bit of vandalism at the library in the form of plates of food being put in the drop box which was filled with returned items and then more items returned on top of the food. Also, something sprayed on the entrance door windows and the top of the drop box. I found this on Monday evening when I came to clean and contacted John on Tuesday morning to have him check the security cameras. There had been a party at the American Legion on Saturday night so that's where we started looking and were able to find when it happened. While viewing the tapes there were a couple other incidents that we felt the police should be notified about. After checking with Evette I called 911 and Officer McConn came and took a report. I checked with the Bronson Police the following Monday and they said at that time they had not been able to locate the boys to talk to them. On a happy note, no books were permanently damaged, I was able to clean them all up with only one having a small stain on the back cover!

Due to vacations our fall programs will start again in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell Eash

Bronson Branch Manager

**Sherwood Branch**

- We are keeping busy with Story Hour every Thursday. This week the Red Cross will be coming in to talk to the kids about what to do in case of severe weather.
- Next week we are having a Sharpie Tie-Die program, patrons will be using Sharpie markers to make designs on their t-shirts and then applying rubbing alcohol to the ink so that the color runs. It creates a beautiful effect. We have several patrons registered for this program.
- We will also be reading the Michigan Reads book, *Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band* written by Kwame Alexander and illustrated by Tim Bowers. In the book, Acoustic Rooster learns about music, teamwork and sportsmanship. After realizing he can't win the barnyard talent contest as a solo act with such fierce competition, a rooster with a love for jazz looks to help from other animals. A quartet with an unbelievable sound is created, with their ability to work together cleverly captured in this book with rhyming text, references to key American musicians, and vivid illustrations. This book will be a lot of fun and am excited to plan activities around the theme of music, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- I have been attending the Friends of the Union Branch meetings, as we plan for the *Breakfast with Santa* event at both branch locations in December. We are pooling our resources and the UC Friends have been a delight to work with and I am so happy to have their support. I hope to do more combined programs like this. They are a wonderful group!

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Horn

Sherwood Branch Manager

**Quincy Branch Report**

- Friends of the Quincy Library had many visitors at their booth during the Quincy Daze festivities. Locals loved looking at old Quincy photos displayed.
- Patrons are still commenting on being pleased that the millage passed and they are hopeful that our branch will be open on Thursdays once again.
- Lisa attended Jennings Elementary School's Open House and met many new families.
- Lisa recently spoke at the Quincy Lions Club and accepted a \$100 check in memory of one of their members.
- High school English classes visited last week.
- Our elevator had its' annual inspection, which a township expense.
- The local Quincy Historical Society has been doing much research as they acquire information for their upcoming 2015 calendars.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Wood

Quincy Branch Manager

**Dearth Union Township Branch:**

Summer reading is over and we have had a little time to take a breather.

Hawver Steamway was in this month and cleaned the carpets. I would like to say the carpet looks great. Besides cleaning the carpet and the chairs, Tim Hawver has put a carpet protector on and will be back two more times before next August. I would recommend Hawver Steamway to anyone.

This month we had a Family Back to School Bingo which was sponsored by local dentist Dr. Christopher. Winners were able to pick out a book of their choice. At the end of the morning everyone was able to get a book. I hope next year our library will be able to offer this program again.

Activities for September include:

- . Workshops for building, painting, and decorating Pine Wood Derby Cars
- . Pine Wood Derby

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gottschalk

Branch Manager