

October News



October 2014

Fall into Reading!

We're off to a great start with 91 young patrons signed up and reading!

This annual fall event continues to be popular as we enter our 3rd year of holding the event.

This fall, we are partnering with McDonald's, Ponderosa, Subway and Little Caesar's Pizza. Unfortunately, Bob Evans Restaurants are no longer able to give us the Family Meal prize due to corporate cutbacks. While we are saddened, by this decision, it is our pleasure to report that our friends at Little Caesar's were glad to give us a \$20 gift certificate for the recipient of our Family of Readers!

Children ages 2 yrs-12th

grade will be reading at the appropriate reading level October 1-29th.

Prizes will be given based on participation, reading goal, overall level winner and of course as mentioned, Family of Readers!

Kids' Place staff loves to help children find the perfect reading material. And if we don't have something on site, we've been known to place a hold, interlibrary loan and even help place an Overdrive order. All in the name of **READING!**

Can't wait to see how many books/pages will be read as we "Fall into Reading!"



Some patrons prefer to choose their own materials!

Special points of interest:

Star War Reads

Day III: Saturday, Oct. 11 @ 11:30-2:30 pm

Red Cross "Be Ready: 1,2,3

on Saturday, Oct. 18 @ noon

"Along came a Spider"

Saturday, Oct 25 @ 11:30 am

"Just Desserts" a.k.a Volunteer Appreciation

The Kids' Place staff held a special evening of *Just Desserts* for all the wonderful Kids' Place volunteers on Thursday, Oct.2nd.

Julia, Mary and Linda baked up some great goodies to show their

appreciation for all the hours of help the volunteers provided.

Every volunteer in attendance was given a bookmark with the library's picture and encouraged to eat and take home lots of goodies!

It was especially encouraging to watch our teens of different ages and from different schools hit it off based on their mutual enjoyment of the library!



The ever-changing persona of our Mad Scientist!

Here's Johnny...Johnny Appleseed!

Kids' Place enjoyed a visit from our own version of Johnny Appleseed on Saturday, September 20th. We were tickled to have Glenn Snapp of Quincy do another excellent portrayal of Johnny for us. Glenn portrayed Johnny for the first time last year and was game to come back again.

We were disappointed that more people didn't stop by to visit with Johnny as the downtown was packed with Apple Fest attendees. Guess they were all busy spending their hard earned dollars.

Those who did stop in were

treated to a story along with making their own "pot" to wear. They made apple prints, explore the journey of Johnny across our nation with our state map rug, made apples for their window and best of all had apple snacks!

Yasmein and Sumayah Algaradi were tremendous help as they instructed the children with the making of apple prints.

Mikayla Everline helped provided the apple cookies. (home made, the best kind!) And Miss Julia left us some Rice Krispy treats.

We look forward to next year's visit from Johnny! We always

learn something new and he doesn't mind if we don't wear shoes!



Johnny posing with his fans!

Home School Adventures

What fun we had during the month of September exploring the theme of Apples!

Thanks to Gleis' Farm Market, the children were able to make apple-head dolls. What an adventure!

We also spent time graphing the types of apples. We heard stories about apples, saw how the tree roots work and wrote apple poems.

The children also did presenta-

tions on how to make their favorite apple dish. This of course was appreciated by all in attendance. The unit was finished with a visit by the families to Old McDonald's Orchard in Marshall. The report



back was that they had lots of fun.



Celebrating

This year the Michigan State Library choose the book, "Acoustic Rooster" by Alexander Kawamee. The Target Corporation provided the book and we provided the fun!

Our kick-off was held on Saturday, Oct. 4. As the book is about a jazz band, we explored the world of jazz music and instruments. Miss Julia lead the band as they explored musical instru-

ments, made their own guitars, harmonicas, listened to jazz greats and just plain had fun!

Miss Linda explored the world of Jazz with the toddlers and preschoolers. The preschoolers really enjoyed using our rhythm sticks while accompanying Duke Ellington.

The children made masks and also painted with mud. (coffee

grounds and glue).

Michigan Reads!





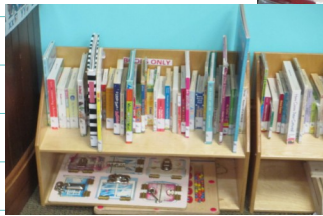
Daisy Scouts are the greatest!

Kids' Place had the pleasure of a troop of Daisy Scouts visiting us and performing community service. They did one of the best service jobs we've had.

The cool part was the fact that this visit came about because the troop leader and her daughter are some of our regular programming attendees. So when the need for community service came up, Lindsey and Ella wanted to "pay back" their favorite place...Kids' Place! Thanks girls!



The entire troop after a busy hour of cleaning and organizing! As several remarked upon leaving: "it sure smells better in here, now!"



Other fun!



Marvelous Mondays continue with Lego League, Movie, Board Games, and Wii games. The most popular evenings still remain Lego League and movies!

Toddler Tunes, our newest regular scheduled programming this fall has been a big hit. Many of the children are moving up from the Laptime programming.

Toddler Tunes continues with simple stories, music, fingerplays

etc but we also have a craft.

It is a joy to see these children literally grow up before our eyes!



"Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers."

~ Harry S Truman

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TEENS...
We Need You!



Teen
Advisory
Group

Last month we had our first meeting of our newly formed Teen Advisory Group for the Branch District Library (Coldwater Branch). Five teens joined us to begin putting together what we hope to accomplish as a group, brainstorm ideas for future activities, get to know each other, and eat a ice cream sundae!

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What is the Teen Advisory Group and what does it do? They are a group of teens who love the library and want to share ideas, help set teen programs, volunteer, suggest new books, enjoy teen activities, make new friends, and or course, eat!

Who can join? Any teen, aged 13 and up who wants to make a difference in their library and in the community. Talk to Miss Julia for more information. **Our next scheduled meeting is Friday, October 17th at 3:00 p.m. A teen movie will follow the meeting.**

Tween Happenings

This fall, we've started a new program designed especially for our "Tween" patrons, ages 10-14 years old.

Because of the early release time of Coldwater Community Schools, every Wednesday afternoon, from 2:00-3:00 pm, we have activities that will cater perfectly to this age group.

We started with a "Back to School Bash" and the participants had a rousing game of pass the package to earn some cool new school supplies. Each stu-

dent also enjoyed reading some jokes and decorating a new notebook. And what tween event would be complete without snacks!

The following week, we watched an old-fashioned mystery movie based on the Nancy Drew Book Series. Popcorn and root beer floats were a hit this week.

Games are always more fun when you can play them with friends, so one week some of the kids challenged Miss Julia to a few "Otedama" games. These interesting little bean bags are actually a traditional

Japanese game often played by Japanese girls and their grandmothers, who make the bags out of scraps of kimonos.

Finally, this past week, the kids tried their hand at building a chain-reaction popsicle stick chain. Those things can really explode!

Other activities coming up include, Euchre, another movie showing, a "Bubble Letter Workshop" and a Halloween party.

Check out the library calendar for more information and the schedule of events. These activities are a great alternative to being alone at home for Wednesday afternoons!