

## **ALGANSEE BRANCH**

We had a Holiday card program on December 5, with 9 attending. Had a good time made lots of Holiday cards. Pictures of some of cards are on Algansee Library Facebook.

We had tables full of crafts for all. Lots of Christmas crafts were put together and taken home. The treat for everybody was candy canes and cookies, which everybody enjoyed.

Kezia and I helped with the Christmas Train, sang songs, helped Santa hand out hot chocolate and candy canes. I did the easy part while Linda and Lisa checked folks in for the train ride. The children were so excited about the train and Santa, I enjoyed watching them. Julia was so very good with leading the Christmas songs. All seemed to have a great time.

At the Library we are still weeding books getting ready for the new to fill the shelves.

I have 2 programs scheduled so far for Summer Reading in conjunction with Lisa in Quincy. She is always very helpful so we can get programs on same day for a good rate.

Happy New Year to Everybody!

Respectfully Submitted  
Algansee Library Manager  
Janice Clark

## **BRONSON BRANCH**

To end our Friday Tales program for 2014 we had a mini Polar Express story-time. The children listened to the reading of the story and then each received the magical bell and a take home bag with a hot chocolate packet and a candy cane. When they came back in January the children helped take down the Christmas decorations downstairs and store them away until next year.

Capital requests have been filled: lights have been changed and we have received many comments about how bright it is in the library now. We even had someone comment that in the evening "you can sure tell the library is open now!" Two new trash bins arrived, ordered from Barone Hardware, and have been placed in the front and back of the library. We will see if this will help with the trash problems around the library in the summer months. We also received our other movie license so we will once again be able to show Dreamworks movies. These are many of the animated films we show during the family film times, glad to have them back.

With the increase in our periodical budget and a number of subscription donations from patrons we will have over 60 different magazines this year for checkout. We have always had a high demand for magazines so people are excited to see this many to chose from.

Starting our Beat the Winter Blahs which will go until February 21. Adults read 5 books and turn in their reading record for a chance to win a basket filled with goodies.

Working with a couple patrons on program ideas for all ages. They had some wonderful ideas and are very willing to help organize these programs.

Had a major issue with our internet/electrical which John will probably report on. Let's just say, WOW are we dependent on computers! We survived and it wasn't the end of the world like some patrons seemed to think.

To finish on a high note, we had a couple come in and we will call them Secret Santa. They wanted to secretly pay off overdue fines for people. They also asked for a wish list of books and movies we would like to have here in Bronson. They said they have a group of elves waiting to hear so they can help make some our wishes come true! What a wonderful gift.

### **QUINCY BRANCH**

- A crowd of over 80 people enjoyed an early December Jennings Elementary mini-concert at the library.
- Friends of the Quincy Library helped in different areas around Quincy during the Quincy Lights event. Letters to Santa were written at the library location.
- Patrons are anticipating new hours beginning in January.
- A huge thank you goes out to Bonnie Frick for her years as liaison to the Quincy branch and her work on the BDLS board as well.

### **SHERWOOD BRANCH**

Breakfast with Santa went really well. We served over 130 children & adults. 33 family portraits were taken, which is up from last year. We heard lots of positive comments about how much our library means to our community and they hoped we would make Breakfast with Santa an annual event.

Our kitchen helpers, photographer, Santa and all of the elves did a wonderful job. I had many people ask if they could be a part of it next year. It was wonderful seeing all of the children so happy and excited and parents were all smiles as well. The portraits arrived this week and people have been braving the cold and snow to pick them up.

We have started our new additional hours. It is a little slow right now, but that will soon change as the weather warms and programs resume. Until then we are working on weeding projects and cleaning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Horn  
Sherwood Branch Manager

**UNION TWP. BRANCH**

December was a very busy month.

Breakfast with Santa was a great success. We had served over 350 adults and children. 89 family portraits were taken. Many comments I heard had to do with the breakfast being great and if we planned on continuing it next year. The children were very excited to visit with Santa who took time to speak with each child. The workers under the guidance of Marty Chard have offered their services for next year. We had the breakfast at the First Congregational Church. I was very pleased not only with how many people attended the breakfast but also the response on having it again next year.

One Saturday during the month we had children of all ages stop in and create Christmas cards for their parents or grandparents. Gail Shafer oversaw the event and was very helpful to the children.

I also made 3 visits to the preschool during the month. The children are now excited by having me come in and read them a book. This month we focused on Christmas. I am in the planning stages of having a family night at the library for the children and their parents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Gottschalk  
Dearth Union Township  
Branch Manager

