

BRONSON BRANCH REPORT

- I attended the District Friends meeting in Quincy along with some of our friends members. It was interesting to hear and share ideas with the different groups. Thank you to the Quincy Friends and Lisa and Renee for hosting. Next years meeting will be held at the Bronson Branch.

- We had a very interesting program presented by Charles Collert on Raising Gourds. He has raised gourds for years, entered contests/shows, continues to raise seeds for a lady who sells gourd seeds all over the world and he crafts with them. He did a wonderful job explaining how to grow the best gourds, harvest them and some crafts to make with them. He even had packets of seeds he had grown to hand out to those attending.



- Our Friday Tales group will have two more meetings then take a two week break before the summer events start.
- The Friends Spring Book Sale will be May 12-16 during library hours.
- Bronson Advisory Board member Rebecca Duke has moved north so she had to resign her position on the board.
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- The Bronson City Council will be appointing a new member at their meeting on May 11.
- I plan to attend the Bronson Township meeting on May 13.
- Sam Ellis Greenburg of the Branch County Literacy Council will be in Bronson on Thursday May 14 to help kick-off the Bronson Area Adult Literacy Program. She will present an in-depth overview of the new program including learner program materials and tutor training. Once this is all in place tutoring will take place at the Bronson Branch Library.
- May 20&21 we will have the Garden Ornament Workshop again. Turn a bowling ball into something beautiful. (I know, Curtis would say a bowling ball is already something beautiful)
- We have one more evening movie weekend this month, May 22 & 23, then we switch to the Noon Movies until September.

- I continue working with the schools to include their summer reading programs with our summer reading program.
- We are still working out all the wrinkles but it looks to be a very exciting and busy summer.
- The Friends Golf Outing is May 30th and the Tea and Garden Tour is June 13th
- The Flower Talk group will be spring cleaning the flower beds around the library next week.

QUINCY BRANCH REPORT

- Quincy hosted the Annual Friends of the Library meeting this year, 33 attended and the Quincy Friends provided nice refreshments.
- Story Hour children created Mother's Day crafts as well as enjoying recent topics and crafts of spring and birds.
- Children's Book Week was celebrated with each child receiving treats for checking out books/materials. Story Hour children received one free book, compliments of the Friends group.
- Michigan Week displays and trivia were enjoyed by patrons.
- "Visit with the Author" day with local author I.C. Atwell (Isaac Veysey-White) coming up May 16th.

SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORT

- April was a busy month. On the 7th of April the kids planted flower and vegetable seeds to have plants ready for Mother's Day. All of the supplies were donated and we even had volunteers to help out with our large group of kids who participated on planting day! The plants were transplanted to their permanent pots once they were established, and again, all the supplies necessary were donated. The kids were beyond excited to give the plants to their moms on her special day!
- The pop can butterfly program was held on the 15th of April and although there was only a small group attending, everyone had a great time and really enjoyed what they made!
- We were finally able to have our Easter egg hunt on the 23rd of April, after being postponed a couple of weeks due to all the rain! The kids (11 total) had a blast and the parents made several comments of gratitude that we did this.
- We have a composting program coming up on May 13th with a local Master Gardener, Diane Hoskins.
- Currently we are planning to participate in the Sherwood Memorial Day parade with a small wagon float and all the kids have been encouraged to participate. We plan to make it a very fun

day! The Saturday before the parade, Chris and I will be outlining an American flag on the sidewalk in downtown Sherwood where the kids will be coloring it in with sidewalk chalk. We've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the community and the kids are very excited about doing some patriotic coloring! We're crossing our fingers that there won't be any rain in the forecast to spoil our plans! I will report next month how everything turned out!

UNION BRANCH REPORT

- On April 1st we had an Easter Egg Hunt and craft, which was well attended. The weather was good so we could do the hunt outside. Many kids and parents enjoyed themselves.
- We are continuing with Preschool Story-time at the Community Unlimited building & Story Hour at the library.
- Sandy and Judy both attended the Annual District Friends of the Library meeting at the Quincy Branch. We had several of our Friends attend and there were lots of good ideas and good food.
- Thank you for approving the Capital request last month. The cigarette urn is keeping the area clean and the suggestion box is displayed for the public to use.
- Check the District calendar for a list of our upcoming programs for this summer.