

ALGANSEE BRANCH REPORTS

1. We spent a lot of May spring cleaning shelves of dust and books and getting ready for our huge Book Sale.
2. We enjoyed the Board of Trustees coming to Algansee Library for the May meeting. You are welcome anytime!
3. Programs for children are not doing very well on Fridays. On the good side, when parents bring their children in at other times, we sit down with them and read books and do a lot of coloring and singing.
4. We are all ready to go for Summer Reading. There are lots of programs scheduled. We have been getting program information out on Facebook, the library websites, our sign board outside by road and news letters sent out to area families. June is looking good!

Respectfully Submitted
Algansee Branch Manager



BRONSON BRANCH REPORTS

1. On May 22 I went to Bronson High School and signed up kids for the Summer Reading Club, mostly 6th graders but the other grades heard the information too. The school is coordinating their

summer program to work with ours so we are both hoping to have more teens participate this year.

2. We have been visited by nineteen elementary classes (475 children) over the past couple weeks. The children tour the library and hear about the Summer Reading Club and programs offered over the summer. On June 9 Lynnell and Joselyne attended the Ryan School recognition assembly and became “Super Librarians” (yes, capes and masks) to do a quick promotion for the reading club. (it will stick with them for years!)
3. The bowling ball garden ornament workshop was fun. Even Evette came over to join in the fun and everyone created beautiful ornaments to take home. Have had requests for another workshop so will plan one for later in the fall.
4. Joselyne Cabrara is back as a clerk for the summer. Very glad to have her return.
5. Fran Fletcher was appointed by the City Council to serve on the Advisory board.
6. All the summer programs are starting. Each week we will have a movie at noon on Wednesdays. People may bring a lunch/snack with them and watch a movie in the nice cool basement. Fridays will be preschool story-time and then a craft hour in the afternoon. Joel Tacey will be back on June 16 for two shows, Joel's Super Caper Magical Comedy Show and then a Balloon Twisting Workshop.



QUINCY BRANCH REPORTS

1. “Visit with the Author” day with local author I.C. Atwell (Isaac Veysey-White) on May 16 had 12 in attendance. He was thankful for the exposure. His second novel is in the works. Isaac is currently in grad school and works at CHC.
2. The President Lincoln visit and Little River Railroad train/Civil War event was kicked off in Quincy with a large crowd of over 100. The weather cooperated. Visitors are always welcomed

into the library to view our Civil War era restored flags, muskets, officer belts and swords which is of great interest to this particular crowd/weekend event.

3. The Friends of the Library Book Sale was a good success.
4. Children enjoy sidewalk chalk on good weather days.
5. Children, Preschool-High School, are signing up for the Summer Reading Program; nine programs are scheduled for this year's SRP.
6. The Quincy Township is diligently making repairs on the building. Landscape Traditions replaced many slates to the roof.

SHERWOOD BRANCH REPORTS

1. The month of May has been a busy month for the Sherwood library! We did a sidewalk chalk craft on Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend. There were approximately twelve kids who participated along with a handful of adults! We all had a great time and the kids were really excited to show off their craft skills. Several members of the community gave us compliments about how nice it was to see the kids showing off their patriotic support and even had snacks and drinks donated to us upon completion.
2. Earlier in the month of May we began making superhero capes for the kids to wear in the Memorial Day parade. There were about 15 kids and a couple of adults and myself who walked as a group to represent the library. I wore wings, as in book fairy wings but sadly, the weather wasn't real cooperative so I was unable to pull the wagon full of books to give the full effect. Each child had a bucket that we filled with candy so that they were able to throw it on our walk through town to the fire station. It was a hit and I'm already thinking of ideas for next years parade!
3. Our story time/crafts on Thursdays have gotten popular enough that we've outgrown our small craft area and have moved to the larger area with the bigger tables!
4. I've been in contact with the Battle Creek Bombers baseball team and they have generously donated 20 baseball tickets to our summer readers for the game on June 14! The Kalamazoo Growlers baseball team donated 8 tickets (2 tickets each) to the top readers in each age group.
5. I also met with the public relations people from the Kalamazoo K-Wings hockey team last week and I'm very excited to say that we have partnered up with them for the summer reading program! They are donating tickets for a hockey game to every child who meets their summer reading goals. The K-Wings Mascot (Slappy), will also be making an appearance at the Sherwood library on July 16 to hand out the prizes and play a couple of games with the kids.
6. I have acquired a small group of friends who have been volunteering supplies and their time to help with crafts and other various things. This week we will start getting the books around for the annual book sale - It will be held on June 20 this year and I've got volunteers willing to run the sale for me! I'm excited that we are accomplishing so much in such a short period of time!
7. Summer reading sign-ups begin June 2, and I expect to have a successful turnout!

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

DEARTH UNION BRANCH REPORTS

- During the month of May we had a few programs. Most of the time was spent scheduling new programs for the Summer Reading. I am happy to say there are one to two programs scheduled every week of Summer Reading.
- The Union Branch Library and Community Unlimited came together to start the kick off for our Summer Reading Program. The first program for the month of May was a visit to the Stone Barn in Sherwood. The Stone Barn was first built in the 1950's and was used as a family barn. The barn has recently been renovated by the Stanton family to a unique and beautiful event facility. The Binder Park Zoo mobile was on hand to greet 83 children and adults.
- On Saturday, May 9th many children enjoyed making a beautiful handmade card and a lovely bouquet for their moms. Cookies and punch were served after the craft.
- The end of the month I visited Community Unlimited's After-school Program to encourage the kids to join our Summer Reading Program. Each child made a frisbee and enjoyed the time outside playing with their creation. Fliers were handed out with all the programs and activities for the months of June and July.
- June is the start of our Summer Reading Program and it looks like a very busy month.
- Mary Gale of Burlington, Michigan was very generous to donate a beautiful wrought iron bench that has been placed on the side of building. We have an outlet outside the door which will be convenient for our patrons to plug in their devices and use our wifi when we are not open.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gottschalk

Dearth Union Township Manager