

ALGANSEE BRANCH

- June 5th we started our Summer Reading Program. We have 41 signed up, which includes children, young adult and a few adults.
- On June 5th and 6th, the Friends of Algansee Library held book sale at Erica Ewers garage. We are lucky to have Erica and her mom take care of the book sale, although the other friends spent time throughout sale to help out. We have tried to have sale here at library, but we were rained out last couple of years.
- On June 18th our program was presented by Kalamazoo Nature Center "Natures Heroes". The program was held inside the library, due to the wet grass and the mosquitoes were very bad outside. It was a tight squeeze, as there were 18 patrons in attendance. The presenter started to load up critters, but four Amish children were outside and wanted to see the animals, so he had a little program for them. That was a very thoughtful gesture! The Friends provided snacks and drinks. Everyone really enjoyed program.
- On June 27th Hal Nottingham came as President Lincoln. My sister, Vickie Seiler wanted to help the library with a program, so she asked Mr. Nottingham to come out to Algansee. There was no charge for the program. The program was very educational. Lots of questions were asked, all answered by Abe Lincoln, who also told stories of his life. We had 12 patrons for this program. The Friends provided snacks and drinks. Of course we wrote a very big Thank You note to Hal and his family. Did you see front page of the Reporter for this program Tuesday June 30th?
- We had one program July 1st and will have one more program July 22nd. I will report on these next month. We will also end Summer Reading with a small party August 1st. Summer is going to fast, so enjoy every day!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Clark
Algansee Branch Manager

BRONSON BRANCH

- Our Summer Reading Club is the biggest club we have ever had! I think everyone loves the Hero theme this year and we have been having a great time with it. Sign-up ended July 14 and the club will end on July 28. As of the end of sign-up we have 268 children, 77 teens and 43 adults in our program. Now we start checking to see if people are completing the programs. The Masonic Temple has once again donated 8 bikes for 2 winners in each grade 3-6 plus they gave us \$200 to help buy prizes for the other ages. We also had a patron in and when she heard how the SRC was going she handed me \$25 "to help buy prizes for the kids". Prizes and announcements of grand prize winners will be August 1.
- The Bronson Schools have been so very helpful this year. They allowed us to go into the summer school classes and register children for the reading program and will let children do our program along with the one the school is doing for the summer.

- Old and young have enjoyed the Noon Movies which have all been about heroes. I've had adults calling to find out when we start date night movies again too (September). It is nice that the movie showings are starting draw interest.

- The children have been having fun with the Super Hero theme at story-time and craft hour. We made super hero masks, logos and capes and then children got to have their picture taken "flying" in their costumes. Evette stopped by and just missed a most active craft hour that day. We also shared a couple fun experiments at craft time to make "Ghost Clay" (Ivory soap and toilet paper) and colorful volcano lava (dish soap, vinegar and baking soda). Stories about animal heroes, everyday heroes and super heroes have been shared with the young children too.



- Joel Tacey came and did his Super Caper Comedy Show plus a Balloon Twisting workshop. Both enjoyed by big groups. In July he was back for a Duct Tape workshop (kids loved it!) and a teen Gamefest. Last year we had a total of 5 attend Gamefest, this year 19 attended and had a blast! The library provided pizza, chips and pop for everyone. Dynamic West sent Jeff Rutter to lead the kids in songs recognizing "Rock and Roll Heroes." Children attending received super hero sunglasses to take home. Julia Barretta present a program on spinning using a drop spindle. Very interesting, she did a great job.



- The new microfilm reader/printer is ready for use. The Bronson staff went through training with the company Rep. Bruce Smith so we are ready to show the public this awesome machine and how much easier it will be to look up information on microfilm. I plan on asking our local reporter to do a story and inviting Ruth Bidwell's family to attend.
- We continue to have problems with some vandalism outside the library, plants broken off, outlet covers torn off the wall, bricks lifted from the memorial brick patio area and the book-drop letters pulled off and stuck back on in unique ways, which has been frustrating. Other than that, it's been a great summer so far!

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnell Eash

Bronson Branch Manager



QUINCY BRANCH

- The Quincy Township always takes good care of the building. Landscape Traditions replaced many slates to the roof. The handicap-door-opening-wall-buttons have been installed and patrons are already glad of the help/change.
- The Friends of the Library 4th of July Pie Sale was a great success.
- 155 children, Preschool-High School, have signed up for the Summer Reading Program; many good programs have been enjoyed thus far - 1094 Juvenile books were checked out in June.
 - Kalamazoo Nature Center – 62 attended
 - Michigan State Trooper and his dog Dakota – 57 attended
 - 4 Imaginative Art sessions were offered by local artist Marni Szafranski
 - Father's Day craft – 14 attended
 - Patriotic Craft day – 5 attended
 - Quincy Fire Department – over 30 attended
 - The Great Timbini performed his magic to nearly 50 people
- Adults are being offered a chance to receive a \$25 Meijer gas card for reading this summer.
- Joel Tacey's Duct Tape Workshop is schedule for July 22nd at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa Wood
 Quincy Branch Manager

Sherwood Branch

- The month of July has been a busy month! We started the month off with "Rock and Roll Heroes" presented by Dynamic West on July 1st. It was a great success!
- Joel Tacey visited us on July 7th with his program, "Magic capers". Everyone who attended the programs couldn't say enough good things about them and how much fun they had.
- On the 16th we finished up our Summer Reading program.
 - We had the pleasure of being visited by a special guest, "Slappy" the K-Wings hockey mascot! The kids loved it as well as all the adults who attended! He passed out vouchers for a free ticket to a hockey game for all those who met their reading goals for the summer!
 - We finished the day up with a party and drew names for the prizes from our generous donors! Looking forward to the month of August!

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Counterman
Sherwood Branch Manager

DEARTH UNION TWP. BRANCH

- Our Summer Reading Program is in full swing. We started the month off with some programs for our adult patrons.
 - Kayla DePew presented a program on Essential Oils. Our patrons learned the many everyday uses for essential oils.
 - Paula DeJongh has presented two Chair Yoga programs, which were well received. We have had requests for more programs for adults, which we are working on.
- On June 16, storyteller, artist and "Super Blanky" creator/inventor, Karen Czarnik performed her "Calling All Superheroes" program, which took us on a superhero journey. Each child designed their own superhero mask and were awarded a superhero certificate. All 80 people attending had a great time.
- Saturday, June 20th was a beehive of activity as 26 young patrons made a pencil holder and Father's Day card for that special guy in their lives. Gale Schafer, President of the UC Friends was on hand to help the kids with their cards.
- EmPOWERed Kids, a Consumer Energy Program was held with 25 children in attendance. The presentation was an interactive program where the children were able to use tablets to learn about utilities and how to be safe. They also learned about the dangerous consequences of touching electric power lines or acting careless with electric appliances, how using electricity near water is never a good idea and the role of utility flags and digging safely.
- July will also be busy with many programs and fun crafts throughout the month.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Gottschalk,
Dearth Union Twp. Branch Manager

