

ADULT PROGRAMMING REPORT

MARCH 2017



Display Case: This month's display case features pictures from our coloring group.

Spring Crafts: Crafters made their own glowing fairy in a jar and pompom bunny.



Portfolio Review: Artists brought in the work they wished to represent as a photographer and feedback from other artists was given to help identify and show their best work.

Seed Saving and Basic Gardening: To kick off our Seed Saver Exchange, Jessica Wright, Education Coordinator of the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, will present a program on seed saving and basic gardening.



EFT Tapping: Participants will learn how to ease anxiety, depression and anger with EFT tapping.

Alganssee Branch



HAPPY SPRING!!

- We have had a couple of programs for the juvenile/young adults. One was making a treat that looked like snowmen 3 in attendance and the other was paper lanterns 2 attended.
- Jessie is practicing making masks and flowers with duct tape for a program that we hope to have in April.
- We had valentine coloring pages out for the month for all to enjoy.

We brought in quite a few new books and movies for all ages.

Looking forward to book discussion on Peace Like A River by Leif Enger on March 16, 2017.

Planning programs for April.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Clark

Manager at BDL Alganssee Branch.

Bronson Branch

March has been a busy month for libraries! March is Reading Month, National Craft Month, Read Across America, Teen Tech Week, Read an E-Book Week, One Book One Community, the list goes on and on.

We have been busy helping the schools and daycares gather books for the children to read during the month. We had eight more teachers take us up on the offer to pull books for whatever they are studying in their classrooms and 153 more books went to the schools.

We signed up with the United Way program “United We Read” to go to the schools on March 8th and read to students. I attended Anderson Elementary and Steve read at Ryan Elementary.

Fran Fletcher, President of the Bronson Friends read at St. Mary’s School. Head Start would like us to come read to all of their classes before the end of the month too. We had children stop by the rest of the week to get books telling us, “You read in my class” so a very worthwhile and fun to program to take part in.

I attended Ryan’s Parent Teacher Conference to have a table with information regarding the District Library services.

Kimberly came over and we attended Anderson’s Parent Teacher Conference the following day. We handed out goodies to the kids and lots of information to parents.

Steve and I will be attending Anderson's Kindergarten Round-up and Ryan's, *In The Spotlight*, later this month to again handout information and answer questions.

I will be putting up our third bulletin board display at Ryan School this week, which will feature biographies for children. The one coming down was all about science experiments since the schools were getting ready for the Science Olympiad.

The library did lose power the day of the great wind. We made it until 1:30 and then a tree came down a block away and that was it for the day. We were lucky and got power back late that night but people just three houses north were still without electricity as of Saturday.

Coming up: One Book One Community discussion on March 17. Friday Tales- hunt for leprechaun gold, Is it Spring?, What's This Smell?. Tween & Teen Night Out – Meet Jessica, squishy circuits & brush bots & a subway bar. Our Home school program continues with storytelling and puppetry this month.

I will be attending MLA Spring Institute March 29-31 in Frankenmuth with several other branch managers.

The Bronson Township Board of Review takes place during the week of March 14-18 so the basement will not be available for program use but they let us know ahead of time so that we were able to work around that.

The Bronson Friends will have another quilt to raffle and they have the big spring book sale planned for April 11-15 during National Library Week.

Quincy Branch

- Lisa read to every student at Jennings Elementary – 480 - for their March reading Kick-off. She took an enlarged poster size picture of the library and spoke about the repairs the library has had and still needs to take care of our building. Each grade is helping the library in some small way. Their theme for March is Reading Month is: “Read! – Save the Library!”
- Jeanne Berg led our March 11 One Book, One Community book discussion. Bonnie Frick served a wonderful array of foods, mentioned in the story, to 10 attendees.
- Bonnie Sherman will be leading a Genealogy workshop on March 18.
- Crafts will be available during the school's spring break week.
- Story Hour has had a good, young group each Friday with a few newcomers.
- Midwest Fire Prevention serviced our fire extinguishers.

Sherwood Branch

Greetings and (almost) Happy Spring!

Not a whole lot to report this month - behind the scenes things are busy as we are continuing to prepare for the Summer Reading Program. Currently we have four programs on the schedule for this summer and I'm patiently waiting to hear back from other places that I've reached out to. I'm also in the process of contacting our local businesses in hopes of acquiring little prizes to hand out throughout the six weeks. Kids love incentive prizes!

Best regards,

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Library Branch Manager

Dearth Union Branch

- We had two programs this month. We celebrated Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 11th with a kids Valentine Party. We had 15 children make a Valentine craft. They also frosted their own cookies and enjoyed the day.
- The following weekend was very busy as we hosted an Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast event. We hosted the event with Community Unlimited to bring awareness to childhood cancer. Little Ivan Hughes from Burlington was the guest of honor as he is fighting childhood cancer. We had 55 adults and children enjoy eating ice cream for breakfast. The children were invited to make a card for Ivan and to present it to him. It was a great program and we hope to do it again next year.
- Our adult Spring into Reading contest is going quite well as we have 21 adults signed up for the program which will end on March 18th.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gottschalk

Teen Services Librarian Report

March has brought a whole new level of busy-ness! Kimberly and I decided to take a look at all of BDL and decide which branches needed the most support with teen services. We decided, after weighing many factors, that Coldwater, Quincy and Union would be the three branches that will be getting the majority of my attention for the foreseeable future. We have dates in April for programs in those 3 branches.

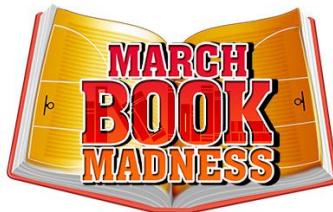
BDL's YAC group has met twice and will meet one more time in March to defend their grant proposal to the Branch County Community Foundation's YAC group in hopes of receiving the grant to help renovation efforts of the Teen Space. We currently have 7 members, and 2 applications waiting to be approved.

I've visited both Quincy and Union City high schools and have been speaking to teens about the different programs offered at all six library locations within the Branch District Library. I was able to speak with over 250 teens about different services that they would like to see at BDL, and what types of programs would get them in the door here.

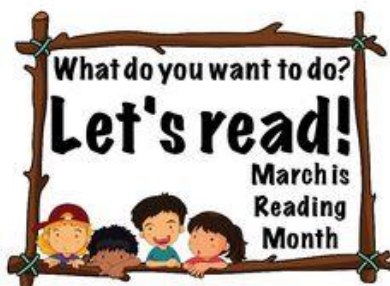


This month's passive program involves hiding a Leprechaun among the stacks and allowing the teens to find his new hiding spot, changed daily. All 6 branches are participating in this month's passive program.

Lastly, I am in full blown Summer Reading Program planning mode. I've received some donations, and am actively seeking more. I have 3 programs planned for Summer Reading, and am excited about all the cool things that we'll have going on.



Miss Angie & John have done a great job turning the top 2016 65 Juvenile & Young Adult circulating books into our own version of March Madness. There have been a few “torn pages” getting our system worked out but we’re having fun! Can you believe it’s already Round 16! A few of our personal favorites have been knocked out of the game but a number of oldie but goodies are still going strong! Think Dr. Seuss, Bill Martin and Shel Silverstein! Jeanie’s Diner has donated a \$20 gift certificate to the winner. We look forward to announcing the winner in our next newsletter.



We’re holding our annual March is Reading Month competition. At this writing, we have 76 children ages 2-12 years signed up. And the month is still young! We’re experimenting with on-line signup, which has been interesting! The first time always brings lots of “arrgh” moments. We have some very generous prize sponsors with Culver’s, Subway and Cottage Inn Pizza donating food coupons for all our participants. Tasty Twist of Coldwater is donating a \$20 gift certificate for the top family of readers and the local Subway stores are donating meal coupons for the various level winners. Miss Linda is purchasing some Barnes and Noble gift certificates for the top level and family readers as well. We have some serious competitors who keep asking who is winning. (We don’t have a clue until the logs get turned in on April 3!). We just tell them to keep reading cuz it just might be them.



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Bud & Lucia Carpenter: Craft supplies & toys
Anonymous: Many wonderful like new books!
Modern Woodmen Insurance: Mother's Day Event Finances & Help
Marine Corps League Branch Area Detachment #763: Toys & Prizes
SUMMER READING:
Asama Manufacturing
Clemens Food Group
Maroa Farms(greenhouse)



Summer Reading Update

Linda is still working on programming for the summer. She was able to make arrangements with Wildlife Recovery (raptors) for a July program and with Denise's permission set up an adult program so we're able to get a discounted rate!

Still working on a presentation by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi of Fulton Mi. As with most things bureaucratic, this is proving a lesson in patience! Also waiting on several other presenters to determine when they're going on vacation and are available to do a program for us.

Linda and Kimberly met with Julie Santure of the Coldwater Parks and Recreation. We will be partnering with the Parks Summer program but not as weekly program providers. The existing Parks program is undergoing major changes so we'll just be hosting one event with them at this writing. However, we will be part of their registration process so that we can sign up children for the SRP as well as register them for library cards. We also hope to take our version of a book mobile over weekly during the 6 weeks of Summer Reading. Adventure awaits us!

Linda and Angie are also working on an outline for some Thursday Tween programs. We're excited about what we hope to present. Just know it involves building and a little competition!

Fair tickets have been approved by the 4-H Fair board so we're off to printing up our ticket prizes. Mary Robey does a great job handling this.

With the help of an anonymous donor & Clemens Food Group, we're actually hosting two Air Zoo events this summer. One with the Parks Program as mentioned in February's report and a new program focusing on building on Mars which is scheduled for a Saturday in July!

We also hope to host a Traveling Tales in July. This time, we'll be visiting Australia. Linda is, as usual, awaiting a call back from her local Australian contact. How much fun it will be to have a little walk about on a hot July Saturday!



Linda has meet with several book distributors this month. She was also interviewed by the Daily Reporter for the March Neighbor insert. She also met with representatives from Modern Woodmen Insurance and the Honor Credit Union regarding partnerships with both for upcoming events. This included financial and hands on participation. Both organizations have agreed to provide support.

Linda met with the local Marine representative and was able to acquire some neat stash for both Kids Place and other branches for our young patrons to enjoy.

Crazy 8 Math Club finished a successful season 4. Mary Robey continues to do a great job with this and her homemade cookies are always a hit with the grade school crowd! We look forward to Season 5.



Saturday, March 18:

Michigan Reads: Bubble Gum! Bubble Gum! : A very special story and activities involving bubble gum with Miss Angie.

Saturday, March 25:

Book Page Art: a unique art event involving the use of old book pages turned into all sorts of neat creations with Miss Cheryl W.

Saturday, April 1:

StoryBook Art: "The Legend of the Lily" with Miss Lou. Seasonal story and craft in the style of the book's illustrations.

Staycation Fun: April 3-7: Lego Night, Family Story-time, American Red Cross Pillowcase Fire Safety, Yoga with Mr Lou of All Things Serenity, The Giving Tree program and Poetry through Art events throughout the week. **No excuse for boredom in Kids Place.**



What stories the Cat can tell!

CAT IN THE HAT COMES TO KIDS PLACE!



And just what are you up to, Mr. Cat?



And so it goes!
We were able to give away a Cat in the Hat Book & game, thanks to our local Marines!



And now for some more Kids' Place fun!

Pancakes anyone?



Legos Rule!

