

This summer marks my one-year anniversary at BDL. And, this summer has been so busy for my staff. Summer Reading Programs are over and the great numbers indicate they were popular with all our communities. New this year was the Teen Summer Reading Program and it was a success.

I am spending a lot of my time working on budget changes and budget makeover. I am including Branch Managers in these changes and I think this will help them—if nothing else, they are included in the discussions and this gives them buy-in on the budget.

While I will be starting another round of township meetings, my focus is mainly on programs. I am trying to go to as many programs as I can. I will also be catching up with Friends' boards and Advisory boards.

I would love to have board members attend some of the training we have. If you are interested in any conferences or classes, please let me know. I'd like to include board members in the training budget line. It is well worth the expense because it ultimately helps you as a board member to be a better advocate for the BDL.

Our new phones are great! John did a great job. I know it was a stressful endeavor but it's been worth it. In fact, the Building Committee held a meeting with Martha on the phone—the sound quality was great and it's nice to have this ability in case physical attendance is not possible.

August is Read-a-Romance month!

Submitted by Linda Lyshol



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT
August 18, 2017**

- Our new Zultys Telephone System went live on July 25. The system is solid and feature-rich, and is such an improvement over the old system. Thank you for approving this district-wide project!

Support from Technology Solutions has been exemplary. The Board is welcome to read all about the new system in the manual I made for it on the Board Portal at Staff Items->Wiki->Telephone/Fax system.

- The computer lab in the Coldwater Teen space has been set up, and is already getting pretty solid use.
- The updated server and patron mobile printing services were installed in both the Sherwood and Union Twp. Branches. Only Alganssee and Coldwater branches remain in getting these new servers deployed, and only Alganssee remains for getting patron mobile printing. Alganssee will get this in September, and the Coldwater server will be swapped out soon after.

Submitted by John Rucker

Director of Public Services
August 2017

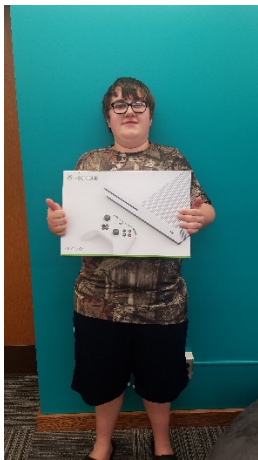
- Surveys for the Summer Reading Program are being filled out at all branches. It will also be available online at BranchDistrictLibrary.org for participants to fill out. I am looking forward to inputting the data to see the overall impact of summer reading on Branch County Residents. In September, the data will be available for the community.
- Branch County Fair: During fair week, library staff were on hand to mingle with fairgoers, hand out information, and give away library goodies! Staff from all 6 locations took turns manning the library booth from Sunday –Saturday. One of my biggest takeaways from this event was the publics still ever present confusion over our 6-branch district system. Many wondered if the Bronson or Quincy Libraries were going to have a booth and it was great to be able to explain to them that all our branches were the same library system and that one booth was representing them all (one library card gets you six libraries)! We also had many people comment that it was great to see the library at the fair and I look forward too many more years of the fair to come.
 - 840 hard hats were passed out to children and teens (some adults too) representing the “Build A Better World Summer Reading Theme”. We had groups of kids show up at the Coldwater Branch the next day all wearing their hats and I can’t tell you how many pictures I saw of grandkids from their grandparents wearing their BDL Hard Hats.
 - A lot of candy was handed out, which made our booth a popular one (after the 7th bag I lost count)
 - Most importantly we handed out information regarding the library system, digital services, and upcoming events at all 6 of our locations! I assisted a library user in setting up their Hoopla account at the fair due CBPU having WiFi available in the barns!
- Personally, I took some time on this last month to wrap up my two-year journey to obtaining my Masters in Library and Information Science. On August 3, I submitted my last assignment and completed the program with a 3.88 GPA. Just a short week and a half later I submitted my required portfolio to be evaluated for graduation. Hopefully in the upcoming weeks I will hear the results and plan on walking in graduation in December at Wayne State University. Again, I cannot thank the BDL Board enough for their support and confidence in me. It took me so long to find a career in the library world and I so glad that my path ended at BDL! Also, thanks to the library staff who provided guidance on homework questions and those staff who listened to my lectures regarding library theory! Now that I am done with school, I look forward to checking out dozens of books and DVDs and just generally joining society again 😊

It's hard to believe that summer is winding down especially because the new Teen Space is completely finished and busier than ever! With the end of Summer Reading (and lots of happy winners!) we are gearing up for school to start, a Chess tournament, some great new programs, one really cool Eclipse party, lots of school visits to introduce students to the Teen Services Department at BDL, and a Grand Opening for the Teen Space.

New programs for Fall 2017: Books & Brownies Book Club, and Fandom Jeopardy. This will be joining our current lineup of: Teen Trivia, Teen Writing Club, Crafternoon, and Book to Movie Club. It's going to be a fun and busy fall!

Teen SRP (Summer Reading Program) ended on August 1st, with a combined total of 1800 hours read during the 6 week program. That's incredible! We had a total of 246 teens registered, up over a hundred teens from last summer. We have a completion rate of just over 50%, which is also pretty incredible. What a great Summer Reading Program turnout for 2017!

The winners of the grand prizes: (Not pictured are those who have not been in to pick up prizes yet: Galilea Gonzalez - iTunes gift card)



Sean Adshead
XBOX ONE



Ethan Machida
Movie Package



Anna Richards
Kindle



Amber Sunderland
Bean Bag

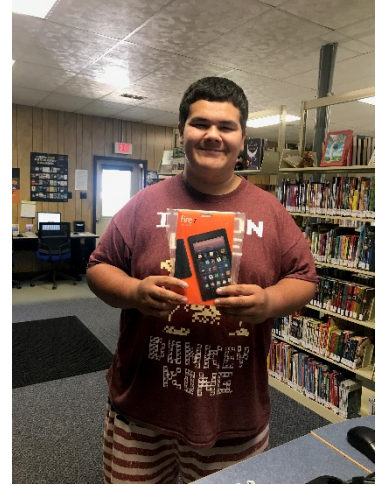
These are the Kindle winners from other branches: (Not pictured: Darren Craig -Quincy)



Ashlyn Baklund -Union



Anna Thiess -Algansee



Diego Orta - Sherwood



Grace Stutzman -Bronson

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