

## **Alganssee Branch**

Our program with Paleo Author, Paleontologist and Storyteller presented a very interesting presentation with bones from creatures of long ago. Lots of stories of his journeys around the world. All had a good time.

The second program for Summer Reading was brought to us from Dynamic School Assemblies. We all rocked to the Caribbean Drums. This was very fun program, all had fun and danced to the music.

We provided snacks and drinks.

Come in and meet our new clerk, Linda Pickford.

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Alganssee Branch Manager

## **BDL July 16 meeting – Quincy Report**

- The summer has been busy at the Quincy Branch with nearly 1100 patrons visiting in June.
- 12 Teen events have been/will be offered in June & July
- 6 children's events have been offered in June & July thus far: PaleoJoe, Joel Tacey Page Rocker show, Caribbean Steel Drums, and still to come in July: The Great Timbini Magician, Jim Merrill's Magical World of Music show, and a Duct Tape Workshop
- 6 art sessions with local artist Marni Szafranski have been enjoyed with one more still offered the end of this week.
- Author Tobin Buhk will be presenting his "Michigan's Most Dangerous Women" program at our branch August 16.
- Our Friends group had a good 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pie Sale in conjunction each year with the Rotary BBQ. A dozen young people in the newly formed ASTRA club also helped.
- Renee and I will be working shifts at the fair booth in just a few short weeks and we will then be on to August activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Wood

### **Dearth Union Twp. Branch**

Kimberly and Union’s clerk, Camri, visited the Middle School before the end of the school year and talked to all the students about our programs offered at the library. We have had a few of those students come into the library to check us out and seem excited about the summer reading program.

June starts the beginning of Summer Reading and a very busy time at all the libraries. This year, Wandoo Reader was introduced to our patrons who were able to use this new computer program to keep track of their reading progress. I am happy to report that we have 166 adults, teens, and children signed up for the reading program. I have also partnered with Community Unlimited’s elementary summer program and 42 students are currently reading at least 20 minutes a day. I am planning a special summer reading party for these kids the end of July.

Our teens participated in six different programs during the month with Jessica Tefft, Keeley Briggs, and Lindsay Villa, facilitating programs such as Personal Appearance, Splatter Paint, Messy Science, Interviewing, Musical, and a Sundae Matinee. I am thankful that we are able to have these wonderful teen staff members as they do an amazing job.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> the middle school came alive with the sound of Caribbean Steel Drums. 101 kids and adults in attendance were able to experience an educational, musical, and interactive celebration with singing and dancing.

Our next program was LOL-Laugh Out Loud Improv with Karen Bonnici of Story Rhythms. 88 participants were able to enjoy improvisational theater games and comedy skits. These games and skits helped boost confidence, tickle their funny bones, and stretch imaginations.

Many summer reading programs are planned for the month of July.



Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Gottschalk

### Coldwater Branch

- Display Case: A collection of historic Coldwater and Branch County postcards from Bill Carlson.
- Adult Programs: 2 great craft classes for Michigan Sting Art and a very patriotic program titled "The Music of Freedom"
- Kids' Place: You name a program and there is a good chance that Kids Place hosted it during the last month. From baby cows, music from Kenya, and a Native American Drum Circle, the Coldwater Branch has been rocking!
- Teen Space: The teens have been learning during the Summer with a fun and engaging How-To Series. Topics included how to stay safe, how to take care of yo self, and how to look yo best. The Teen Services department have also embraced the newest computer craze "Fortnite" and with the help of the IT department the 4 computers in the Teen Space are set up. The Teens have been very happy with this!
- Since so much has happened, staff wanted to share with you a visual representation of our last month!



Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Feltner