

The Coldwater Branch has had a very busy Summer and we are starting to look forward to the cooler calmer days of Fall.

Adults: The last month Summer Reading for the adults was completed. There were 116 adults signed up to read for the chance to win great prizes. We had 79 adults log an entry that made them eligible for the prize drawings. The winners included: Jason Travelbee, Darcy Travelbee, Betty Omo, Jon Lawrence, Lililan Bloom, Michelle Jacoby, and grand prize winner Inez Crane.

Programs held included 2 craft workshops titled "Make a Homemade Quilling Card". One of the participants enjoyed the detailed papercraft so much that she will be hosting a class at the Senior Center to teach it to others. The other program held was a Seed Saving Workshop with Ben Cohen of Small House Farm. He presented a workshop on how to save seeds from a number of your favorite vegetables. This program supplements the popular Seed Exchange that allows patrons to check out seeds.



Kids Place: Kids' Place wrapped up Summer Reading with the final program hosting of Val Albright of the MSU Extension office. Other highlights for July include the fun and popular Cardboard Boat Races at the Aquatic Center & Rockets Launches at the 4-H grounds, Nottawaseppi Huron Band drums, an instrument petting zoo, and the magic world of Mr. Jim. In addition, we traveled to Peru for the ever-popular Traveling Tales with Mayra Cook. All programs had great attendance and much fun was had by all.

Overall, we had 376 children sign up for Summer Reading. Of those 105 completed. Our winners for children ages 0-12 were Grant McCall, Lee Ann Bonds, Aryn Brooks, Jaydn Cowell, Knolin Harrington, and top reader Lyric Sherman

Some of our winners are featured with their prizes to the right!



Teen Space: As Summer winds down, teens have been busy returning to school activities. Programs were offered to give them some last-minute fun including Tie-Dye Beach Towels and All the World's a Stage. A Back to School Party let the group enjoy pizza, ice cream, and a movie.

There were 63 teens that completed Summer Reading out of 92 that signed up. Teens were able to submit entries for time spent reading or listening to books or by attending programs. A total of 447 entries were received for the 4 grand prizes. Winners were Jackie Rodriguez, Slaiman Alsuraimi, Muhktar Abdullah, Zoe Murray.

Submitted:
Kimberly Feltner



Alganssee Branch

- Our program with Paleo Joe, 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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Bronson Branch

Libraries Rock! Boy did we ever!

- Nine special programs:
 - Paleo Joe,
 - Science of Music,
 - Pippin Puppets,
 - Caribbean Drumming,
 - Magical World of Music,
 - Nerf Games for Kids, Teens and Families and Duct Tape Workshop.
- Fifty-seven other programs have been held over the summer plus the summer reading program.
- During June we focused on music during Storytime to celebrate the Libraries Rock theme. We made musical instruments and sounds of nature.
- July, we switched to the geology side of rocks and the kids loved it. We painted rocks, made story stones and went panning for hidden rock treasures.

- Teens enjoyed programs that included: Messy Science, Crafts, how to programs, Sundae Matinees, making pocket kalimba and drums. Noon movies and Toddler Time were held all summer long.
- The Bronson Polish Festival Committee took advantage of our movie licensing and asked if the movie held during the Festival could be at the library. We had a nice attendance at the show and everyone enjoyed the yummy popcorn.
- Summer Reading ended with 37 Adults joining and 23 completing, 80 Teens joined with 28 finishing and 137 Children joined with 56 eligible for the grand prize drawings.
- We have programs planned right up until the kids go back to school and one of the special programs scheduled is a Build a Critter workshop. Children get to stuff their very own animal and then go through a Magical Heart Wish Ceremony. All so very cute and the look on the kids' faces when they complete the project is worth a wild and crazy summer!
- We will be taking 2 weeks off from programming to get ready for everything we have starting this fall. One of the biggies will be having the basement open every Monday and Friday after school so that kids can use the computers downstairs and also play with the many STEM kits we have.
- The township had their yearly audit and the election this year and things went smoothly. I love that we can work with them and they allow us the use of the township hall for our programs.
- Friends will have a fall book sale September 8-15.

Summer may be over but Libraries will continue to Rock!

Respectfully submitted:
Lynnell Eash

Quincy Branch

- August is always a quieter month due to families finishing fair projects and spending much time at the fair with their animals, etc.
- A Back to School Ice Cream Social was offered for the teens on August 15.

- I greeted hundreds of children and parents at the Jennings Elementary Open House August 15.
- Our branch offered a Safari Babies event August 16, as well as several other branches. We offered 25 animals and everyone had an enjoyable time.
- Author Tobin Buhk presented his "Michigan's Most Dangerous Women" program at our branch August 16; it was an interesting presentation.
- I listened in on a Booklist webinar on upcoming adult fiction and non-fiction titles August 7 and will be "attending" another on Young Adult upcoming titles August 21.
- I will be at the Quincy Main Street Festival (formerly Quincy Daze) with an information booth, as well as our Friends group will have a booth that day from 10-4, Saturday, August 25.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wood

Sherwood Branch

Greetings from Sherwood!!

Sadly, the dog days of Summer are already upon us ~

What a fun Summer Reading Program we had this year. We held a concert in the park, a Paleontologist visited us and Dynamic West came with their Caribbean Steel Drums and put on a wonderful performance, also.

Our numbers weren't where we would have liked to have seen them as far as participant sign ups, but our programs definitely drew in good numbers. For adults, we had twelve individuals sign up and eight of them completed. Young adults, seventeen signed up and seven completed the program. For the juveniles, we had twenty-two sign up and nine finished. The prize winners were definitely happy with their good fortune and we are as well.

We have some really great things coming up beginning next month - stay tuned as we finish hammering out the details. I will be sure to include all of the fine details in next month's report. We are excited!

Respectfully,

Traci Counterman- Sherwood Branch Manager