



- Storywalk: Installed at the tail end of June was the Storywalk for families and the visually impaired. Sixteen sets of book pages now line the sidewalk on the west side of the building and the public seems to be enjoying the new experience. We have had no issues with vandalism but some of the pages didn't hold up well to the heat and then some of the torrential rain that we experienced. The damage isn't enough to impact the experience just aesthetically looks off. We have contacted the Library of Michigan to see if there are any options for replacements. The Storywalk will stay up until the end of August.
- Display Case: To tie in with the SRP 2019 theme, "A Universe of Stories", we used donated papers and items from 1969. These items highlight the first moonwalk, which will celebrate it's 50th anniversary in July.



Moonwalk Display Case

Kids' Place: Hugely popular programs over the past month were: Nailed It: Library Style, Mr. Jim's Magic Space Camp, and the Preston Farms visit. We also had a good group in attendance for the Kiwanis sponsored Traveling Tales: Scotland with Jack Ferguson. Our Tween programming has been steady with the Rocket Building proving a favorite again this year.

- Three separate age groups 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 competed in their age appropriate categories for the golden chef hat and title of "Nailed It". The youngest group were challenged to decorate a cupcake alien. Eleven little people participated with Jack Miller taking 1st place and Coleson Mattiuzzo in second. While it appeared more cake and frosting ended up on faces than decorated, the participants were a joy to watch. The next group of participants, (7-9) replicated a robot using rice krispies and candy. A total of 18 participants completed the challenge. Top honors went to Mollie Dick and Katherine Smith. For the final competition of the morning, sixteen 10-12 year olds raced the clock to complete a Galaxy Cake complete with fondant rocket. The honors for this group went to Abby Miller and Mikayla Everline.



Nailed it - Library style

The hard work of judge was done by Callie Budd, Jan Cooper, Gina Jaros and Jeanne Berg. Larisa, AnneMarie and Sonya Vorce supplied the cakes and take home boxes were donated by the Coldwater Bob Evans restaurant. The Coldwater Friends group then hosted a "People's Choice" fundraiser. Participants could leave their completed items and then tickets were purchased by the public for votes on the favorite item. Mikayla Everline took top honors by one vote over her sister Madison Everline and \$135 was raised for the Coldwater Friends!

- Preston Farms brought us a variety of pet-able animals along with ice cream! The 70 plus children and caregivers all enjoyed eating on the lawn outside the library on a beautiful summer day following our stories and craft.
- A number of families recently enjoyed exploring the land and culture of Scotland with the help and expertise of Jack Ferguson. The group of youth ages 4-12 learned about history, language, culture, animals, legends and of course, clans and kilts! The children were able to make Scotland's national emblem, the Thistle for their art project. The group also enjoyed a library version of a Robbie Burns meal. Such delicacies as Haggis, neeps and tatties, along with shortbread, oat cakes and red currant jelly were on the menu. All were washed down with Irn-Bru, a popular Scots carbonated drink.
- We also had a group of 70 children enjoy the Kalamazoo Air Zoo presentation on the Moon at the Coldwater Rec Center on Wednesday, June 26. This program was made possible through the generosity of the Coldwater Friends of the Library.
- Other fun stuff includes Miss Maggie of Southern Michigan Gymnastics show our patrons how to jump, flip and generally look adorable. We also have enjoyed the Tuesday group of preschoolers as we learn about our universe through stories and crafts. Some of our 4 & 5 year olds are beginning to know our planets in order!
- The Wednesday group of elementary students have explored constellations, the International Space Station (with Nasa Solar System Ambassadors; Miss Lisa & Ginger). They will be attending Astronaut Training Camp this week under the direction of Bridget Barle, followed by exploring the skies with the WMU Aviation College, learning about Raptor Rescue and finishing the month with an invasion of Alien Robots!
- We enjoyed learning how to sketch and paint under the direction of Grace Cornett and will meet our residence space alien on Saturday, July 13. We also have plans to cook up a comet with Richard Bell and draw our own version of Awkward Aliens and UFO's with our favorite cartoonist, Jonny Hawkins. All these programs are made possible through the generous support of community sponsors.



Tween Rocket Building

- The tweens have explored the universe through eating moon phases, asteroids and meteorites. They also experienced telescope viewing, eating astronaut food and learning about the moon landing with expert James Wallace of Jonesville. They've built rockets under the direction of Ken Carpenter & James Fraley, which launched on Thursday, July 11. And then the end begins as we build our cardboard boats for our 3rd annual Boat race which will conclude our Tween Summer programming.

Teen Space: The Teen Space continues to host teens seeking a refuge from the heat, a place to charge their phone, or as an access point for Internet. Programs are still providing entertainment for teens to engage with the library. During the last month, the June Pride Book Display highlighted titles representing the LGBT+ community were well received and staff had to refill the display multiple times. The physical space is still receiving positive attention from the public who hadn't yet seen the new space, even though the space is 2 years old.



Galactic Spray Paint and Edible Rover

- Teen Galactic Spray Paint: 3 Teens came together to create a constellation canvas using spray paint. Taught by BDL staff person Ben Lyon, the teens created amazing works of art. Using various layers and colors of spray paint and different nozzles, the scenes from the universe were vivid and beautiful.

- The Edible Mars Rover was a tasty STEM activity using food items to represent parts of an actual rover. Graham crackers were solar panels, wafer cookies were electronics, and licorice were the antenna. Other food items were on hand as well as icing to hold it all together.

- The Constellation jars project had 4 teens attend. Items used were tin foil and lights to create jars of stars for the teen to take homes. Teens could create their own star patterns or follow real constellations.

Submitted,

Kimberly Feltner

Alganssee Branch

- We had supplies here for patrons to make a sweet Father's Day gift
- Our summer Reading "SPACE" is going well, most are signing up on-line, but few have filled out paper work and we sign them up.
- Mr. Jim was here with a great Magic Show June 21st
- Last but not least the Young Adult team was here June 19th, we all put together a Mars rover all made from gram crackers and chocolate, was fun and tasty.
- I have one more big program for Summer reading which is Animal Astronauts presented by Dynamic School Assemblies. This program will feature a variety of live mammals, reptiles, and birds. We will present this program at Pine Ridge Bible Church Friday July 19th at 4:00 P.M
Everybody is invited, please come and enjoy!

Any questions or suggestions, please let me know, this is your Library!

Alganssee Branch Manager
Janice Clark

Bronson Branch

- June saw rockets being built and launched, adorable purple alien critters being created by kids, lots of movies, stories and crafts about space and amazingly we've only heard 2 Uranus jokes. July continues with full weeks of programs.
- Ludwick Electric changed our lighting over to LED and the library is so much brighter now that I will need to dust a lot more.
- Most of Bronson suffered a power outage the 1st of July and it hit the library too. Luckily it was late in the day so we didn't have to cancel any of our programs. We actually had kids grab some books to take home since they couldn't play on the computers anymore.

Union Branch

- Summer reading in Union City is in full swing. Since the schools did not end until June 12th this year it took a while to get started but signups are still ongoing.
- The programs we had this month were teen marble painting, astronaut puppets, teen bleach shirt, earth fan, straw rocket, teen mars rover, paper plate sun dial, and teen crayon resist art.
- Our senior free meal vouchers it going great as we had over 68 seniors receive meal vouchers.
- Our Father's Day craft was a tool belt with all the tools having questions on them about their dads.

- I visited Community Unlimited at the elementary school and took one of our Steam Kits for the kids to work with. The kit was about the solar system and where the planets were in the sky for the month. We also changed where the planets were to December to show how the planets move and do not stay in one place. The kids were amazed that the planets move so differently each day.
- I also visited Community Unlimited at the middle school who are studying jobs. I asked the kids what jobs they thought I have as a manager of the library. My first question was "Are you smarter than a fifth grader" by asking them about the jobs of a manager. I was really impressed as the kids knew most of my jobs.

Judy Gottschalk



What is my job description
June



Planets in position for the month of