



- SwipeClock: as approved last month, we have started the setup with SwipeClock for providing new timekeeping and Human Resources software. We hope to transition soon from our current provider.
- Thanks to all library staff who helped us to have a successful booth at the fair. As usual, our prizes were a big hit. You could see kids with our BDL slinkies all over the place.
- There have been many meetings lately, including the DDA representative, Workers' Compensation Fund people, County treasurer's office, and more.
- I spoke at the Coldwater Sunrise Rotary on 8/15 to a nice crowd, telling them about the latest in BDL news and services.
- I attended the Research in Public Libraries workshop on data collection and analysis in E. Lansing. It was a very informative event, with about 90 other mostly library directors in attendance from Michigan and beyond. The good news is that on the data collection and analysis front, we at BDL are already doing very well following best practices. I learned some good things to fine tune how we do things, but largely it was reassuring that we're on the right track. Plus, I came back with ideas to try out from other directors. It was a fairly exhausting couple of days as we had many individual and group activities to teach us the concepts. I'm very glad for the opportunity to attend, and grateful for the IMLS grant that significantly lowered the cost of attendance.
- The last couple of weeks have been a blur, interviewing for our open positions in Teen Services, the Coldwater Service Desk, and the Union Two. Branch Manager. There are no announcements to be made yet on those positions.
- Finally, I am happy to report that this week Keeley Briggs joined us as the Coldwater Branch Manager, and Ashley McCall joined us as Bookkeeper. Both have been employed at the library for some time and we are glad to have them in these new roles.

Submitted by John Rucker



- It has been a busy month but not too much to report back on. My time has continued to be divided between multiple departments.
- Conducted interviews with other members of the administration team for the Teen Services Assistant and the Union Twp Branch Manager

### **Community Events**

- Coldwater Art Walk: BDL took our Button Maker across the street from the Coldwater Branch to the kids section of art walk. Even though temperatures were feeling into the 100s, we were able to help dozens of children (some adults too) create their very own art to wear around the event. Unfortunately, the event ended early due to a fast moving storm but it is always nice to leave our library walls!
- Branch County Fair: Worked several shifts at the fair. This event allows BDL to see patrons from all over Branch County and I was able to network with several other community agencies at the event.

Submitted,

Kimberly Feltner

- *A Universe of Stories: Summer Reading Program 2019* has ended and what a great Summer Reading season with 1023 BDL patrons registered!

181 Adults	1499 Books Read
130 Teens	100,149 Minutes Read
712 Children	447,937 Pages Read

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**Thank you for providing support for Summer Reading Prizes:**

- Alganssee Friends of the Library, Coldwater Friends of the Library, Union Twp. Friends of the Library, Branch County 4-H Fair, Ludwick Electric, McDonalds, Meijer, Nadine Deeren/Suzy's Awesome Accessories, Tom Manning & Associates, Union Station Ice Cream Parlor, and WB Carlson Accounting.

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- Coldwater Friends of the Library, Quincy Friends of the Library, Hungry Howie's Pizza of Coldwater, Walmart Transportation Facility #6043, WMU College of Aviation, Preston Farms of Quincy, Edward Jones-Jay Wright office, The Starr Family (in memory of Maddox Luck-Starr), Coldwater Kiwanis Club, Branch County Girl Scouts, NASA Solar Ambassador Program, MSU Extension Service, ProMedica Coldwater Regional Hospital, Dar Pro, QS Togo, HC Starck, Coldwater Recreation Department, Dr. Robert W. Browne Aquatic Center, Voltek/Sekisui, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #52, Andrew Van Doren & Lucinda Sebald, Asama, and Coldwater Lake Marina.
- The Branch County Fair was a success for BDL this year! BDL spent from Sunday to Saturday with various staff members highlighting library services. The library was grateful to have over 2100 people visit the booth during this fun week!
- I attended the Branch County Community Network meeting on July 17 and the presenter was USDA employee Terry Shek. She presented on 2 loans (502 & 504) available through the USDA that affects Branch County. The information provided by

Terry is timely and potentially beneficial for BDL patrons that I asked her to hold a library informational program, and she agreed. The date is still to be determined.

- The Woodlands Cooperative Advisory Meeting met on August 15. The presenting speaker was Shirley Bruursema, a long-time trustee for the Kent District Library board and one of the founders for the Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML). The FOML exists to support the activities of local Michigan Friends Groups and to be advocates for libraries at the state level. I have handouts and a brochure if any are interested in more information about this.
- September is Library Card Sign-up Month! This annual event promotes the value of a library card and this year we have help from Buzz and Woody! Spear-headed by the American Library Association, it reminds patrons of libraries nationwide that signing up for a library card is one of the first steps towards academic achievement and lifelong learning that you can do! Ask yourself – do you have this important card in your wallet? If not, what are you waiting for?



Submitted by Jessica Tefft