


Comments

 Branch District Library

Tell us how the library is doing.
Turn this card in at the library or by mail.

Date: 1/22/22 Time of Event: NA

Library Branch or Department: _____

I do not like the new
webpage. It is not user
friendly compared to the
prior webpage. It was
difficult just to figure out
how to search for the
catalog and melcat. It
needs to be tweaked.
Thank you!

Check here if you wish to have the library respond to your comment.

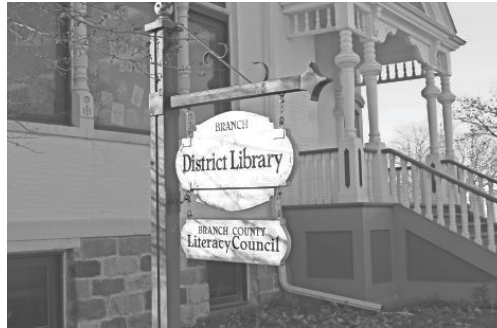
Name: _____ Contact: _____

Staff Comment:

Based on feedback, the website has already been adjusted to address these issues.
-Kimberly Feltner

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The Branch District Library is never closed to patrons with the Libby app from OverDrive.

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Branch County library patrons can access Libby reading app

The Branch District Library system is offering county residents a new, free digital option — the Libby reading app from OverDrive.

With more people reading and listening to books on their devices, the app offers a wide selection of popular digital ebooks, audiobooks and magazines, said Kimberly Feltner, assistant library director.

Library card holders can borrow from the digital collection by downloading the Libby app or by visiting www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/libby.

For those who want a little more guidance, at 10 a.m. on Jan. 28, the Coldwater Branch is holding training on how to use Libby. To register, call (517) 278-2341 or visit the event calendar at www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/calendar.

“The Libby collection gives you a full library available 24/7 even when our physical locations are closed,” Feltner said. “Thousands of titles are available giving you something to read or listen to at all times!”

Named one of the Popular Mechanics “20 Best Apps of the Decade,” Libby seamlessly connects readers to bestsellers, new releases and thousands of issues of popular magazines. Readers of all ages can select from virtually every subject, she said.

Branch District Library is a six-branch library system serving Algansee, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Sherwood, Union City and Allen Township in Hillsdale County.

Follow Branch District Library on Facebook or Instagram or visit www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org.

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County libraries plan events for ‘Take Your Child to the Library’ day



Fun, educational activities are part of “Take Your Child to the Library” on Feb. 5. PROVIDED

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USA TODAY NETWORK

“Take Your Child to the Library,” set for Feb. 5, is a day marked by Branch District Library and other public libraries throughout the nation.

Staff members at each of the six branches are preparing activities to enrich, educate and entertain children. Activities are offered at no cost for children and families. A library card is not required to attend.

Here’s what’s planned at Branch District Libraries:

Alganssee: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for games, contests, crafts, refreshments and a goodie bag.

Bronson: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for games, contests, storytelling with Mr. Steve, crafts, refreshments and a goodie bag.

Coldwater: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Activities include a special “Build It! Drop-in STEM Challenge” for ages 6-12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Quincy: 8 a.m.-noon for goodies and giveaways.

Sherwood: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for hunting the groundhogs hiding in the library and sweet treats.

Lucille E. Dearth Union Township: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for games, read-aloud stories, giveaways and books.

For additional information about events happening at BDL, visit Branch-DistrictLibrary.org or follow Branch District Library on Facebook, bit.ly/3rPZIyu.

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Many February activities to be held at local libraries

by **Rachelle Hawks**

Come out and enjoy some fun activities at our local libraries. Fun for all ages!

Many activities are happening at our local libraries. Check out what February holds.

Sherwood

Kid events

*Heart Buddies Valentine's Day Craft- Tuesday February 1st, 4:00pm "Create a one of a kind adorable heart buddy craft!"

*Take Your Child to The Library Day- Saturday February 5th, 9am-1pm "Scavenger Hunt and Goodies"

*Love Is In The Air- Tuesday February 15th, 4pm "Enjoy some Valentine's snacks and a movie you are sure to love!"

Teen Events

*LEGO Life Form- Thursday February 3rd, 4pm "Build a LEGO life form and have FUN!"

*DIY Valentine's Mini Clipboard- Tuesday February 8th, 4pm "Looking for a fun gift for your special someone?"

*Something You Should Know-Poetry Writing- Thursday February 10, 4pm "Write your own "Something You Should Know" poem. Go home with your poem on aged paper."

*DIY Dry Erase Boards- Tuesday February 22nd, 4pm "Create your very own unique dry erase board"

Adult Events

*DIY Glass Bead Jars- Thursday February 18, 5pm "Create a decorative mason jar with glass beads and a flameless tealight."

Union Twp

*Story Time with Miss Julie- Wednesdays at 11am "Join Miss Julie with puppet friends, music, stories, crafts and play!"

*Creating STEAM- Thursdays at 3:30pm "Every week there will be a variety of activities available for the children as an after school program."

Kid events

*Take Your Child To The Library Day- Saturday February 5th, 9am-1pm "Come into the library for a special day of games, read alouds, giveaways, and of course BOOKS!"

Teen events

*LEGO Life Form- Wednesday February 9, 3:30pm "Build a LEGO life form and have FUN!"

*Something You Should Know-Poetry Writing- Wednesday February 23, 3:30pm " Write your own "Something You Should Know" poem. Go home with your poem on aged paper."

Adult Events

*Seekers Club- Monday February 22, 5:30pm "We will be exploring a theme each month and sharing our favorite resources with the group"

Athens Community Library



McKenzie Hawks browses the books at the Union Township Library. (Photo by Rachelle Hawks)

*Dolly Parton's Imagination Library "Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Children under 5 that are a resident of Township/Village of Athens are eligible. Contact Athens Community Library for more information"

*Kids Reading Counts

Program- "Ages: under 6 to 17 years of age. 1. Read 2. In a journal write the title and author of the book, as well as a summary. 3. When you have read your books and have written your summaries in your journal, turn it into the librarian. Upon approval, you may choose a PRIZE! (Requirements are broken down by group)"

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Take Your Child to the Library Day

On Saturday, February 5, 2022, public libraries throughout the nation will celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day with free activities for children and their families. Branch District Library will be hosting special activities at all six of our library locations. These events will highlight our locations' community resources that enrich, educate, and entertain children. Families across Branch County are encouraged to visit their library!

Special programs are being planned to delight families from one side of the county to the other, including the following:

Visit the Algansee Branch from 9 am to 12:30 pm for games, contests, crafts, refreshments and a goodie bag.

Enjoy an open house from 10 am to 12:30 pm at the Bronson Branch for this special event. Games, contests, storytelling with Mr. Steve, crafts, refreshments and a goodie bag.

Join the Coldwater Branch for Take Your Child to the Library Day from 9 am – 4 pm. There will be a variety of activities to celebrate the library. A special "Build It! Drop-in STEM Challenge" is planned for ages 6-12 from 11 am – 1 pm.

The Quincy Branch will have a goodies and giveaways for visiting children. Stop in anytime between 8 am – 12 pm.

Visit the Sherwood Branch,

between 9 am – 1 pm, to find the groundhogs hiding in the library and get sweet treats!

Celebrate your local library by visiting the Lucille E. Dearth Union Twp. Branch from 9 am – 1 pm. Come to the library for a special day of games, read alouds, giveaways, and of course, BOOKS!

All Branch District Library events are free and open to the public and a library card is not required to attend. For more information about events happening at BDL, visit BranchDistrictLibrary.org or follow "Branch District Library" on Facebook.



Paula DeJongh reading a story to two young library visitors in 2020.

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Much more than books

‘Take Your Child to the Library’ event draws families

Rosalie Currier

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Parents of young children arrived at the various branches of Branch District Library on Saturday for “Take Your Child to the Library Day.”

The project at the Lucille E. Dearth Union Township branch, children were reminded that spring is coming. Using recycled newspaper to create seed cup, the could plant seeds for spring although it was white outside.

Using favorite stories as the basis, they could choose to plant a carrot like Laura Ingles Wilder would have planted, a flower like those in “The Secret Garden” or lettuce like Peter Rabbit would have eaten.

Parker Mathis planted a flower, but his main interest was in reading books — the very reason to take your child to the library

At the Coldwater branch, children could create a groundhog burrow. One family arrived for the first time to the third floor children’s library and spent time exploring all it offered, including computers and a Lego table.

Bronson branch went with plan B: craft bags to-go, due to illness among the staff.

Jennifer Romano brought her daughters who spent time with library options like the Crayola kiosk and searching the shelves. Her youngest daughter, Calliope, found several books for her mother to read to her.



ABOVE: Jennifer Romano read to her daughter Calliope, while her older daughters were occupied elsewhere at the Bronson branch, during “Take Your Child to the Library Day.” PHOTOS BY ROSALIE CURRIER/THE DAILY REPORTER

LEFT: Parker Mathis, with the help of his mother, planted a flower seed on Saturday at “Take Your Child to the Library Day” activities at the Lucille E. Dearth Union Township branch.