

Alganssee

Summer Reading participation grows each day and we look forward to adding more readers over the next few weeks. The library is decorated with the ocean theme thanks to Linda P.

I worked with new manager Teresa for a couple days and she will be a wonderful asset to the library system. She has a lot of contacts in the Alganssee community and I think we will see quite a bit of growth in new patrons and program attendance.

Sarah from the Quincy Branch visited and attended Preschool Storytime with me one day. Sarah has some great ideas for the Quincy Branch.

I attended the District wide SRP Kickoff at Heritage Park and had lots of children come to the table to make coffee filter butterflies.

S. Ray Quincy Rd was repaved from Grove Rd to Southern Rd and that repair part went right in front of the library. They were really quick about getting it done and letting traffic move along normally again.

Friends of Alganssee Branch Library held a book sale and had a fair turnout. A few less books for them to store.

Enjoy the summer!

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

Bronson

The library is decorated and Summer Reading is in full swing. Jessie did a fantastic job decorating with the ocean theme in mind. Our ocean books are finally getting the use they deserve. Our summer programs have had great attendance with stories and treasure hunts, making treasure chests and playing ocean bingo. Programs for all ages and a nice cool building to enjoy them in.

Jessie attended the District Wide SRP kickoff at Heritage Park with our button maker machine and every child was able to create an Oceans of Possibilities button to wear.

We look forward to a busy busy summer!

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

Coldwater

YEAH! School is out for the summer! Coldwater started the last day of school with Summer Reading Program Kickoff at Heritage Park. The weather was perfect; and we had over 192 people attend. Events included; a bakery food truck, mocktails, a cartoon drawing class, making buttons, digging for treasure, planting flowers and Frisbee toss. The theme of summer reading is "Oceans of Possibilities", so recent events have been ocean themed. Kids Place had an Ocean Layers program. Kids and families melted ice to discover hidden creatures from the ocean.

The number of people using the library and library services has increase in the past several weeks. For May 4,324 people visited the library and this is a 27% increase from the 2021.

On Friday, June 10th Val had a Pirate Party Scavenger Hunt. Children and families found a treasure trove of books, faux jewels and gold hiding in Kids Place. They learned to aaarrhh! like pirates and made a pirate hat.



The painters have nearly finished the exterior painting. STP Painting did a beautiful job painting, replacing rotten boards, and fixing the downspouts. The Coldwater Branch is now closing at 7PM on Mondays this change started June 6th.



Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

Quincy

This month we did a few cleanup projects around the Quincy Branch along with a lot of fun programs. We did a big weeding project for the whole library and got some more books for the book sale. The Quincy Friends had over 30 attendees for the book sale, which I thought was a great number! We also have started a large green dot cleanup for the whole branch and hoping to have that wrapped up in the next few weeks.

Here is a summary of a few of the exciting activities going on at Quincy:

- We had 4 5th grade classes come through the library with the smallest class being 19 kiddos. I was able to give them all a tour of the library and introduce them all to the Summer Reading Program. It was fun showing them around and I really hope they continue to come back to the library.
- One of our story times in the middle of June had 25 in attendance, which was my biggest story time to that date. It was very fun!
- On June 10th we had 3 programs all start at 10am - which were story time, Chalk Art Fun, and Imaginative Arts. It was a crazy Friday morning in the Quincy Library. There were 56 kiddos in here for story hour. We had one person volunteer to read over in the adult area to one section of kiddos (because Brittany and Erica were swamped at the circ desk) and I read to a very large crowd in the children's area (this one was by far my biggest that I've read to to date). We had 16 kiddos do the Imaginative Arts Program and 44 kiddos do the Chalk Art Program. So we had over 40 kids with a wide age range and their parents (or daycare providers) in here. It seemed everyone had a wonderful time even with all the controlled chaos.
- We have lots of kids coming in to collect their Summer Reading challenge prizes which is phenomenal to see! We're hoping they keep coming back!



I am really hoping to see the program attendance numbers climb, especially for the summer while kids are on summer break. Try and stay cool in the coming weeks!

Submitted by Sarah Strong

Union Twp.

As we have in the past few months, another scavenger hunt was enjoyed by our patrons! May hosts "Children's Book Week" so I put together a book mark scavenger hunt. Actually there were two as I had plenty of bookmarks to feature. Nine bookmarks were used for each of the hunts and it made the hunting a lot of fun as they found bookmarks that weren't on their sheets! Several children participated and received goodies.

Our in-house programming is picking up as Val hosted a Sock Party (5/4) and a Balloon Day (5/18), Sandi had Zen Gardens (5/11) and Yoga (5/25), and I had Blue Ribbon Tips and Tricks (5/10), Beaded Keychains for the Teens (5/17), and Container Gardening (5/24). Grab 'n Go kits continue to leave the building with a Mother's Day Card for the children (5/2), Garden Measuring Sticks for Creating STEAM (5/15), Old Time Crafts' Painted Wooden Flowers (5/22), and Beaded Keychains for the Teens (5/29). The Spice Club selection was Celery and the Lit Kit book was Let's Plant a Garden and included materials to make their own vegetable markers.



On the virtual side, I attended an excellent webinar on food literacy (5/12) based on the book Gather 'Round the Table, an outstanding resource for programming relating to food and nutrition. I am looking forward to more networking opportunities with other librarians who are sharing programs and information for people to appreciate on this important topic.



Unfortunately, as many of you know, the Union Twp Branch was broken into on Sunday, May 15 at approximately 2:45 am. He broke the most northerly window on the west side of the building. The man took a small amount of cash and two flashlights. He then moved on to the Subway and broke into the restaurant where he was apprehended. I found the damage at 7:30 that evening and called 911. Officer Reyna came down and took control of the scene. Later with some help from Assistant Director Kimberly Feltner and Bronson

Branch Manager Lynnell Eash, we cleaned up the mess of broken glass and tidied the building. Video footage of the man has been turned in and he has confessed. The window was boarded up by Union Twp Supervisor Ralph Strong with assistance from Union Twp Clerk Sharon Boley and her husband Ken. I really appreciated everyone's help that night!

Fortunately, I found the break-in the evening before we had scheduled the clerk interviews. Monday morning, May 16, John Rucker, Jessica Tefft and I interviewed three candidates for the clerk position at Union. We selected Andrea Tennyson and are pleased with how well she has adapted to the work. Welcome to BDL, Andrea!



We ended the month by participating in the Union City Memorial Day Parade with an ocean float in honor of the summer reading program "Oceans of Possibilities". We handed out candy and pencils. Thanks to Dave and Bethany and the children for all their help!! Plans for next year are already being made!!



Thanks for supporting literacy in our communities!!

Julia Baratta

Union Township Branch Manager