

Alganssee

Daily Business

The kids did a great job helping us decorate the library for Halloween. Linda has been in the holiday spirit handing out candy to all the kids who visit.

Many new books are coming in. I've been trying to order a variety for all of our readers before the weather drives us all inside. We have also added to our DVD and puzzle collection.

Our Tuesday and Thursday story time programs have been well attended. The kids were so excited to break out the new Legos for our Minecraft themed story time. They were all talking about the upcoming Lego Club program that night.

The Tuesday teen craft has become an all age's craft time. With our teen attendance so low, I began letting everyone participate. It's good to hear them all happily crafting and complimenting each other. We saw some very adorable and creative pumpkins from one of those evenings.

We are currently borrowing a selection of large print books from Coldwater. We have seen an increase of use in this area. Since large print books are much costlier than standard books, Coldwater was gracious enough to offer us a rotating loan of their collection.

We have heat again. A new furnace has been installed. We did have to shut down two days this month due to the cold. This affected some of our program numbers this month.

Upcoming Programs

This month we will have a passive Turkey Hunt program. We have a turkey hiding in the library for the kids to find. We had a great turnout for the adult craft last week with many beautiful canvases.

December will bring in our new program schedule. Our Story Time theme for the month will be the Little House book collection with activities at match them. Recipe exchange, Lego Club, Family Movie night, Family Craft night, Toddler movies and Bring Your Own Craft will all be new programs coming in December. These will be added to our existing programs. I am eager to get started with these and see what the community response to them will be.



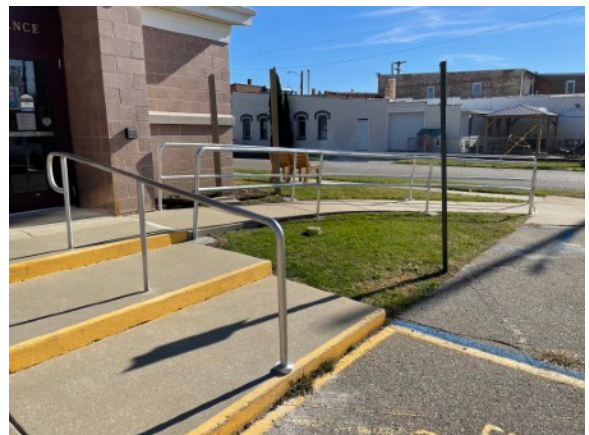
Respectively Submitted by: Teresa Shilling

Bronson

Programs continue for all ages. Wonderful attendance for our Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime, Homeschool and Adult Crafting programs. We held a search and find program during October where all ages could look for hidden Halloween figures and return them to the desk for a piece of candy. They could do this once a day and many teens came in every day to get that candy.

Toilets in both restrooms have been repaired. No more leaking toilets.

The outside railing has been installed extending the rail down the steps to the parking lot and along both sides of the ramp. I saw both railings used a lot on election day.



The elevator started having issues again the day after elections with all the lights going out and then the smell of hot rubber whenever the elevator ran. McNally's was called and came the next day to find there was a short in the wiring for the lights. They repaired it and it is back up and running.

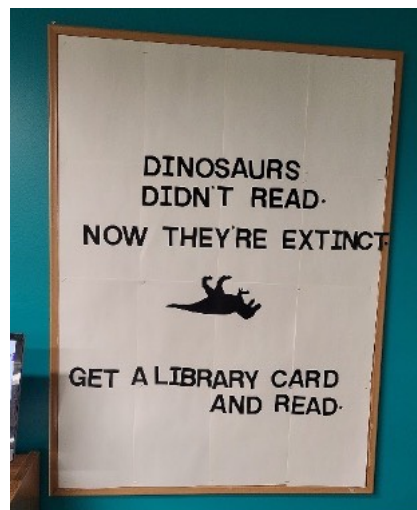
Friends held their annual Make-A-Difference Day event in October. The money raised will be given to the library to purchase materials. The Terri Lynn nuts arrived and have been selling quickly. Friends will have their final book sale of 2022 November 17-19.

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

Coldwater

There's "snowplace" like the library! That is the catchphrase on the new winter event guides and our circulation staff has been diligent about handing these guides. In Coldwater, we have been doing some furniture rearranging. The literacy council now has an expanded work area on the third floor. This is so they can accommodate group and individual lessons. The old work area on the fourth floor is now a shelf storage area allowing us to make some furniture arrangements in other areas of the library. In addition, we now have a craft storage room in the basement. This will also serve as a space for our "Library of Things" items. The Library of Things, will allow patrons to check out items like cookie cutters, a car diagnostic tool, a karaoke machine, a record player, snow sleds, and board games. The library of things items should be made available to the public in the next few weeks.

Our circulation staff has been doing a beautiful job keeping our bulletin boards trendy. Including a cross media reference bundle. The book/movie bundles have something for everyone.



In Coldwater; 4,729 people were in attendance at the library in October; that is 22% increase from last year's attendance. The Heritage Room had 27 visitors. We purchased \$4,186.25 in new books and \$690.47 in new DVD's in October. We will be closed on November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Upcoming events include Marvel Takes over the library on November 18. On November 26, Kids Place will have a "Thank You Snow Much" party with games, music and snacks. Anime night on November 23 for Teens and Tweens. All ages welcome for Holiday Cards on December 1st. Cookie decorating and letters to Santa on December 17. On December 17 kids place will be giving out holiday books; thanks to Coldwater Kiwanis Club for their donation.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

Quincy

October was a busy month for the Quincy Branch - we had so many fun programs and did a large branch material movement in our kid section.

Here is a quick summary of some of the fun things happening:

- Little Orioles Preschool story time is going fantastic! The kiddos seem to really love it and look forward to me coming back.
- A teacher at Jennings Elementary contacted me and asked if I would come read to her 3rd grade class once a week. I started that and I was shocked at how excited the kids were for me to read them a few books. It was definitely heart-warming.
- We have officially weeded every area in the branch with items that haven't been checked out in the last five years. Our shelves look so much better and they have a little room to breathe now.
- Brittany and I re-arranged the kid section of the library so you walk the library the way you grow with the library - with your reading. Parents have seemed to love this!
- We had two very exciting Adult Programs and there was a pretty good turnout for both of them. It seemed everyone enjoyed themselves and participated really well.

We're still working diligently getting things prepared for the winter months. We have some fun and unique programs coming up in December that we're looking forward to hosting.

"Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude." Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Submitted by Sarah Strong

Sherwood

Greetings from Sherwood:

It seems crazy that we're this close to the end of another year!

Last month we did a program called "Unknown Spirits of Hazen House." It was great! We had a total of 16 people attend. We did find some creepy stuff - rem pods were going off for no reason, we saw a dancing stick person and the dowsing rods were very active! The home owners, Donna and Joel Claar, were awesome. I can't thank them enough for hosting the program! Mr Baranski from MiPRO and his team were amazing to work with. I look forward to any future programs we might be able to contact them for.

Our Grab & Go kits are all done throughout the end of the year and our in house programs are set to roll as well.

Maria is doing a great job with getting our programs around so I can get them added to the calendar.

I've got most of our scheduling done for next year.

Until next month,

Respectfully,

Traci Counterman

Union Twp.

As we move through the autumn months, the preparations for winter activities are now moving up the priority list. The seed library is pretty well done for the year with inventory completed and plans for adding to it for next year being organized. The last of the outdoor activities have happened and we are ready to snuggle down in our branch!

The Grab 'n Go kits have represented the fall holidays with Burlap Flowers for Old Time Crafts (10/3), Candy Corn Friends for the children (10/17), Creating STEAM's Popsicle Catapult (10/17), and the Teen's Fall Windsock (10/24). The Spice Club selection was Baking Cocoa and in honor of Fire Safety Month, our Lit Kit was Flat Stanley and the Firehouse.



Our programming calendar was full for the month and began with the Roots and Shoots Live! Plant Swap on October 1st. We had some sedum and daffodils offered and everything was taken to be appreciated in someone else's yard. I plan to have this every year in the fall and have a seedling swap in the spring.



The next weekend was the community Fire Safety Day held on October 8th. The street in front of the library was full of games, activities, giveaways, and of course, fire trucks! Chief Stevens and his crew worked on getting several other departments to bring out their trucks and equipment along with manning the Branch County Smoke Trailer. There were trucks from Athens, Tekonsha, Burlington, Colon, Sherwood and three from Union City. The local police car stopped for a while, the Water Hose Challenge was held, and the K-9 Unit came for a visit. Over 400 came by to enjoy trucks,

doughnuts, a Fire Safety StoryWalk®, and hot dogs! In the evening, I was at the Fright Night event in Coldwater with a Pumpkin Toss game. It was a really great (but LONG!) day!

On October 1st, our contribution to the Cultivating Community events began with the StoryWalk® I talked about last month as well as the Fiber Art and Textiles Trunk Show. I am planning to run them until Thanksgiving when I will change them out for Christmas decorations. Other in-person programs included making fabric sundaes for decorations as National Sundae Day is held in November.



The Library of Things (LOT) collection now has its own shelf space! It is located next to the seed library and across from the nonfiction collection. We moved a few of the collections due to space limitations and incorporated the cozy mystery collection into the Adult Fiction area. The Large Print has been outgrowing its shelves and with the growing interest in that format, I hesitate to weed the collection. Part of the reason for the growth in the collection is due to taking advantage of a \$7 sale on Large Print titles with free shipping! In addition, the book sale is now contained in a two-shelf section on the back wall, leaving the other section for the LOT. I am looking forward to filling up those shelves with new items for LOT in 2023!



There will be vendors set up for Small Business Saturday (11/26) and a book/DVD sale. If you are out and about that day, I invite you to come to Union City for some holiday shopping! Speaking of the upcoming holidays, we will have "So This Is Quizmas..." again this year during the month of December with a quiz concerning ten picture books on display relating to the season. The participants will receive a packet of hot cocoa in honor of Jolabokaflokkur, or Christmas Book Flood, an Icelandic tradition where books are given and enjoyed on

Christmas Eve along with chocolate.

Thankful for your support! Have a restful Thanksgiving!

Julia Baratta

Union Township Branch Manager