

## Algansee

February was dinosaur month at the library. Those who came in were greeted with dinosaurs and Valentines décor. While taking a picture of my Tuesday Tales group, they requested to see their picture and began oohing and aahing over the pictures we had taken of the big kids. This gave me the idea of creating a board in the library of the creations and activities that the kids do each month. They are proud to come in and show their favorite big people their pictures. Another small change is a coloring/ puzzle table that we set up on Saturdays. We have seen a positive response and good usage of it.



At **Tuesday Tales** we began the month learning about our alphabet and how important they are in making words as we read *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*. The following week we made valentines after reading about a bear that ran of supplies to make his valentines and got creative with honey as a replacement for glue. I had a request for a dino book for the next week. So I decided to bring the sand and the fossils that the big kids had used. I read the *Dinosaur Lady* while the kids examined sea shells that a patron had donated. The story tells of how the first dinosaur fossils were found by a lady searching the beach for sea shells. Then we searched through the sand to find fossils.

Our **STEM** kids also dug up these fossils, but they had to classify them all by type and time periods. I was impressed with how they divided up the jobs and took the project so seriously. The following week we created slime and studied how it trapped our plastic bugs as it hardened, like tree resin as it turns to amber. Our final fossil project was using playdough and plaster to cast our own fossils. Dino month was cut short by the storm.

**Tuesday Crafts with Linda** are still very popular. I believe duct tape crafts ranked #1 this month, followed by the tissue paper dinosaurs. The Adult Valentines making craft was quite successful in drawing in patrons. The Cricut machine got a lot of use this month.

The Algansee Friends group sponsored pizza for our family movie night. **Lego Club** had good attendance and this month's family craft was cancelled due to the weather. So we utilized it for our last Tuesday craft instead. Several of the kids said they are taking their candy bouquets to the fair.



Submitted by Teresa Shilling

## **Bronson**

The two snowy, no school days were beneficial for the library with 40 children attending our preschool storytime one week and 30 the next week. Tales of the Great Blizzard of 1978 were shared and they were impressed that I was there. We talked a little about the Children's Blizzard of 1888 and I had to convince them I was NOT there for that one. Most popular finger-play right now is The Hand song with Popcorn coming in a very close second. Friday the 17th there will be a preschool hunt for hidden leprechaun gold in the library. Always fun and something even teens remember from when they were little kids.

Kid's Craft, we made popsicle stick flower pots and colored some paper eggs to display in the pots. Adults enjoyed the Wine Glass Bunny craft and those turned out great. Steve has been getting some older children back in the Homeschool program again so he has a wide range of ages attending. Doing a wonderful job and everyone has fun.

This month we provided Anderson school with 105 books for the kindergarten through second graders to do research projects with. We also sent 123 books to St. Mary's to help the 3-8 graders find out information on certain famous people for their Wax Museum program. Head Start has scheduled three tours this month and asked us to attend their Literacy Night. So exciting that the schools are back to using the libraries again!

Working on the programs for the Summer Event Guide.

The privacy pod has been ordered and we are waiting to hear when it will arrive. MSC will be coming this month yet to take measurements for the new window shades.

Attended the Bronson Advisory Board meeting, Friends of the Library meeting and the Bronson Township Board meeting. Took training with Ingram to learn more about their site.

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

## Coldwater

We are springing into March with a great deal of programs; one being a reading challenge going on all month long. Participants will receive a sweet treat when they complete the reading challenge. We also had a Pi-themed storytime; celebrating our love of circles and food! We will be setting a trap; to try and catch a leprechaun, along with other Irish themed activities for our St. Patty's Party on Friday, March 17. Our branch coordinators have been working with the schools for kindergarten round-up and Teen literacy events.



To recap; February, we celebrated Black History month with a book suggestion list and a scavenger hunt.

Upcoming events include: Story Time Mondays and Tuesdays Teen Trivia Night and for Adults a Book Club Mixer on March 20th.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

## Quincy

I hope everyone is doing well, staying safe during all of our eventful winter storms, and getting ready for the Spring season approaching quickly! Quincy has had a busy month of getting caught back up from the eventful storms that winter brought to us.

Here is a quick summary of the fun things happening:

- ❖ We hosted an Indoor Carnival Day and the kiddos really loved all the games that we had prepared for them to play!
- ❖ We're very busy getting everything ready for the Summer Reading Program coming up in a few short months.
- ❖ We did a large branch clean out and now the branch is organized, has cupboard space, and looks wonderful!
- ❖ Story time at Jennings Elementary, Little Orioles Preschool, and the Quincy Branch are going fantastic! The kids and I both look forward to those every week. 😊

Stay tuned to see what other fun things we have happening this next month! I'm hopeful that warmer days are coming soon!

Submitted by Sarah Strong

## Sherwood

Greetings and Happy Spring from Sherwood -

We have our One Book One County discussion coming up in the near future, as well as many other great programs! We decorated cupcakes a couple of weeks ago. The kids had fun, although it was slightly messy.

School visits are going great. I'm now reading to two different classes, and have been approached by other teachers to stop by their classrooms as well. We'll see what time allows!

Materials ordering is going great.

Not a whole lot else to report on for this month -

Until next month,

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager