

## Alganssee

Linda and I are excited for Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is the Adventure Begins at the Library. We have a lot of adventures planned. The treasure box is loaded and ready for kids to complete challenges. Our Alganssee Friends group is once again planning to supply school supplies for youth who complete all their challenges.



We kicked off our Summer Reading program with snow cones and carnival games. Adventure Club will be each Tuesday at 3:30. Popsicles on the Porch is returning on Thursdays at 3:30. The book that we read will be the theme of our Friday activity. Adult activities will continue on the same schedule. It will be a fun and busy summer.

In May we learned about our natural resources and how we can help the earth. Sneaky Squirrel wrapped up for the school year. The kids did a wonderful job crafting and completing their secret missions. The adult crafts were successful and enjoyed by our adult patrons. Linda does such an amazing job putting together those programs. Story times were enjoyable as always. My favorite was *Oh My, Butterfly*, where we read the book from the Cat in the Hat Learning Library. Then we created butterfly masks and sipped nectar from juice boxes.



Submitted by: Teresa Shilling

## Bronson



We finished the school year with 13 classes touring the library. The children were excited to hear about summer reading and the great programs we have planned. Several kids returned with their parents to sign up for their first library card and were grinning from ear to ear when they checked out books.

Summer Reading had a fantastic first week of registrations with 145 people joining so far. We had our

Stories and More Nature program and everyone enjoyed getting outside to investigate the flora around the library. Friday Tales was also held outside and we talked about clouds and got to see some great fluffy clouds show up.

We are seeing lots of new faces this summer which is a wonderful thing!

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

## Coldwater

The end of May was a busy time for the Coldwater Branch and summer reading has officially begun.

Coldwater kids place wrapped up the month of May with a special visit from Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary; over 200 patrons met on the lawn to see and touch some reptiles.



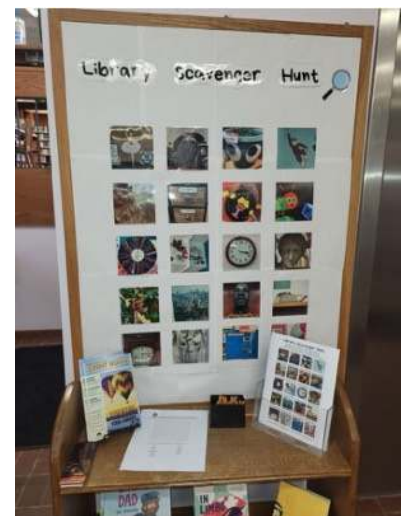
The Teens held a De-Stress Fest the last week of school. This was a three day, afterschool event geared towards all things to de-stress. The events differed each day but several events are recurring such as the: beach simulation room, breathing to regulation techniques, coloring station. Tuesday's activities included (day one) kittens, coffee bar, and origami. Wednesday's activities included (day two) baby goats, root beer floats, Yoga and beaded keychains. Thursday's activities included (day three) a comfort dog, s'mores and button making. The de-stress fest was a huge success each day the library had over 100 teens visit each day.



The Holbrook Heritage Room hosted their annual volunteer training and lunch for instruction on using the Microfilm machine. Adult programming hosted a Beginning Smartphone Photography Class; students learned from a college professor how to use their smartphones to take, send, receive and store photos in the digital age.

Nicky and Meagan created a beautiful adventure display that encourages our library guests to get involved in adventure and our social media page.

Erica and Sarah are having s'more fun this summer with



adventure themed kids place displays. Emma has created another popular passive program; Library Scavenger Hunt Bulletin Board. Each participant that finds the location of all our photos around the library will receive a prize. Our third floor display is inclusive and highlights Pride Month.



June programs are off to a summery start; in Coldwater we have a program every day of the week. Some program highlights include: Kids: Junior Detective, Story times 2-weekly, Pen Pals, Mad Science, What the Hoot- Trivia and Fun in The Sun. Teens: Adventure Movie Matinees-weekly, Glass Map Pendant, S'mores and Spooky Movie, Book Club, FlashBack Game Night and Spray Painting with Ben. All Ages: Krazy about Cats People Party and Taylor Swift Era's Tour Watch Party. Adults: Edible Plant Exchange and My Heritage 101. The Coldwater Friends of the library will be hosting a large used book sale on June 15 during Strawberry Fest.

Lastly, John and I have been meeting with a local architect to prepare for the bathroom remodel. This is our final big renovation project for 2024. This project will involve renovating all 5 restrooms and bringing the first-floor restrooms up to ADA compliance; unfortunately, resulting in losing the second stall in the women's restroom. The project is set to start fall 2024 and may not reach completion till 2025.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

## Quincy

Here is a summary of the fun things happening at the Quincy Branch -

- We had nine classrooms come visit the library from Jennings Elementary in the last week and half of school. It was a very busy time but SO wonderful. The kiddos were very excited for the prizes that we're offering for the Summer Reading Program. 2 classrooms even got Library 1 cards for the students who didn't have a library card.



One of the classrooms that visited us was extra special because at the beginning of the school year they set a reading goal of reading 1,250 books. They crushed their goal and ended with reading 1,261! The reward for reading so many books this year was to get to come to the library! A big Congratulations to these kiddos!

- I have partnered with Adapt and they will be coming to do crafts with us once a quarter. I was very excited to extend this to them & they were equally excited! I absolutely LOVE making new partnerships!
- Lynn and I weeded the entire library for our bi-annual Friends of the Library book sale. We had a wonderful turnout this time around and got rid of many, many books to good homes.
- SRP has officially begun and we're off to a wonderful start! We've signed several kiddos, teens, and adults up for our annual program and everyone is so excited. Our program numbers are increasing steadily, which is wonderful! Big Ty'm Fun (a video game truck) came on June 11<sup>th</sup> and we had 67 people get to play lots of awesome videogames! Such a F.U.N. time!
- The StoryWalk has officially been installed! YAY! A BIG thank you to the Village of Quincy for all their hard work, help, and flexibility when it came to this project! On that note, \*drumroll please\* I would LOVE to invite you all to come to our Grand Opening ribbon cutting on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Quincy Park. I hope to see you all there!

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Quincy, MI 49082  
**JUNE 26, 2024**  
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The first book selected for the StoryWalk®

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Submitted by Sarah Strong

### Union Twp.



Summer Reading is finally here and we are very excited for all the summer programs and events we have scheduled.

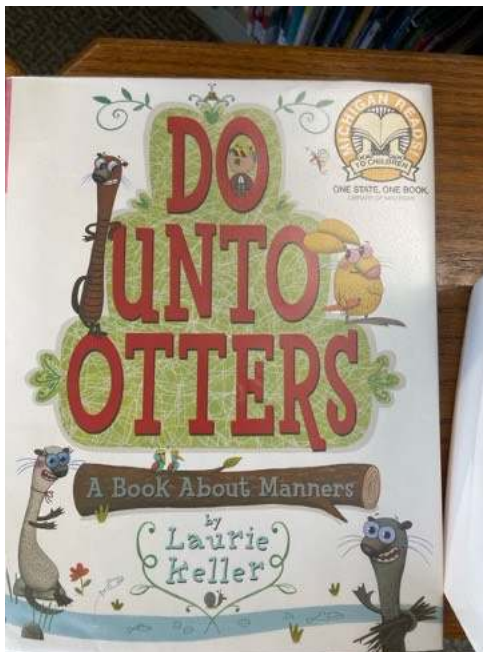
We have had Summer Reading Registration for the last two weeks and have had 27 Adults, 23 Teens, 48 Kids, and 11 Early Literacy Sign ups, for a grand total of 109 so far.

This week we have had families coming in and sharing their adventures they have gone on together and got their passport stamped. It is very exciting to hear about their adventures either its about fishing, camping, or even going on a walk.



Our patron attendance has doubled now that school is out and we have passive programs out for kids to do such as scavenger hunts, LEGO's, coloring and activity sheets, and games.

Meghan did an amazing job at Storytime talking about *Do onto Otters*.



We wanted to share the amazing DIY Tile Coasters program from last month – great adult program for sure!



All the bulletin boards are ready for the monthly themes such as Adventure, Pride Month, Juneteenth, Flag Day and Father's Day.



Upcoming events include Extreme Duct Tape Workshop, LEGO Club, Father's Day Cards, Teen Trivia: I should have known that! and Mad Science Workshop. Next month Balloon Sculpting creations July 26th.

Submitted by Maria Piper

## **Outreach**

I have received some art from our bookmobile art committee, but I am not planning to receive the rest until the week of the 17th. I am hoping to submit chosen artwork to Matthews Specialty Vehicles shortly after that.

Erica assisted me with Healthy Family Fun Day at the end of May, and we interacted with over 200 attendees. The Strawberry Festival is right around the corner, and while I'll be running this one solo, I am anticipating a large number of interactions there as well.

Pop-Up attendance is still low, but the Coldwater Lake location has seen a small uptick in activity, one of whom acquired a new library card and checked out a couple of books! Butler township visits will resume next week on the 19th. Several Pop-up visits are scheduled to take place during Fair Week. I have notified each of these contacts in advance that the visits during that will have to be cancelled (or rescheduled, for Maple Lawn), as the majority of my schedule will be at the fair. I will send a reminder to my contacts as the dates get closer, as well as notify any patrons at these stops.

Submitted by Cheryl Lawrence