

Alganssee

There were no programs at the library for the month of August. This gave us time to attend the fair and prepare for fall programs. We have been busy the past few weeks helping the teachers make copies and prepare for a new school year. We've also had several new patrons sign up for library cards this month.

We will be continuing with an Adult Craft the beginning of each month. Tea and Story Hour for adults is a new program where we will be reading letters from WWII. Then we will have a Thrifty & Thriving class each month finding clever ways to live frugal and well. We are happy to have Meagan coming out to give her presentation, "Appy Hour", to teach patrons how to use and navigate the library's digital collections. All adult programs are on Mondays at 1pm.

We will be focusing on colors and counting in nature at Tuesday Tales while reading from books by Tabitha Paige. At Little Explorers will be reading from the Beatrix Potter collection each Thursday morning. We will have crafts, activities and songs to accompany each of the stories.

Crafts with Linda is back on Tuesdays. Time Travelers will start the school year learning about secret codes and maps on Thursdays. Fridays will continue to be our fun day with Builders Club, movie and game nights.

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Shilling

Coldwater

The Coldwater Branch has been falling for the love of books! We have decorated our second and fourth floor for fall. Our book displays are Spanish Heritage, dark academia,



back to school, harvesting and camping. Our new passive board is an emoji book title guessing game.

BDL is celebrating library card sign-up month with cooperation with local businesses. If you show your library card at several participating businesses you can get a discount! Cheryl, our outreach manager has visited several of these businesses to sign people up for library cards. We are accepting bids for the bathroom renovations and currently have received two bids. We are also accepting bids for a new cleaning company. Coldwater has ordered a new craft table for the kids area and two new chairs for the circulation desk. Several new collection developments included the adult book club kits and for the Library of Things: a rock tumbler, laminator and a four person Pickle Ball kit. Lastly, the book mobile is receiving its final modifications and may arrive before December of 2024.

September programs have been going well. We have had attendance at all of our programs. We held a Taylor Swift Era's Watch Party that landed us a perfect Google Review. The kids area had a Back to School Bounce House and school supplies program on Saturday; over 197 people came to the library to bounce.

The Adult programs include a Medicare Informational Program and a Banned Book Celebration. The Teen's hosted a Locker Magnet Craft, 4 attended and will have a Trivia Night later this month. The kids' area will have Homeschool Hangout, storytime, Sensory Play and Fiber and Friends several times throughout the month. Our Holbrook Heritage Room is having a local author-book talk on September 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM. His book is "Victorian Southwest Michigan True Crimes" and he did some of his research in our Holbrook Heritage Room.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

Quincy

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

- Lynn and I attended Jennings Elementary Open House and had SO much fun! We gave away keychains, fruit-scented bookmarks, stickers, pencils, and even had a drawing to win a backpack full of school supplies. The Quincy Friends of the Library graciously donated the backpack full of school supplies for us to give away.
- Quincy Daze was a very hot one this year! I was able to have many exciting conversations with different people about the library ... some patrons, some not! It was a good day!
- After 40 years of serving on the Quincy Advisory Board, Judy Dobson has decided to step down from the board. Replacing her will be Rachel Hard. We are sad to see Judy leave

(and very grateful for the many years and hours spent here) but we are very excited to welcome Rachel aboard!

- School is back in session and programs are busily underway! We've had many story times and programs since the beginning of September and they all have been a blast and well attended! I'm hopeful to keep it up (fingers crossed)!
- We are still looking for a qualified candidate to fill the Quincy Clerk position - please spread the word!

Submitted by Sarah Strong

Union Twp.

Hello September!

Last month I attended the Union City Middle Open House and had a great time talking to kids and their families and passed out a lot of free swag. The most popular swag was the pop-it's key chains with the cool sensory bookmarks in close second.



I also attended a Fire Auxiliary meeting to discuss Fire Safety Day which will be held this year on October 5th 9 am - 2 pm at the UC Fire Station. The Friends Group will be providing free donuts that day and I will have a table with free fire safety goodies. This year we will have a coloring contest for the kids and the UC Fire Auxiliary will provide the prizes for that event.

I have a Friends meeting coming up to discuss all the wonderful events coming up - Book Sale 9/28 to partner with Farm to Fork Day, Fire Safety Day and Breakfast with Santa event in December. The Friends Group hosted for the 2nd year in a row the free backpack and



school supplies giveaway and we had 25 kids come that day. The back-to-school buttons was a huge hit and we had several teens making lots of them to put on their new backpacks.

Meghan, my volunteer Dusty, and I have been transitioning from summer displays for Fall displays, Book Banning Week and Hispanic Heritage Month. Getting into the Fall spirit already - SWEATER WEATHER is almost here. Meghan created an amazing "Tree of Gratitude" display where patrons can write on a leaf's what they are thankful for and we already have a few of them on there already.



The kids are back to school and it is quieter here during the day but we are working on projects such as weeding, cleaning, and prepping for our glow in the dark mini golf program coming up in October.

Upcoming September Programs:

DIY Potholder Loom Craft, Design a Bookmark, Jewelry Making Workshop, Book Club *After Annie* by Anna Quindlen, Knit-Away Club, DIY Flower Printing and weekly Storytimes.

Meghan and I are both registered for the MEL Back to School Training on September 12th.

Here's to cooler weather!

Submitted By Maria Rathbun

Outreach

Bookmobile preparation and fall outreach events are in full swing and keeping me busy! Grants requesting funds for purchasing bookmobile materials have been submitted to Coldwater Solar and BCCF. Sunrise Rotary voted to grant our request for \$5000, and Coldwater Solar has awarded \$1500 for the cause. Add these to bookmobile donations and what's left of this year's bookmobile materials budget, and I have a solid pool of at least \$12,000 to use for an opening day collection. I will be working at compiling this during my spare time.

In addition to my regular outreach for September, I have done library card sign-up pop-ups at Crescent Comics & Games and Ponderosa in Coldwater. Both have partnered in our local business discount promotion for Library Card Sign Up month and had plenty of space for me to set up a small table and laptop.

Cheryl Lawrence