

Alganssee

It was a FULL house for the Glass Etching class. Every person who signed up was here, plus one. Linda had extra materials and everyone squeezed in to make room for another chair. Many asked to be signed up for the next classes. We had a small group of local ladies for Tea and Story Hour. Everyone enjoyed the tea and shortbread. The letters led to an interesting discussion on the culture then vs now. Thrifty & Thriving was also well attended. Meagan, from the Coldwater branch came out and gave a presentation on digital services provided by BDL. It was a very informative class.



We read *Flowers in the Meadow* at Paula's. It focused on the colors of flowers and mixed in counting them as they were gathered to cheer up a friend. We then went on an adventure of our own finding flowers in the yard and yelling out their colors. I've been focusing on activities with lots of movement and short stories for this group.

Crafts with Linda kiddos have created felt bookmarks, the most adorable bee ornaments and button critters. We had two very cute bears, a purple mouse, a sleeping frog and a variety of pigs.

At Little Explorers we read *Peter Rabbit* and then used watercolors to paint carrots and radishes as we talked about vegetables and gardening. Afterwards we examined a basket of veggies. We went on a nature scavenger hunt after reading *Squirrel Nutkin*. *Benjamin Bunny* led to another watercolor project while they learned about rabbits.

The kids learned so many ways to hide secret messages this month. Invisible ink, cipher keys, cryptograms, masked letters and the brave spies in history. They especially enjoyed learning about Anna Strong and how she sent secret messages with her laundry during the Revolutionary War.



Brain Flakes have been a welcomed addition to Builders Club. I was genuinely surprised with their creativity. We had one family movie, *National Treasure*. Then had a treasure hunt ourselves, using the code breaking skills they learned this month. It took the kids 15 minutes to solve 5 questions and find the treasure box hidden in the library.

I completed an online training course on combatting prejudice with Ryan Dowd, and I watched the IPage Curate webinar on new features from Ingram. Our local schoolhouses have kept us busy making copies. We've heard many positive remarks on the new books in the juvenile section. Linda has once again done an amazing job decorating the library for fall. 😊

Respectfully Submitted by: Teresa Shilling

Bronson

September was Library Card Sign-up Month and we welcomed several new patrons to the library. A big thank you to the businesses who participated in the "Show your library card and get a discount" event.

Programs are back in full swing. Steve's Tween/Teen Coffee House has really taken off with programs involving expandable foam art, movie day, and creating with LEGO blocks. His Homeschool program has also picked up new followers as well as welcoming back families who have attended before. They have made monkey drums, created with Perler beads and made great things from cardboard.

Jessie had her first Adult Craft for the fall season and the Glob Paintings turned out fantastic. We have more toddlers coming to Thursday storytime than we have ever had before. Friday Tales continues to grow and it has been extended so that we have time to do simple crafts or just offer play time for the littles.

One afternoon when the sirens went off we had a chance to try out our plan for what to do during a tornado warning. We had one patron in the building and things went smoothly as we put the plan into action. We were very glad the storm stayed south of us but it was a good practice.

More VOX books have been purchased with a nice donation we received. We will also be adding more large print titles to our collection.

We attended the staff in-service day and enjoyed visiting each branch and learning how to use a fire extinguisher. Jessie attended the MLA conference.

The Friends will participate in Make-A-Difference Day again this year and will have the Terri Lynn Nuts to sell. The Friends will also have their fall book sale coming up in November.

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

Coldwater

The Coldwater Branch loves Halloween! We started decorating for the spooky season before October and we have tied in many book displays for the fall season. The circulation desk has hosted an informal book genre preference vote: horror or romance? So far, horror takes the lead. Our most brave library guests can venture through the library on a Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt.

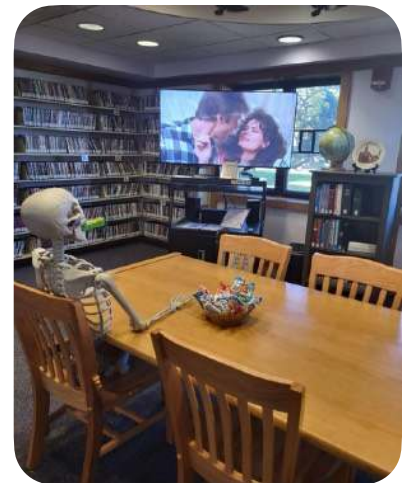


October programs have been going well. We continue to see good attendance at all of our programs. Erica and Sarah work so hard to put on some extremely popular programs like Homeschool Hangout; this program has almost 30 attendees every other week. Another popular program was the Teddy Bear Tea Party, our patrons were guests of honor and had snacks, personalized name cards, games and got to make their very own stuffy!

Emma has done a fantastic job with Fall Teen Programming. Teen programs for October are just getting underway with a full registration for Zombie Barbies, guests will get a chance to zombify a Barbie. Other Teen Programs include S'mores and Spooky Movie, Teen Trivia and the ongoing passive Teen Art Wall and Teentober reading challenge. The all-age programs were Crafternoon, (marble pumpkin painting) and Cryptid Terrariums. At the latter, guests picked a cryptid and used supplies to make a decorative terrarium.

Our adult programs are Monday Halloween Movie Matinees, we have changed the location of the screening area to the first floor DVD area and this has attracted more viewers. Last week's film, "Beetlejuice" had 5 in attendance, plus Allen (the skeleton).

Finally, the adult craft program is Pine Cone Wall Painting, our guests will use pinecones, paint and wood pieces to create a one-of-a-kind wall hanging.



The Coldwater Friends of the Library has donated a generous amount of money to cover prizes and programs for Summer Reading; as well as, a donation to purchase books for One Book One County.

Some fun, exciting, and exceptional news; the District Library has been voted to be the grand marshal in the Halloween Parade! The Coldwater Branch will be making a scarecrow for the Chamber of Commerce scarecrow contest. Lastly, we are working with the Chamber to host workshops and lend a hand in helping with the Downtown Coldwater coloring book project.

On Friday, October 25 from 5:00 PM to 7:00PM, we will have Branch District Library's Family Fright Night.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

Quincy

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

- With Lynn needing to reduce her hours and going back into the sub-pool, we have found a new clerk for the Quincy branch! I'd like to welcome Nikkia (Kia) Cronk to the BDL family! We are super excited to have you join us and can't wait to see what fun things we get to do together!
- Winter programming has been planned and submitted. I am super excited about this next round of programs coming soon! Come do a craft with Santa in December, enjoy a family friendly comedy show in January, and enjoy some animals with Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary in February!
- Programming attendance is still on a continuous up-hill climb and we are LOVING it! Please check out the event calendar to see what fun FREE things you'd like to join in on!

Submitted by Sarah Strong

Sherwood

Greetings and Happy Autumn!

The month of September was a good one. We hosted a concert in the Sherwood Park on Sunday, September 8th. It wasn't as well attended as we had hoped, but everyone there had a fantastic time.

Programs are back in full swing and we have had several attendees for all of them!

We hosted an adult craft night. We made homemade candles and the library still has the nice scent of



lemongrass.



Materials orders are coming to an end for the year. We still have a bit left to purchase, but for the most part we are definitely on the downside!

We are diligently preparing for our programs for the rest of the year. We have some really great things on the calendar.

Until next month...

Best regards,

Traci Counterman - Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Twp.

We have entered into the Annual Scarecrow contest and minions are idea this year. If you are interested in checking out all the scarecrow creations, please feel free to drive or walk throughout the community. Ballots are available at Heator Insurance office. All Scarecrows will be on display October 1st - October 31st. Winners picked by community votes October 15th - October 30th.




"A Minion reasons to LOVE the Library! What is your favorite??"



Our Friends Group hosted a Fall Book Sale on September 28th to coincide with Farm to Fork. Despite the rain we had sold over 75 small bags of books, which was a success. Kids books and fiction were the most

popular. A BIG thank you to the Friends Group for hosting this and purchasing the three tables to use for events here at Union and within the community.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

- Fire Safety Day October 5th at UC Fire Station 9 am - 2 pm. The Friends Group will be providing free donuts and be on hand to answer any questions about the group and how you can get involved. Coloring contest will be available for kids ages 5-12 and will be posted at Union Twp. Library for a week then Sherwood for another week. Please take a moment to vote for each age group. All prizes for the age groups will be provided by the Union City Auxiliary...thank you!
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- October 9th: Q-Tip Kids Skeleton Craft at 3 pm
 - Township Meeting and Friends Meeting
 - October 14th: In-Service Staff Training Day at Coldwater
 - October 15th: at 2 pm Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E Jacques Harris Marketing Coordinator will be presenting Advanced Care Planning for a hour discussion. Future topics and dates are be discussed.
 - October 16th: Book Club: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah at 4 pm.
 - October 18th: Masquerade Masks Teens Craft at 3 pm.
 - October 18th: 6pm - 8 pm Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf. Meghan and I have been very busy designing and building the 6 theme mini-golf holes. (Bluey, Wizard of Oz, Star Wars, Rainbow Fish, Roblox, Charlie Brown).



- Meghan will be attending the yearly Seed Summit training October 20th via zoom.

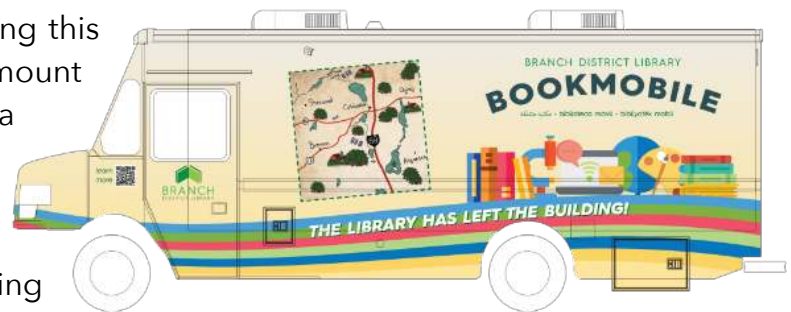
We have submitted programs for future programming for December - February, and now are looking ahead even more for Spring and Summer. We are working on organizing patron cards, Halloween decorations, and displays.

Submitted By Maria Rathbun

Outreach

Outreach land is full-speed ahead with the preparation of our bookmobile's arrival! BCCF awarded our grant request for \$7,000 towards materials for the bookmobile. This brought my opening day collection budget up to a grand total of \$19,500. I have been working with Ingram to get this opening collection started, and they have been incredibly thorough so far. For now, I am waiting on curated selection lists from the vendor to choose my items from.

The bookmobile is (at the time of writing this report) 90% completed. With a great amount of team effort, we finally created a wonderful graphic for the bookmobile's exterior. We received a hard-copy color sample of the exterior graphic, and Matthews is getting the graphic printed.



Regular outreach stops continue to go smoothly. A few have needed to be cancelled this month due to lack of transportation availability and my being out of town during the week of the 14th. AppleFest went well, despite not seeing as large of a crowd as anticipated on our end of the festival grounds. Imagine the crowd we'll attract when we have our bookmobile there next year! The Community Baby Shower saw just over 70 people come through, and each person was sent off with information about our services and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

Speaking of October 14th, I will be in Indianapolis attending the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference for the majority of the week. I'm so excited to return to this event and bring back some new ideas and information. At the end of the week, on the 19th, I will be attending the Senior Health Fair & Expo to provide library information to local seniors.

Submitted by Cheryl Lawrence