

Alganssee

Greetings from Alganssee. We hope everyone is healthy and enjoying the start of the new year.

- The weather had a negative effect on our attendance this month. But it was great seeing the library fill up with people on the sunny days. We had several patrons sign up for library cards.
- Many new books, magazines and movies came in this month, and they went out just as fast. 😊
- The Adult Painting Class was full with a lively group of ladies. We've had more interest in the Tea & Story Hour. Our last adult craft was cancelled due to a staffing shortage.
- We have been reading books by Jan Brett at our story times. Then we use science and crafts to learn more about the animals in the story. This month we learned about caribou, arctic foxes and polar bears.



- Time Travelers gained a new family. Our kiddos have traveled back to learn about Native American tribes, the Mayflower voyage, how colonial children lived during the Revolutionary War, and how Mt. Tambora caused the year without a summer.

- Illnesses decreased our attendance at Builders Club and Crafts with Linda. But the healthy kiddos that came had fun. Our second annual snowball fight had snow balls flying across the library with kids laughing and diving for cover behind the DVD rack.

- I met with the Alganssee Friends group to share our plans for this year's SRP programs. Our new township supervisor, Craig Fichtelberg, visited with me to learn more about our library. I took advantage of our slower days to complete more training sessions on Niche Academy.

Respectfully Submitted by: Teresa Shilling

Coldwater

February has been off to a good start with lots of new materials coming in. Coldwater has purchased several new items for the Library of Things collection; including board games, a DVD player, and a second CD player. Our CD player is a popular requested item and is often checked out.

On February 2, 2025, "Take Your Child To the Library Day," was a huge success. Kids' Place had over 65 people visit the library that day. The Children's and Teen's areas provided a snack and a craft for the families.

Our library patrons have been making Valentines and Chinese New Year's Crafts, heart ribbon wreaths, painting wooden snakes, and paper fish.

The bathroom renovations for the second floor restrooms started the week of February 17, 2025.

Check out the spring event guides! They are in and packed full of exciting events around the entire county.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh

Quincy

I hope you all are staying warm and cozy! Here is a summary of the fun things happening at the Quincy Branch:

- It's been pretty busy lately but not with too much to report on. With that, my report will be short and sweet this month!
- Since last month we've made diffuser bracelets, winter crafts, Valentine crafts and did a fun experiment. Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary came to the Quincy Library this month as well and that was HUGE hit bringing in just over 100 people overall. Check out the calendar to see what fun things you'd like to join!
- I am partnering with Jennings Elementary and Quincy Middle School for March is Reading month this year. I'm excited to report back with how my first year being in the schools for March is Reading month goes!
- It's officially SRP planning season & planning is heavily underway. Be on the lookout for the exciting things coming this Summer!

Until next month! Hopefully warmer weather and more sunshine in the coming weeks!

Submitted by Sarah Strong

Sherwood

Greetings from Sherwood!

I don't have a lot to report this month.

We have been busy weeding movies and ordering new ones to take their places. Programs are going well, and more good ones are scheduled for later this month!

I'm looking forward to reading our OBOC choice for 2025. Hoping to see many new faces for our OBOC discussion later on in March.

Until next month

Warm regards,

Traci Counterman, Sherwood Branch Manager

Union Twp.

Hello February, and here's to 6 more weeks of winter. Spring will be here before we know it!



Saturday, February 1st, was packed with families for Take Your Child to the Library Day!

A total of 51 patrons visited, including 20 children. The event offered a variety of activities, including scavenger hunts, goody bags, treats, crafts, and games, ensuring everyone had a fun and engaging experience.

Upcoming

Check out our February programs which include, but are not limited to, the following: DIY Customized Wood Crafting Boards (all spots are currently full), DIY Heart Stamp Valentine's

Craft, Abstract Art: Blow Paint Creations, Civil Rights Leader Portraits, No Pressure Book Club, Winter Dioramas, and Snowball Minute to Win it Challenges.

Be sure to check out *Blind Date with a Book*, a creative display put together by Meghan! It's a fun way to discover your next great read.



Meghan has been working diligently to prepare the generous seed donations 1443 different types we've received from our amazing sponsors:

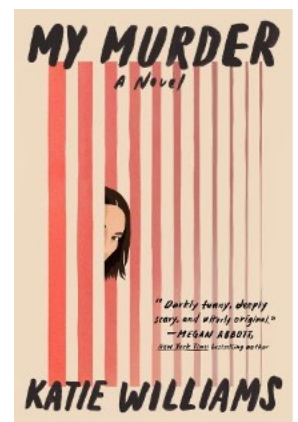
- Pinetree Gardens
- Sow Right Seeds
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- Gary Ibsen's Tomato Seeds
- Eden Brothers
- Hudson Valley Seed Company
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We're excited to announce that our **Roots & Shoots Seed Library Spring Celebration** will take place on Saturday, March 15th from 9 AM to 1 PM. A huge thank you to Fortunate Farms and The Green Thumb Garden Club for their invaluable support in helping bring this celebration to life! A wide variety of seeds will be available for you to choose from—perfect for planting this spring!

One Book, One County

This year's One Book, One County selection is *My Murder* by Katie Williams. We'll be discussing this thrilling novel at the Union Twp. Library on Tuesday, March 25th at 5 PM. You can find more discussion dates and times at <https://branchdistrictlibrary.org/OBOC2025>.

Meghan and I are already planning for this summer's programs and crafts, and we've got an exciting event booked for June 10th! We're thrilled to welcome Jerry DeCaire, a comic illustrator who has worked on *Wolverine*, *Deadpool*, *Thor*, and many other projects. Jerry will be hosting a live drawing workshop,



taking participants through the process of comic creation from start to finish. We can't wait for this incredible opportunity and all the other exciting summer events we have in store!

Submitted by Maria Rathbun

Outreach

Our bookmobile received another quality delay, pushing our estimated delivery back a little. There were some issues with the batteries, which has led Matthews to bringing in new batteries and someone from the manufacturer to install them. This is one of those things where I am happy to hear they caught the issue before delivering the vehicle and discovering the batteries don't work later on. But now it's official!! Our bookmobile is on its way! Delivery and training has been scheduled for next Friday (February 28th). The driver/trainer will arrive the night before and will bring our bookmobile to the library in the morning!

Winterfest was a hit with the game room, having over 160 attendees popping in and out through the day. I do not currently have any big outreach events coming up yet, so I will be using the extra time to do some more bookmobile planning, as I am also working on brainstorming ideas for a big launch event.

Submitted by Cheryl Lawrence