

## Algansee

Happy Spring wishes to you all! I am so happy for chirping frogs and plants blooming. ☺

- Our summer programs have been submitted for the event guide. We are excited to Color our corner of the World this summer.
- A pair of orphan lambs made a wonderful program at the library. I answered many questions about our wooly visitors. A table displaying books about sheep, carding brushes and drop spindles expanded the learning experience.
- Mondays were filled with adult programs. They painted covered bridge landscapes, had lively discussions during Tea & Story Hour, and made brownie and cake mixes.
- At Paula's Daycare we read the many versions of Little Blue Truck, while learning about farm animals in spring.
- Our crafting kids kept busy on Tuesdays after school.
- We have been appreciating all the different plants waking up as we read stories and explore nature at our Thursday story times.
- The sewing circle has continued as we read through history for Time Travelers. Their quilting blocks are looking good.
- Legos and Brain Flakes were the building materials of choice this month at Builders Club. Everyone had a great time celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The kids had a scavenger hunt and solved a riddle to find the Leprechaun's gold.
- We've assisted several patrons using Michigan Legal Help. I'm thankful for the training session they offered during MLA.



Wishing you all sunshine and good weather. - Teresa Shilling

## Bronson

March is Reading Month and it was a busy month for us. We had our annual Leprechaun gold hunt and even though the preschoolers were not able to catch the leprechaun they were able to find the gold coins (chocolate) hidden all around the inside of the library. During Homeschool Escapades and Coffee House for the Teens attendees worked to make some very creative Peep dioramas. The dioramas will be on display until Easter. We also celebrated National Tolkien Reading Day with Hobbit foods and an assortment of his books.



Adult Craft made Ribbon Eggs and it was a full house for this project.

Our evening One Book One County discussion was enlightening with readers pointing out things from the book that made others decide to reread the book because they totally missed those clues.

I was invited to set up a table during Kindergarten Registration at Anderson Elementary. Handed out library information and some items for the kids.

Got all of our programs turned in for the summer event guide and that's always a good feeling when that is done.

During National Library Week we set up a table to display items from our Library of Things and a number of things were checked out and patrons were interested to learn about this program the library offers.

We held a couple Popup programs during spring break where we pulled out craft items that we are working on clearing out.

Friends handed out Dr Seuss books for the library during the high school play *Seussical: The Musical*. After the play the children were encouraged to ask the actors for their autographs and have them sign the books. Thank you to our Friends.

Submitted by Lynnell Eash

## Coldwater

Coldwater started April with great “gratitution,” by partnering with the Community Theatre for a special Oz storytime. Nine cast members; in full costume, came to the library to read several books about Oz and friendship. The 43 guests that attended the storytime also got the option of free admission to the Children’s Museum of Branch County.



One of the adult programs for April was flower arranging. This program was a make-and-take with local florist American Floral Trends. Deb gave instructions on how to make a homemade bouquet. Each of our guests added their own personal touch to a bouquet they took home. On Saturday, April 19, kids will have a chance to make their own slime by coloring it and adding in fun textures. Each child will be able to take home their little creation. The all-age program is Pool Noodle Lizards, where patrons will make a larger than life-sized lizard fit for the pool on April 16. Lastly, the teens have poetry-themed Movie Mondays and Anime Night. The programs mentioned are just a small portion of the April programs. Coldwater’s calendar is packed full and we have something every day of the week!

Our teen coordinator, Emma, has visited Coldwater High School to take part in book talks for their book clubs. Emma will be visiting Legg Middle School in May for book talks and library card signups.

All five of the restroom renovations are complete. The biggest change came to the women’s restroom to make this ADA compliant.

Lastly, we are ready for Spring with our new spring backdrop for the photo area. We also have a book display next to our seed library to help aspiring and veteran gardeners.

Submitted by Christina Holibaugh



## Quincy

I hope you all are staying warm and dry! I'm glad to see you haven't blown away!

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

- Please help me welcome Tracy Shaw as the new Quincy Clerk. We're very excited to have Tracy join us. Welcome to the library family, Tracy!
- It doesn't seem possible that it's time for this already but ... Summer Reading is all planned & ready for the fun adventures to happen!
- It's been really busy lately but not with too much to report on. With that, Until next month!

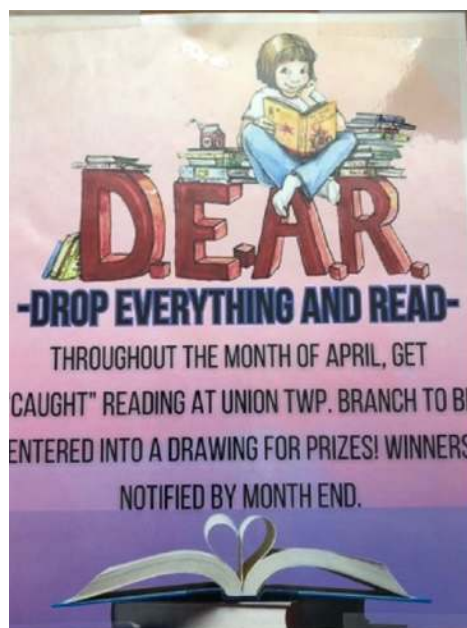
Submitted by Sarah Strong

## Union Twp.

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Happy Spring! For Peeps Sake Read a Book!!!

April is D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) Month! Throughout the month of April, get "caught" reading at Union Twp. Branch to be entered into a drawing for prizes! Winners will be notified by end of the month.



## County-Wide Friends Meeting

The County-Wide Friends Meeting on April 22 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, hosted by the Union Township Friends of the Library. This is a great opportunity for all Friends Groups from other branches and management to come together, share ideas, and suggest improvements. Light refreshments will be provided.

## Roots and Shoots Seed Celebration

We are thrilled to report that last month's Roots and Shoots Seed Celebration was a fantastic success! With 140 patrons attending over the course of 4 hours, we distributed an impressive 471 packets of seeds, with many more seeds remaining for future use.

If you are interested in learning more about the seeds, please visit our website at [BranchDistrictLibrary.org/seeds](http://BranchDistrictLibrary.org/seeds).

A special thank you goes out to everyone involved: Fortunate Farms, the Union City Green Thumb Garden Club, and our valued seed vendors including Eden Brothers, Fedco Seeds, Hudson Valley Seed Co., Pinetree Gardens, Sow Right Seeds, Bake Creek Heirloom Seeds, Burpee, and Gary Ibsen's Tomato Seeds. And of course, a big thank you to all our branch county residents!



We're already looking forward to next year's event and have some exciting ideas for presenters. A special shoutout to Meghan for her incredible work in organizing, cataloging, and preparing the seeds for the event. The QR code reference guide was a hit and made it easy for everyone to find information on the seeds.

We had a fantastic start to Spring Break with our Movie Day! The kids watched the movie *Inside Out* and enjoyed an assortment of snacks that matched the movie's moods. Each child received trays filled with popcorn and mood-inspired treats, making the experience even more enjoyable.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting lineup of programs planned for kids throughout April. Whether you're looking for something to engage the little ones during Spring Break or fun activities later in the month, there's something for everyone. Be sure to check our schedule for details on all the events we have planned. We can't wait to see the kids join in on the fun!



Hope everyone gets a chance to spend some time outside not only for Spring Break but also throughout the week. Warmer weather is upon us – finally!

Submitted by Maria Rathbun



## Outreach

It has been a busy month in outreach land as Bookmobile preparations continue. The Bookmobile will make its first pop-up stop on May 6th at Butler Township Hall.

The shelves are almost full! Most of the materials purchased through the opening day collection order have arrived, been cataloged, and shelved on the vehicle. Of the 1,300+ items purchased, only about 120 are still outstanding, being on backorder or pre-ordered. I will also be placing an order very soon to add a small selection of DVDs to the Bookmobile, as well as a handful of yard games that can easily be stored and brought along for some quick outdoor programming.



The schedule we have been using for pop-ups over the last couple of years will be changing to a 3-week rotation schedule. All of our current stops have been updated, and all have approved the changes. This new schedule will allow for more time in between some stops as well as more space in the schedule to add new stops. We will be making updates on our website and Facebook every week showing where the Bookmobile is headed for the week and when.

To help fill the schedule, a Bookmobile Request form has been published on the Bookmobile's webpage. Patrons can use this form to request for the Bookmobile to consider adding their neighborhood to its regular route as well as request us to attend an upcoming event. Key public events such as local festivals will remain on the schedule and not need to be requested, but this form can be used for one-time events. We have already received a request from Great Start Collaborative to attend their Family Field Day in June.

Brandon and I will be taking the bookmobile to two events later this month. April 22nd is the annual county-wide Friends of the Library meeting. Michigan Library Association is hosting a bookmobile display as part of their Michigan Library Advocacy Day on April 30th in Lansing. Upcoming in May, we will be attending the Cultural Jubilee.

Submitted by Cheryl Lawrence