



Branch Supervisor Report

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A lot of positive programs have been happening in the Teeswater branch over the last year, as the town ramped up for their Homecoming Celebrations happening August 1-5, 2019. As such, we hosted a group of 6 to 10 members of the Homecoming Historical Committee once a month for the past year and a half as we partnered with them to collect materials at the branch so they could prepare and display them.

During the Homecoming event, we had 40 people come out to see the displays we had at the branch, including the big guest register that was housed there for several months prior as an interest piece for community members. When we participated in the "Doors Open" event on Sunday, August 5, we had 125 community members do a walk-through with our own historical tour guide, Jodi Jerome, walking with them and showing the points of interest. She also played a small video we have of the third level of the library, which housed the librarian for many years, which was very well received.

We hosted Andre's Alpacas in July with 85 guests coming to see the lovable creatures as they slowed traffic on Main Street in their pen in front of the library. The preschool story time program that happened just prior to the Alpaca arrival had our largest attendance ever at 23.

We have been doing some outreach partnerships and guest appearances with the local EarlyON program which has been very successful this summer as well. Upwards of 60 have attended the programs in July. These connections will continue on a regular basis going forward.

We are in the planning stages of starting a "Speakers Series" in South Bruce, and have become members of the South Bruce Business Improvement Association to encourage some relationships with other businesses in hopes of getting some interesting workshops and talks happening.

Our clerk, Jodi Jerome, was the successful applicant to fill in as Assistant Branch Supervisor in Chesley branch until May 2020. As such, we have made attempts to fill the shifts from our call-in list as best we can. It has certainly giving us lots of opportunity to meet other BCPL clerks.