

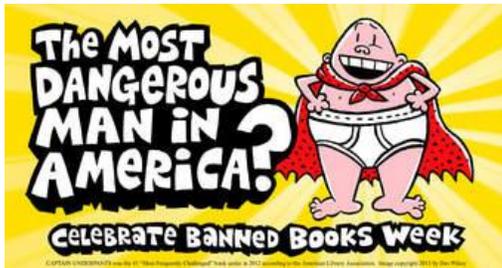
# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2017

## CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS PARTY to celebrate Banned Books Week...



We celebrated BANNED BOOKS WEEK with a Captain Underpants Party on Friday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> when the kids were off from school. Miss Cathie donned her whitey tighties, and all of the kids who did received a special prize from the library!

For more information on Banned Books Week, and to see a list of other banned books, visit the American Library Association's website: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks>



## HALLOWEEN @ HOGWARTS – COMMUNITY HAUNTED HOUSE

We open the doors for the first time on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and we're anticipating a lot of visitors from all around the County this year based on the popularity of this theme. All visitors will be able to interact with several Hogwart's professors and creatures, and will start out in the library where we'll have several activities set up for all to do while they're waiting for their House tour. It's a lot of work to put this together each year, and Friends member Gary Jaeger and I donate much of our time to get the decorations in place. I have over 25 volunteers this year who will participate; and although it's a lot for me to coordinate, it's sooooo worth it to see the smiling faces of our House guests as they walk through!

## **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME STARTS UP AGAIN**

We've had several requests to start up a Preschool StoryTime again and we're getting a few new families on Friday mornings. We plan to continue the program throughout the winter, and we'll also continue to travel to the Sunshine Daycare and Serenity Gardens each week to read. The Teen Zone still meets on Wednesdays in the Community Center, and they've been helping us with several events including our Fall Harvest Day and the Haunted House.

## **SPECIAL THANKSGIVING ARTICLE**

I was asked by Paul Seveska, the Chief Executive Officer of Wolf River Media, to serve as a guest contributor to the annual Giving Thanks special section presented by Wolf River Media to their readers. Roger Bartel (Editorial Director at our local Times Herald) referred me to them for this project. They've asked 8 community members from all around the area to contribute, and they will publish all of our essays in the Thanksgiving Day edition of *The Shawano Leader* and in the Thanksgiving Week editions of *The Oconto County Times Herald* and *The Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News*. All 8 of us are being asked to write a 750 essay on what we're thankful for and I think it will be a great opportunity for me to promote our library and all that has been accomplished here in the past few years, thanks to the many who made it possible.



## **BARN QUILTS OF OCONTO COUNTY ROAD RALLY – Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Despite the rainy weather, we had a great turn out for this second rally based on our barn quilt trail here in Oconto County. We have over 60 barn quilts up now in the County! Lynn Jones (New View Industries) and I worked with Sarah Mills Lloyd (our Ag agent through UWEX), Dale Mohr (UWEX), Jill Cholewa (UWEX), and Samantha Routheau (Oconto County Tourism) to organize this event. All ended up at New View Industries here in Gillett for refreshments and the awarding of prizes...we had a lot of donations from several businesses and organizations that were given away.

## **OTHER:**

- We're still waiting to hear back from the City regarding the 2018 budget, and I still need to meet with Kim after she talks to the auditors regarding our Restricted Donations accounts. Hopefully we can have all cleared up before the start of the new year.
- Linda Hougas and I will be interviewing applicants on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> for the Library Aide/Custodian position. We had very few applicants (only 6) so I'm keeping my fingers crossed.
- Library Repair: I had LaForce of Green Bay come to replace the deteriorated threshold underneath the Main Street door. The metal corroded away leaving a 2" gap underneath the door that was open to the outside. Shane from the City recommended them and the job was completed this past week.
- Library System News: They are migrating our email accounts over to Outlook to make more room on the server so I've had to make some changes to our settings in order for this to happen by the end of October. We've also had Packerland here to install new cables for Internet, and our bandwidth will increase after the modem is installed here.