

Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
August 17, 2018

The summer is drawing to a close. We have one more storytime and that's all the programming until mid-September. We are tired but generally pleased with how things went. The library was constantly busy and the patrons seemed happy and grateful for all that we had going on. I will have summer statistics compiled for September's meeting.

Later this month I will be reaching out to the principal and teachers at the Freedom Elementary School to offer our support for the upcoming school year and to schedule first visits from the classes.

I am taking two weeks off, the last week of August through the first week of September. I will be back just one work day before I head to Springfield, Illinois for the annual conference of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries from Wednesday, September 12 – Sunday, September 16. I wish it weren't right on top of my vacation, but I am excited to attend. I will be picking my colleagues brains about literacy initiatives we might want to adopt. Chris will once again be going to the NH Young Adults Librarians conference in Concord on September 27 and the Maine Library Association Annual Conference on Sunday, September 30 – Tuesday, October 2. He will take comp days the Friday and Saturday in between these two events.

One of the front desk computers would not boot this week and we thought it was toast, but Joel Clement fixed it within a day. Hooray! The LED conversion project is proceeding. I have heard from my contact that the materials were to be released at the beginning of this week and the project manager Brett will be contacting me for a brief pre-construction meeting. He says they should be able to answer any questions about scheduling, warranty, recycling, etc. so I will let you know when that is scheduled so you can be there for that if you want.

The Stone Mountain Arts raffle was a great success, with \$1225 raised over and above the \$500 it cost to buy the tickets. \$100 of that was credit card purchases – using the Square app on our new iPad for taking credit cards went very smoothly! We raised \$1270.23 at the Ossipee Valley Music Festival selling books, candy and popcorn. We had to pay \$80 for the extra two helpers (Jane and Larry Johnson), so the net was \$1190.23. I helped at the festival by providing two storytimes.

Next Monday we have the Friends of the Library volunteer appreciation dinner at the Cunninghams. It is earlier than usual in order to catch summer volunteers before they leave.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A Rhymer
Library Director