

**Librarian's Report  
Freedom Public Library  
August 22, 2019**

We've wrapped up our summer programs and things are quieter at the library now. Although we were super busy this summer, not as many people participated in the kids' and teens' Summer Reading Program this year. Kids was 37 vs 46 last year and Teens was 9 vs 15 last year. 134 adults participated, one more than last year, although the number of books read was slightly down. Still, 180 people actively engaged in summer reading is fantastic and we received good feedback from participants.

Program participation was ok but not through the roof except for storytime which was consistently well attended. Fun Fridays and Pizza & Movie numbers were down slightly and Teen Nights down quite a bit with two times with zero attendance – very disappointing. The Drama Workshop had low attendance... I will probably switch back to writing workshop next year. I guess it was worth a try. The Old Home Week programs were packed, on the other hand! 110 people came to Rainforest Reptiles and 52 came to see Yo-yo Guy John Higby and 24 stayed for the workshop afterward.

The Red Sox Raffle netted \$667 which includes the money we raised selling popcorn at the Old Home Week parade. The raffle winner was happy to take \$250 in cash plus the Red Sox tickets in lieu of staying at the Kendall Hotel which did not end up giving us a discount.

Chris has been working hard to get us in good shape for when he leaves his position. He has written up instructions for Amanda for the two weeks she will be in charge and he has gone over the volunteer and Library Assistant procedure manuals he created to make sure they are up to date. We will be having an open house at the library on his last day, Friday, August 30, so that people can come say goodbye. He is really going to be missed here.

I will be attending the Association for Rural and Small Libraries conference being held in Burlington, VT Wednesday, September 4 - Saturday, September 7 and then will be on vacation starting Sunday, September 8, returning to work on Tuesday, September 17.

Sincerely,

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Library Director