

**Librarian's Report**  
**Freedom Public Library**  
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After a robust launch of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Drop In and Read program, attendance has dwindled, although there has been an abundance of volunteers. I will put more focus on promoting this twice-monthly program to see if we can keep it going. We are unsure if there's no interest or if the 4:00 pm time is not ideal.

The Winter Film Series has been fun and well attended. There are three more left to go in the series. The library's third game night for adults was held this week and featured movie trivia led by Chris. We were sorry there weren't more people but it was still fun. We'll go back to board games in March. Chris has his second annual guess-the-Oscar-winners contest going on now. The person who gets the most right will win two tickets to a movie theater of their choice.

There is a half day at the elementary school on March 23 and I am planning a program that afternoon for grades 3-6 with Marek Bennett who teaches kids how to create their own comics. This is going to be a Friends of the Library program and they will pay for it directly.

The book drop at the school is getting more use as people learn that it is there. No word yet from the energy consultant regarding the LED project.

We used the robots and Kindle Fires at the last afterschool program and they were a big hit. Chris is considering more programming using the robots.

I went to the Carroll County Library Co-op meeting this week at the Conway library. We had a round table discussion about library policies. The next meeting will be April 10 and I'll be hosting the group here.

The statewide interlibrary loan automated system is kaput and there is not likely to be a solution – even a temporary one – in the near future. There has been some sharp criticism of the State Library for its handling of this problem on the librarian's email list but most of us are cheerfully doing what is necessary to fill requests for patrons and other libraries. We get to talk to each other more often since we are making phone calls to make requests. We have just had a sixth adult book group ask us to get multiple copies of their book selections. Servicing book groups is hugely time-consuming and burdensome, but it's also, of course, desirable, encouraging people to read and to use the library. Chris and I are talking about how to make it work.

Sincerely,

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