

Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
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The Winter Film Series is more popular than ever. Last week I set out every chair possible for the space and all 42 seats were filled and for the first time ever, one person was turned away. There was plenty of soup and a good time was had by all.

Chris started his adult and teen Dungeons and Dragons group this month with 3 adults and 2 teens attending. Game night was canceled because of bad weather but 4 came to play cribbage instead earlier in the day. All of our on-going programs are doing well.

The furnace stopped working the other day; we noticed it at mah jongg. Our furnace guy was in Boston at the Patriots parade but told me how to reset the furnace and that worked! Yay for free! Yay for heat!

I am working on the Annual Report for the State, due next month. This has been made much easier by Chris' careful compilation of programming statistics. He is taking a week's vacation March 12-16 and Amanda is on board to work that week.

I attended the Carroll County Library Co-op meeting this week in Madison. Northern Human Services came to talk about their Community Integration Program. They work with developmentally disabled adults to find them volunteer and work opportunities as well as ways to be active in the community and get social experience. We had a good conversation about how we can help them and how they can help us. It was good to get caught up with my colleagues and to hear what is going on at their libraries.

Last meeting I talked about wanting to pay iContact to develop e-newsletters and they said we'd need to pay \$670 for the two templates I wanted and I didn't feel confident that I'd get the one-on-one support I'd need to get what I was looking for. I ended up switching companies entirely and although the Constant Contact yearly fee is \$200 more, we will receive better support. They created an e-news template that I like and have started using, with a calendar of events along the side.

I am working on collection development in our mystery collection and continuing to work on ideas for uses of the Morrow bequest. I am also beginning to work on summer planning. It will be here before we know it!

Sincerely,

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Library Director