

Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
July 11, 2019

My project to create take home packs for all the students at Freedom Elementary School using funds from the Morrow Bequest was an exhilarating success. Each child got a drawstring backpack with three books chosen specifically for them, a Freedom Public Library notebook and a pack of Crayola markers. The children were super excited to receive their packs. The project took a ridiculous amount of time to pull off but the results made it worth it.

Our summer reading programs are off to a great start with many enthusiastic participants. It seemed that the summer residents were slower to return to Freedom this year but they are here now! Our WiFi usage has grown exponentially and there always seems to be a line at the front desk. We are so busy we can barely keep up and are having trouble getting volunteer coverage at the front desk because many of our regulars are on vacation. Chris has three new volunteers he is training and that's great but they are so new that they are not as helpful as they will be... plus even they are not as available as we need. Really, this is the same story every year, and we always seem to manage.

Storytime is through the roof with barely enough room for everyone - something like 20 kids attended this week. Drama workshop started last week and only one kid showed up (and Beverly Woods worked with that one kid) but this week 8 came, much to our relief. Teen night kicked off June 27 and no one came ... so disappointing as Chris had a great program planned for them. Tonight is the next Teen Night and fingers crossed ... who can resist Pool Pong and "Robin Hood"? Fun Fridays and Pizza & Movie are doing well.

In the midst of this chaos we have managed to launch a new movie streaming service, Kanopy. As of July 1, patrons with a valid library card will be able to stream up to 10 movies a month. We decided to restrict this feature to residents and part-time residents. This service is funded through the end of the year by the Friends of the Library. As of this morning, 15 films have been streamed.

Sincerely,

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Library Director