

**Librarian's Report  
Freedom Public Library  
August 18, 2016**

The summer programs are over except for one more storytime and the summer reading raffle drawings. I have heard a lot of positive feedback for all of our offerings and the overall impression I get is one of overwhelming success in all areas. Chris did a great job of promoting summer reading and though I have not compiled the statistics yet, I will not be surprised to see an increase in signups and follow through. His teen program was well attended and popular with a core group of enthusiastic teens coming weekly. The teen overnight was a hit with seven attending.

Chris sent out a volunteer newsletter this week which he plans to send to front desk volunteers on a monthly basis or more frequently as needed. He will use that space to remind volunteers of procedures and other things he wants them to know. We are pleased to have two new volunteers trained for work at the front desk, Gere Lane and Sue Monteiro. Volunteers who have helped us with our summer activities include Sarah Groleau, Luane Genest, Val Marquez, Karen Collier, Carol Ames, Sue Stamm, Chris Gauthier, Hillary Johnson, Jane and Larry Johnson, Gordon Willey, Lisa Foley, Hazel & Dick Gauley, Laura Robinson, Donna and Paul Tung, Miriam Englund, Sherry Rehm, Charley Hatfield, Ashley Aronson, Sandy Gleeson, Elizabeth Seabury, and a number of volunteer cookie-makers. It takes a lot of people to make our summer work! Thank you to all who lent a hand.

Chris and I are discussing some changes to the collection including moving some authors downstairs to the Prolific Authors section and moving some which are currently there back upstairs. We plan to add "Prolific" to the call number of materials in that section to help patrons locate the items and volunteers to shelve them. We are also planning a graphic novels section in the children's room and possibly swapping the locations of the YA collection and the mysteries. We will need to have new signs made after we do this work.

I am taking a two-week vacation from August 30 - September 12. I will be reaching out to the Freedom Elementary School teachers and the new principal before I leave. I hope that all of the grades will come to the library every three weeks as they did last year. Chris and I will share the responsibility for reading to the classes. I will also see about attending the school's Open House where I hope to have a chance to speak with parents about library offerings for students in the school year.

The morning of September 13, my first day back to work, the Freedom Public Library will be hosting the Carroll County Library Coop annual meeting from 9:00-12:00. It's been a few years since the coop has met here and I am excited to show them the renovations we've made.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Rhymer  
Library Director