

**Librarian's Report  
Freedom Public Library  
February 23, 2016**

Elisabeth Towle died recently and her family suggested the Freedom Public Library for memorial donations. So far we have received \$3125 in her memory. What a lovely way to pay tribute to a very special woman. I have written thank you's and have given her two sons a list of all donors.

I asked the company who made the Kidder plaque for our first renovation to create a proof for a similar plaque for the front desk renovation. I will have the trustees approve the wording and cost prior to ordering it. The first plaque was \$75.

The front desk renovation project is nearing completion. There are some cabinet doors that still need installing, a network cable at Caroline's desk and a couple of other tasks. Some hinges are on back order for the access door at the front desk (allowing access to the main computer) and that is the only thing that could delay completion of the project beyond next weekend. We are very pleased with how it's shaping up. Bill Stoops plans to install the cork for the areas on either side of the main door where we post flyers on Monday, February 29.

I solicited suggestions for elevator repair/inspectors on the librarian's email list and got several recommendations, including two or three for the company where the guy never called me back. I still have not been able to get in touch with him, so I mailed him a letter this past weekend. If he fails to respond or if he does not give me a good reason why he was so hard to get in touch with, I will pursue the other leads. I am persisting because he's pretty close by and is reasonably priced.

I purchased a reconditioned laptop from Dell for Caroline to use at her new desk. Joel Clement worked on it so it has everything she needs and he also helped me go through computer equipment and cables in storage to tell me what to keep and what to get rid of. I purchased a barcode scanner for her and a chair for her desk. We were hoping to use one of the extra chairs in the workroom but her desk is slightly taller than normal and those chairs did not raise up high enough.

I passed along information about a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation to the preschool teachers at Freedom Elementary. They followed through and received the grant! They will be receiving 85 books for the classroom and there will be a special event at the school on Wednesday, March 2. In addition to a brief literacy talk for parents, the children's author Kathy Brodsky will be reading her books. CLiF is bringing a large number of picture books and chapter books and each student in grades Preschool – Grade 4 will be able to choose two to

keep for themselves. The kids and parents who come to the library's preschool storytime are invited to participate in this event with free books for them, too. This is the same time as our usual storytime, so we will do this instead next week. Very exciting!

The Friends of the Library is bringing author Dan Szczesny to the Freedom Town Hall tomorrow (Wednesday, February 24) at 7:00 to talk about his experiences hiking New Hampshire's "52 With a View" with his 9 year old foster daughter. Other libraries have posted rave reviews about this talk and I'm hoping plenty of people will come. Unfortunately, I am not going to be able to attend.

I have begun working on the annual report for the State which is due March 25. That's always fun!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Rhymer  
Library Director