

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
January 21, 2016**

Caroline held her first volunteer meeting on January 15 and ten people attended. She will meet one-on-one with volunteers who were not able to make it. They discussed confidentiality in depth, as well as check out, check in, interlibrary loans, reserves, and general library tasks. The volunteers had questions about procedure and suggestions for changes that Caroline and I will discuss.

The last two afterschool programs that we hold on the afternoon of Pizza & Movie nights have gone very well with around 20 kids in attendance. We have been meeting with the children when they first arrive to tell them what the activities are and our expectations. Last week we had Larry Claveau come in with his flight simulator and the kids thought that was very cool. We also brought most of the Legos downstairs with a list of various building projects for them to complete. In December there were 38 people at Pizza and Movie and this month there were 35.

Caroline has had two Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meetings. Four attended the first one and six were at the second. This is great considering our small teen population and how busy they are. Together with the teens, she has planned a teen event for tomorrow which will include dinner and a movie. Having teen activities during the school year was a goal that has now been achieved! The TAB will meet monthly to plan for activities for now and for the summer.

Volunteer Raylene Newbury has been working on the collection inventory project. She seems to really enjoy doing this work and will probably be the one to complete the inventory of the entire library. She is also interested in being the person who does the computer updates on a regular basis.

We love the work that Jason has done in the workroom. The new light is so cheerful. He says that he needs to replace the light lens that arrived cracked in shipping. He is working on countertop and door/drawers as well as building cabinets for the upstairs project in his shop for the next couple of weeks. He is thinking installation of Caroline's desk and the back wall unit would be on January 30.

The cork to install for signage near the front door has arrived and Bill will be working on that soon as well as replacing the paper towel dispenser in the bathroom. He will paint the cork to match the walls.

The lift was inspected and the five-year load test completed yesterday by Ver-Tran, Inc. out of Norway, ME. They seemed to do a thorough, professional job.

Unfortunately, they will require an annual maintenance agreement to work on our elevator in the future. We can use the state library for annual inspections inexpensively but they are not able to make repairs or do the 5-year load test.

The Winter Film Series is off to a great start. Even though it was terrible weather with pouring rain the first day of the series, 26 people attended and 25 of them stayed for dinner. This year I am soliciting three soups instead of two because of increased attendance. This Sunday is a major football playoff game but I still expect good numbers at the movie.

Sincerely,

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