

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
November 17, 2016**

We have held several successful programs since the last trustees meeting. The pumpkin-carving event was attended by 23 kids and they made some terrific jack-'o-lanterns, many of which were lit up on Halloween night outside the library. We had around 150 trick-or-treaters and the portraits are now on display. Our showing of "The Finest Hours" movie for One Book One Valley was attended by 30 people, including a few from outside of our community. The kids book club met last week with 6 attending. Sarah, who runs it, had her baby the next day. Good timing, Sarah! The Friends had two programs in the last month: the fermentation workshop at the library had 9 attending and the talk on the Camino de Santiago had 30. Shana Aisenberg is the new programs coordinator for the Friends and she is doing a great job. There were 27 at last month's Pizza & Movie night and another one is scheduled for tomorrow. There is a Friends book sale at the same time as the movie, so it will be busy here on Friday.

Chris has some exciting programming plans. He is forming a Dungeons and Dragons group for grade 6-adult. It will meet two Saturdays in December from 12-3. If there is enough interest, this will be an on-going program meeting every other Saturday. He is also planning a teen overnight for New Year's Eve. I will be completing Chris' six-month review on Wednesday, November 30. I was going to send him to the 3D printer training at the Cook Library since he would be the one most likely to use it with the teens, but the training was cancelled. I hope another one will be scheduled in the area before summer.

I have started tackling the adult nonfiction weeding, a section that I've never weeded since I started work here! There is much to be discarded and once that is done, we are planning to shift the entire collection to more evenly distribute the nonfiction and free up some space in the tightly packed sections.

We are down a few volunteers right now. Gordy has a new baby and a couple of other volunteers are out indefinitely because of health issues. Chris is having "fun" filling those shifts. Even with our wonderful new substitutes, Gere and Sue, it is challenging. I am taking some time off coming up beginning November 19. I will return to work on Tuesday, November 29.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Rhymer
Library Director