Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
March 15, 2018

As usual this time of year my focus is on two things: the annual statistical report for the State, which is due tomorrow, and planning for summer activities and the summer reading program. Chris had his summer plans pretty much in place last fall (!!!!)

The Winter Film Series is winding down with just one more to go on March 25. Except for the night of the playoffs, attendance has been excellent and feedback very good for the movies and the whole experience. We have several upcoming programs. On Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 the Friends are having a program at the library called "Girl on a Mountain: Tales of the Trail" in which Marena Harris will be talking about her experience hiking the length of the Appalachian Trail. Friday, March 23rd, is a half day at the Freedom Elementary School and the Friends are sponsoring a comics workshop with Marek Bennett from 1:30 – 4:00. This is a multigenerational hands-on workshop for grades 3 through adult. On Tuesday, March 26 from 5:30 – 7:30 we will be having another game night for adults with pizza and salad. We have a new patron who came to me saying she'd like to offer sewing classes at the library. The first one we have scheduled is "Spring Clean Your Sewing Machine" that will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00.

I have completed a ruthless weeding of the adult fiction section. The shelves used to be so packed that it was hard to re-shelve books and now there is room on each shelf and we are able to display books face out. Speaking of weeding, I took part in a subcommittee of the Carroll County Library Coop to weed the DVDs owned collectively with BVLA. We met for a few hours last week and were able to discard probably 15% of the collection so that we can keep it fresh for patrons.

Sarah Groleau has donated an iPad mini to use for a raffle. She suggests that we use it to fund the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. We will get this up and running soon.

 Sincerely,

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Library Director