

Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
March 16, 2019

It's been pretty quiet at the library this month except for some programs. We're just plugging away at regular library duties, although this week Chris is on vacation. Amanda has been working his hours except for Wednesday when we doubled up on volunteers.

Programs:

- We had a large turnout for afterschool and Pizza & Movie earlier this month and the combination of great volunteers and well-behaved students made it a fun time for everyone.
- In other years, Storytime has dropped off a bit in the winter, but we've had 6-10 kids every week and lots of enthusiasm.
- The 1000 Books before Kindergarten program is still going strong as well. Several kids have made it to 1000 books and we are not stopping there! One kid has made it to 2000 books!
- The Fire Unicorns Book Club for grade 3 & 4 has been successful this year. This month 8 kids came and only one had not quite finished the book. Cindy Fleming says it's a perfect group of kids who are a delight to work with.
- The Winter Film Series continues with strong attendance. I have had to postpone two because of snow but having the films spaced out every two weeks makes this pretty easy to do. We have two more to go, this Sunday and next.
- Dungeons and Dragons has whittled down to 1 adult and 2 teens plus Chris - not as many as we'd hoped, but they are enjoying themselves.
- We offered a Microsoft Office workshop led by Freedom resident John Perkins and although only two people signed up they were over the top enthusiastic about how it went. Both wrote me personal emails praising John as a teacher and one also wrote to the Freedom Bulletin Board to encourage others to sign up for future workshops. Several people have said they want to come. We have scheduled a Microsoft Word class with John for Saturday, March 30 from 10:30-12:00 and just today we added on an Excel class right after that from 12:00-1:00 due to a patron request.
- The Friends held a program called Prepare Wisely: Basics of Estate Planning in late February and 18 people attended.
- The Friends Henna Tattoo program was a big hit with 12 attending.
- Author Dan Szczesney is coming to Freedom again on Wednesday, March 27 for a Friends of the Library program called "Rediscovering Mount Washington's Hidden Culture." This is a talk based on his recent book, "White Mountain."

- The Friends are also having a program called eBay Basics, teaching participants how to sell on eBay, on Saturday, April 6. This was to be held at the library but I expect this to be popular so have moved it to the Town Hall.

I completed the Annual Report to the State and will provide a copy to the trustees for the Red Book.

Sincerely,

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Library Director