

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
March 23, 2017**

Programs are going well. The Friends' Spring Wildflowers program at the library was attended by 22 people this week. We have a Pizza & Movie night scheduled for this Friday and the last movie of the Winter Film Series on Sunday. Dungeons & Dragons has been going well with only a couple of sessions left. We will be adding a weekly D&D program to our summer offerings. We were approached by the Carroll County Coalition for Public Health to use our space on April 6 for Narcan dispensing and training (to prevent opioide overdoses) and I have chosen to promote it as a library program.

Gemini Signs has made us some new and updated signage for inside the library and the vestibule. I have ordered a mat for the vestibule and have asked Elisabeth Towle's sons for what they'd like the plaque to say. This project has dragged on; I hope the tile will be installed and the rest of the finish work completed soon. I approached the principal at Freedom Elementary School to see if the old book return could go in the school so that students, teachers and parents can return materials more easily. She was enthusiastic about this idea, but unfortunately it is too large for the space she had in mind. I floated the idea at this week's Friends mission statement meeting that they fund a custom-made book drop and they were receptive to this idea. Jason Earle gave a rough estimate of \$650 to build one to be installed when school opens in September.

American Air Systems of Conway came this week to inspect the library's heating and air conditioning system and to determine whether we could easily add air conditioning to the downstairs space. The verdict is that the downstairs can easily be air conditioned with a mini split unit that will be quiet and effective as well as help us keep humidity levels low. He said that based on the age of the old the air conditioning system (I believe it was installed in 2001) it is probably nearing the end of its life, but could last years longer. He will provide an estimate for replacing the system in the next few days.

Chris has done a lot of professional development work this year. He attended a 3D printer training and is now certified to use the 3D printers offered through the State Library. He is unsure how to integrate them into a program, since it takes a long time to print items, but he is mulling over possibilities.

He took some time off from vacation last week to attend a webinar on new graphic novels in 2017 where he learned about some titles he wants to add to the collection. Graphic novel circulation has increased since he moved them out of juvenile non-fiction into their own section.

He is registered for an online class "An Introductory to Reader's Advisory" which will run the month of April. He will learn how to guide patrons to books they might enjoy.

Chris has done a major update of the library's website with new formatting/more graphics to give it a cozier feel. Updated pages include volunteers, staff/trustees, reference databases, and meeting area. Other modifications are in the works, but are on hold as Piper Mountain Webs is currently constructing a more dynamic website format for us, which will be more mobile friendly as well.

We are pleased to welcome new front desk volunteers Cindy Fleming, Diane Claveau, Shana Aisenberg, and Hazel Gauley! Chris held a successful volunteer training last Saturday. The new volunteers are coming in this week and next to get some hands-on experience and additional one-on-one training.

I will be attending the Children's Librarians of NH spring conference on Thursday, March 30 and am registered for the NHLA spring conference in Portsmouth on May 4 and 5. I am taking some time off coming up: April 7 & 8 and then six work days starting Saturday, April 15. I will be back to work on April 25.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Rhymer
Library Director