

**Librarian's Report**  
**Freedom Public Library**  
**May 24, 2018**

I submitted our application for the LED project. We should hear soon about approval. I have called to have our rugs cleaned. The Mountain Garden Club is scheduled to work on the grounds next Thursday.

The last meeting of the Fire Unicorns Book Club was this week with six attendees. More kids borrow the book than come to the book club... we'd love to figure out how to increase participation. But six was good and it was an excellent meeting. Many thanks to book club leader Cindy Fleming who is so encouraging to the children and has creative ideas for activities that tie in with the book.

Earlier this month I was asked at the last minute to fill in as speaker at the Community Club. I gave an overview of all we have to offer at the library and Chris helped me put together a slide show to go along with it. The talk was very well received and we had two people subsequently come to play cribbage and another person got a library card.

We have had four cribbage get-togethers this month for beginners and experienced players, with Gerry Barnicle teaching the newcomers. There is interest in having weekly drop-in cribbage so we are going to try Tuesdays at 4:00. Tuesday June 5 will be the last Adult Game Night and then we'll take a break for the summer.

I am ironing out the details of the Summer Reading Program, still unsure what we will be having at the Friday afternoon Old Home Week program. Chris and I have been soliciting donations for the summer reading raffles. Some members of the Friends board are also working on this. I hope. Our Freedom Public Library pint glasses have come in – we will be giving these out to adult participants when they read their second book. I am working on choosing a prize for our summer raffle. Last year it was a kayak. This year I'm thinking of a two-night stay at a hotel or Inn. Other raffle ideas are welcome!

I went to the CLNH conference in Henniker last week. Grace Lin, a well-known children's author, talked about what it was like being the only non-white kid at her school in Utica, NY and encouraged us to diversify our collections. Another speaker talked about the special needs of immigrants and refugees. It was a very good conference.

Sincerely,

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Library Director