

Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
November 29, 2018

The hat knitting workshop has been going very well with 10 people participating, a teacher and two helpers. Tonight is the last of the four-class series. Beth Day is going to assess whether there is interest in continuing on as an informal knitting group.

The FOL program "Amy Beach in Words and Music" that was held at the library last month was excellent and well-attended. We had well over 100 kids and adults in costume come to the library on Halloween for trick-or-treating and to have their portraits made. I had purchased a green screen and stand with money in the FOL Librarian's Discretionary Account and we used this as the backdrop for the photos. This not only made an excellent background, making the subjects really stand out, but we will be able to play around with swapping the background out using a photo editing app. I plan to let the kids experiment with this at the next afterschool program.

Weather and other obstacles have messed with our programming schedule. School was canceled on Friday, November 16 due to snow, so we canceled the Afterschool Program and Pizza & Movie night scheduled that day. Game Night for Adults has been postponed one week to Tuesday, December 4 due to the weather. Please spread the word that it will be Tuesday, December 4 from 5:30-7:30. The Fire Unicorns Book Club for grades 3 & 4 is meeting on December 18 which is later than we planned but we had difficulty getting enough copies of the book club book. We are now purchasing copies for the participants to keep using the Morrow bequest money. I am working on the lineup for the Winter Film Series! It will once again consist of 6 movies shown in January, February and March with a soup supper afterward.

We recently purchased two OpenMesh A62 wireless access points. The use of the access points allows the entire library to be covered using a single wireless network, and will also allow for more accurate Wi-Fi usage statistics through the use of a splash page that will count users. The access points are currently in place; we are hoping to have the splash page operational by the beginning of the year. Our computer guy, Joel Clement, came to help us with some installation issues we were having. He tried to reset our main wireless router and it ended up conking out entirely, so he is replacing it. Fortunately, we had a backup router that is in use until he returns.

Sincerely,

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Library Director

