

**Librarian's Report**  
**Freedom Public Library**  
**October 25, 2018**

Chris attended the Maine State Library Conference September 30-October 2. He provided this summary of the workshops he attended:

- *Our Futures in Sharing*, which talked about the different ways the sharing economy has grown in the past few years, and how sharing trends have leaned more toward experiences than things.
- *Telling Your Wireless Story*, which talked about how to set up a wireless network that allows you to obtain meaningful statistics on Wi-Fi use
- *No Hobbits or Lightsabers Allowed*, which talked about different subgenres of Sci-Fi and Fantasy, as well as some current authors and resources for locating titles
- *Small Libraries, Tales of Woe*, which talked about different extreme situations library directors might have to face (I wasn't really the target audience for this one)
- *How to do UX when you have no time or money*, which talked about ways to gather information about user experiences beyond surveys
- *Gale Digital Resources*, which talked about some of the new digital resources the Maine State Library purchased for its library users; some databases available through NHew-LINK, the NHSL equivalent program.

As a result of the wireless workshop, he came back with a recommendation that we purchase a recommended Wi-Fi access point for upstairs and down. This device will allow us to collect wireless internet usage data. Right now we track usage with tally marks on a sheet of paper when we see people using the Wi-Fi. We often don't remember to do this and it also excludes anyone using the wireless outside the building and after hours. With this new hardware, we will have more accurate records for wifi usage.

Programming is beginning to pick up. A patron asked if we would consider offering a knitting workshop so we put a sign up at the front door saying we were looking for someone to teach and Beth Day stepped up to lead a hat-knitting workshop. It will run on Thursdays through November (except Thanksgiving) and six people have registered with an additional person who is willing to help beginners.

We had our first Game Night for Adults this week. We only had 6 people attend but it was a really fun night. I'm willing to give it another go... I would love to see this program grow.

Last month's Pizza & Movie night was stressful for me. We had 26 kids and several adults attending and the projector would not work. And I couldn't get the spare projector to work either. I ended up reading ghost stories to them while they ate their pizza. They enjoyed this and it all worked out okay but I wouldn't want to go through that again. The projector bulb needed to be replaced, which I did the following week. Wish I had known how easy it would be to do.

The Friends of the Library is having their first program for adults next Tuesday, October 30 at the library. We are concerned about conflict with the World Series but hoping the Red Sox win 4 in a row! "Amy Beach in Words and Music" was presented at the Cook Memorial Library in Tamworth and the librarian said that it was an excellent program, well worth attending.

Next week is the first meeting of the school year for the Fire Unicorns Book Club for grades 3&4. Fifteen children borrowed the book and I've heard that several have finished it! We have told them that anyone who finishes the book will receive their own copy of the sequel coming out in November and they are very excited about this. We are also buying paperback copies of the next book club title so that the kids will be able to keep the book. We had been told that the bequest money is coming so I have made these purchases with that assurance in mind.

We will once again be open Halloween night to give out candy to trick-or-treaters and take Halloween portraits of those in costume. Judy Johnson is coming to help out that night and I have gotten a volunteer to be at our house giving out candy so that Joel can be the photographer at the library.

Sincerely,

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Library Director