

Librarian's Report to the Friends of the Library
Freedom Public Library
November 2, 2013

I am pleased to say that we had a super successful summer with strong participation in the summer reading programs for all ages and increased attendance at most of the summer programs. The writing workshop and teen nights showed the most dramatic increases with very strong attendance and enthusiasm. This is heartening as these are two programs I considered cutting after last summer. The Friends of the Library provided funds and volunteer assistance for all of our summer activities, so the credit for these successes in large part goes to you.

Because of a grant we received from the Kids, Books and the Arts Foundation and support from the Freedom Elementary School, the Friends did not need to pay for our Summer Reading Kickoff performer. I received permission from the Friends to add that \$400 to the general summer reading program budget. This was a great relief to me, allowing me to hire an outside presenter for one of our Fun Fridays and more freedom to purchase the prizes and supplies I needed to make the summer great. The Friends money also paid for karaoke equipment and the printing of the bookmarks from our annual bookmark contest. The Old Home Week performances sponsored by the Friends – Wildlife Encounters and the Toe Jam Puppet Band – were very well received.

Because the extra \$400 was so helpful in 2013, I have increased my request for the 2014 summer reading program budget by that amount. In addition to all the other usual requests (amounts to remain the same), I am asking for additional funding to allow me to attend the biennial Public Library Association Conference in March 2014, reprinting of the library magnets, the fees & supplies needed for me to become a Notary Public, and some money for getting new toys and equipment in the children's room.

I am planning our Winter Film Series which will again consist of six films shown on Sundays at 4:00 followed by a soup and bread supper January through March. Pizza & Movie nights continue to draw a big crowd – last night we had 50 people here! The Friends pay for the movie licenses that allow us to show movies legally throughout the year and the popcorn supplies for our refreshments. Thank you!

Before I present my wishlist for 2014, here is an update on Caroline Mossing, the summer intern we hired in 2012 thanks to you. Caroline completed her Master's program at the University of Michigan and is now doing well as a Young Adult Librarian in San Antonio, Texas.

I am grateful to the Friends for your support of library services. Your funding allows us to offer the extras that help make this place special and beloved by so many. The volunteer support you provide helps keep the library functioning efficiently year round. Thank you for everything!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Rhymer
Library Director

Librarian's Wish List 2014
Friends of the Library

\$1400	Summer supplies, printing, bookmarks, refreshments, prizes
\$1000	Old Home Week Performers
\$400	Summer Reading Program Kick-off Performer (assumes we don't get grant)
\$4000	Donation to the library for books
\$166.34	Movie Licenses
\$239.88	Netflix subscription
\$1600	Public Library Assoc Conference (Indianapolis Mar 2014) <small>[see details below]</small>
\$600	Magnets
\$350	Kids toys, supplies
\$125	Notary Public fees/supplies

\$9881.22 TOTAL

PLA Budget

Registration \$230
Housing \$156 4 nights total: \$730
Author Luncheon with young adult author John Green \$35
Meals \$40/day \$160
Plane tickets: \$375
Shuttle between hotel and airport \$20 (\$10 each way)
Shipping \$50
TOTAL: \$1600

