

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
July 22, 2021**

I submitted the ARPA grant in time and we were awarded the \$2851 designated for the Freedom Public Library. I purchased a new printer for the front desk that will allow patrons to print more easily from their devices. I also purchased the following to add to our Library of Things:

- Folding hand truck
- Dehydrator
- Canner and canning tools
- Cornhole set
- Giant Jenga game
- Metal detector and folding shovel
- Trail camera
- Bicycle pump
- Electric ice cream maker
- Popup canopy
- 4 pairs of binoculars
- 6 pairs of snowshoes

I have submitted our reimbursement request and will need to complete a final report by the end of August. Getting these items ready to lend has been labor-intensive but is almost complete. Anita Spencer spent hours creating documentation of the equipment which has helped enormously. The next project will be finding best ways to store the items. I have been going through the workroom closet and discarding a lot of things. Trustees' paperwork that took up a lot of room in the closet has been moved to a new locking four-drawer file cabinet and that has freed up a lot of space as well.

Computer woes continue... Joel Clement re-installed Windows on a computer he had recently worked on. He did not charge us for that labor. We now have three fully-functioning patron computers. The one in the lobby is working as well, but we are using it for catalog searching because the one we have used for that purpose the last several years has stopped working reliably and will need to be replaced. One of the front desk computers is also not working properly and I have purchased a replacement from Dell. Also, the laptop we were using for patrons during COVID and which we also want to use for the Cricut and for doing inventory is no longer working properly either and we will need to acquire another laptop. We will most certainly go over in our computer budget line this year.

Summer Reading is going wonderfully with 227 people signed up. Patron visits have skyrocketed and the library is often super busy. We have had to cancel our outdoor children's programs three times because of rain but when we are able to have them, they have been well attended. E&E Electric installed an outlet near the faucet outside on the back wall of the library. This will be paid for by the Friends of the Library. We need the outlet to use in our outdoor programs.

We have been invited to set up a table and sell popcorn at the Old Home Week "United in Freedom" Social at the ballfield on Saturday, July 31, so I will do that. Initially they had said organizations could not do fundraising but fortunately they changed their mind.

We will also be popping popcorn and taking pet portraits at our Old Home Week Pet Show at the library on Friday, August 6th. The Friends of the Library will be having a bake sale at the library that Friday and Saturday as well. And our Wildlife Encounters program will be at the school gym on Wednesday, August 4 at 10:00.

Sincerely,

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Library Director